

January 14, 2018

The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's scriptures, we hear the Lord calling Samuel in the Temple and in the Gospel we see Jesus calling His first apostles, Andrew and Peter.

The Lord God calls us too. We need to say with Samuel, "*Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.*"

In every Mass, we first hear the Lord speak to us in His holy Word. Then we respond. We go with Christ in His Sacrifice to the Father.

**WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

This week we begin the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 17 through January 25). Pray that the dream of Jesus for His Church would be realized: that all followers of Christ would be ONE - united in the One Body of Christ.

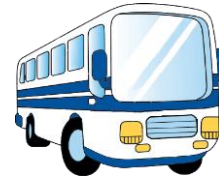
ANNUAL ELECTION OF LAY TRUSTEES

Last weekend, in compliance with Delaware State Law, we held our official annual meeting and James McFadden and John Mousley were selected as the Lay Trustees for 2018.

*Bishop Malooly will celebrate the
11:00am Mass on
Sunday, January 28, 2018
To formally invest our
Pastor as a Monsignor.*

*After Mass you are invited to come to a
reception in Masci Hall with light
refreshments to celebrate this honor for
our Pastor and our Parish.*

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 19, 2018. There will be a stop at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for those unable to make the March. Seats are first come, first served. The only cost is the tip for the driver. Contact Theresa, 302-322-2929 or 12374Columbiettes@gmail.com. The Church of the Holy Child is sponsoring a bus leaving the Church parking lot at 7:30am. The cost is \$25. Please contact Pat Radell for reservations, 302-723-9254.



REMEMBER! **NEVER** leave your pocketbook or anything valuable in sight in your car. Recently thieves have hit our parish as well as the Methodist and Episcopal Churches. Items donated for the poor can be left in church or the porch during regular Mass times or rectory office hours.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 20

5:00pm - Emily

Sunday, January 21

7:00am - Star

9:00am - Grace, Dylan

11:00am - Molly, Seamus, Anna

The Offertory Collection for 12/31 was \$4,269.00 and on-line collection was \$3,339.50 for a total of \$7,608.50. The Offertory collection for 1/7/18 was \$5,631.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,725.00 for a total of \$7,356.00. Thank you for your continued support!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 13

5:00 pm(SR) People of the Parish

Sunday, January 14

7:00 am(WR) Deceased Members of the
Blaska and Lutcavage Families

9:00 am(WK) Paul Perettie

11:00 am(SR) Andy Denis

Monday, January 15

7:00am(WR)

9:00am(SR) Deceased Members of the
Talarowski and Krupa Families

Tuesday, January 16

7:00am(WR)

9:00am(SR)

Wednesday, January 17

7:00am(WR)

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

Thursday, January 18

7:00am(SR)

9:00 am(WK)

Friday, January 19

7:00am(Cap)

9:00 am(SR) Philipina Ustara

Saturday, January 20

9:00 am(SR)

5:00 pm(SR) Mabel Siegfried

Sunday, January 21

7:00 am(SR) People of the Parish

9:00 am(WK) Dora Amoroso

11:00 am(KN) Living Special Intention

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Anne Ambagis, Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Joan Callaghan, Joseph Campanella, Jean Capodanno, Debbie Cole, Tony Cutrona, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Mary Ann Irelan, Levi & Ellie Jernigan, Ella Kirksey, James Lafferty, Sue McLaughlin, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dan Moley, Dora Pacitti, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Joseph Sacher, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, George Theiss, William Thomas, Catherine Thomson, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych

YOUNG AT HEART

Our first general meeting of 2018 will be held **TOMORROW NIGHT, Monday evening, January 15th, 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

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES or ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY will be held on Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

CONFIRMATION information Meeting for 8th graders and a parent will be held in the 8th grade Classroom **TODAY (Sunday)**, at 12:15pm. If you are an 8th grader or above who has been enrolled in a Religious Education Program OR is you are attending a Catholic School, please make arrangements to attend this meeting.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

These excerpts are from two Pastoral Letters on *The Racial Divide in the U.S.*, and on *The Catholic Church and Black Lives Matter*, by His Excellency, Most Rev. Edward K. Braxton, Bishop of Belleville, IL, published in 2015 and 2016.

Excerpts: "The Racial Divide..." Part IV, #53-61. (Bishop Braxton selects "Brothers and Sisters to Us." [1979] by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.)

"Racism is an evil which endures in our society and in our Church. Despite apparent and even significant changes in the last two decades, the reality of racism remains...Racism is a sin: a sin that divides the human family. Blots out the image of God among specific members of that family and violates the human dignity of those called to be children of the same Father. Racism is the sin that says some human beings are inherently superior and others essentially inferior because of race. It is the sin that make racial characteristics the determining factor for the exercise of human rights. It mocks the words of Jesus: 'Treat others the way you would have them treat you' ...it is a denial of the truth of the dignity of each human being revealed by the mystery of the Incarnation..."

"We recognize and applaud the readiness of many Americans to make new strides forward in reducing and eliminating prejudice against minorities. We are convinced that the majority of Americans realize that racial discrimination is both unjust and unworthy of this nation..."

"The structures of our society are subtly racist for these structures reflect the values which society upholds. Members of both groups give unwitting approval by accepting things as they are...The sin is social in nature in that each of us, in varying degrees, is responsible. All of us in some measure are accomplices..." [More coming in February].

This note was sent to the Outreach Staff:

To Dorothy and Outreach Staff:

We here at Martha House are greatly appreciative of all the wonderful gifts presented to us this Christmas!

~Sherry, Valerie, Christine, the Cole Family

BRING IT HOME

In the Gospel message today we hear Jesus ask, "What are you looking for?" This question is one that each of us should ask ourselves. The answer the two disciples provide is simple, but carries with it a commitment. By accepting Jesus as their teacher they also made a commitment to relent to His authority, and follow His guidance. As followers of Christ we too have agreed to take Him as our teacher. Do you ever struggle with Christ's teachings? Many do, but fortunately we have individuals to help us to understand His teachings. Who do you turn to when you struggle? When was the last time you sought out assistance with your walk with Christ? This week consider finding someone who can help you in your journey and can assist you in deepening your relationship with Christ.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

By Susan Vogt

It's the season of New Year's Resolutions. This can be good, but it can also turn your focus away from your beloved to self-improvement. Today, make one specific Resolution to deepen your love.

PARENTING POINTERS

By Susan Vogt

Does your child have any friends from different ethnicities? Find ways to mix or read stories of a different ethnic group.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD CATHOLIC RETREAT

This retreat for post-abortion healing will be held at Jesus House in Wilmington from April 6-8. The retreat weekend is a beautiful healing opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. For more information please contact Nan Freeman at 302-307-6130 or visit rechelsvineyard.org.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary time

There is one collection today...

8:00am Second Sunday Buffet-Masci Hall

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

12:15pm Confirmation Mtg-8th Grade Class.

Monday, January 15-Martin Luther King Day

NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASS

NO ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY

7:00pm Young at Heart-Masci Hall

Tuesday, January 16

7:00pm Parish Council-Masci Hall

Thursday, January 18

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO



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

Call Rectory: 764-0325 after 2pm for the special phone message

Are you looking for a way to become more involved at St. Helena's? We need people to serve food, sell Bingo materials and monitor games. Or...try your hand at playing Bingo! Don't know anything about Bingo? That's ok. There are lots of friendly folks to show you how. To volunteer or for more information, please call 764-0325. To play Bingo, just show up (18 or older). Masci Hall doors open on at 5:30pm for food. Games begin at 7pm. All are invited to join the fun!

CHOIR NEWS

TENTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF SPIRITUALS

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, February 11, 2018

3:00 PM

St. Helena Church

The Festival of Spirituals will return for its tenth edition! Mark your calendars! More details on participating choirs will follow!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Mrs. Shirley A. Kosek

Mrs. Michael Friel

These two names were not included in last week's list of those who made a donation for our beautiful Christmas Decorations.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Are you a married couple looking for a New Year's resolution? Why not make a commitment to do something to improve your marriage-like making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? The next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be March 2-4 in Rehoboth Beach. For more information, visit our website at www.wvme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.