

January 20, 2019
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Church calendar says it is “Ordinary Time” but each year the Scripture Readings of the Sunday after the Baptism of the Lord do not sound very ordinary. There is still the echo of Epiphany.

The second reading begins the series of readings from First Corinthians. In the first reading from Isaiah the Prophet we hear the Lord insisting the Lord “delights in you... your Builder shall marry you and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.” And in the Gospel from John we hear the Marriage Feast of Cana, the first of Jesus miracles. It is also the third of the Epiphany mysteries. Remember the words of the Epiphany hymn?

“Manifest at Jordan’s stream, Prophet, Priest and King supreme; And at Cana wedding guest, in the God-head manifest; changing water into wine...”

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began on Friday January 18th and continues until January 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul). All Christians are invited to pray together that full unity may be restored to the Church of Christ.

Thursday January 24, 2019 is the Feast of St. Francis de Sales, the Patron Saint of our Diocese.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend 1/6 was \$5,735.00 and the on-line collection was \$4,150.00 for a total of \$9,885.00.

The Christmas Collection was 16,325.00.

Thank you

MASS ATTENDANCE
BAD WEATHER POLICY

“Canon Law (1247) states that on Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. However, the law does not expect the impossible nor can the fulfillment of the obligation according to the norm of the law be burdensome or dangerous.

There is no obligation to attend Mass if weather and/or road conditions are unsafe or make travel dangerous or difficult or if one is unable to get out of their driveway or parked space. Those persons who are unable to attend Mass under such conditions may view the celebration of Mass on television, depending on local television schedules. Sometime should be given to private or family prayer in order to sanctify the Lord’s Day.

CHOIR NEWS
FESTIVAL OF SPIRITUALS RETURNS!



The annual Festival of Spirituals will return to St. Helena’s for its eleventh edition, entitled *Deep River*, on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 3:00. St. Helena’s Church Choir will host the Choir School of Delaware, The Delaware Women’s Chorus, and Philadelphia Performing Arts, A String Theory Charter School Concert Choir. Each choir will perform a 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 a designated charity. This is a can’t miss event each year, so please mark your calendars!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CATECHIST/AIDE needed for THIRD GRADE Religious Education. An UNBELIEVABLE lesson plan is in place for the next teacher. No experience needed – just a love of CHILDREN and your FAITH. Please email Ms Hummy if you are interested at hpennell@sainthelenas.org or call 762-4280. God will reward you 100 fold!

There are NO Religious Education Classes tomorrow (MONDAY) in observance of MLK. Classes resume on January 28.

YOUTH GROUP meets (NEXT SUNDAY) Jan 27 at 7pm in the Rectory. We will be “ungreening” the Christmas Tree and then returning to Religious Ed Office for a partial meeting.

YOUNG AT HEART



Our January general meeting will be held in Masci Hall on Monday Jan. 21, 2019 from 7 to 9pm, and will feature Bingo, followed by enjoying tasty refreshments. Please plan on becoming a member of our hospitable club this New Year. We need your creative and fresh ideas, and enthusiasm! Our yearly dues are only \$18, and the friendships are priceless. Call Dolly at 302-764-3465 or Camerla at 302-762-9057 for information or inclement weather.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

You are invited to join us from 7-9pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, in the convent. 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 at 302- 762-9057 for more information or for questions about inclement weather.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 19

5:00pm (SR) Charles Siegfried

Sunday, January 20

7:00am (DV) Lutcavage/Blaska Families

9:00am (SR) Gerry Moyer

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

Monday, January 21

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00pm (SR)) Special Intention (Living)

Tuesday, January 22

7:00am (DV) Kathleen Fitzgerald

9:00am (SR) Paul O. Knight

Wednesday, January 23

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (SR) Adelaide Russell

Thursday, January 24

7:00am (SR)

9:00am (WK) Tony Iacone (Living)

Friday, January 25

7:00am (Cap)

9:00am (SR) Deceased Members of the

Russell and Sullivan Families

Saturday, January 26

9:00am (SR) Paul O. Knight

5:00pm (SR) Betty Rae Quinn

Sunday, January 27

7:00am (SR) Mark DiSabatino

9:00am (WK) People of the Parish

11:00am (SR) Denise McFadden

Phillies Tickets Available



St. Helena's has reserved great seats in Section 310 for the game against the New York Mets on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased for only \$20 per seat and it will be the gift that keeps giving because \$10 will be donated to the Social Ministry for every ticket purchased! To reserve tickets an email to JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net with your name, phone number and the number of tickets you would like.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

JANUARY



Sunday, January 20

The 2nd Collection: Catholic University & Communication

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

Monday, January 21- Martin Luther King Day

Rectory Closed

No Religious Ed Class

No Adult Scripture

7:00pm YAH Crafts - Convent

7:15pm RICA- R

Wednesday, January 23

7:00pm Prayer Shawl-Convent

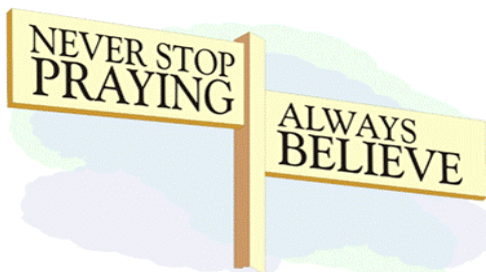
Thursday, January 24

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

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, James Lafferty, Sue McLaughlin, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dan Moley, Dora Pacitti, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, William Thomas, Catherine Thomson, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Jacqueline Childs, Mary Gabel, Chris Molitor, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Sharon Dean, Janet Szubieolski, Geri Crockett, Catalina Weddle, Ray Altamuro, Marie Spiden



MASS AT THE SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

St. Francis Xavier Shrine (Old Bohemia), the mother church of the Diocese of Wilmington, is participating in the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington 150th Anniversary Historic Churches Pilgrimage. The final Pilgrimage Mass at the historic church will be offered on Saturday, February 2 at 11 am. Fr. Lance Martin will be the celebrant. Guided tours of the church and rectory will be conducted at 9 am, 9:30 am and 10 am. The rectory museum and historic graveyard will be accessible for individual inspection and study. For more information, call OBHS President Marji Matyniak at 302.328.4803, visit www.stfrancisxaviershrine.com, or email OldBohemiaHS@gmail.com. The church is also available for group retreats and weddings. A video about the mission can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFGICsNM6gk>. The GPS location of the Bohemia Mission is 1699 Bohemia Church Road, Warwick, MD 21912.



**Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall**

Doors open at 5:30pm

Games begin at 7:00pm

Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!

Do you know our family roots as a Catholic family of faith? It is 150 years since the Catholic people of Delaware and Maryland were established as a Diocese by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1868. A book with the history of Catholics here has been published and is available at the Rectory. Cost: \$35 and \$15 for a comic book format of the history for young people. There is a two page spread on our parish and every church of our Diocese.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Ulster Project Delaware-Now recruiting:
 If you are ready for the experience of a lifetime, Ulster Project Delaware is the summer program for you. UPD is a peace project which has been going on in Delaware for 44 years. Every year 18 Northern Irish catholic and Protestant teens come to stay with host families in Delaware.
 For more information please visit our website: ulsterprojectdelaware.org or contact us at applyupd@gmail.com
 For further information, please call Dorothy Medeiros at 764-7545.

The Diocese of Wilmington Native American Ministry and the Saint Kateri Circle will hold their 4th Annual Native Dinner Celebration at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Hall in Bear, Delaware on Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 6 - 9 p.m. Chicken and beef tacos, beverages and desserts. Performances by Aztec Dancers and Spirit Wing. \$10 per person, 13 and older. Tickets available at the St. Elisabeth Ann Seton parish office or by calling Sharon Ward at 302-545-3383.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be March 1-3, 2019 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For information, visit our website at www.me-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833. Don't Delay! Your marriage deserves this *gift!*

Salesianum's Adult Religious Education Day Sat., February 23, 2019 -8 AM until 3 PM.

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 3 PM
 Optional Sunday Mass at 4 PM.

Cost: \$45. Only \$40 if paid by Tuesday, January 31 online at <http://sacred.salesianum.org>

Our snow make up day will be Saturday, March 2nd.

Our schedule is as follows:

Sign in located in Lobby / Breakfast and coffee in the Dining Center (Reconciliation Option #1):

8:00 AM - 8:55 AM

AM Prayer and Welcome: 9:00 AM - 9:35 AM

Session One: 9:45 AM - 11:45 AM

Hot Lunch: 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Reconciliation Option #2: 11:45 PM - 12:15 PM

Session Two: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Sunday Liturgy: 4:00 PM

Exercise Class for Seniors -Tuesdays &

Thursday 10-11am 8 week sessions-full time \$64-part time \$32. First ½ hour -Low Impact Aerobics Second ½ hour-Weight lifting, Stretching & balance.

No charge to come try a class to see if you like it. Call 478-6536 for info or just come!

Hillcrest-Bellefonte United Methodist Church - 400 Hillcrest Ave. Parking lot Entrance.