

March 18, 2018
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Lenten Penance Celebration

This Wednesday, March 21st at 7:30pm
Visiting Priests will be available for
Confessions

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

*"The days are coming, says the Lord
when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel..."*

The days are coming when the Lord will renew His New Covenant with us as we experience again the mystery of the dying and rising of Christ in Holy Week and Easter.

Our second reading speaks of Jesus, our priest, offering prayers for us as He suffered and *"became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him."*

In the Gospel of John we hear Jesus announcing: *"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."* Beginning with the story of the wedding feast of Cana, John's Gospel has said a number of times *"His hour had not yet come."* Now the *"hour of Jesus has come"* the hour for Him to die and rise again!

3rd ANNUAL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

Come every Friday through March 23rd. Service is 5-7pm in Masci Hall. There are fried/baked fish platters and crab cake platters. 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.

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.

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: jloudon@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!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 17

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

Monday, March 19

7:00am(JO)

9:00am(WK) Elaine Deeney

Noon(SR)

Tuesday, March 20

7:00am(JO)

9:00am(WK)

Noon(SR) Carla Recce

Wednesday, March 21

7:00am(JO) Elwood Steele

9:00am(WK)

Noon(SR)

Thursday, March 22

7:00am(SR)

9:00 am(WK)

Noon(WK) Paul O. Knight

Friday, March 23

7:00am(Cap)

9:00 am(WK)

Noon(SR) Mary Fiorentino

Saturday, March 24

9:00 am(SR) Judith Saltzman

5:00 pm(SR) Thomas Smith

Sunday, March 25-Palm Sunday

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

9:00 am(WK) Michael D. Brennan

11:00 am(SR) Bonnie Leo Mosser

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Friday, March 23-Stations of the Cross

7:30pm - Margaret, Will, Daniel

Saturday, March 24

5:00pm - Anna, Ryan

Sunday, March 25-Palm Sunday

7:00am - Joyce

9:00am - Nate, Grace

11:00am - Molly, Seamus, Dylan

YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart members and ALL parishioners and guests are invited to come to our Monday evening March 19th meeting in Masci Hall at 7:00pm. Father Kevin Nadolski, OSFS will be our delightful speaker about Lent and will enhance our religious devotion to Our Lord. Refreshments will follow. Plan on joining us!

We appreciate all who participated in our March Craft/Bake Sale. It was a great success!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON 3/28. The next meetings will take place on **April 11 & 25.** Our members meet 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 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



AMAZON SMILE UPDATE

We are excited to tell you about a new AmazonSmile promotion that will be launched last week and ends on March 31st. 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 to ensure that Amazon donates to St. Helena's Catholic Church.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 18

Fifth Sunday of Lent

2nd Collection: Easter Flowers

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

Monday, March 19

5:30pm Youth Choir-Church

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

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

7:00pm Young At Heart - Masci Hall

Tuesday, March 20

7:00pm Parish Council-Masci Hall

Wednesday, March 21

7:30pm Parish Lenten Penance Service-Church

Thursday, March 22

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

Friday, March 23

5:00pm Knight of Columbus Fish Fry-Masci

7:30pm Stations of the Cross-Church

Saturday, March 24

1:00pm CPR Class for Ushers-Masci Hall

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Parish Social Ministry is in dire need of volunteers in the office. Hours-Monday through Thursday 9am to Noon. Please choose any date. 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.

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET

8:00AM TO 12:45PM

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

Our NEXT Buffet is April 8th

A Sock-Hop Breakfast Buffet!



The Breakfast Crew and our collective feet, send our thanks to Monsignor Russell, Hummy Pennell, Paul Penna and Matt Pierce and our terrific Maintenance Staff for coordinating the move of our supplies and decorations!

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. For questions/reserve a table for 6 or more, please contact Nancy Cobb [302-598-8685 or Natiesmom@me.com].

Future 2nd Sundays are: May 13, June 10, July 8, September 9, October 14 and December 9.

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

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.

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) 565-651 and report the incident to the Delaware State Attorney General's Office (302) 577-8310.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS ED: children will be going to Church tomorrow night (Monday) directly from class at 6:30pm for our Lenten Prayer Service and Confessions. Moms and Dads, please have the children at class on time as we are really under a time crunch to get back by 7:45pm. I thank you all in advance for your cooperation!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 31 at 11am SHARP

This is for children from 1-8 years of age

(Please bring a basket for your child)

This yearly event is sponsored by St. Helena's Youth Group

Candy is lovingly donated by our Parishioners!

Look what's coming...

St. Helena's Youth Group will be having a "Faux Drive-In Movie Night" in Masci Hall on Saturday, April 14 at 7pm. This is for all families and children to come and watch the ORIGINAL "Cars" movie! Come and enjoy an evening of fun hosted by our teens!

More info to follow...

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.

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.

CARNIVAL NEWS!

Monday, April 30 – Saturday, May 5

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED, FAMILY-FRIENDLY CARNIVAL!

The BOOK NOOK needs your gently used books (NO TEXT BOOKS, PLEASE).

CARNIVAL ADMISSIONS:

Ages 12 and under are Free!
(MUST be accompanied by an adult)

Ages 60 and over are FREE!
MEGA-PASS holders are FREE!
Nightly admission for ages 13-59 is \$5

OR

Buy a WEEKLY ADMISSION pass for \$10 in advance/\$15 at the gate

SPREAD THE WORD!

SAVE! SAVE! SAVE!

Purchase your MEGA-PASS and WEEKLY ADMISSION PASSES IN ADVANCE AND SAVE \$5!

Remember, MEGAS are good for unlimited rides all week AND FREE ADMISSION to Carnival

ADVANCE WEEKLY ADMISSION PASSES, ADVANCE RIDE TICKETS AND MEGA-PASSES

WILL BE SOLD AFTER ALL THE WEEKEND MASSES

STARTING APRIL 1ST

AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY

MAKES A GREAT EASTER GIFT!

FOR ALL CARNIVAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL

Sue or Doug Garrett, 762-6568

