

January 6, 2019
The Epiphany of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of our Saviour. The Greek word, "epiphanies", 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 Saviour gifts: the gold of our love, the frankincense of our worship and the myrrh of our suffering.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD**

An "epiphany" is a revelation. Every day, God uses religious sisters, religious brothers and priests to reveal His great love for the people He has chosen to be His own. Is the Lord calling you to serve the Church through a religious vocation? If you think so, call or write Fr. Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113; vocations@cdow.org). And check out our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!



2019 PARISH CALENDARS
are available
at all the exits of church.



ANNUAL ELECTION OF LAY TRUSTEES
TODAY, SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

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.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 12/23 and 12/30 will be in the upcoming January bulletin. Thank you for your patience.

Parish Social Ministry

Parish Social Ministry has come to fruition through the generosity, care and compassion of St. Helena's Parishioners. During 2018- 384 families received assistance. 704 families - 1, 075 people received food from the food closet. 99% of the families receiving assistance live at or below the poverty level. Family situations vary: serious illness or injuries, loss of job or in between jobs. People who are employed are working at minimum wage and are expected to keep an apartment and care for children. Again, blessings upon everyone who continues to reach out to God's children.

YOUNG AT HEART

Our next general meeting will be Jan 21, 7-9pm in Masci Hall featuring BINGO, followed by refreshments. Craft meetings will be held every Monday evening in January 2019 from 7-9pm in the Convent.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes resumes Monday, January 7th at 6:30pm. Welcome back to the New Year!

Adult Scripture resumes Monday night January 7 in the Religious Education Office at 6:30pm.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 5

5:00pm (SR) Louis Calvarese Jr.

Sunday, January 6 -Epiphany of the Lord

7:00am (DV) The People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) Dora Amoroso

11:00am (SR) Margaret Mingo

Monday, January 7

9:00pm (SR) Helen Tancredi

Tuesday, January 8

7:00am (DV) Samuel & Marie Emmi

9:00am (SR) Deena Panfile

Wednesday, January 9

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (SR) Peter C Moody

Thursday, January 10

7:00am (SR) Edith Salvatore

9:00am (WK) Velma Corey & Irene Schaffer

Friday, January 11

7:00am (Cap) Rosalina Mendes

9:00am (SR) Thomas Lewis

Saturday, January 12

9:00am (SR) Nicholas Luciano Biordi

5:00pm (SR) Daniel A Sullivan Jr.

Sunday, January 13

7:00am (SR) Stanley & Adelaide Russell

9:00am (WK)

11:00am (SR) Ramona Coppola

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meetings will resume Wed. Jan 9 and Jan 23, 2019. 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, January 6, 2019

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The 2nd Collection: Maintenance and Repair

All Masses: Food Collection-Church

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

Monday, January 7

6:00pm Youth Choir-Church

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Rel. Ed. Office

7:00pm YAH Crafts - Convent

7:00pm RCIA-Rectory

Tuesday, January 8

7:00pm Finance Council-Rectory

Wednesday, January 9

7:00pm Parish Council Exe. Mtg-Rectory

7:00pm Prayer Shawl Mtg.-Convent

Thursday, January 10

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

Catholic Charities Diaper Bank Needs Volunteers

Provide a helping hand to families struggling to keep their young children healthy, happy, clean, and dry by becoming a volunteer at Catholic Charities Diaper Bank. Opportunities are available for office assistants, data entry personnel, and distribution assistants. Day, evening, and weekend hours are available. Hours are flexible and can be adjusted to meet your schedule. For more information, contact the Catholic Charities Diaper Bank at 302-654-1184 or by email at DiaperBank@ccwilm.org. You can also visit Catholic Charities website, www.cdow.org/charities, to learn about other volunteer opportunities as well as express your interest in volunteering.

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

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.

THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO



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!

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.

The Church of the Holy Child

Couples bridge group is a low intensity bridge group meeting once a month. We are happy to open the group up to new members from the local area who would enjoy a relaxed evening of bridge and fellowship. Our normal meeting time is the second Friday of the month. For more details, please call Len & Jane Bordzol at 302-478-4287.

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at its new time - 6:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. After it airs, listen online anytime at www.cdow.org/Catholic-Forum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. Next Sunday, January 13th, Maureen McCullough will discuss the work of Catholic Relief Services who recently celebrated their 75th anniversary. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum.

MARCH FOR LIFE

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 18th 2019 in Washington DC. There will be a stop at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for those unable to make the March. 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 for details or to sign up. The theme for this year's March is "Unique from Day One"



Details: Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for Padua's Musical Theater program
When: Friday, January 11th, 2019
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 "Anything Goes"
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

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.

OUTREACH

Are you curious about what happens in the Outreach office?

You are invited to come and sit with us. This would be any time Monday-Thursday 9am-noon. Please call Dorothy Medeiros at 302-764-7545

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!*

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 6 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.