

February 3, 2019
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jeremiah the prophet received the word of the Lord at the beginning of his ministry: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you..." God promised Jeremiah He would be with him when people would not accept him and his message. Jesus in the Gospel returned to His hometown but people rejected Him and His message.



Today after all masses, we celebrate the traditional Blessing of Throats in honor of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr: and we ask God's healing mercy upon all the sick.

BE CAREFUL! In a number of parishes some parishioners have received emails, texts or phone calls saying they need to buy gift cards to help their pastor. **DO NOT BE TAKEN BY THIS SCAM!** Do not respond to them but please call the Rectory to let us know how you have received such a message.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend 1/20 was \$4,793.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,640.00 for a total of \$6,433.00. **THANK YOU!**

Porch Donation Request

Thank you to everyone who generously donates items/food for various Parish groups, events, and outreach. If you have donated items on the Rectory porch, we ask you to please label the donation with what group they should go to. Your help in keeping our porch organized is greatly appreciated. Also please do not leave food donation in the church.

Thank you.

CHOIR NEWS
FESTIVAL OF SPIRITUALS RETURNS



The annual Festival of Spirituals will return to St. Helena's for its eleventh edition, entitled *Deep River*, on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 3:00. St. Helena's Church Choir will host the Choir School of Delaware, The Delaware Women's Chorus, and Philadelphia Performing Arts, A String Theory Charter School Concert Choir. Each choir will perform a set of spirituals, and then all choirs will join for a mass finale. The church will literally be filled with more than 100 voices. There is no admission, but a free will offering will be taken. Net proceeds will be donated to the Delaware Nature Society, whose mission includes the protection of our rivers and streams. This is a can't miss event each year, so please mark your calendars!

BREAKFAST BUFFET

8:00AM TO 12:45PM

Sunday February 10, 2019

\$9/Adults ~ \$4/Children under 12

Leave the cooking to our Breakfast Crew for an all you care to eat Buffet on the 2nd Sunday of the month (except August). Each month we cook up a full buffet of breakfast fare, add a special dish or two and serve it up in a warm and festive atmosphere. For questions/reserve a table for 6 or more, please contact Nancy Cobb [302-598-8685 or Natiesmom@me.com].

Do you know our family roots as a Catholic family of faith? It is 150 years since the Catholic people of Delaware and Maryland were established as a Diocese by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1868. A book with the history of Catholics here has been published and is available at the Rectory. Cost: \$35 and \$15 for a comic book format of the history for young people. There is a two page spread on our parish and every church of our Diocese.

YOUNG AT HEART



Our next general meeting will be held in Masci Hall on Monday Feb 18 from 7 to 9pm. Please plan on becoming a member of our hospitable club. We need your creative and fresh ideas, and enthusiasm! Our yearly dues are only \$18, and the friendships are priceless. Call Dolly at 302-764-3465 or Camerla at 302-762-9057 for information or inclement weather.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

You are invited to join us from 7-9pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, in the convent. Each meeting begins with recitation of the Chaplet of Mercy or the Rosary. Our members and parishioners create shawls and other lovely items which are blessed and brought to so many in need of comfort and caring. Materials are given freely and items can be made at home. Joining our dedicated ministry will make your life even more meaningful. Call Carmela at 302- 762-9057 for more information or for questions about inclement weather.

Phillies Tickets Available



St. Helena's has reserved great seats in Section 310 for the game against the New York Mets on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased for only \$20 per seat and it will be the gift that keeps giving because \$10 will be donated to the Social Ministry for every ticket purchased! To reserve tickets email to JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net with your name, phone number and the number of tickets you would like.

Please be aware if you need to contact Monsignor for Sunday morning only please contacts him at 302-764-0325 ext. 100.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 2

5:00pm (SR) Scott Wassel

Sunday, February 3

7:00am (DV) Lutcavage & Blaska Families

9:00am (SR) People of the Parish

11:00am (SR) Ernest Mingo, Sr.

Monday, February 4

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00pm (SR) Charles Schmidt

Tuesday, February 5

7:00am (DV)

9:00am (SR) Bonnie Lee Mosser

Wednesday, February 6

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (SR) John Covino

Thursday, February 7

7:00am (SR) Stanley & Adelaide Russell

9:00am (WK) Ghislaine Jacob

Friday, February 8

7:00am (Cap)

9:00am (SR) Paul O. Knight (7th Anniversary)

Saturday, February 9

9:00am (SR) John Fedena

5:00pm (SR) Mary Lou Ruggerio

Sunday, February 10

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (WK) Gerry Moyer

11:00am (SR) Joe Morales

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Catholic Social Teaching Theme – “Call to Family, Community, and Participation” – “No community is more central than the family, it is the basic cell of society. It is where we learn and act on our values. What happens in the family is at the basis of a truly human life. The state and other institutions of political and economic life, with both their limitations and obligations, are instruments to protect the life, dignity, and rights of the human person. When basic human needs are not being met by private initiative, then people must work through their government at appropriate levels to meet those needs. A central test of political, legal and economic institutions is what they do to people, what they do for people and how people participate in them.”

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, February 3, 2019

Feast of St. Blaise-Throat Blessings -All Masses

The 2nd Collection: Maintenance and Repair

Food Collection: All Masses

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

Monday, February 4

6:00pm Youth Choir-Church

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Rel. Ed. Office

7:00pm YAH Crafts - Convent

7:00pm RCIA- Rectory

Tuesday, February 5

7:00pm CFC-Religious Ed Office

Thursday, February 7

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

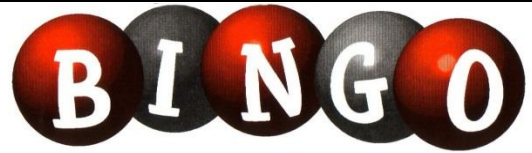
7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Shirley Kosek, James Lafferty, Sue McLaughlin, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dan Moley, Dora Pacitti, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, William Thomas, Catherine Thomson, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Jacqueline Childs, Mary Gabel, Chris Molitor, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Sharon Dean, Janet Szubieolski, Geri Crockett, Catalina Weddle, Ray Altamuro, Marie Spiden, Doug Garrett

Help Wanted

One of our parishioners now needs someone to help her at home for 4-5 hours each morning. She needs someone to help with personal care, cleaning, breakfast and lunch preparation. If you know someone who could help please call the Rectory.



Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm

Games begin at 7:00pm

Cookiz Jar, Door Prizes, Food!

BINGO IN BAD WEATHER: there are several ways to find out if Bingo is cancelled: Listen to WDEL 1150AM or 101.7FM Check "Next Door Bellefonte" Log onto our website:

www.sainthelenas.org



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILIES -

Weather Alert Info!!!! If we have severe weather on a scheduled class night, please check the St. Helena's website to see if classes are cancelled before driving over. We will also leave a message on our machine in the office to advising of any cancellations.

CONFIRMATION Candidates and sponsors and/or parents - I have had to move our scheduled February 17 meeting to Sunday, February 24, at 12:15p in the 8th grade classroom. Please call me if this poses a problem.

YOUTH GROUP meets NEXT Sunday, February 10, in the OLD Religious Education Office at 7pm.

KEY CHAIN SUNDAY.....

Msgr. will be presenting new drivers who have received their licenses in the past year a key chain at the 11 am Liturgy. If you would like to be included, please email Ms. Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org or call 762-4280. You can sit anywhere in Church and we will call you up at the end of Mass.

Salesianum's Adult Religious Education Day

Sat., February 23, 2019 -8 AM until 3 PM.

Celebrate our Catholic Faith with a day of spiritual renewal. The price includes coffee, a light breakfast, a hot Italian lunch and all day beverages with over 15 courses in adult religious education.

Reconciliation is offered at 8 AM and 3 PM

Optional Sunday Mass at 4 PM.

Cost: \$45. Only \$40 if paid by Tuesday, January 31 online at <http://sacred.salesianum.org>

Our snow make up day will be Saturday, March 2nd.

Our schedule is as follows:

Sign in located in Lobby / Breakfast and coffee in the Dining Center (Reconciliation Option #1)-

8:00 AM - 8:55 AM

Prayer and Welcome: 9:00 AM - 9:35 AM

Session One: 9:45 AM - 11:45 AM

Hot Lunch: 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Reconciliation Option #2: 11:45 PM - 12:15 PM

Session Two: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Sunday Liturgy: 4:00 PM

Exercise Class for Seniors -Tuesdays &

Thursdays 10-11a, 8 week sessions-full time

\$64-part time \$32. First ½ hour -Low Impact

Aerobics, Second ½ hour-Weight lifting, Stretching & balance.

No charge to come try a class to see if you like it. Call 478-6536 for info or just come!

Hillcrest-Bellefonte United Methodist Church -
400 Hillcrest Ave. Parking Lot Entrance.



GET YOUR GREEN ON! The Knights of Columbus annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Fundraiser is March 16 at 6:00 PM at St. Helena's Masci Hall. There will be Irish Music, Irish Dancers, and contemporary dance music from Helixx. Enjoy an Irish themed buffet featuring corn beef, ham and cabbage, Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie with beer and wine included. A cash bar for liquor will be available and you can participate in basket raffles and a silent auction. Tickets are \$30 and credit cards are accepted. Please help support Christopher Council and its charitable works by purchasing tickets from Raymond Cobb (302) 547-6931 or raymondcobb3182@gmail.com

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be March 1-3, 2019 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For information, visit our website at www.me-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833. Don't Delay! Your marriage deserves this gift!

PADUA ACADEMY THEATRE
PRESENTS:
Anything Goes
MUSIC AND LYRICS BY COLE PORTER
ORIGINAL BOOK BY P.G. WOODHOUSE & GUY BOLTON
AND REVISED BOOK BY THOMAS MORGAN & JOHN WEIDMAN
February 15th and 16th at 7:30
February 17th at 2:00
TICKETS \$10
Shows take place in the Padua Academy Cafetorium
<https://padua-academy-theatre.ticketleap.com>

The Claymont Lions would like to thank everyone who bought a tree at our tree sales site this past December.

We were able to completely sell out and every penny of that profit will go back out into the community.