

March 22, 2020
4th Sunday of Lent

Each week of Lent we have met in the Old Testament readings one of the key persons in the history of salvation: the story of Adam and the fall of humanity in sin (1st week); Abraham, our father in faith (2nd week); Moses, mediator between God and His people (3rd week). On the fourth week we meet David, chosen by God to be King of His people. To him God promised one of His descendants would always be King. In our Gospel we see Jesus curing the man who was blind from birth. Jesus, the eternal Son of David, delivers all who believe in Him from the blindness of sin to see with the Light of Christ.

CONFESSIONS

Msgr will be available for Confessions in the Church on Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm. Please be sure to leave space between anyone who is waiting. Outside of Saturday Confessions will be available by appointment please call the Rectory (302-764-0325).

Remaining Lenten Fish Fry Dinners have been cancelled.

Our Outreach office is closed for the next two weeks.

The Rectory will remain open at this time however, if you are planning on coming please call us (302-764-0325) to let us know.

ST. HELENA'S SUMMER MUSICAL CAMP 2020

Musical Theater Production of Frozen Jr. under the Direction of Joe Loudon and Tori Healy
Grades 5-12

Camp Dates: Monday- Friday July 6th-July 10th
9:00am-3:00pm

Monday-Friday July 13th-July 17th
9:00am-3:00pm

Performances (2)

Friday-July 17th 2:30pm Matinee

Saturday-July 18th 7pm Performance

For information go to:

<http://www.summerstageatsthelena.com/>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Diocese of Wilmington has suspended all Catholic School classes, Religious Education classes and Sacramental classes THRU FRIDAY MARCH 27, 2020.

That will allow us 2 classes on March 30 and our final class on April 6. While this certainly is not an ideal situation especially for children going through Sacramental preparation, we will get thru this.

Please keep all the sick in your prayers and pray for the safe return of normalcy. I will be keeping you all in my prayers!

(WILL MAKE FINAL DECISION BY MARCH 29 FOR THE FOLLOWING)

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 you 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!!!!

The Offertory Collections For the weekend 3/8 was \$4,338.92 and the on-line collection was \$2,725.00 for a total of \$7,063.92. THANK YOU!



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, 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



BINGO

Cancelled

Out of respect for all our Bingo players, volunteers and our community at large, we are cancelling our weekly Bingo through April 30th. We will reassess the situation at the end of April and decide when it is best to begin our weekly Bingo games again. We offer our prayers that all in our community remain well and we look forward to seeing everyone at Bingo when we begin our games again.

MASSES

Msgr Russell is celebrating a Mass each day privately, as the Bishop said. If there is a Mass intention listed for any of the Masses, he is offering the Mass for that intention. If there are more intentions listed, he will celebrate that Mass at another day when there is no intention. He misses seeing all of you at Mass but is praying for all of you. Pray that God delivers us from this Corona Virus.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 21

5:00pm Cynthia & Vaughn Whisker-
(Living Intention- 50th year of Marriage)

Sunday, March 22

9:00am People of the Parish
Josephine "Josie" Conaty

Monday, March 23

9:00am Paul O. Knight

Tuesday, March 24

9:00am Kevin Horne, Jr.

Wednesday, March 25

9:00am Deceased Members of the
Russell and Sullivan Families

Thursday, March 26

9:00am Judy Saltzman

Friday, March 27

9:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, March 28

9:00am Stephen Hales

Sunday, March 29

9:00am People of the Parish



Changes in Light of the Novel Coronavirus

After prayerful consideration and with the advice of my senior staff, deans, medical, and government officials, I have taken the extraordinary step to **cancel all public Masses in the Diocese of Wilmington until further notice, effective immediately**. This effort is designed to help safeguard the public and prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

I am saddened to have had to make this decision but, in the end, it was an easy one as we must put the health and well-being of our parishioners and others first. It is important that we continue to remind our people to be safe and to follow all directives from our governmental agencies. This is not a time to panic but we need to take this very seriously.

Please be mindful of the following:

- All Masses (Weekday and Weekend) and all liturgical and devotional services are suspended until further notice with the exception of weddings and funerals, where attendance is limited to immediate family only.
- Priests should continue to celebrate private Masses in order to fulfill all Mass intentions.
- All parishes should maintain office hours. You may alter the days and times, but do not shut down.

The Office of Communication has set up a website – cdow.org/coronavirus – with information including a viewable Sunday Mass recorded at the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust policy as necessary.

Let us continue to pray for our diocese, our health care workers, and for all affected by the coronavirus.

Sincerely in Our Lord,
Bishop Malooly