

**January 26, 2020**

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

800 years before Christ, the Assyrian empire conquered the northern kingdom of Israel. In today's First Reading we hear the prophet, Isaiah, speak of the devastation of the land of two Jewish tribes- Zebulun and Naphtali. But the prophet spoke of God coming to the defense of His people: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light..." Our Gospel of Matthew says Jesus left Nazareth and went "in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali..." Jesus began preaching: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" and Jesus began to form the nucleus of His kingdom, calling Peter and Andrew, James and John.

**The Offertory Collections** for the weekend 1/5 was \$7,554.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,405.00 for a total of \$9,959.00. For the weekend 1/12 was \$4,108.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,475.00 for a total of \$6,583.00. THANK YOU!

SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Now that the Christmas/Epiphany season has closed, I want to share my gratitude to the branches of the Liturgy Committee whose work so enhanced our worship. I have never seen St. Helena's more glorious. The candles, lights, manger, banners and OH- THE FLOWERS! There must have been at least one hundred pots of poinsettias on the altar. Almost every day before Mass I saw one "flower lady," Frances Kelleher, watering, rearranging, mopping and tidying. Hosannah and Special Thanks to her.  
-From a very appreciative congregant.

*Thank  
You*

**CHOIR NEWS - FESTIVAL OF SPIRITUALS  
RETURNS**



The annual Festival of Spirituals will return to St. Helena's for its twelfth edition, entitled *Bright Mansions Above*, on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 3:00. St. Helena's Church Choir will host the Choir School of Delaware, Concord High School Chorale, and Rowan University's Voces XII ensemble. Each choir will perform its own 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 World Central Kitchen, a non-profit, non-governmental organization that provides emergency food relief when natural disasters strike. This is a can't miss event each year, so please mark your calendars!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



LOOK WHAT'S COMING.....

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Will expand beginning next Sunday (February 2) at the 9am mass. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for children 3yrs of age and above to listen to the word of God in their language. Children will be called to the front of Church after the Opening Prayer and proceed to the Sacristy with Ms. Hummy. They will return to the parents right before the collection. Moms and Dads will enjoy 24 minutes of peace and quiet! Ms. Hummy will make a final decision at the end of February whether to continue at the 9am Mass.

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 Schaubert, 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, Bridget Robinson



WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, January 26

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Parish Social Ministry**

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

Monday, January 27

6:00pm Youth Choir-Church

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

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

7:00pm YAH Crafts-Convent

Thursday, January 30

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

Parish Social Ministry

Diocesan Rice Bowl collection: Saint Helena's Parish Social Ministry received a donation of \$1200 from the Diocesan Rice Bowl Collection. Blessings upon Saint Helena's parishioners, who donated so generously to the Rice Bowl collection in October.

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 February general meeting will be held on Monday evening, February 17th, from 7pm Masci Hall and will feature an exercise program, as is our custom; members are asked to bring refreshments, which are served to our guests. Please plan on joining us, and bring a friend! 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please Help the Food Closet

The food closet is in need of pancake syrup, small jar of jelly, large juice and snacks, pasta, cereal, soap bars, detergent, toilet paper. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 25

5:00pm (SR) Gerald "Gerry" Conaty

### Sunday, January 26

7:00am (SR) Joseph Finnochiaro, Jr.

9:00am (WK) People of the Parish

11:00am (SR) Veronica J. Hesling

### Monday, January 27

9:00pm (SR) Denise McFadden

### Tuesday, January 28

7:00am (EF) Paul O. Knight

9:00am (SR) Richard Maloney

### Wednesday, January 29

9:00pm (SR) Linda Fedena

### Thursday, January 30

7:00am (SR) Bernadette Noronha

9:00am (WK) Carl Irey

### Friday, January 31

7:00am (CAP) Special Intention

9:00am (SR) Mario Teddie

### Saturday, February 1

9:00am (SR) Charles Schmidt, Jr.

5:00pm (SR) Cameron Tolley

### Sunday, February 2

7:00am (EF) Catherine Kozak

9:00am (SR) Connie Romero

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

**Knights of Columbus 17<sup>th</sup> 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

10<sup>th</sup> Street near Scott Street, Wilmington, DE

Questions? Contact Felix Spittle at 302-658-2713 or  
[fspittle@yahoo.com](mailto:fspittle@yahoo.com).

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

**Faith Victory Christian Center** is  
providing FREE hot meals, toiletries and warm  
clothes on **Saturday (1/25/20) from 10:00 am –  
12 pm** at the Church of Saints Andrew and  
Matthew located at 719 N. Shipley Street in  
Wilmington. Guests should call 302.333.8981 OR  
302.354.0353 to register. If guests do not have  
access to a phone to call to make a reservation, they  
can still attend without making a reservation. Please  
share this information with your peers and others.

## 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 Anti-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**

## World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

You are invited to join Bishop Malooly and  
the religious women and men of the Diocese  
of Wilmington for a Mass to observe the World  
Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life on  
Saturday, February 1, 2020 at the Holy Family  
Church, 15 Gender Road, Newark,  
Delaware beginning at 5:00 p.m. RSVP to  
[bbeatson@cdow.org](mailto:bbeatson@cdow.org) or call 302-573-3124.  
Sponsored by the Office for Religious, Diocese  
of Wilmington.



## 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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### Salesianum Adult Christian Religious Education Day

**Saturday, February 29, 2020 8am to 3pm.**

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 Noon Wine and Cheese Social follows at 3:15 PM Cost: \$45. Only \$40 if paid by Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> online at

<http://sacred.salesianum.org>

Don't miss out on a fun filled and informative way to celebrate our Catholic Faith and to enter

the season of Lent as Salesianum offers SACRED for the 20<sup>th</sup> time. This popular day of spiritual renewal through the lens of Salesian Spirituality has had over 150 attendees each year.

**Our snow make up day will be Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## SOCKS FOR SOLDIERS - THE CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

**Cardinal Gibbons Assembly, Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> Degree**, is partnering with a unique group that sends SOCKS to our Army and Marine Units that are actively deployed. Fresh, clean, home smelling socks are sent to our troops. This is our fourth year in this Patriotic campaign. We are partnering with the San Clemente Marine Corps Group (501c) to **raise money** to send additional approved Military Socks to deployed troops. This special Marine Corps Unit and idea was initiated by a Mom and Dad who lost their son in combat. "In memory of our son, LCPL Donald Hogan, Posthumously awarded the Navy Cross KIA 8/26/2009 Nawa, Afghanistan. We honor his memory by caring for Americans wherever they serve in harm's way." Why Socks? The Infantry spends all of their time on their feet. Laundry facilities are not always available; field washing is not always possible and does not get the socks 100 % clean. Imagine the irritation! Nothing is better than opening a package or putting on a fresh clean, home smelling pair of dry socks.

WE ARE NOT COLLECTING SOCKS, RATHER, WE ARE ASKING FOR DONATIONS!

You do not need be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree to donate. This project is open to all, everyone and anyone, men, women, teens, young adults, Knights and their families regardless of Degree. Would you help support this Cardinal Gibbons Assembly project with a donation of \$6.00? We cannot accept commercially sold socks because they must meet GAO standards.

**Make checks payable to: CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY, C/O HOLY FAMILY CHURCH. 15 GENDER ROAD, NEWARK, DE, 19713.** We will be collecting until the end of March. Thank You for your assistance. God Bless our Troops!