

January 2, 2022
The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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 2, 2022

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.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

8:00AM TO 1:00pm

Sunday January 9, 2022

\$10/Adults ~ \$4/Children under 12

Leave the cooking to our Breakfast Crew for an all you care eat Buffet on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Join us for an after the holidays breakfast and leave the cooking to us. Relax and enjoy your Family and Friends for a full Breakfast Buffet. Served up in a warm and festive atmosphere. For questions/reserve a table for 6 or more, please contact Nancy Cobb [302-598-8685 or Natiesmom@me.com].

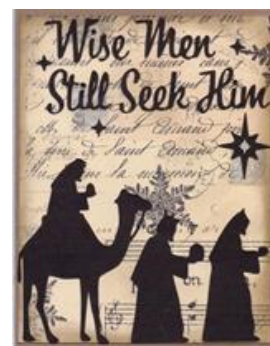


PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

Both Sunday Mass and Friday Reflections can be viewed at <https://www.sainthelenas.org/> and ALSO Friday Reflections with Msgr. Russell 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. **Reminder!** We'll be broadcasting Mass on YouTube afterward for you to watch.

PLEASE LET US KNOW

If someone is in the hospital, then we will not know unless you tell us. In the interest of respecting the law of privacy, the hospitals no longer inform us of parishioners in their facility.



Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Susan Denis, Dorothy Rich, Kathleen Schaubert, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, Vaughn Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Mary Gabel, Toni Di Lezio, Sr., Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Friends at the Kutz Home, Nicolas Childs, Bridget Robinson, Geri Crockett, Jim Fedena, Sr., Carly Fedena, Judy Wilbank, Aliyah Miller, Theresa Kelleher Cassidy, Karen Cheeseman, Sara Murphy, Antoinette Medeiros, Rose Marie Turcol, Charlie Lafferty, Stephanie Bidwell, Helen Rupnicki, William Lytle, Dolly Albanese, Sande Richardson, Morgan Medeiros, Thomas Leo, Wally Schock, Regina Gemignani, Kathleen McDermott, Pattie Grimes

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, January 2 The Epiphany of The Lord

2nd Collection: Maintenance and Repair

9:00am/11:00am Children’s Lit/Word - Church

Election of Trustees

Monday, January 3

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Zoom

Rectory Opened

Thursday, January 6

5:30pm-Bingo-Masci Hall

Sunday, January 9 The Baptism of the Lord

8:00am Second Sunday Breakfast-Masci Hall

9am/11am Children’s Lit/Word-Church

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, Jan 2

7:00am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) John Louden

11:00am (SR) Nancy McFadden

Monday, Jan 3

9:00am (SR) Nancy McFadden

Tuesday, Jan 4

7:00am (EF) Frances & John Danchak

9:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Wednesday, Jan 5

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Thursday, Jan 6

7:00am (EF) Mary Ann & Leonard Kelleher

9:00am (SR) Adelaide Russell

Friday, Jan 7

7:00am (EF) Paul O. Knight

9:00am (SR) Helen Tancredi

Saturday, Jan 8

9:00 am (SR) Samuel & Marie Emmi

11:00 am (SR) Jennifer Marie Holmwood

Sunday, Jan 9

7:00am (SR) Edward Mendez

9:00am (EF) Dora Amoroso

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish



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

BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm

Games begin at 7:00pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes resumes **Monday, January 3rd at 6:30pm.** Welcome back to the New Year!

Adult Scripture resumes **Monday night January 3rd in the School at 6:30pm.**

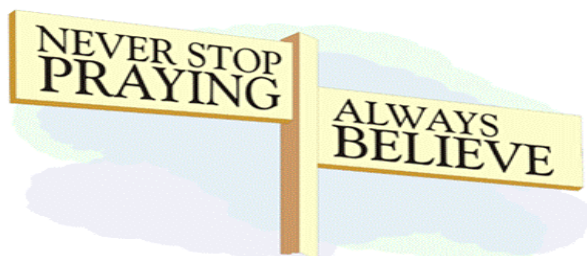
PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

An aide is requested by one of Saint Helena's parishioners: Schedule: one hour in the morning at 9:30 a.m. Assist the person with dressing and preparation for the day. One hour in the evening at 6:30 p.m. assist with preparation for bed time. Prefer: A person who lives in the area. If interested, then please call Saint Helena's Parish Outreach at 302-764-7545.

RETRouvaille **REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE:**



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 11-13, 2022 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Catholic Forum. Catholic Forum returns from the holiday break on January 8th when Mr. Rusty Gilles from St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Hockessin, Delaware will discuss the history of the parish as they begin their 250th anniversary year. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30pm on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at facebook.com/CatholicForum.



St. Helena's Church seeks a Parish Secretary/Receptionist who will provide a full range of duties efficiently, professionally, and with the desire to minister to all. The successful candidate will exhibit strong interpersonal skills and attention to detail. The responsibilities will include maintaining the parishioner database and reconciling parishioner donations. They will work with volunteers and report to the Parish Business Manager. Requires comfort level with computers including experience with Word, Excel, and Outlook. Flexible hours (9 - 2 would be ideal). Learn more about this great opportunity by contacting us at 302-764-0325 x-102 or rebmann@SaintHelenas.org (Rick).



The National Prayer Vigil for Life will take place from Thursday, January 20th through Friday, January 21th at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. The January 20th Opening Mass will begin at 5:30 p.m. (Eastern) and will be immediately followed by a 7:00-8:00 p.m. Holy Hour for Life, concluding the evening portion of the Vigil program. Both the Mass and Holy Hour will be televised live by EWTN so that millions can participate remotely. The following morning, the Closing Mass on January 21st will take place once again at the Basilica at 8:00 a.m. (Eastern), and will also be televised by EWTN. The latest update concerns attendance for the Vigil. Both for the evening of January 20th and the morning of January 21st, **the on-site prayer events at the Basilica will be open to the public.** *There is no longer a seating limit. No advance reservations are needed. No tickets are required.* Everyone is welcome to attend any part of the Vigil program. As always, there is no reserved seating inside the Basilica for the public, and everyone will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please also note, due to the pandemic, that the Basilica will still be enforcing its guidelines for entry for individuals and groups attending the Vigil. For additional information about the 2022 Vigil for Life, please visit the Basilica www.nationalshrine.org/event/2022-national-prayer-vigil-for-life/ and the USCCB National Prayer Vigil <https://www.usccb.org/national-prayer-events-for-life>.

Victims Assistance of the
Diocese of Wilmington

If you have been sexually exploited or abused by a priest, brother, sister or lay person employed by the Diocese of Wilmington or by a church volunteer in service to a parish or school or other church organization call the **Victims Assistance Coordinator** by telephone (302) 656-0651 and report the incident to the **Delaware State Attorney Generals Office** (302)577-8310

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace!
Where there is hatred . . . let me sow love.
Where there is injury . . . pardon.
Where there is doubt . . . faith.
Where there is despair . . . hope.
Where there is darkness . . . light.
Where there is sadness . . . joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled . . . as to console.
To be understood . . . as to understand.
To be loved . . . as to love.
for
It is in giving . . . that we receive.
It is in pardoning . . . that we are pardoned.
It is in dying . . . that we are born to eternal life.

Please pray for our nation in this very difficult time. Prayer card is available at church entrances.

O Blessed Mother, Pray for the USA
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States of America, please help our country.
Help us to return to what is decent, right, and proper.
Help us to return to respect for ourselves and others, to truth in dealing with ourselves and others, to self-control and self-discipline, and especially, to a deep love for your Son and his teachings.
Protect us from those who would destroy us from within.
Our Lady, we place ourselves and our country under your mantel, Pray for us and help us.
Amen.

