

March 1, 2020
1st Sunday of Lent

Here at the beginning of Lent we return in the scriptures to the book of Genesis- the "origins". It is the story of the human race falling in sin. "Adam" is the Hebrew word for "man". He is described as being perfectly happy but he falls in temptation to become like a "god". In the head of the human race, all have sinned. But St. Paul reminds us God has given our race a Second Adam- the head of the redeemed human race, Jesus Christ. By His obedience on the Cross, He has canceled the disobedience of the first Adam. His gift (grace) of life, victory over evil, is so much greater than sin. Our Gospel shows us Jesus, who shares our human nature being subject to temptation. He is described as being in the desert. Where ancient Israel fell to temptation and sin, Jesus - the "new Israel of God", conquers Satan and sin.

The Offertory Collections For the weekend 2/16 was \$4,571.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,615.00 for a total of \$6,186.00. THANK YOU!

YOUNG AT HEART- BAKE/CRAFT SALE

Our fantastic Bake/Craft sale will be held in St. Helena's Church foyer after all Masses. YAH members and many parishioners will present their fresh homemade goodies and creative craft items for your pleasure. Parishioners, please bring your items before any Mass. Thank You! See You There!

Our March general meeting will be held on Monday evening, March 16, from 7pm Masci Hall and will feature Father Jasper as our Lenten speaker; members are asked to bring refreshments, which are served to our guests. Please plan on joining us, and bring a friend! In case of inclement weather, contact Carmela on 302-584-7892.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

8:00AM TO 12:45PM

Sunday, March 8, 2020

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

Leave the cooking to our Breakfast Crew for an all you care to eat Buffet on the 2nd Sunday of the month (except July). Each month we cook up a full buffet of breakfast fare, add a special dish or two and serve it 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]



GET YOUR GREEN ON!

The Knights of Columbus annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Fundraiser is March 14 at 6:00 PM at St. Helena's Masci Hall. There will be Irish Music, Irish Dancers, and contemporary dance music from Helixx. Enjoy an Irish themed dinner with beer and wine included. A cash bar for liquor will be available and you can participate in basket raffles and a silent auction. Tickets are \$35 but are discounted to \$30 if purchased by March 9 and credit cards are accepted for tickets and during the event. Please help support Christopher Council and its charitable works by purchasing tickets from Raymond Cobb (302) 547-6931 or raymondcobb3182@gmail.com

Lenten Fish Fry Dinners - Join the Knights of Columbus for Lenten Fish Fry Dinners.

Dinner is served on Fridays in Lent from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in St. Helena's Masci Hall, so there is still time to attend Stations of the Cross in the St. Helena Church at 7:30pm. There are a variety of meatless options available including fried or baked fish, fried shrimp, crab cakes and weekly specials. Take out is available and credit cards are accepted. A special children's meal is also available. In keeping with the spirit of Lent, proceeds benefit Parish food pantry to help those in need. Please support these dinners and the charitable works of the Knights of Columbus.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Convent. Each meeting begins with recitation of the Chaplet of Mercy or the Rosary. Members, friends and parishioners donate home-made items for those in need of prayers and comfort. Material is available at no cost. You are invited to join our group. Any interested in learning to knit and crochet can join our program. Call Dolly, 302-764-3465 or Carmela, 302-762-9057 for more information or for questions about inclement weather.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD AT THE 9AM MASS

I want to thank the few families who have participated through February in this endeavor. I have noticed several families with very small children who I believe will benefit from this program when they are a little older. We will revisit the 9 am Mass in a year or two in the hope of reaching more children.

Again, thanks to all who participated and feel free to come and join us at the 11 am Mass if you so desire. Thank You Ms Hummy

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, Bridget Robinson, Fr. Bill Lawler, Mary Tabler, Fr. Charles Dillingham

BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm

Games begin at 7:00pm

Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!

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 and Facebook



IHM Lenten Retreat

Date: March 26, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m. - noon

Place: IHM Church. Mass begins at 9:00

Presenter: Fr. Richard Jasper, Associate Pastor, St. Ann's Parish

Theme: Meeting Jesus along the Way of the Cross

Cost: \$10 - includes continental breakfast
Please respond to Charlotte Canty, 302-475-4459 by March 19th if you plan to attend. You may pay at the door.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOIUNTER – Time Together!! Give yourself and your spouse time away from everyday responsibilities and listen to that special someone who loves you! Enrich your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on **March 6-8, 2020** in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information visit our website at www.wwme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, March 1

The 2nd Collection: Maintenance and Repair

Food Collection - All Masses

YAH-Bake and Craft Sale-All Masses

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

Monday, March 2

6:00pm Youth Choir-Church

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

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

7:00pm YAH Crafts - Convent

Thursday, March 5

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

Friday, March 6 First Friday

9:30am Adoration - Church

5:00pm Knights of Columbus -Fish Fry-Masci Hall

7:30pm Stations of the Cross-Church

"THE MASS"- a 6 week Lenten study

Tuesdays starting March 3, 10-11:30am and/or

6-7:30pm, at Holy Angels Church (St. Gabriel Room), 82 Possum Park Road, Newark. A 25

minute DVD followed by a discussion

facilitated by Phyllis Edwards and Father Jim

Jackson. Walk through the liturgy with Bishop

Robert Barron and be transformed through

insights on this most privileged and intimate

encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. The

study will help you understand how to fully,

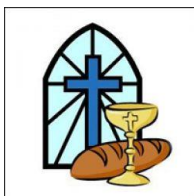
consciously, and actively participate in the

source and summit of the Christian

life. Contact the Parish for more information at

302-731-2219 or Phyllis510@comcast.net.

Registration encouraged but not required.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 29

5:00pm (SR) Anne Marie White

Sunday, March 1

7:00am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) Joanne Reese

11:00am (SR) James Schiliro

Monday, March 2

7:00am (VK)

9:00am (WK)

12:00pm (SR)

Tuesday, March 3

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (WK)

12:00pm (SR)

Wednesday, March 4

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (WK)

12:00pm (SR)

Thursday, March 5

7:00am (SR) Bobby Quinn, Jr.

9:00am (WK)

12:00pm (WK)

Friday, March 6

7:00am (CAP)

9:00am (WK) Margaret Schmidt

12:00pm (SR) Adelaide C. Russell

Saturday, March 7

9:00am (SR) Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00pm (SR) Carol Kowalski

Sunday, March 8

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (WK) Rose Marie DeNest

11:00am (SR) Ceil Haywood

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

**DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON
CATECHETICAL DAY**

ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS!

The Office for Religious Education invites you to attend *Catechetical Day* on **March 21, 2020 at St. Thomas More Academy with Bishop W. Francis Malooly.**

Catechetical Day allows the opportunity to celebrate those who have been giving effective witness for years and are living the call within their religious education programs, families, and the larger community. Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education and Catechists will be honored for anniversary years of service. These years are: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35+.

This year's Catechetical Theme is "**Stay With Us.**" Bob McCarty, D. Min. is the keynote speaker for the event. For more information or to register, please call the Diocesan Office for Religious Education at 302-573-3130 or contact your Parish Religious Education Office. **The deadline for registration is March 2, 2020.** For more information please visit www.cdow.org/CatecheticalDay2020.

Catholic Charities to honor Mike Hare at Annual Tribute Dinner in April 2020

Mike Hare, Executive Vice President for Development at the Buccini Pollin Group will receive the Msgr. Thomas J. Reese Award at Catholic Charities Annual Tribute Dinner on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Mike serves on Bishop Malooly's Pastoral Council and on the Vocations Admissions Board for the Diocese of Wilmington.

The Msgr. Thomas J. Reese Award recognizes exemplary individuals who have demonstrated a deep commitment to promoting and restoring the well-being of people – the Catholic Charities' mission.

The Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, will present the award at the dinner to be held at the Chase Center on the Riverfront.

To learn more about the Annual Tribute Dinner and our honoree, or to support the Tribute Dinner through sponsorship or ticket purchases, visit the Catholic Charities webpage for the dinner at www.cdow.org/charities. You may also call Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624.

Many parishioners from St. Helena's parish have been laid to rest at Cathedral Cemetery located at 2400 Lancaster Ave. Wilmington. With the growing acceptance of cremation, the cemetery has just constructed 320 companion niches for the above ground entombment of cremated bodies. These niches are located in the beautiful climate controlled Queen of Apostles Chapel and are now available at a special introductory price through April 30, 2020. For those choosing traditional burial there are both lots and crypts available as well. For more information contact Deb at Cathedral Cemetery by calling 516 - 7618. A few minutes planning ahead will save your loved ones from confusion and anxiety in the future. Cathedral Cemetery has been serving the local community for 144 years. We are professionally managed with a full time on site staff to serve your needs.



**ULSTER PROJECT DELAWARE (UPD)
SHAMROCK SALE!**

Spring Fundraiser celebrating the season and St. Patrick's Day!

Festive Shamrock Arrangement in a Ceramic Vase \$20 To place an

order: <https://forms.gle/NDQPmKCjToAJMGtY8>

Email shamrocks.upd@gmail.com with any questions. Payment of \$20/plant can be made at pickup. Orders will be available for pickup March 5th at either of the below:

Initially Yours (9am - 3pm) 1412 Kirkwood Highway Wilmington DE 19805 OR

Dead Presidents Pub Event (6pm-9pm) 618 N. Union Street Wilmington DE 19805