

January 12, 2020
Baptism of the Lord



We celebrate the Baptism of the Lord - the conclusion of our Christmas-Epiphany season. Jesus, the sinless One, insisted on taking His place in the muddy waters of the Jordan River- to show His oneness with all of us sinners. Jesus is manifested as the Son of the eternal God- the long awaited Savior!

On January 18h (this Saturday) many Christians throughout the world observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It concludes on January 25th the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle. We pray that "all may be one" - the "dream" of Jesus at the Last Supper that all His disciples be united in one Church.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF LAY TRUSTEES

Congratulations and Thank You to John Mousley and John Hughes on becoming St. Helena's Lay Trustees for 2020.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

8:00AM TO 12:45PM

Today Sunday January 12, 2020

\$10/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 July). Each month we cook up a full buffet of breakfast faire, add a special dish or two and serve it up in a warm and festive atmosphere. Please join us!!!



Our Christmas Bazaar, with all bills paid, has realized a profit for our parish of \$29,600.74 - a NEW RECORD!!

Our Thanks and congratulations to Chairperson Sue Garrett and the whole Bazaar organizing committee and especially the leaders of the Attic Treasures - Nancy and Ray Cobb, Barbara Broadway and all who worked so hard and contributed so much to the success of the Bazaar.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes will not meet NEXT MONDAY, JANUARY 20, in observance of Martin Luther King.

Religious Education teachers and aides will meet next Monday for a short meeting and to enjoy our Post-Holiday Party at 6:30p. Please let Ms Hummy know if you will be attending! Thanks!

YOUTH GROUP meets TONIGHT (Sunday) in the Religious Education Office at 7pm.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS INFO

St. Thomas the Apostle Knights of Columbus has chartered a bus for people of all ages, weather permitting, for the *March for Life* held on Friday, January 24, 2020, in Washington DC. The bus will be in the parking lot of St. Joseph's on the Brandywine Catholic Church, 10 Old Church Road, Wilmington, Delaware at 7:00 a.m. and departing at 7:30 a.m. Seats will be available on a first come basis. The only cost to the individual passenger is a tip for the bus driver. Brown bag lunch recommended. Please contact Jo Ann Van Heest at 12374Columbiettes@gmail.com or 302-239-0739 to sign up.

HELP IS NEEDED!! TODAY, January 12 the decorations will be removed from the church and stored away for another year. The more people who help out, the faster this job may be completed. Come to the church at 12:30 and bring a friend! We thank you in advance for any help you may be able to give.

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, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dora Pacitti, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schauber, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyrawski, Mary Gabel, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Ray Altamuro, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Francis Medeiros, Friends at the Kutz Home, Amy Jo Schosie-Jones, Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 12 The Baptism of the Lord

8:00am Second Sunday Breakfast-Masci Hall

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

Monday, January 13

6:00pm Youth Choir-Church

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

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

7:00pm YAH Crafts-Convent

Tuesday, January 14

7:00pm Finance Council-Rectory

Wednesday, January 15

7:00pm Parish Council Exec. Mtg-Rectory

Thursday, January 16

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

The Offertory Collections for the weekend of 12/22 was \$4,430.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,730.00 for a total of \$6,160.00.

The weekend of 12/29 was \$4,624.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,355.00 for a total of \$6,160.00.

Our Christmas Collection was \$21,125.00

THANK YOU.

BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm

Games begin at 7:00pm

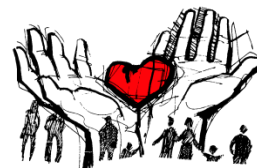
Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!



YOUNG AT HEART

Our Young at Heart members welcome the New Year 2020 with joy, hope, love and peace for the future to one and all!

Our first general meeting of 2020 will be held on Monday evening, January 20th, from 7pm Masci Hall and will feature BINGO, followed by tasty refreshments. Please plan on joining us, and bring a friend! Yearly dues of \$18.00 are now due for 2020. In case of inclement weather, contact Carmela on 302-584-7892 to find out if the meeting will be held!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Convent. Each meeting begins with recitation of the Chaplet of Mercy or the Rosary. Members, friends and parishioners donate home-made items for those in need of prayers and comfort. Material is available at no cost and many members create items conveniently at home. You are invited to join our group. Any interested in learning to knit and crochet can join our program. Call Dolly, 302-764-3465 or Carmela, 302-762-9057 for more information or for questions about inclement weather.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 11

5:00pm (SR) Louis Calvares, Sr.

Sunday, January 12

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (WK) Gus Lotsis

11:00am (SR) Ann M. Kosek

Monday, January 13

9:00pm (SR) Stanley Russell, Sr.

Tuesday, January 14

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (SR) Raymond Ference

Wednesday, January 15

9:00pm (SR)

Thursday, January 16

7:00am (SR)

9:00am (WK)

Friday, January 17

7:00am (CAP)

9:00am (SR) Albert Minuti, Sr.

Saturday, January 18

9:00am (SR)

5:00pm (SR) Joseph Marini

Sunday, January 19

7:00am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) James J. Palmer, Sr.

11:00am (SR) Ceil Haywood



Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for Padua's Musical Theater program

When: Friday, January 24, 2020

Time: 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Cost: Adults \$15, Students \$10 (age 5 and under \$5)

Includes salad, bread, spaghetti, meatball, drink, coffee and dessert and performances by the cast of "Mama Mia"!

Where: Padua Academy, 905 N. Broom St. Wilmington, DE 19806 (please enter the by the 10th and Broom St. doors)

For more information contact Lisa Kowalski at lkowalski@paduaacademy.org

All proceeds benefit Padua Academy's Musical Theater Program

ANN JAFFE TO SPEAK AT ST. MARY'S ASSUMPTION CHURCH

February 9, 2020, Ann Jaffe to speak at St. Mary's Assumption Church, 7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, Delaware 19707 in the St. Mary's Room from 2:00 - 4:00 (Seating is limited)

The St. Thomas of the Apostle Columbiettes will be hosting Ann Jaffe, first hand witness and Holocaust Survivor. Mrs. Jaffe Chairs the Speaker's Bureau of Delaware's Holocaust Education Committee and has presented her story, and the lessons from it, over 400 times. She inspires and influences countless individuals.

Born in 1931 in the small village of Kobylnik, Poland (now Belarus), her family survived by hiding from the Nazis for two years in a nearby forest. As a Holocaust educator, she advocates for tolerance and respect for differences, while encouraging individuals to speak out against injustice. For these reasons, Ann was also honored by the Anit-Defamation League two years ago at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D. C.

Anyone who would like to come hear Ann Jaffe speak, please rsvp by Friday, January 31, 2020

Knights of Columbus 17th Annual Catholic Youth Chess Tournament Championship

Open to students in grades K-8 who attend Delaware Catholic Elementary Schools or Parish PREP programs.

Saturday, February 29, 2020

St. Anthony of Padua Grade School Cafeteria
10th Street near Scott Street, Wilmington, DE
Questions? Contact Felix Spittle at 302-658-2713 or fspittle@yahoo.com.

Please see church bulletin boards for more information and signup sheet.



RETRouvaille



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriages through Retrouvaille (Retro-VIE). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and rediscover intimacy. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. **The next program in your area is the weekend of February 21-23 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another weekend will be held in April.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

ULSTER PROJECT DELAWARE 2020

Ulster Project Delaware (UPD) is currently seeking adventuresome applicants, aged 14 - 16, for its 44th annual month-long peace, service and leadership project in July 2020. American teens and their families host Protestant and Catholic teens from Northern Ireland as they seek to learn tolerance, build understanding and gain lifelong friendships. All teens participate in day trips to NYC, DC, Philadelphia, Hershey Park and the beach; service projects; leadership and team building events; visits to various places of worship; and fun local outings. Teens of all faiths and nationalities are encouraged to apply. The cost is minimal and the experience is priceless! Applications are now being accepted. Visit www.ulsterprojectdelaware.org for more information and email any questions to applyupd@gmail.com or call Ruth Langrehr at 302.893.1878. Please join us on **TODAY Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 1:30 pm for an Information session at the Kirkwood Highway Library, 6000 Kirkwood Highway.**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEEDS YOUR HELP TO WARM UP WINTER



As temperatures start to decline, Catholic Charities is preparing to *Warm Up Winter* for its most vulnerable neighbors by collecting new and "gently used" blankets and other bedding, coats, hats, and gloves at each of its office locations now through the end of January 2020. Catholic Charities will freely distribute donated goods through its various programs.

Donors can bring their coats and blankets to any of the following Catholic Charities locations and receive a tax deduction receipt:

- Main Office, 2601 W 4th Street, Wilmington 19805, 302-655-9624
- Bayard House, 300 Bayard Avenue, Wilmington 19805, 302-654-1184
- Thrift Store, 1320 E. 23rd Street, Wilmington 19802, 302-764-2717
- Marydale Retirement Village, 135 Jeandell Drive, Newark 19713, 302-368-2784
- Kent County Office, 2099 S DuPont Highway, Dover 19901, 302-674-1600
- Sussex County Office, 406 S. Bedford Avenue, Suite 9, Georgetown 19947, 302-856-9578
- Casa San Francisco, 127 Broad Street, Milford 19968, 302-684-8694
- Seton Center, 30632 Hampden Avenue, Princess Anne 21853, 410-651-9608

Staff at all locations will accept donations between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

All donated blankets and bedding, coats, and other clothing items should be clean, in good condition, and ready to use. Keep in mind that Catholic Charities staff cannot clean, mend, or repair items, and merchandise not fit for distribution must be discarded at Catholic Charities expense.