

March 24, 2019
3rd Sunday of Lent



In this week's first reading we hear the experience Moses had of God revealing Himself and His holy name to Moses. St. Paul in the second reading reminds us of all that God did for Israel and yet His people did not obey Him and He had to punish them. St. Paul reminds us all that what happened to ancient Israel should be a lesson for all of us in the new Israel, the people of the New and Eternal Covenant.

In the Gospel Jesus calls us to repent or we will be punished like ancient Israel. He uses the person who is patient with his fig tree. God is giving us another chance to repent and bear the fruit of holiness in our lives.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend 3/10 was \$5,400.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,540.00 for a total of \$7,940.00.



Knights of Columbus annual Friday Night Lenten Fish Fry Dinners continues 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.



2019 Annual Catholic Appeal – "AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU, YOU SHOULD ALSO DO"

During the weekend of April 6 & 7, our parish will participate in the 2019 diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. This year's theme, "*As I have done for you, you should also do*", is taken from the Gospel of St. John when he recounts Jesus washing the feet of His Disciples. It is through this role of servant that Jesus gives us a model to follow. But following Christ is no easy task because it means that we must put all others before ourselves. One way we can live our praise of the Lord is by our actions, and by sharing our abundance with those who have less.

Funds generated through the Appeal support the work of the Church by responding to a myriad of human needs within our diocese. Participation in the Appeal helps to keep the spirit of Christ alive in the hearts that need Him most - the poor, the sick, the distressed, our children and our elderly. Please take a moment to consider the many blessings that God has bestowed upon you and prayerfully consider what you are able to share in support of our diocesan Church. To learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal, visit www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal.

YOUNG AT HEART



Our next general meeting will be held in Masci Hall on Monday April 18 from 7 to 9pm. Please plan on becoming a member of our hospitable club. We need your creative and fresh ideas, and enthusiasm! Our yearly dues are only \$18, and the friendships are priceless. Call Dolly at 302-764-3465 or Carmela at 302-762-9057 for information.

CARNIVAL NEWS!

Monday, April 29 through Saturday, May 4

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

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

Please drop off on the Rectory porch.

CARNIVAL ADMISSIONS:

Ages 12 & under are FREE! (must be accompanied
by an adult)

Ages 60 & 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-PASSES 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 6

AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY
MAKES A GREAT EASTER GIFT!

CARNIVAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL SUE OR DOUG
GARRETT, 762-6568

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Youth Group meets in **TWO WEEKS on April**

7. We will be preparing for our Annual Easter Egg
Hunt.

First Eucharist CHILD ONLY meeting is NEXT
SUNDAY, March 31, at 12:15p in the upstairs
classroom of School.

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 cellphone
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

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.

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**

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

Phillies Tickets Available



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.

***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>

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 23

5:00pm (SR) Joan Benoit

Sunday, March 24

7:00am (SR) Anna Callahan

9:00am (WK) Joan Callaghan

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

Monday, March 25

7:00am (VK)

9:00pm (WK) Mary N. Jerman

12:00pm (SR) Deceased Members of the Russell and Sullivan Families

Tuesday, March 26

7:00am (SR)

9:00am (WK) Paul O. Knight

12:00pm (SR) Living Special Intention

Wednesday, March 27

7:00 am (DV)

9:00am (WK) Virginia & Ralph Fiore

12:00pm (SR)

Thursday, March 28

7:00am (SR)

9:00am (WK)

12:00pm (WK)

Friday, March 29

7:00am (Cap)

9:00am (WK) Charles Seitz

12:00pm (SR)

Saturday, March 30

9:00am (SR)

5:00pm (SR) Judith Saltzman

Sunday, March 31

7:00am (DV) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) Josephine Finocchiaro

11:00am (SR) Leonard Ryan

Parish Social Ministry

Film Series- First of Three Children of Palestine: Heartbreak and Hope- "Playgrounds for Palestine- An Act of Love. Presenter - Hanan Urick-She is a mom, pharmacist, school volunteer and children's rights advocate. Sponsored by Pacem In Terris- Palestine-Israel-Initiative. Date: Tuesday, March 26 7-8:30pm Westminster Presbyterian Church 1503 West 13th Street. For more info call Pacem In Terris 302-656-2721

Rachel's Vineyard is hosting a weekend retreat May 2-3 2019. This confidential retreat is for anyone who has struggled to recover from the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. Call 302-333-1904 to register or ask for Nan or visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, March 24, 2019

2nd Collection: Rice Bowl-Please return at the conclusion of Lent. Thank you!

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

Monday, March 25

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

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

7:00pm YAH Crafts-Convent

7:00pm RCIA- Rectory

Wednesday, March 26

7:00pm Prayer Shawl- Convent

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

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.

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@thesaintannschoo.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.

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

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.

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.