

**March 15, 2020**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**The Hebrews in the desert complained to Moses; God had delivered them from slavery in Egypt but now they thirsted for water in the desert.** Moses struck the rock and God caused water to flow to satisfy their thirst.

In our Gospel Jesus too was thirsty. He asked a Samaritan woman for a drink at the well. But He really thirsted for her faith. Jesus on the Cross cried: "I thirst!" St. Mother Therese of Calcutta, had those words of Jesus posted near the tabernacle of the chapels for the Sisters of her religious community. She understood Jesus needs us satisfy His thirst for souls. Are you helping Jesus?

**The Offertory Collections** For the weekend 3/1 was \$6,879.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,610.00 for a total of \$8,489.00. **THANK YOU!**

**YOUNG AT HEART**

**Our March general meeting will be held tomorrow evening Monday, 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.



**PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY**

If you or someone you know is in need of a ride to a doctor's appointment, please call Saint Helena's Parish Outreach at 302-764-7545.

**Please Help the Food Closet**

The food closet is in need of Chicken stew, Beef stew, canned meats, tuna fish, pasta sauce, small rice, fruit, juice, cereal, pancake mix, tea bags, mac & cheese, soap bars. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

**PLEASE BE AWARE!**

As announced at all Masses last weekend, we are following the guidelines issued by the Bishop to cooperate in the effort to curtail the spread of the Corona virus:

1. "The practice of holding of hands during the Lord's Prayer should be abandoned."
2. "...the sign of peace could be exchanged without physical contact, e.g. forego the shaking of hands and instead greet one another with a bow (or wave of the hand) and the words "Peace be with you."
3. We are "suspending the distributions of Holy Communion to the faithful via the chalice."
4. We are adding disinfectant to the holy waters in the fonts
5. All ministers of Holy Communion are to wash their hands before and after disturbing Communion with anti-bacterial solution
6. All areas frequently touched by people (door handles, tops of pews) will be frequently disinfected.

**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.



**BREAKFAST BUFFET**

**8:00AM TO 12:45PM**

**Please Note: April 5, 2020 Palm Sunday**

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

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

**Due to Easter being on April 12 we have moved our Breakfast Buffet to April 5- Palm Sunday.**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Our meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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. Call Dolly, 302-764-3465 or Carmela, 302-762-9057 for more information or for questions about inclement weather.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

FIRST EUCHARIST - Parent and Child meeting TODAY (SUNDAY) at 12:15p in Masci Hall. Child and one parent must attend. LOOK WHAT IS COMING.....

Here comes PETER COTTON TAIL hopping over to St. Helena's for our ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT (Sponsored by Youth Group).

Please mark your calendars for.....

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 11 am sharp!

Children AGES 1 thru 8 (Sorry - No Rain Date) we will meet in the parking lot by School. Egg Hunt starts PROMPTLY AT 11 AM. Please bring a basket to collect your eggs!

**YOUTH GROUP and Ms Hummy** are BEGGING for help in filling the Easter Bags for the Egg Hunt. If you are able, we would love individually wrapped candy (NO NUTS or PEANUT BUTTER). Just leave it on the Rectory Porch. Thanking you all in advance for your kindness!!!!

**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

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN THE MILITARY?** If so, please let us know (by calling the rectory) so we can put them on our military prayer list.



**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.sainthelena.org](http://www.sainthelena.org) and Facebook





**RESERVE YOUR PHILLIES TICKETS BY MARCH 15**

St. Helena's will be going to the **Saturday game against the Miami Marlins on April 18th at 4pm**. We've reserved rows 1 through 9 of Section 433, and tickets are only \$20 - plus \$10 will be donated to Social Ministry for every ticket purchased! **Tickets must be reserved by March 15**, so email [JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net](mailto:JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net) or call (302)388-7676 today!

**MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP**

Breaking through the Stigma of Mental Health Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 21 at the Pastoral Center at Holy Rosary from 9:30am -1pm. The presenter will be Gabe Nathan, OC87 Recovery Diaries and Andrew Omnus, Minding Your Mind. Registration would be appreciated (302-798-2904 ext 110) but all are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, March 15**

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church  
12:15pm 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Meeting -Masci Hall

**Monday, March 16**

Produce Day-Masci Hall  
6:00pm Youth Choir-Church  
6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School  
6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Rel. Ed. Office  
7:00pm YAH Meeting -Masci Hall

**Tuesday, March 17**

7:00pm Parish Council-Masci Hall

**Wednesday, March 18**

7:00pm Carnival Mtg-Masci Hall

**Thursday, March 19**

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

**Friday, March 20**

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

**St. Ann's Church & School**

**Presents..."Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr."**

Tickets now on sale for performances on Friday April 3rd at 7pm and Saturday April 4th -matinee at 1pm and a final evening performance at 7pm. You may purchase tickets by calling the rectory at 654-5519 or email [jmatyger@thesaintannschoool.org](mailto:jmatyger@thesaintannschoool.org). The cost is \$10.00 per ticket. The location for the show is St. Ann's School Social Hall located at the corner of Shallcross Avenue and North Union St. in Wilmington, DE. Please enter through the doors on North Union Street just past the church. For more info, email or call Jane using the above listed numbers. Hope to see you there!

**WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 14**

5:00pm (SR) Isabella M. Krupa (24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Sunday, March 15**

7:00am (EF) Mary Ann & Leonard Kelleher  
9:00am (SR) Emilio Valencia  
11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

**Monday, March 16**

7:00am (VK) Special Intention (Living)  
9:00am (WK)  
12:00pm (SR)

**Tuesday, March 17**

7:00am (EF)  
9:00am (WK)  
12:00pm (SR) Bridget & Martin Kearney

**Wednesday, March 18**

7:00am (EF)  
9:00am (WK)  
12:00pm (SR)

**Thursday, March 19**

7:00am (SR)  
9:00am (WK) Elaine Deeney  
12:00pm (WK)

**Friday, March 20**

7:00am (CAP)  
9:00am (WK)  
12:00pm (SR)

**Saturday, March 21**

9:00am (SR) Elwood Steele  
5:00pm (SR) Cynthia & Vaughn Whisker-  
(Living Intention- 50th year of Marriage)

**Sunday, March 22**

7:00am (SR) Thomas & Therese Lawless  
9:00am (WK) Josephine "Josie" Conaty  
11:00am (SR) People of the Parish



## 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](http://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](http://www.cdow.org/charities). You may also call Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624.

## T'AI CHI FOR VETERANS

Are you a Veteran? Would you like to try T'ai Chi for free? T'ai Chi for Veterans is a new program from the Veterans Administration Community Care Network. T'ai Chi has no age, physical fitness, or coordination requirements, is an evidence-based drug-free treatment option proven helpful for almost any physical or mental condition, plus with just a few modifications all 20 movements can even be done from a chair! Grubb-Worth Mansion provides a serene setting but on fair-weather days class is held adjacent to "Guardian of Defenders" (Loved ones are also welcome to accompany their Veterans). For more info visit [www.SculptUrLife.com/events](http://www.SculptUrLife.com/events) or simply call Jessica Lewis, Holy Rosary parishioner or Delaware's sole VA CCN Accredited T'ai Chi Instructor at 302-593-5005

#### **RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

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 17 - 19 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**VIA CRUCIS 2020: St. Anthony of Padua Church invites you to the 2020 presentation of the Via Crucis**, a live re-enactment of the last days of Christ by area schoolchildren. The one-hour performance is staged at 7:30pm at St. Anthony's Church, 905 N. DuPont Street in Wilmington. Performances for 2020 every Friday during Lent ending on Good Friday. Over 100 students from area schools make up the cast of the Via Crucis.