

**March 3, 2019**

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2017**

Masses will be celebrated at:

7:00am, 9:00am, Noon and 7:30pm

**NOTE:** Ashes will be distributed after the Gospel and Homily of each Mass

**Daily Lenten Schedule**

Masses Monday through Friday:

7am, 9am and Noon

**Saturday Morning Mass at 9:00am ONLY**

**Stations of the Cross**

Lenten Friday evenings at 7:30pm

**This week's first scripture is from one of the 'wisdom' books of the Old Testament-** one of the seven not included in the Jewish bible because it was originally not written in the 'holy' language Hebrew; and not written in the 'holy land' of Israel. Written originally in Greek in Egypt, it became very popular among the first century Christians because of its very practical teachings about life and morality. Our passage today is a collection of some "sayings" about our speech revealing a great deal about our character.

**Thank you for helping us to pay our parish bills. In January, we paid:**

\$1137.50 - for service on our HVAC units

\$6,000 - first of four payments for clergy health insurance and retired priest's health care.

\$1,975.00 - for snow removal and salting for Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> storms.

\$4,895.00 - for health insurance (monthly) for lay employees.

\$900 - for visiting priests helping with Masses.

\$5,849.79 -for Delmarva Power (heat & electric)

**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.

**TODAY**

**MASS TO CELEBRATE THE DIOCESAN 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**Today Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 PM,** our Bishop will celebrate the Closing Mass of our Diocesan Sesquicentennial at St. Elizabeth Church- 809 South Broom Street in Wilmington. Each parish will have a delegation to represent us in the Mass.

**The Offertory Collection** for the weekend 2/17 was \$4,518.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,410.00 for a total of \$5,928.00. Thank You!

## YOUNG AT HEART- BAKE/CRAFT SALE TODAY

Our fantastic Bake/Craft sale will be held in St. Helena's Church foyer **after all Masses TODAY Sun. March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. YAH members and many parishioners will present their fresh homemade goodies and creative craft items for you pleasure. Parishioners, please bring your items before any Mass. Thank You! See You There!



**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](mailto:raymondcobb3182@gmail.com).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION classes resume tomorrow night at 6:30pm. See you all there "bright eyed and bushy tailed"!**

YOUTH GROUP meets TONIGHT Sunday night, March 3, at 7pm in the Old Religious Ed Office ("friendly" game of dodgeball planned). Wear your sneakers!

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](mailto: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.

### Parish Social Ministry

**There are seven major themes to Catholic Social Teaching:** "Life and Dignity of The Human Person", "Call to Community and Participation", "Rights and Responsibilities of the Human Person", "Option for the Poor and Vulnerable", "The Dignity of Work and The Rights of Workers", "Solidarity", "Care for God's Creation." Further parish bulletins will provide a short reflection on each theme.

**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.



## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 2

5:00pm (SR) Jean Capodanno

### Sunday, March 3

7:00am (DV) Lutcavage/Blaska Families

9:00am (SR) Gerald Moyer

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

### Monday, March 4

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00pm (SR)

### Tuesday, March 5

7:00am (DV) Bobby Quinn

9:00am (SR) Steve Fedena

### Wednesday, March 6

7:00 am (DV) Ann Paytash

9:00am (WK) Joseph Luzzo

12:00pm (SR) Fr. Paul Campbell

7:30pm (SR) Stanley & Adelaide Russell

### Thursday, March 7

7:00am (SR) Stephen Paytash

9:00am (WK)

12:00pm (WK)

### Friday, March 8

7:00am (Cap) Vern & Mary Scott

9:00am (WK)

12:00pm (SR)

### Saturday, March 9

9:00am (SR) Margaret Schmidt

5:00pm (SR) Isabelle M. Krupa  
(23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

### Sunday, March 10

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (WK) Rose Marie De Nest

11:00am (SR) Joseph Morales

**St. Anthony of Padua Grade School**, located at 1715 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Wilm, DE is now accepting registration for students entering Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade for 2019-2020 school year. Please make an appointment to tour our school or have your child "shadow for a day." We now offer special education services. Call or stop by for greater detail. Follow us on Facebook at St. Anthony of Padua Grade School Families, Alumni and Friends. Visit our website [www.sapgs.org](http://www.sapgs.org) or call 302-421-3743.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR



### Sunday, March 3, 2019

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Maintenance and Repair**

Food Collection - All Mases

YAH-Bake and Craft Sale-All Masses

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

### Monday, March 4

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 6 Ash Wednesday

Masses: 7am, 9am, Noon & 7:30pm

There is an Ash Wednesday Collection

### Thursday, March 7

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

### Friday, March 8

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

**Little Sisters of the Poor continue celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary** Please join us on **March 30<sup>th</sup> for our Rock-A-Thon** fundraiser from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at Jeanne Jugan Residence, 185 Salem Church Road, Newark, DE 19713.



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](http://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.cdown.org/CatecheticalDay2019](http://www.cdown.org/CatecheticalDay2019) to find out more about the day and how to register.

## **ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL SEEKS EUCHARISTIC MINISTER VOLUNTEERS**

St. Francis Hospital, located at 701 North Clayton Street in Wilmington, is looking for Eucharistic minister volunteers to deliver Holy Communion to Catholic patients. Volunteers must have certification as Eucharistic ministers from their parishes and provide documentation of their certification. Volunteers would be needed one or two days a month for one to two hours each time.

All volunteers must complete the volunteer screening process, which consists of drug and TB testing at St. Francis Hospital as well as background screenings, and attend a hospital volunteer orientation. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Dana Davis, volunteer services coordinator, by phone, 302-421-4104, email, [ddavis2@che-east.org](mailto:ddavis2@che-east.org) or complete a volunteer application from our website, [www.stfrancishealthcare.org](http://www.stfrancishealthcare.org).

## **IHM Lenten Retreat**

Date: March 12, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Place: IHM Church. Mass begins at 9:00

Presenter: Sr. Mary Barrar, SSJ

Theme: A Lenten Journey -- Giving our Hearts to God

Cost: \$10 including continental breakfast

Please respond to Pat Seamon, 302-764-7232, by March 1 if you plan to attend. You may pay at the door.

## **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](mailto:JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net) with your name, phone number and the number of tickets you would like.