

January 5, 2020
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.

This Year we celebrate the second 'epiphany' - the Baptism of the Lord next weekend. It concludes the Christmas - Epiphany season.

2020 PARISH CALENDARS
are available
at all the exits of church.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF LAY TRUSTEES
TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2020

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.

HELP IS NEEDED!! TODAY, January 5 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.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

From Parish Social Ministry Committee, volunteers and all of God's children who have so many needs: To all of Saint Helena's generous parishioners: God's Blessings be upon you for your kindness and generosity for Christmas and throughout the year. May your lives be overflowing with Peace, Hope, Joy and Love during 2020 and always.

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

BIRTHRIGHT BOTTLES FOR BABIES

Birthright of Delaware is so grateful for your generous support of Bottles for Babies in November 2019. St Helena raised \$987.45 so far. We are expecting straggler bottles to trickle in, at that point, we will continue to add to your total.

Final amounts will be posted in the Spring Newsletter

THANK YOU for sharing in our work of serving mothers and their babies! We really appreciate EVERY one of you!

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.

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



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 5-The Epiphany of the Lord

The 2nd Collection: Maintenance and Repair

All Masses: Food Collection-Church
11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church
Election of Trustees

Monday, January 6

6:00pm Youth Choir-Church
6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School
6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Rel. Ed. Office
7:00pm YAH Crafts-Convent

Wednesday, January 8

7:00pm Prayer Shawl Mtg.-Convent

Thursday, January 9

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall
7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm
Games begin at 7:00pm

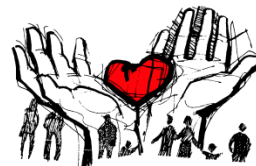
Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!



YOUNG AT HEART

Our Young at Heart members welcome the New Year 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 to 9pm in Masci Hall and will feature BINGO, followed by tasty refreshments. Come and join us and bring family and friends for fellowship and fun. In case of inclement weather, contact Carmela on 302-584-7892 for an update!



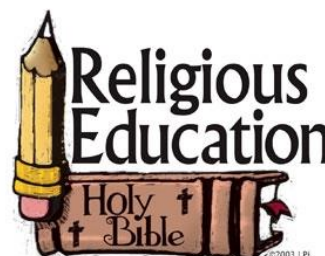
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our members meet in the Convent every month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7pm. 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 on 762-9057 for more information or for questions about inclement weather.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes resume tomorrow night (MONDAY) at 6:30p.

Adult Scripture resumes on Monday too!



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 4

5:00pm (SR) Paul J. Dougherty

Sunday, January 5

7:00am (EF) Richard D. Flynn

9:00am (SR) Dora Amoroso

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

Monday, January 6

9:00pm (SR) Adelaide Russell

Tuesday, January 7

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (SR) Helen Tancredi

Wednesday, January 8

9:00pm (SR) Dave Lindsey

Thursday, January 9

7:00am (SR)

9:00am (WK)

Friday, January 10

7:00am (CAP) Paul O. Knight

9:00am (SR)

Saturday, January 11

9:00am (SR)

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



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

RESERVE TICKETS FOR THE PHILLIES

FAN ON YOUR LIST



By popular demand, St. Helena's will be going to a Saturday game in 2020! We've reserved rows 1 through 9 in Section 433 for the game against the Miami Marlins on **Saturday, April 18th at 4pm.** Tickets can be purchased for only \$20 per seat, and \$10 will be donated to our Social Ministry for every ticket purchased! To reserve tickets, send an email to JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net with your name, phone number and the number of tickets you would like.

Parish Council

If you visit our parish webpage you may have noticed our Emergency Action Plan (EAP). The Diocese has been working toward this goal for each parish, offering meetings and guidance. Your Parish Council, particularly Andrew Dunn, has put together a comprehensive EAP for St. Helena's. It is not intended to frighten or alarm anyone, but just the opposite: to provide a framework to respond to any of a variety of emergencies. Copies of the EAP will be displayed prominently in our buildings. If you are inclined to review it, please feel free to do so. Two years ago, Council organized a training session conducted by a Pennsylvania state trooper which covered use of the AED, CPR and general emergency training. If you are interested in receiving such training in March, please speak with an usher. We are fortunate to be such close neighbors with first responders but take responsibility for doing our part to keep our parish family and campus whole and safe.



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 **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.

