

March 21, 2021
5th Sunday of Lent

“... I will make a new covenant...” Those words from the prophet, Jeremiah, seem so appropriate as the Lord will renew His Covenant with us in Holy Week and Easter. We hear the Letter to the Hebrews which speaks of Jesus who “... learned obedience from what he suffered...”

In the Gospel of John, we hear Jesus say “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” Jesus can see what is coming: “I am troubled now.” But he knows this is why He came into the world. Jesus says: “... when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.

Next week we celebrate Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week



Knights of Columbus Annual Friday Night Lenten Fish Fry 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.



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

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING ON PALM SUNDAY

AT 3PM. We will be presenting Lenten Sketches, a 30 minute work focusing on the passion of Jesus. We will be providing a scaled down choir and orchestra in an effort to safely offer our yearly Palm Sunday concert. This year will be different with all social distancing and mask protocols in place. We are taking all precautions necessary to offer this special event for our parish family. We hope you can come to renew your spirit in these challenging times.

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,



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 21

The 2nd Collection: Rice Bowl

12:15pm 1st Eucharist Child only Mtg- Masci Hall

Monday, March 22

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

6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Zoom

Friday, March 26

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

7:30pm Stations of the Cross-Church

Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday

The 2nd Collection: Social Ministry

12:15pm Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Mtg-Masci Hall

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 20

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

Monday, March 22

9:00am (SR) David Patch

Tuesday, March 23

7:00am (EF) For All Priests for Wisdom, Sainthood, & Courage (Living)

9:00am (SR) Betty O' Connor

Wednesday, March 24

9:00am (SR) Francis Grugan

Thursday, March 25

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Friday, March 26

7:00am (EF) Special Intention

9:00am (SR) Judith Saltzman

Saturday, March 27

9:00am (SR) Ruben Hopkins

5:00pm (SR) Anna Mazeika (30th Anniversary)

Sunday, March 28

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (EF) Jacqueline Wilson

11:00am (SR) Anthony Cutrona

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

The person is not only scared but also social. How we organize our society--in economics and politics, in law and policy – directly affects human dignity and capacity of individuals to grow in community. The family is the central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

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 3/7 was \$6,169.00 the on-line collection was \$2,957.00 for a total of \$9,126.00. 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

FIRST, SECOND (and all older children preparing for First Eucharist), SIXTH, SEVENTH, and EIGHTH graders meet tomorrow night (MONDAY) for Religious Education.

Adult Scripture is meeting by ZOOM. If interested please contact Paul Soper at papasoper@gmail.com.

First Eucharist CHILD ONLY meeting TODAY (Sunday) upstairs in the classroom at 12:15pm. Enter by the Tower and go up the steps to the back big classroom.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES/SPONSORS meet this coming FRIDAY, March 26, for Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm in Church. Please safely distance and wear masks in Church.

Confirmation Candidates/Sponsors meet NEXT SUNDAY, March 28, at 12:15pm in Masci Hall for our LAST preparation class. Please make sure to bring your registration forms if you haven't already done so.

YOUTH GROUP meets TONIGHT (Sunday) in Masci Hall at 7pm.

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.

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 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

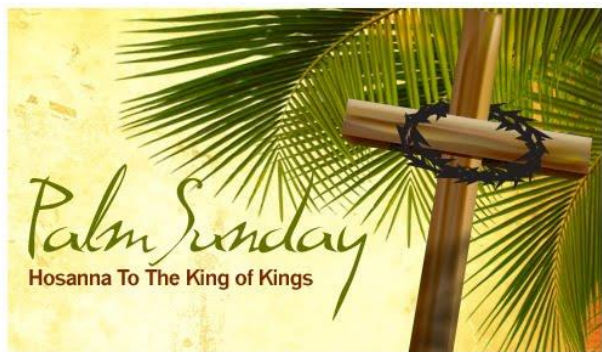
To register online, please visit

stedmondsacademy.org

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

A graphic for the Catholic Forum Radio Program/Podcast. It features a microphone on the left. The text reads: "CATHOLIC FORUM RADIO PROGRAM/PODCAST", "NEW PROGRAM DEBUTS EVERY SATURDAY AT 1:30 P.M.", and "relevant 640AM radio". Logos for Podcasts, Spotify, and iHeart Radio are also present.

Next Sunday March 28



A graphic for the Holy Week 2021 Live-Stream Schedule. The title "Holy Week 2021" is in a large, purple, cursive font. Below it, "LIVE-STREAM SCHEDULE FROM THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PETER" is in a smaller, purple, sans-serif font. The schedule is listed in two columns: "PALM SUNDAY MARCH 28TH 9:30 A.M.", "CHRISM MASS WITH BISHOP MALOOLY APRIL 1ST 11 A.M.", "HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 1ST 7 P.M.", "GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 2ND 3 P.M.", "HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 3RD 8 P.M.", and "EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 4TH 9:30 A.M.". A central image shows a golden crown of thorns. At the bottom, the website "www.YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm" is displayed in a purple, sans-serif font.

Join the Employment Support Network and get the help you need. As an organization committed to supporting individuals and families during unexpected challenges and difficult transitions, Jewish Family Services understands the impact sudden unemployment has on your financial stability and emotional well-being. The Employment Support Network can help you overcome the challenges of job loss due to COVID-19. This free program connects you with reliable, trained volunteers, who provide emotional support and wellness coaching, financial management training, and access to appropriate mental health resources. You don't have to do this on your own!

Visit <https://www.jfsdelaware.org/family-support/employment-support-network/>

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat for the Diocese of Wilmington. We are hosting a retreat May 14-16, 2021. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for emotional and spiritual healing for any woman or man who has struggled with abortion. For more info contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 or visit rachelvineyard.org.