

March 31, 2019

4th Sunday of Lent

Lenten Penance Celebration

Wednesday, April 10 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

**2019 Annual Catholic Appeal –“AS I HAVE
DONE FOR YOU, YOU SHOULD ALSO DO”**

The 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal will be conducted in parishes throughout the diocese next weekend. Funds generated by the Appeal provide pastoral, charitable, and educational ministries to tens of thousands of people in our 12-County diocese.

As members of St. Helena’s, we are proud to be part of the Church of Wilmington. As members, it is important that we reach out in service to others by sharing our resources. Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes and the diocese. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers us a chance to work in collaboration to care for the Church by sharing the gifts God has granted us. Our Parish target is \$63,000. Your financial support of the Appeal also provides funding for our parish since monies collected above our target will be returned for our own ministry needs. Please give prayerful consideration to your resources as well as the thousands of individuals and families who receive needed assistance through the 37 ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal. Decide ahead of time the contribution you wish to make this year and come to church next weekend prepared to offer your support. You can learn more about the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal by picking up a copy of the campaign information handout or by visiting the diocesan website at www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal.

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.

On the fourth Sunday of Lent, the Church always calls us to rejoice for we are more than half way through Lent to our goal of Easter.

St. Paul today says “Whoever is in Christ is a new Creation; the old things have passed away; behold new things have come... We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

And in our First Reading we hear God who delivered the Jews under Moses from slavery in Egypt. Now under Joshua, Moses’ successor, they are to enter the Promised Land and they begin a new life.

In our Gospel, Jesus teaches us how our God and Father is eager to forgive us when we repent.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend 3/17 was \$4,577.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,425.00 for a total of \$6,002.00. Thank You!

Please Help the Food Closet

The food closet is in need of pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, jelly; soap bars **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The EASTER BUNNY is coming to St.

Helena's.....

Mark your calendars because the Easter Bunny will be here on Saturday, April 13, for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Youth Group. Children ages 1 thru 8 are invited to participate. The HUNT begins promptly at 11 am so don't be late. There is NO RAINDATE for this event.

IF ANY PARISHIONER WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE WRAPPED CANDY, we would be most thankful. Just leave on the Rectory Porch marked Ms Hummy.

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

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. Our next meeting is this **Wednesday, March 27 at 7pm** in the convent.

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.

BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm

Games begin at 7:00pm

Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!

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.

PLEASE HELP-An older gentleman in the parish needs to rent a room in a house or apartment in the North Wilmington area. He has no physical limitations. Please contact Dorothy Madeiros at St. Helena's Parish Outreach 302-764-7545.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 30

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

Monday, April 1

7:00am (VK)

9:00pm (WK)

12:00pm (SR)

Tuesday, April 2

7:00am (DV) Holy Souls in Purgatory

9:00am (WK) John O'Connor, Sr. and

Patricia DeCusatis

12:00pm (SR)

Wednesday, April 3

7:00 am (DV)

9:00am (WK) Susan Delfino

12:00pm (SR)

Thursday, April 4

7:00am (SR)

9:00am (WK) John C. Grant III

12:00pm (WK)

Friday, April 5

7:00am (Cap)

9:00am (WK) Ellen McGee (Living)

12:00pm (SR)

Saturday, April 6

9:00am (SR) Stanley and Adelaide Russell

5:00pm (SR) Paul O. Knight

Sunday, April 7

7:00am (DV) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) Dominick Amoroso

11:00am (SR) Francis Fedena

Parish Social Ministry

Video Dispatches- "Children of Gaza" -
Children telling their stories.

Presentation by Nora Whisnant at the
Westminster Presbyterian Church -7pm to
8:30pm. On Tuesday, April 2. Palestine
Children's Relief Fund- The organization
brings the children to this country and other
countries for surgery. Two children have been
treated at Nemours Children's Hospital.
For further information please call 302-764-
7545.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 31, 2019

2nd Collection: Parish Social Ministry

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

Monday, April 1

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

6:30pm Religious Ed Lenten Penance Service-
Church

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

7:00pm YAH Crafts-Convent

Tuesday, April 2

7:00pm CFC-Religious Ed Office

Thursday, April 4

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

Friday, April 5

9:30am Adoration-Church

5:00pm Knight of Columbus Fish Fry-Masci
Hall

7:30pm Stations of the Cross-Church

The Diocese requires a council as the
"coordinating and unifying structure of the Parish
community to serve as a means of
communication, cooperation and growth of the
Parish, advising the Pastor in planning,
encouraging, guiding and directing all aspects of
parish life."

If you are a registered member of St. Helena's, at
least 18 years old, and willing to serve a three-year
term which involves a monthly Tuesday evening
meeting from September through June and service
on one of the five standing Parish committees
(Parish Life, Christian Formation, Liturgy, Parish
Social Ministry and Finance), please consider
running for one of the four (4) open
seats. Nominations will be solicited the weekend
of April 6/7 and elections will be held May
17/18. Do you know anyone who would be a good
candidate? Please nominate him/her the first
weekend in April. Thank you in advance for your
prayerful consideration.

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.



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 mark as "Book Nook" and 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 ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY

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

WE NEED YOU!

YOUR EFFORTS MAKE THE CARNIVAL A SUCCESS!

IT'S FUN! PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!

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I WANT TO WORK AT THE CARNIVAL:

NAME _____ AGE (IF UNDER 20) _____

PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

AVAILABLE:

MONDAY, 4/29 _____

THURSDAY, 5/2 _____

TUESDAY, 4/30 _____

FRIDAY, 5/3 _____

WEDNESDAY, 5/1 _____

SATURDAY, 5/4 _____

WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SET UP:

SATURDAY, 4/27 _____

SUNDAY, 4/28 _____

AFTER CARNIVAL CLEANUP:

SUNDAY, 5/5 _____

PLEASE DROP OFF AT THE RECTORY OR PUT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET