

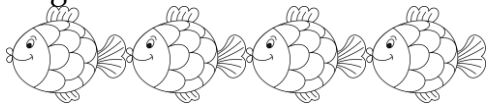
March 10, 2019

1st Sunday of Lent

Our first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy reminds us our God delivered His People from their slavery in Egypt. It was the first Passover with Moses leading God's people through the water of the Red Sea to the Promised Land. It was a foreshadowing of the Passover of Jesus through death on the Cross to the new life of the Resurrection. We began our own Passover with Jesus in the waters of Baptism and continue the journey all through our lives. We enter the spiritual "desert" of Lent with Jesus. Like Him, we too are tempted but with God's grace, we draw closer to Jesus to share His victory over evil.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend 2/24 was \$4,012.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,495.00 for a total of \$5,507. Thank You!

Knights of Columbus annual Friday Night Lenten Fish Fry Dinners begin on March 8 and continue through April 12. Dinner is served from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in Masci Hall, so there is still time to attend Stations of the Cross following dinner. There are a variety of meatless options including fried or baked fish, fried shrimp, crab cakes and weekly specials. A 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.



BREAKFAST BUFFET TODAY

8:00AM TO 12:45PM

\$9/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 August). Each month we cook up a full buffet of breakfast faire, add a special dish or two and serve it up in a warm and festive atmosphere. Please join us!



GET YOUR GREEN ON! The Knights of Columbus annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Fundraiser is March 16 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 buffet featuring corn beef, ham and cabbage, Guinness beef stew, shepherd's pie 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 \$30 and credit cards are accepted. Please help support Christopher Council and its charitable works by purchasing tickets from Raymond Cobb (302) 547-6931 or raymondcobb3182@gmail.com.



**CARNIVAL!
APRIL 29 THROUGH MAY 4**



Last year's Carnival broke all records with a profit of over \$105,000! That's a hard act to follow so we need lots of help to make this year a success.

Our Carnival Committee meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 11 at 7PM in Masci Hall.** If you'd like to join the committee, please come.

Questions? Call Sue or Doug Garrett 762-6568

YOUNG AT HEART



On Monday, March 18, 7pm in Maci Hall, our general meeting will feature Father Richard Jasper as our inspiring Lenten speaker, as Ash Wednesday approaches. All members and parishioners are invited to join us for an enlightening and enjoyable evening. Refreshments will follow. Please plan on joining us!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST EUCHARIST Parent/Child Meeting is today (SUNDAY) at 12:15p in the upstairs classroom. A parent and child are asked to attend this first preparation meeting for First Communion.

YOUTH GROUP tonight (Sunday) at 7pm.

PARISHIONER HELP NEEDED.....

If you are a past YOUTH GROUP member OR if you know a past member, please email MS HUMMY at hpennell@sainthelenas.org. I am trying to put together a 20 YEAR REUNION this coming May. Many of past members have moved on so I am trying to round up cell phone numbers or email addresses so I do not leave anyone out. Your help will be MOST APPRECIATED! Blessings....Ms Hummy

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, March 9

5:00pm (SR) Isabelle M. Krupa
(23rd Anniversary)

Sunday, March 10

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish
9:00am (WK) Rose Marie De Nest
11:00am (SR) Joseph Morales

Monday, March 11

7:00am (VK)
9:00pm (WK)
12:00pm (SR) Paul O. Knight

Tuesday, March 12

7:00am (DV)
9:00am (WK) Mary & Bernard Fiore
12:00pm (SR)

Wednesday, March 13

7:00 am (DV)
9:00am (WK) Bart & Natalie Meriggi
12:00pm (SR) Stanley Russel Sr.

Thursday, March 14

7:00am (SR)
9:00am (WK) Patricia Schmidt
12:00pm (WK)

Friday, March 15

7:00am (Cap)
9:00am (WK)
12:00pm (SR) Mary Ann & Leonard Kelleher

Saturday, March 16

9:00am (SR)
5:00pm (SR) Violet Seravia

Sunday, March 17

7:00am (SR) Dennis Harris
9:00am (WK) People of the Parish
11:00am (SR) Christian Bauerle

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, March 10, 2019

The 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief & Latin American

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

7:00pm Religious Ed- 1st Eucharist

Parent/Child Mtg.-School

Monday, March 11

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

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

7:00pm YAH Crafts - Convent

7:00pm RCIA- Rectory

Tuesday, March 12

7:00pm Finance Council-Rectory

Wednesday, March 13

7:00pm Parish Council Exe. Mtg-Rectory

7:00pm Prayer Shawl Mtg.-Convent

Thursday, March 14

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

Friday, March 15

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

7:30pm Stations of the Cross-Church

Saturday, March 16

6:00pm Knight of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Fundraiser

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 Spinden, Viola Zappacosta, Patricia Austen

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

Congratulations Announcement

Congratulations to Naja McCain who attends Padua Academy and has merited honors during the first term.

BE CAREFUL! In a number of parishes some parishioners have received emails, texts or phone calls saying they need to buy gift cards to help their pastor. **DO NOT BE TAKEN BY THIS SCAM!** Do not respond to them but please call the Rectory to let us know how you have received such a message. Also please see the following Federal Trade Commission's article about identifying, avoiding and reporting email scams (which are called "phishing" because phony emails attempt to fish for information or money): <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0003-phishing>

Catechetical Day ("Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ") with Bishop W. Francis Malooly will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at St. Thomas More Academy. Bishop Malooly will individually recognize DREs and Catechists celebrating significant anniversary years. The day includes refreshments beginning at 8:30 am and lunch at 12 noon. The Presenter is Father Christopher Walsh. The day concludes at 2:00 pm. The final registration deadline is March 1, 2019. Please go to www.cdow.org/CatecheticalDay2019 to find out more about the day and how to register.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL SEEKS EUCHARISTIC MINISTER VOLUNTEERS

St. Francis Hospital, located at 701 North Clayton Street in Wilmington, is looking for Eucharistic minister volunteers to deliver Holy Communion to Catholic patients. Volunteers must have certification as Eucharistic ministers from their parishes and provide documentation of their certification. Volunteers would be needed one or two days a month for one to two hours each time.

All volunteers must complete the volunteer screening process, which consists of drug and TB testing at St. Francis Hospital as well as background screenings, and attend a hospital volunteer orientation. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Dana Davis, volunteer services coordinator, by phone, 302-421-4104, email, ddavis2@che-east.org or complete a volunteer application from our website, www.stfrancishealthcare.org.

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

Should be a Great Season with the addition of Bryce Harper -Get Tickets Now!

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 email to JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net with your name, phone number and the number of tickets you would like.

GO PHILLIES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Little Sisters of the Poor continue celebrating their 150th anniversary Please join us on **March 30th for our Rock-A-Thon** fundraiser from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at Jeanne Jugan Residence, 185 Salem Church Road, Newark, DE 19713. All proceeds will be used to purchase new wheelchairs for our Residents. Individuals, youth groups and other organizations are invited to form teams and collect sponsors for this fun-filled event. Participants and guests will enjoy music, dancing, face painting, karaoke, door prizes and games. Food and refreshments will be available for sale as well as 50/50 raffles. For more information, please visit our website (www.littlesistersofthepoordelaware.org) or contact Mikayla at 302/368-5886 or colsn Newark@littlesistersofthepoor.org

St. Ann's Church & School Presents... "The Wizard of Oz" - Tickets now on sale for St. Ann's Church & School's performances of *The Wizard of Oz*. **The shows are April 5th at 7pm and Saturday April 6th - matinee at 1pm and a final evening performance at 7pm.** You may purchase tickets by calling the rectory at 654-5519 or email jmatyger@thesaintannschoo.org. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 10 or under. Limited tickets may be for sale at the door. For more info, email or call Jane using the above listed numbers.

Catholic Charities honors Major General Francis Vavala at Annual Tribute Dinner

Major General Francis Vavala, retired Adjutant General of Delaware, will receive the Msgr. Thomas J. Reese Award at Catholic Charities Annual Tribute Dinner on **Wednesday, April 3, 2019**. The Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, will present the awards 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 sponsorships or ticket purchases, visit the Catholic Charities website at www.cdow.org/charities. You may also call Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624.