

March 7, 2021
3rd Sunday of Lent

Each year on this Third Sunday of Lent the person of Moses appears in our Liturgy. Moses, living about 1,200 years before Christ, is the giant of the Old Testament. He is used by God to bring His People out of their slavery in Egypt and lead them to the Promise Land. This year we hear Moses telling Israel (and all of us) the Ten Commandments. On Mount Sinai the Lord established His Covenant with His People. The Lord would bless them and protect them. For their part in this 'marriage' the people would obey God's commands. Jesus in the New Covenant is the new 'Moses'. As the Son of God made man, He is intimately united with His Father in heaven. He is shown to us driving the money collectors out of the holy temple of Jerusalem. In the holy season of Lent, Jesus continues to cleanse His new Temple, the church, of all that defiles it. We are called to let Jesus cleanse us of our sins.

Daily Lenten Schedule

Masses Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday:
7am, and 9am

**Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday Morning
Mass at 9:00am ONLY**

Stations of the Cross

Lenten Friday evenings at 7:30pm

Next Sunday March 14
Daylight Savings Time Begins



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.

Knights of Columbus annual Friday Night Lenten Fish Fry Dinners begin Friday February 19. Dinners will be served from 5:00 - 7:00 PM in Masci Hall, subject to COVID restrictions, with limited socially distanced seating available for members of the same household. In addition to our usual take out dinners, limited contact curbside service will also be available. Credit card payments are accepted. Telephone orders will be accepted after 4:00 PM for pick up after 5:00 PM. Please call or text (302) 598-8685. Your prior support of these dinners has helped fund some of Christopher Council's charitable activities during the pandemic by helping Christopher Council; you help support the food pantry, the Parish, feeding the homeless and needy, Special Olympics and many other charitable works. Thank you.

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

<https://www.sainthelenas.org>

Coronavirus News Important Update!

Friday Reflections with Msgr. Russell

Friday Reflections is a weekly check-in video with Msgr. Russell. Please visit our [YouTube Channel](#) to watch this week’s video, and be sure to SUBSCRIBE to our channel. You can even arrange for YouTube to let you know every time we add a new video!

Reminder! We’ll be broadcasting Mass on YouTube afterward for you to watch.

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, 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, Vaughn 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 Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinso, Bill Thomas, Geri Crockett, Jim Fedena, Sr, Carly Fedena, Judy Wilbank, Joan Morgan, Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Aliyah Miller, Theresa Kelleher Cassidy, Francis Salvatore



PLEASE NOTE

Because we need to follow procedures to help maintain a safe situation for all:

- No one can enter the Church if you are sick or have been exposed to someone with the virus within the last 14 days. Or if you will not wear a mask.
- Every other pew will be roped off to help social distancing.
- All MUST WEAR A MASK except children under 2.
- Please use hand sanitizer.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 7

The 2nd Collection: Maintenance and Repair

12:15pm Baptism-Church

12:15pm Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor Mtg-Masci Hall

Monday, March 8

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-Masci and Dougherty hall

6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Zoom

Tuesday, March 9

7:00pm Finance Council-Zoom

Wednesday, March 10

7:00pm Parish Council Exe. Mtg-Zoom

Friday, March 12

5:00pm Knights of Columbus-FishFry-Masci Hall

7:30pm Stations of the Cross-Church

Sunday, March 14

The 2nd Collection: The 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief & Latin American

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 6

5:00pm (SR) Isabelle Krupa (25th Anniversary)

Sunday, March 7

7:00am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) Rose Marie DeNest

11:00am (SR) Carole & Herbert Wachsmann

Monday, March 8

9:00am (SR) Vern & Mary Scott

Tuesday, March 9

7:00am (EF) Joan Fedorka

9:00am (SR) Margaret Schmidt

Wednesday, March 10

9:00am (SR) Living Intention for Brian James

Thursday, March 11

7:00am (EF) Severina Rodrigues

9:00am (SR) Viola & Paul Delfino

Friday, March 12

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (SR) Ivan Otstot

Saturday, March 13

9:00am (SR) Stanley J. Russell, Sr.

5:00pm (SR) Craig Smithenan

Sunday, March 14

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (EF) Patricia Schmidt

11:00am (SR) John G. Waters



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Rights and Responsibilities

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities –to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

National Human Trafficking Hotline:

1-888-373-7888

SMS 233733 (Text “HELP” or “INFO”

Hours: 24 hours seven days a week 200 or more languages

Website: humantrafficking.org

If you have any questions: Please call the Parish Social Ministry office-302-764-7545

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 2/21 was \$4,391.00 the on-line collection was \$2,192.00 for a total of \$6,583.00. Thank You.

RETROUVAILLE



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises.

The next program begins the weekend of April 16-18, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION MEETING for Candidates and Sponsors (or parent if sponsor is not available) is TODAY (Sunday) at 12:15p in Masci Hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION classes for the following meet TOMORROW (Monday) from 6:30p – 7:30p as listed below:

First Grade 6:30p – 7:15p in the Religious Education Office

Second Grade & older children preparing for First Communion – Meet in Masci Hall

Sixth, Seventh and Eighth graders meet in Dougherty Hall (the gym) from 6:30p – 7:30p

Join the Employment Support Network and get the help you need.

As an organization committed to supporting individuals and families during unexpected challenges and difficult transitions, Jewish Family Services understands the impact sudden unemployment has on your financial stability and emotional well-being. The Employment Support Network can help you overcome the challenges of job loss due to COVID-19. This free program connects you with reliable, trained volunteers, who provide emotional support and wellness coaching, financial management training, and access to appropriate mental health resources. You don't have to do this on your own!

Visit <https://www.jfsdelaware.org/family-support/employment-support-network/>

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat for the Diocese of Wilmington. We are hosting a retreat May 14-16, 2021. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for emotional and spiritual healing for any woman or man who has struggled with abortion. For more info contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 or visit rachelsvineyard.org.

Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers

By Susan Vogt



Marriage Moments: As Christians we believe that the spirit of Jesus abides within each of us. Look at your beloved today and see Jesus. Listen to each other.

Parenting Pointers: During the pandemic it can seem like each day just merges into the next. It can get boring or tiring. Why not agree to do one common family sacrifice today, such as everyone skipping dessert.

51st Annual Summer Basketball Camp at Saint Edmond's Academy
Mask wearing and Covid guidelines will be strictly adhered.

3 weeks to choose from:

June 28th-July 1st

July 5th-July 8th

July 12th-July 15th

Monday - Thursday, 9am - 3pm

To register online, please visit

stedmondsacademy.org

or call Bill D'Amato at 302-475-5370 x229 for more information.

Victims Assistance of the
Diocese of Wilmington

If you have been sexually exploited or abused by a priest, brother, sister or lay person employed by the Diocese of Wilmington or by a church volunteer in service to a parish or school or other church organization call the **Victims Assistance Coordinator** by telephone (302) 656-0651 and report the incident to the **Delaware State Attorney Generals Office** (302)577-8310

DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON CATECHETICAL DAY ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS!

This year *Catechetical Day* will be celebrated on March 20, 2021 from 9:00 m-12:30pm (virtually) with Bishop W. Francis Malooly. *Catechetical Day* honors and celebrates Catechists through prayer, recognition of their years of service to the Catechetical Ministry, in addition to spiritual and professional development.

All Clergy, Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education, and Catechists are warmly invited to attend this annual event hosted by the Office for Religious Education. Please share this invitation widely in your parish with those who serve in the Catechetical Ministry!

Catechetical Day - March 20, 2021 with Bishop W. Francis Malooly

- *All who serve in the Catechetical Ministry are welcome to attend!*
- Registration Packet:
cdow.org/fresh/wp-cont...
- Register Online:
cdowcym.wufoo.com/form...
- Registration deadline is February 26, 2021.
- *Some highlights of the day!*
- D/CREs and Catechists celebrating anniversary years of service will be honored via a live presentation.
- Award recipients are encouraged to upload their pictures for inclusion in the presentation. *Please note: certificates signed by the Bishop will be mailed to each recipient following Catechetical Day.*
- Bob McCarty, D. Min. is the keynote speaker and will lead participants in two spiritual and professional development sessions.
- A Young Adult Panel will share their real experiences of faith and discipleship.
- *Office for Religious Education Contact Information*

Linda Jackson, Assistant to the Director, at LJackson@cdow.org or 302-573-3130.