

March 4, 2018
The Third Sunday of Lent

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

This week we hear Jesus cleansing the Temple of Jerusalem of all that was unworthy of the Lord. Jesus is still cleansing the living Temple of His Body, the Church, especially in this Lenten season of repentance.

150th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR DIOCESE!

This week we have begun to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our Diocese. Our Bishop led the celebration of Mass in our Cathedral yesterday (Saturday, March 3rd). It was in 1868 that Blessed Pope Pius IX established our Diocese including the whole Delmarva peninsula. We thank God for His blessings to us and asks Him to be with us in the coming years.

Ten Churches in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore have been designated as Official Sesquicentennial Pilgrimage Churches. Those churches are:

- St. Francis Xavier Shrine, Warwick, MD (1704)*
- St. Joseph Mission, Cordova, MD (1765)*
- St. Peter the Apostle, Queenstown, MD (1765)*
- St. Mary Star of the Sea, Golden Hill, MD (1767)*
- Cathedral of St. Peter, Wilmington, DE (1816)*
- St. Patrick, Pilottown, MD(1819)*
- St. Joseph on the Brandywine,
Greenville, DE (1841)*
- St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (1858)*
- Sacred Heart Oratory, Wilmington, DE (1874)*

These historic churches will be open for additional touring and worship on the 1st Saturdays of the month during the 150th Anniversary year.

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.

YOUNG AT HEART CRAFT/BAKE SALE



THIS WEEKEND, after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, March 3rd and after ALL Masses on Sunday, March 4th our Young at Heart Group will hold a Craft and Bake Sale in the front vestibule of Church. All are invited to stop by for a sweet treat or a hand crafted item!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 3

5:00 pm(SR) Donna Celestini

Sunday, March 4

7:00 am(SR) The Deceased Members of the
Lutcavage & Blaska Families

9:00 am(SR) Phyllis Davis

11:00 am(KN)The People of the Parish

Monday, March 5

7:00am(DV) Bobby Quinn, II

9:00am(WK)Steve Fedena

Noon(SR) Jean Castorina

Tuesday, March 6

7:00am(DV)

9:00am(WK)Mary and Paul Jung

Noon(SR) Adelaide C. Russell

Wednesday, March 7

7:00am(DV)

9:00am(WK)

Noon(SR) Isabelle Mary Krupa
22nd Anniversary

Thursday, March 8

7:00am(SR) Vern D. Scott

9:00 am(WK)

Noon(WK) Bonnie Leo Mosser

Friday, March 9

7:00am(Cap)

9:00 am(WK)Margaret Schmidt

Noon(SR) James Tillett

Saturday, March 10

9:00 am(SR)

5:00 pm(SR) Louis Calvarese, Jr.

Sunday, March 4

7:00 am The People of the Parish

9:00 am(WK)Rose Marie DeNest

11:00 am(SR)Craig Smitheman

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Friday, March 9-Stations of the Cross

7:30pm - Bella, Connor

Saturday, March 10

5:00pm - Servers Needed

Sunday, March 11

7:00am - Joyce

9:00am - Nate, Grace, Dylan

11:00am - Alex, Margaret

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our members meet in the Convent. Our next meeting will be on February 28th. 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 on 762-9057 for more information or for questions about inclement weather.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus and become involved in St. Helena's Parish. Parish Social Ministry is in dire need of volunteers in the office. Hours-Monday through Thursday 9am to Noon. Please choose any date. There is an opportunity to learn about Outreach to the Parish and Community. Three of the volunteers are on a leave of absence due to medical issues. Blessings upon you! For more info or to volunteers call Dorothy, 764-0325 Ext. 104.

The Food Closet is in need of: canned meats, jelly, packaged mashed potatoes, coffee, small juice, used or new grocery bags. Thanks!

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Anne Ambagis, Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Joan Callaghan, Joseph Campanella, Jean Capodanno, Debbie Cole, Tony Cutrona, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Michael Dunning, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Levi & Ellie Jernigan, Ella Kirksey, Jack Kramer, James Lafferty, Sue McLaughlin, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dan Moley, Dora Pacitti, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Joseph Sacher, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, George Theiss, William Thomas, Catherine Thomson, Cynthia Whisker, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych

THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO
BINGO IN BAD WEATHER

1. Listen to WDEL 1150AM or 101.7FM
2. Check "Next Door Bellefonte"
3. Go to our website: www.sainthelenas.org

We need people to serve food, sell Bingo materials and monitor games. Or...try your hand at playing Bingo! Just show up! (18 or older) To volunteer or for more info, call 764-0325. Doors open on at 5:30pm for food.

REMEMBER!

NEVER leave your pocketbook or anything valuable in sight in your car. Recently thieves have hit our parish as well as the Methodist and Episcopal Churches. Items donated for the poor can be left in church or the porch during regular Mass times or rectory office hours.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 2/18 was \$5,160.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,632.50 for a total of \$6,792.50.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 4

Third Sunday of Lent

2nd Collection: catholic Relief/Latin America
All Masses: Food Collection-Church
All Masses: Young at Heart Bake/Craft Sale
11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church
12:30pm Baptisms-Church

Monday, March 5

5:30pm Youth Choir-Church
6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School
6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Rel. Ed.
7:00pm Young At Heart Crafts-Convent

Wednesday, March 7

7:00pm Carnival Meeting-Masci Hall

Thursday, March 8

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall
7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

Friday, March 9

5:00pm Knight of Columbus Fish Fry-Masci
7:30pm Stations of the Cross-Church

IHM SOCIAL MINISTRY RETREAT
YOU ARE INVITED!

Date: March 20

Place: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

*Schedule: Mass at 9am, followed by
Continental breakfast & presentation
Ending by noon*

Presenter: Fr. Kevin Nadolski, OSFS

Theme:

*"The Role of Social Justice as it Relates to the
Eucharist & Mary, Mother of God"*

Cost: \$10, includes continental breakfast

*Contact Pat Seamon, 764-7232 or you may
email: patseamon@comcast.net*

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus shows passion for His Father's house. Each of us is called to show similar passion for the Church. God calls some to do this through lives of priesthood, diaconate or religious consecration. Is He calling you? If you think so, let's talk. Call or write Father Norm Carrol, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocation (302_573-3113; vocations@cdow.org).

The Shroud of Turin is on exhibit at St. Nicholas Catholic Church until March 13th. All are invited to come and experience this moving and prayerful exhibit that includes the Authentic Vatican Replica that was commissioned and blessed by the Pope and was touched to the real Shroud of Turin, Hours and Monday through Friday, 11am to 5pm, Saturday, 11am -3pm and Sunday 12pm to 5pm. Guides will be available during the exhibit to answer questions and a DVD presentation on the history and science of the Shroud will take place in the Church Hall during exhibit hours. Groups are invited by appointment. Contact stnicholas2@verizon.net or call 302-762-5511. For more information visit: www.st-nicholas-church.org or please check out: www.facebook.com/StNicholas.



SECOND SUNDAY
BREAKFAST BUFFET

8:00AM TO 12:45PM

\$9/Adults ~ \$4/Children under 12

Leave the cooking to our Breakfast Crew & join your family and friends for an all you care to eat Buffet on the 2nd Sunday of the month (except August). Each month we cook up a full buffet of breakfast faire, add a special dish or two and serve it up in a warm and festive atmosphere. For questions or to reserve a table for 6 or more, please contact Nancy Cobb [302-598-8685 or Natiesmom@me.com].

The 2nd Sundays are: March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, September 9, October 14 and December 9.

THIRD ANNUAL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

Dinners are held every Friday through March 23rd. Service is from 5-7pm in Masci Hall. There are fried or baked fish platters, crab cake platters; weekly seafood special platters available. Fish platters begin at \$10. Children's fish platters will also be available, as well as desserts, soup and salad. Proceeds from these dinners help support the Parish Social Ministry and food pantry.

GET YOUR GREEN READY!

The Knights of Columbus annual St. Pat's Party will be held on March 17 from 6-11 in Masci Hall. Doors open at 5:30pm. Enjoy a night of Irish dancing & music; an Irish themed buffet dinner including corned beef and cabbage, ham, Shepherd's Pie, Guinness Beef Stew, Irish bangers, potato leek soup and other traditional Irish fare; Irish beverages (draft beer and wine included); cash bar for liquor and specialty drinks; basket raffles; silent auction; live music by Helixx, dancing and more fun than you can imagine. Tickets are \$30/pp. Credit cards accepted. Contact Raymond Cobb for tickets at (302) 547-6931 or raymondcobb3182@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Spiritual Moments for Stay at Home
Moms, Dads & Grandparent Caregivers

Come join Ms. Hummy in Dougherty Hall on the Wednesdays in Lent (until 3/21) from 10-11am. There will be a SHORT lesson for the children and then they can run around and play. Everyone can mingle and have a cup of coffee while we have a short Lenten Reflection! Take a break during your busy day to meet other "stay at home" parents and grandparent caregivers! Let's become BLESSED and NOT STRESSED!

YOUTH GROUP: meets TONIGHT (SUNDAY) in the Religious Ed Office at 7pm. Please bring with you your ideas regarding the upcoming event in April.

Here Comes the Easter Bunny...

Mark your calendars for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH, AT 11AM! This is for children 1 through 10 to come and hunt for eggs. This event is sponsored by our Youth Group and we would love to have your children/grandchildren join us for a FUN EVENT! NO RAINDATE is available!. More information will follow...

TIME FOR SPRING TRAINING!
RESERVE YOUR PHILLIES TICKETS NOW!

St. Helena's has reserved rows 2-6 in Section 308 for the game against the Colorado Rockies on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased for only \$20 per seat, and \$10 will be donated to our Social Ministry for every ticket purchased! To reserve tickets, send an email with your name, phone number, email address and the number of tickets you would like: JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net.

NEW THIS YEAR: If you don't want to drive, join our friends from Holy Rosary on their bus trip to the same game! They'll be sitting in Section 208, so just email Jim Clark at the above email address for more information.