

**March 11, 2018**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Daily Lenten Schedule**

Masses Monday through Friday:

7am, 9am and Noon

**Saturday Morning Mass at 9am ONLY**



**Stations of the Cross**

Every Lenten Friday evening at 7:30pm

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent we are called by the Church to **REJOICE!** We are more than half way to our goal of Easter.

In our Old Testament reading we hear a brief summary of the whole history of Israel. In spite of all God had done for them, they sinned and were punished by defeat and exile BUT God now used Cyrus, the Persian king, to end their exile and restored them to their land: God's mercy and forgiveness.

**St. Paul** in his letter to the Ephesians is so excited about the incredible mercy of God, he has to create new words in the Greek language to convey the extraordinary newness of our intimate relationship with Christ. We have already been "raised up with Him", "brought to life with Christ," "seated with Him "in glory." All this is by the GIFT of God! "...by grace you have been saved through faith."

**John in his Gospel** reminds us "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." **Rejoice!!**

**The Offertory Collection** for the weekend of 2/25 was \$4,443.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,287.50 for a total of \$5,730.50. For the weekend of 3/7 the Offertory was \$6,919 with the on-line collection being \$2,247.50 for a total of \$9,166.50. Thank you!

**Lenten Guidelines**

**Prayer:** We urge you to make the effort to participate in the daily Masses of Lent.

**Penance:** We are encouraged to do something difficult to strengthen our will power to resist sin and temptation.

**Abstinence:** Catholics 14 & older are expected to **abstain from meat-Fridays of Lent.**

**Fasting:** All Catholics from **age 18 to 59** are expected to **fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** This means **ONE** full meal a day: two other light meals, no snacks between meals.

**These are the minimum expectations.** The church as our mother encourages us to do something so we can share the dying of Christ in order to rise with Him at Easter to New Life.

**Works of Charity:** We are challenged by the Church not only to open our hearts to God but to one another. Reach out to help the needy.

**The Rice Bowl:** We are asked to have one simple meatless meal each week and give what we save to help the hungry.

**Lent began** as a time for the Church to prepare those who wished to join the body of Christ through the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. Please pray for people throughout the world preparing to receive these sacraments in the Easter Season.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

***UH-OH ALERT...the EASTER BUNNY had to change his date for our ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT. Due to unforeseen circumstances, our ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT will NOW take place as follows:***

***WHEN: March 31<sup>st</sup> ~ TIME: 11am SHARP***

***WHERE: Meet - Masci Hall Parking Lot***

**This is for children ages 1-8.** Bring a basket with you for your eggs. Prizes awarded for each age group. Come and join fellow parishioners for this Easter tradition. Sorry, but there is NO be rain date for this event.

**1<sup>st</sup> EUCHARIST:** Parent/child meeting this WEDNESDAY at 7pm in Masci. Children receiving the Sacrament **MUST** be with a parent.

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 10

5:00 pm(SR) Louis Calvarese, Jr.

### Sunday, March 11

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

9:00 am(WK)Rose Marie DeNest

11:00 am(SR)Craig Smitheman

### Monday, March 12

7:00am(DV)

9:00am(WK)The John Woods Family

Noon(SR)

### Tuesday, March 13

7:00am(DV)

9:00am(WK)Bonnie Leo Mosser

Noon(SR) Stanley J. Russell, Sr.

### Wednesday, March 14

7:00am(DV)

9:00am(WK)Patricia Schmidt

Noon(SR) Souls in Purgatory

### Thursday, March 15

7:00am(SR)

9:00 am(WK)Mary Ann Irelan

Noon(WK) Mary and and Leonard Kelleher

### Friday, March 16

7:00am(Cap)

9:00 am(WK)Robert Mayo

Noon(SR)

### Saturday, March 17

9:00 am(SR)

5:00 pm(SR) Bridget and Martin Kearney

### Sunday, March 18

7:00 am(SR) Bonnie Leo Mosser

9:00 am(WK)Bonnie Leo Mosser

11:00 am(SR)The People of the Parish

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

### Friday, March 16-Stations of the Cross

7:30pm - Alex, Maria

### Saturday, March 17

5:00pm - Chernekoff, Ryan

### Sunday, March 18

7:00am - Star

9:00am - John Paul

11:00am -Will, Dan, Anna

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

**Our members meet in the Convent.** Our next meeting will be on February 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Anne Ambagis, Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Joan Callaghan, Joseph Campanella, Jean Capodanno, Debbie Cole, Tony Cutrona, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Michael Dunning, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Levi & Ellie Jernigan, Ella Kirksey, Jack Kramer, James Lafferty, Sue McLaughlin, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dan Moley, Dora Pacitti, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Joseph Sacher, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, George Theiss, William Thomas, Catherine Thomson, Cynthia Whisker, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

*Walk in the footsteps of Jesus and become involved in St. Helena's Parish. Parish Social Ministry is in dire need of volunteers in the office. Hours-Monday through Thursday 9am to Noon. Please choose any date. There is an opportunity to learn about Outreach to the Parish and Community. Three of the volunteers are on a leave of absence due to medical issues. For more info or to volunteers call Dorothy, 764-0325 Ext. 104.*

Parish Social Ministry is looking for volunteers to help with being a Greeter at Funerals. If you have questions, please call Dorothy, 764-0325 Ext. 104.

## AMAZON SMILE UPDATE



We are excited to tell you about a new AmazonSmile promotion that will launch this week. Amazon is tripling the donation amount to 1.5% which is 3X's the amount donated to St. Helena's. Go to [smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0064838](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0064838) to ensure that Amazon donates to St. Helena's Catholic Church.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR



### Sunday, March 11

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance and Repair  
All Masses: Knights of Columbus Soup Sale  
8:00am Second Sunday Breakfast Buffet-Masci  
11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church  
12:15pm Confirmation Meeting-Schoolroom

### Monday, March 12

5:30pm Youth Choir-Church  
6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School  
6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Rel. Ed.  
7:00pm Young At Heart Crafts-Convent

### Tuesday, March 13

7:00pm Finance Council-Rectory

### Wednesday, March 14

7:00pm Parish Council Exe. Mtg-Rectory  
7:00pm Prayer Shawl Mtg-Convent  
7:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Mtg-Masci Hall

### Thursday, March 15

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall  
7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

### Friday, March 16

5:00pm Knight of Columbus Fish Fry-Masci  
7:30pm Stations of the Cross-Church

### Saturday, March 17

6:00pm St. Patrick's Day Party-Masci Hall

## IHM SOCIAL MINISTRY RETREAT YOU ARE INVITED!

*Date: March 20*

*Place: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church*  
*Schedule: Mass at 9am, followed by*  
*Continental breakfast & presentation*  
*Ending by noon*

*Presenter: Fr. Kevin Nadolski, OSFS*

*Theme:*

*"The Role of Social Justice as it Relates to the*  
*Eucharist & Mary, Mother of God"*

*Cost: \$10, includes continental breakfast*

**Contact Pat Seamon, 764-7232 or you may**  
**email: [patseamon@comcast.net](mailto:patseamon@comcast.net)**

The Shroud of Turin is on exhibit at St. Nicholas Catholic Church until March 13<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to come and experience this moving and prayerful exhibit that includes the Authentic Vatican Replica that was commissioned and blessed by the Pope and was touched to the real Shroud of Turin, Hours and Monday through Friday, 11am to 5pm, Saturday, 11am -3pm and Sunday 12pm to 5pm. Guides will be available during the exhibit to answer questions and a DVD presentation on the history and science of the Shroud will take place in the Church Hall during exhibit hours. Groups are invited by appointment. Contact [stnicholas2@verizon.net](mailto:stnicholas2@verizon.net) or call 302-762-5511. For more information visit: [www.st-nicholas-church.org](http://www.st-nicholas-church.org) or please check out: [www.facebook.com/StNicholas](https://www.facebook.com/StNicholas).

## PARENTING POINTERS

*By Susan Vogt*

**Challenge yourself and your children** to go 24 hours without media. Unplug your devices (TV, cell phones, computers, etc.). What will you do instead? What will you learn?

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

*By Susan Vogt*

**Do you ever get stuck** in an argument? Of course we know that there are two sides to every argument but practicing this truism can be difficult. Next time you reach an impasse, try to state each other's side as neutrally as you can.

## MUSIC CORNER



Are you interested in piano or organ lessons? Our very own music director, Joe Loudon is offering limited slots for future students. Joe may be reached at 888-1743 or by email: [jlouden@ursuline.org](mailto:jlouden@ursuline.org).

## PALM SUNDAY

A Palm Sunday Musical reflection will be presented at 3pm in the Church. Our very own choir will be joined with the Alyssa McGarvey String Quartet as they present a spiritual prayer event not to be missed!

## SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET

8:00AM TO 12:45PM

\$9/Adults ~ \$4/Children under 12

Leave the cooking to our Breakfast Crew & join your family and friends for an all you care to eat Buffet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. For questions or to reserve a table for 6 or more, please contact Nancy Cobb [302-598-8685 or [Natiesmom@me.com](mailto:Natiesmom@me.com)].

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays are: March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, September 9, October 14 and December 9.*

## THIRD ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

Dinners are held every Friday through March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Service is from 5-7pm in Masci Hall. There are fried or baked fish platters, crab cake platters; weekly seafood special platters available. Fish platters begin at \$10. Children's fish platters will also be available, as well as desserts, soup and salad. Proceeds from these dinners help support the Parish Social Ministry and food pantry.

## GET YOUR GREEN READY!

The Knights of Columbus annual St. Pat's Party will be held on March 17 from 6-11 in Masci Hall. Doors open at 5:30pm. Enjoy a night of Irish dancing & music; an Irish themed buffet dinner including corned beef and cabbage, ham, Shepherd's Pie, Guinness Beef Stew, Irish bangers, potato leek soup and other traditional Irish fare; Irish beverages (draft beer and wine included); cash bar for liquor and specialty drinks; basket raffles; silent auction; live music by Helixx, dancing and more fun than you can imagine. Tickets are \$30/pp. Credit cards accepted. Contact Raymond Cobb for tickets at (302) 547-6931 or [raymondcobb3182@gmail.com](mailto:raymondcobb3182@gmail.com).

## TIME FOR SPRING TRAINING! RESERVE YOUR PHILLIES TICKETS NOW!

St. Helena's has reserved rows 2-6 in Section 308 for the game against the Colorado Rockies on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased for only \$20 per seat, and \$10 will be donated to our Social Ministry for every ticket purchased! To reserve tickets, send an email with your name, phone number, email address and the number of tickets you would like: [JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net](mailto:JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net).

**NEW THIS YEAR:** If you don't want to drive, join our friends from Holy Rosary on their bus trip to the same game! They'll be sitting in Section 208, so just email Jim Clark at the above email address for more information.

## THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO BINGO IN BAD WEATHER

1. Listen to WDEL 1150AM or 101.7FM
2. Check "Next Door Bellefonte"
3. Go to our website: [www.sainthelenas.org](http://www.sainthelenas.org)

**We need people** to serve food, sell Bingo materials and monitor games. Or...try your hand at playing Bingo! Just show up! (18 or older) To volunteer or for more info, call 764-0325. Doors open on at 5:30pm for food.