

**January 3, 2021**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**



Today we celebrate the Epiphany of our Savior. The Greek word, "epiphania", means "manifestation". We celebrate God showing Himself in our human flesh—first to the three Magi; second at the Baptism of Jesus at the Jordan River; third, at the wedding feast at Cana and all the miracles of Jesus. We rejoice for we are all searching, like the Magi, for the One who can answer our hopes and dreams. We too, follow the Star of Faith and we too, offer our God and Savior gifts: the gold of our love, the frankincense of our worship and the myrrh of our suffering.

**2021 PARISH CALENDARS**  
*are available*  
*at all the exits of church.*



**ANNUAL ELECTION OF LAY TRUSTEES**  
**TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021**

The annual election of Lay Trustees will be held after the 9:00am Mass in the Church TODAY! This election is required by the laws of the State of Delaware. All adult members of the parish are eligible to participate.

**PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE**  
<https://www.sainthelenas.org>  
**Coronavirus News Important Update!**  
**Friday Reflections with Msgr. Russell**  
Friday Reflections is a weekly check-in video with Msgr. Russell. Please visit our [YouTube Channel](#) to watch this week's video, and be sure to SUBSCRIBE to our channel. You can even arrange for YouTube to let you know every time we add a new video!  
**Reminder!** We'll be broadcasting Mass on YouTube afterward for you to watch.

**PLEASE NOTE**

Because we need to follow procedures to help maintain a safe situation for all:

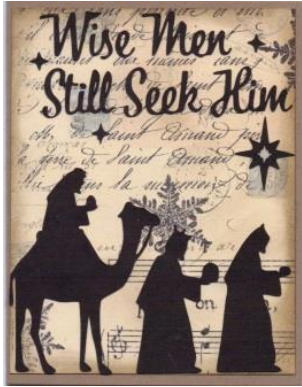
- No one can enter the Church if you are sick or have been exposed to someone with the virus within the last 14 days. Or if you will not wear a mask.
- Every other pew will be roped off to help social distancing.
- All MUST WEAR A MASK except children under 2.
- Please use hand sanitizer.

**Can You Help?**

We are in desperate need of more folks who are willing to read the sacred scriptures at Mass. A number of our lectors feel they cannot continue to serve our community because of age and infirmities. If you are willing to prepare for this ministry, please call Msgr. Russell 302-764-0325 ext. 108

**COUNT YOUR**  
**BLESSINGS.**  
**NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.**  
**COUNT YOUR**  
**MANY BLESSINGS**  
**SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR



### **Sunday, January 3 The Epiphany of the Lord**

#### **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance and Repair**

Election of Trustees

### **Monday, January 4**

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Zoom

Rectory Opened

### **Sunday, January 10 The Baptism of the Lord**

*Next Sunday we celebrate the second 'epiphany' - the Baptism of the Lord next weekend. It concludes the Christmas - Epiphany season.*

*Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners*

Ruth Bower, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schauber, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, Vaughn 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 Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinson, Fr. Charles Dillingham, Sande Richardson, Geri Crockett, Jim Fedena, Sr, Carly Fedena, Susan Watkins, Judy Wilbank, Joan Morgan, Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Aliyah Miller



**The Offertory Collection** for the weekend of 12/13 was \$3,875.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,427.00 for a total of \$6,302.00. Thank You!

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### **Saturday, Jan 2**

5:00pm (SR) Betty O'Connor

### **Sunday, Jan 3**

7:00am (EF) Paul O. Knight

9:00am (SR) Dora Amoroso

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

### **Monday, Jan 4**

9:00am (SR) Velma Corey and Irene Shaffer

### **Tuesday, Jan 5**

7:00am (EF) Fr. Charles Dillingham (Living)

9:00am (SR) Arlene Santillo

### **Wednesday, Jan 6**

9:00am (SR) Catherine Spillan

### **Thursday, Jan 7**

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (SR) Helen Tancredi

### **Friday, Jan 8**

7:00am (EF) Samuel & Marie Emmi

11:00am (SR) Dorothy Ragan

### **Saturday, Jan 9**

9:00am (SR) Jim Hansen

5:00pm (SR) Ronald Joseph Dumont

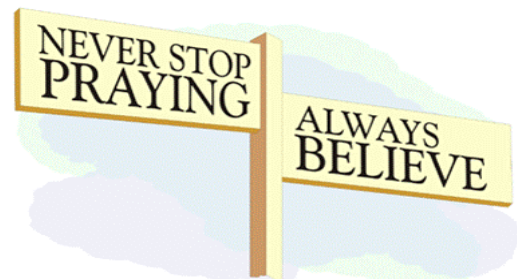
### **Sunday, Jan 10**

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (EF) Michael Currin

11:00am (SR) Joan & Gregory Davis

(50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) Living



## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

### **CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION**

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan; it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

### **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities –to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

In addition to expressing our heartfelt "Thank You" to all of Saint Helena's parishioners who have been very generous with their contributions, we are very grateful to the following churches and organizations who have contributed during the last two months: Saint Mary Magdalen Parish, Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Trinity Presbyterian church, Knights of Columbus-Christopher Council, Cub Scouts.

**Support Knights of Columbus - Christopher Council** charitable good works by purchasing homemade soup.

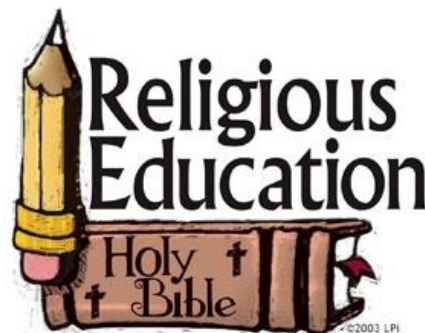
Soups are frozen and can be delivered or picked up. Because of COVID restrictions, orders must be placed in advance using <https://2020soup-christopher-council-3182.cheddarup.com>

You may pay by credit card when you place your order or by check/cash at pickup/delivery.

Available flavors are listed on ordering website. Thank you for all you do to support Christopher Council fundraising; it helps us, Holy Rosary, and our community.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education - GRADES 3 & 4 will be meeting in Masci Hall tomorrow night (MON) from 6:30p - 7:30p. First graders will meet in the Religious Education Office from 6:30p - 7:15p.



### **MISSION FOR PEACE PROGRAM**

The Dominican Sisters of Peace are hosting a **free three-day virtual, interactive** "Mission for Peace" program, via Zoom, for single, Catholic women, ages 18-45 from **January 8 through January 10, 2021**. If you have ever pondered whether God is calling you to become a Sister, we encourage you to join us for this faith-filled, service-oriented experience. Set aside time to PRAY with our Sisters, to share with other women of FAITH, to discover God's PURPOSE for your life, to enjoy a behind the scenes glimpse of COMMUNITY LIFE, and to explore RELIGIOUS LIFE lived out as a Dominican Sister of Peace.

The retreat begins at 4:00pm ET Friday, January 8 and concludes at 1pm ET, Sunday, January 10. For more information, call or text Sister June Fitzgerald at 570-336-3991 or email [jfitzgerald@oppeace.org](mailto:jfitzgerald@oppeace.org).





## RETRouvaille



### *Upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend...*

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises.

The next program begins the weekend of February 12 - 14, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Give your relationship the gift of quality time during the pandemic! Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for eight sessions presented on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from January 20 to February 14. Make Valentine's Day 2021 extra special as you learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!! For more information visit our website at [www.wwme-delmar.org](http://www.wwme-delmar.org) or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

## **An Epiphany Prayer**

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,  
as once it guided the steps of the magi:  
that we too may be led into your presence  
and worship you, the Child of Mary,  
the Word of the Father, the King of nations,  
the Saviour of mankind;  
to whom be glory for ever.

*(Frank Colquhoun)*



## **Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers** **By Susan Vogt**

**Marriage Moments:** Copartner means equal in dignity and decision making. Being a member of the same body means that we are in this life together. What happens to one of us, impacts the other.

**Parenting Pointers:** January 3 is the Feast of the Epiphany when Christians celebrate the 3 kings, who had been following a star and found the baby, Jesus. Celebrate this with your children by simply walking outside and marvel at the stars. Seek to understand the mystery of the universe.

### **NEW YEAR PRAYER:**

Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.  
Amen.