

March 17, 2019

2st Sunday of Lent

It may seem like a bizarre incident in the Old Testament reading: Abraham is told by God to get some animals and split them in half. Then God (symbolized by a “smoking fire pot and a flaming torch”) passed between them. It was a solemn way of entering into a “covenant.” The two parties pass between the slain animals as if to say “may I be cut in two if I fail to be faithful to this Covenant” - not just an agreement but more like a marriage between God and Abraham and his descendants.

Every Lent, on this Second Sunday we see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. His humanity is transfigured by His divinity. Moses and Elijah represent the Old Covenant witnessing to Jesus, the New Covenant. They are speaking with Him about His “exodus” in Jerusalem - His “passover” from this world to the Father through His Cross and Resurrection. St. Paul in the second reading says Jesus “will change our lowly body to conform with His gloried body. “We are being transfigured throughout our Christian lives to be more and more like Christ in glory!

The Offertory Collection for the weekend 3/3 was \$6,683.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,590.00 for a total of \$8,273.00. 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.



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.



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE wishes
EVERYONE a wonderful ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Confirmation Meeting TODAY at 12:15p in the upstairs 8th grade classroom. This meeting is for the teen and sponsor and/or parent if the sponsor cannot attend.

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.



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 MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 16

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

Monday, March 18

7:00am (VK)

9:00pm (WK)

12:00pm (SR) Dominic & Mary Roggero

Tuesday, March 19

7:00am (DV)

9:00am (WK) Elaine Deeney

12:00pm (SR) Joseph Fedena

Wednesday, March 20

7:00 am (DV)

9:00am (WK)

12:00pm (SR)

Thursday, March 21

7:00am (SR) Elwood Steele

9:00am (WK)

12:00pm (WK)

Friday, March 22

7:00am (Cap) Holy Souls in Purgatory

9:00am (WK)

12:00pm (SR)

Saturday, March 23

9:00am (SR)

5:00pm (SR) Joan Benoit

Parish Social Ministry

One of the five major Themes of Catholic social Teaching: "Option for the Poor and Vulnerable" - Poor and vulnerable people have a special place in Catholic social teaching. A basic moral test of a society is how its most vulnerable are faring. Our tradition calls us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first (Mt.25:31-46). Please take time to reflect on- How are you responding to the needs of "widow, orphans, and aliens of today?"

Parish Social Ministry is in need of a volunteer to organize the office files. Monday-Thursday after 12pm. Friday - any time after 9am. Please call Dorothy Medeiros 302-764-0325 x104.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, March 17 2019

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church
12:30pm Baptisms-Church
12:15pm Religious Ed--Confirmation Mtg-
Upstairs 8th grade classroom.

Monday, March 18

Produce Day- Dougherty Hall
6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School
6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Rel. Ed. Office
7:00pm Young at Heart - Masci Hall
7:00pm RCIA- Rectory

Tuesday, March 19

7:00pm Parish Council Mtg- Masci Hall

Thursday, March 21

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

Friday, March 22

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



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 Austin, Jane Parsons, Linda Schofield

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

***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.

RETRouvaille



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriages through Retrouvaille (Retro-VIE). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program please pass this on. **The next program in your area begins on the weekend of April 26 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Another weekend will be held in August.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

PADUA'S ANNUAL BLUE GOLD "BRING A BUDDY TO BINGO" NIGHT! FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH

Time: Doors Open A 5:30

First Game At 6 Pm

Cost Is \$10 - (\$5 For Kids 10 And Under)

Includes: 6 Bingo Cards; One Slice Of Pizza,
Drink And 3 Raffle Tickets.

Bring Your Family & Friends!

There's A Kids Corner Supervised By Padua
Students And More!

Contact Lisa Kowalski At:

Lkowalski@Paduaacademy.Org For More
Information.

Phillies Tickets Available

Should be a Great Season with the addition of Brice Haper -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@thesaintannschool.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.