

March 14, 2021

4th Sunday of Lent

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Our Scripture Readings always put before us the history of the Kingdom of Israel. This year from the Book of Chronicles how the People of God and their leaders sinned against God and were punished being defeated by their enemies, with their Temple destroyed and Israel taken into exile in Babylon. But God used Cyrus, King of the Persians, to conquer the Babylonians and let the faithful "remnant" of Israel to return their holy land. The exile was ended! They were going home! St. Paul reminds us "God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us.... brought us to life with Christ---- by grace you have been saved..."It is God's gift to us! The Gospel of John tells us: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Wow! What good news! No wonder the Church calls us to Rejoice!

Daily Lenten Schedule

Come as often as you can to daily Lenten Mass. Mass is celebrated each day, Mon to Sat. at 9am. On Tues, Thurs and Fri, Mass is also celebrated at 7am. Stations of the Cross Friday evenings at 7:30pm

ROSARY RALLY

Saturday March 20, 2021 at 1pm

Here at St. Helena's Church near the Blessed Mother Statue (or from your car). Honor Godly Marriage and the Year of St. Joseph.

"Be Strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord" Palsm-31:24

If you have questions please contact Stephanie Bilinski talk or text 302-559-1275. In compliance with current state guidelines for outdoor gatherings.

Congratulations Announcement

Congratulations to **Alexander Fella** who attends St. Joseph Prep School and has merited Academic Honors for the first Semester 2020-2021. **Great Job!!!**

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: All Catholics from age 14 on are expected to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the 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: This campaign of the American Catholic Church is an effort to help our hungry brothers and sisters. 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.

Knights of Columbus annual Friday Night

Lenten Fish Fry Dinners begin Friday February 19. Dinners will be served from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in Masci Hall, subject to COVID restrictions, with limited socially distanced seating available for members of the same household. In addition to our usual take out dinners, limited contact curbside service will also be available. Credit card payments are accepted. Telephone orders will be accepted after 4:00 PM for pick up after 5:00 PM. Please call or text (302) 598-8685. Your prior support of these dinners has helped fund some of Christopher Council's charitable activities during the pandemic by helping Christopher Council; you help support the food pantry, the Parish, feeding the homeless and needy, Special Olympics and many other charitable works. Thank you.

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

<https://www.sainthelenas.org>

Coronavirus News Important Update!

Friday Reflections with Msgr. Russell

Friday Reflections is a weekly check-in video with Msgr. Russell. Please visit our [YouTube Channel](#) to watch this week’s video, and be sure to SUBSCRIBE to our channel. You can even arrange for YouTube to let you know every time we add a new video!

Reminder! We’ll be broadcasting Mass on YouTube afterward for you to watch.

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, Vaughn 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 Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinso, Bill Thomas, Geri Crockett, Jim Fedena, Sr, Carly Fedena, Judy Wilbank, Joan Morgan, Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Aliyah Miller, Theresa Kelleher Cassidy, Marie Luzzo



PLEASE NOTE

Because we need to follow procedures to help maintain a safe situation for all:

- No one can enter the Church if you are sick or have been exposed to someone with the virus within the last 14 days. Or if you will not wear a mask.
- Every other pew will be roped off to help social distancing.
- All MUST WEAR A MASK except children under 2.
- Please use hand sanitizer.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 14

The 2nd Collection: The 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief & Latin American

Monday, March 15

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-Masci and Dougherty hall

6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Zoom

Tuesday, March 16

7:00pm Parish Council-Zoom

Wednesday, March 17 St. Patrick’s Day

Happy St. Patrick’s Day

Friday, March 19

5:00pm Knights of Columbus–FishFry-Masci Hall

7:30pm Stations of the Cross-Church

Saturday, March 20 First Day of Spring

Sunday, March 21

The 2nd Collection: Rice Bowl

12:15pm 1st Eucharist Child only Mtg-MH

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 13

5:00pm (SR) Craig Smithenan

Sunday, March 14

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (EF) Patricia Schmidt

11:00am (SR) John G. Waters

Monday, March 15

9:00am (SR) Mary Ann & Leonard Kelleher

Tuesday, March 16

7:00am (EF) Andrew Perkowski (Living)

9:00am (SR) Julia Grow (Living)

Wednesday, March 17

9:00am (SR) Bridget & Martin Kearney

Thursday, March 18

7:00am (EF) John Fedorka

9:00am (SR) Elaine Deeney

Friday, March 19

7:00am (EF) Andrew Perkowski (Living)

9:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Saturday, March 20

9:00am (SR) Louis Grimmelbein

5:00pm (SR) Anne Owsiany

Sunday, March 21

7:00am (EF) Elwood Steele

9:00am (SR) People of the Parish

11:00am (SR) Tina Villanueva



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Dignity Of Work And The Rights Of Workers

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected – the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to organize and join unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

National Human Trafficking Hotline:

1-888-373-7888

SMS 233733 (Text "HELP" or "INFO")

Hours: 24 hours seven days a week 200 or more languages

Website: humantrafficking.org

If you have any questions: Please call the Parish Social Ministry office-302-764-7545

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 2/28 was \$5,339.00 the on-line collection was \$1,827.00 for a total of \$7,166.00. Thank You.

RETRouvaille



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises.

The next program begins the weekend of April 16-18, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THIRD and FOURTH graders meet in Masci Hall tomorrow (March 15) from 6:30p – 7:30p
SIXTH, SEVENTH, and EIGHTH graders meet in DOUGHERTY HALL tomorrow (March 15) from 6:30p – 7:30p.

FIRST GRADERS meet with Ms Hummy tomorrow (MON) in Religious Education Office from ** 6:45p – 7:30p ** Note new time

FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION CLASS

All children preparing to receive their First Communion this spring will meet NEXT SUNDAY (March 21) in Masci Hall at 12:15pm. This is a CHILD ONLY meeting.

ATTIC TREASURES EVENT

St. Helena's Attic Treasures is having a special, spring, one-day sale on Saturday, April 10th from 7 AM until 3 PM. Early birds have the opportunity to shop from 7 – 9 AM for a fee of \$5. Shopping after 9 AM is free. So mark your calendars and come see two buildings full of household goods, furniture, jewelry, toys, vintage items, bikes and more.

Saint Mark's High School Is Now Accepting Registrations For Spartan Summer

Summertime will be here before you know it. That means warmer weather, outdoor fun and SPARTAN SUMMER CAMPS! All camps will be conducted on the grounds of Saint Mark's High School and will run the weeks of June 14 through August 2. Boys and girls who have completed Kindergarten through 7th grade are invited to attend. Both day camps and sports camps will be offered. Spartan Day Camps will provide a variety of fun activities that include swimming, miniature golf, bowling, arts & crafts, games and more! Spartan Sports Camps will offer instruction in a variety of sports including baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball, speed sprint & cross country, basketball, lacrosse, field hockey, football, cheerleading, wrestling and strength & conditioning. To register, visit www.spartancamps.com or call Matt Smith at 757-8716.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY POT O' GOLD RAFFLE - TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Drawing is Saturday March 20th.

1st Prize \$500, 2nd Prize \$250.

Tickets are \$5.00 each or six tickets for \$25.00.



Please mail in your tickets or to purchase tickets go to CHEDDAR UP <https://christopher-council-pot-of-gold.cheddarup.com>



With the pandemic we were forced to cancel our traditional fundraising activities such as the St. Patrick's Day Party, Oktoberfest, and other fundraising events. Please help us to continue to serve our

Churches and community by supporting the Annual St. Patrick's Day Pot of Gold Raffle. All proceeds support our charitable activities. Thank you for your support.

Saint Edmond's Academy- 51st Annual Summer Basketball Camp Mask wearing and Covid guidelines will be strictly adhered.

3 weeks to choose from:

June 28th-July 1st

July 5th-July 8th

July 12th-July 15th

Monday - Thursday, 9am - 3pm

To register online, please visit

stedmondsacademy.org

or call Bill D'Amato at 302-475-5370 x229 for more information.



DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON CATECHETICAL DAY ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS!

This year *Catechetical Day* will be celebrated on March 20, 2021 from 9:00 m-12:30pm (virtually) with Bishop W. Francis Malooly. *Catechetical Day* honors and celebrates Catechists through prayer, recognition of their years of service to the Catechetical Ministry, in addition to spiritual and professional development.

All Clergy, Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education, and Catechists are warmly invited to attend this annual event hosted by the Office for Religious Education. Please share this invitation widely in your parish with those who serve in the Catechetical Ministry!

Catechetical Day - March 20, 2021 with Bishop W. Francis Malooly

- *All who serve in the Catechetical Ministry are welcome to attend!*
- Registration Packet:
cdow.org/fresh/wp-cont...
- Register Online:
cdowcym.wufoo.com/form...
- Registration deadline is February 26, 2021.
- *Some highlights of the day!*
- D/CREs and Catechists celebrating anniversary years of service will be honored via a live presentation.
- Award recipients are encouraged to upload their pictures for inclusion in the presentation. *Please note: certificates signed by the Bishop will be mailed to each recipient following Catechetical Day.*
- Bob McCarty, D. Min. is the keynote speaker and will lead participants in two spiritual and professional development sessions.
- A Young Adult Panel will share their real experiences of faith and discipleship.
- *Office for Religious Education Contact Information*

Linda Jackson, Assistant to the Director,
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