

March 8, 2020
2nd Sunday of Lent

On the First Sunday of Lent each year, we hear from the first eleven chapters of Genesis- why we need a savior; we cannot save ourselves from sin. On the Second Sunday of Lent we have the beginning of the story of salvation - chapter 12- the calling of Abraham. 4,000 years ago he experienced our God calling him to leave his native place and begin a journey of faith to the Land of Promise. We Christians call ourselves children of Abraham- we are a people of faith still walking in the steps of Abraham as God leads us to eternal life.

Each year on this Sunday we hear the Gospel story of the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. Peter, James and John climbed the mountain with Jesus; only they saw the vision: the divinity of Jesus shining through His humanity. In Lent we are challenged to climb the mountain with Jesus. His grace is at work in our lives, transforming us in the image of Christ. The Transfiguration of Jesus is a preview of what is to come: the goal of Lent: to be transformed in the image of Christ.

The Offertory Collections For the weekend 2/23 was \$4,238.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,685.00 for a total of \$5,923.00. THANK YOU!

BREAKFAST BUFFET
8:00AM TO 12:45PM

Today

\$10/Adults ~ \$4/Children under 12

Leave the cooking to our Breakfast Crew for an all you care to eat Buffet on the 2nd Sunday of the month (except July). 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. Please join us!



GET YOUR GREEN ON!

The Knights of Columbus annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration and Fundraiser is March 14 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 dinner 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 \$35 but are discounted to \$30 if purchased by March 9 and credit cards are accepted for tickets and during the event. Please help support Christopher Council and its charitable works by purchasing tickets from Raymond Cobb (302) 547-6931 or raymondcobb3182@gmail.com



Lenten Fish Fry Dinners - Join the Knights of Columbus for Lenten Fish Fry Dinners.

Dinner is served on Fridays in Lent from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in St. Helena's Masci Hall, so there is still time to attend Stations of the Cross in the St. Helena Church at 7:30pm. There are a variety of meatless options available including fried or baked fish, fried shrimp, crab cakes and weekly specials. Take out is available and credit cards are accepted. A special 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.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Convent. Each meeting begins with recitation of the Chaplet of Mercy or the Rosary. Members, friends and parishioners donate home-made items for those in need of prayers and comfort. Material is available at no cost. You are invited to join our group. Any interested in learning to knit and crochet can join our program. Call Dolly, 302-764-3465 or Carmela, 302-762-9057 for more information or for questions about inclement weather.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST EUCHARIST - Our first PARENT/CHILD meeting will be NEXT SUNDAY, March 15, at 12:15p in Masci Hall. One parent and child MUST ATTEND.

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, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dora Pacitti, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, James 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, Amy Jo Schosie-Jones, Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinson, Fr. Bill Lawler, Mary Tabler, Fr. Charles Dillingham

YOUNG AT HEART

Our March general meeting will be held on Monday evening, March 16, from 7pm Masci Hall and will feature Father Jasper as our Lenten speaker; members are asked to bring refreshments, which are served to our guests. Please plan on joining us, and bring a friend! In case of inclement weather, contact Carmela on 302-584-7892.



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

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP

Breaking through the Stigma of Mental Health Workshop will be held on Saturday, March 21 at the Pastoral Center at Holy Rosary from 10am -1pm. The presenter will be Gabe Nathan, OC87 Recovery Diaries and Andrew Omnus, Minding Your Mind. Registration would be appreciated but all are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is in need of a ride to a doctor's appointment, please call Saint Helena's Parish Outreach at 302-764-7545.

Please Help the Food Closet

The food closet is in need of Chicken stew, Beef stew, canned meats, tuna fish, pasta sauce, small rice, fruit, juice, cereal, pancake mix, tea bags, mac & cheese, soap bars. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN THE MILITARY? If so, please let us know (by calling the rectory) so we can put them on our military prayer list.

RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE 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 17 - 19 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, March 8

The 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief & Latin America

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church
12:30pm Baptisms-Church

Monday, March 9

6:00pm Youth Choir-Church
6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School
6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Rel. Ed. Office
7:00pm YAH Crafts - Convent

Tuesday, March 10

7:00pm Finance Council-Rectory

Wednesday, March 11

7:00pm Parish Council Exe. Mtg-Rectory
7:00pm Prayer Shawl Mtg.-Convent

Thursday, March 12

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

Friday, March 13

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

Saturday, March 14

6:00pm Knights of Columbus-St. Pats Fundraiser-Masci Hall

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 7

5:00pm (SR) Carol Kowalski

Sunday, March 8

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish
9:00am (WK) Rose Marie DeNest
11:00am (SR) Ceil Haywood

Monday, March 9

7:00am (VK)
9:00am (WK) Vern & Mary Scott
12:00pm (SR)

Tuesday, March 10

7:00am (EF)
9:00am (WK) Kevin Horne, Jr.
12:00pm (SR)

Wednesday, March 11

7:00am (EF)
9:00am (WK)
12:00pm (SR)

Thursday, March 12

7:00am (SR)
9:00am (WK)
12:00pm (WK)

Friday, March 13

7:00am (CAP)
9:00am (WK)
12:00pm (SR) Stanley J. Russell, Sr.

Saturday, March 14

9:00am (SR) Patricia Schmidt
5:00pm (SR) Isabella M. Kreepa
(24th Anniversary)

Sunday, March 15

7:00am (EF) Mary Ann & Leonard Kelleher
9:00am (SR) Emilio Valencia
11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

RESERVE TICKETS FOR THE PHILLIES



By popular demand, St. Helena's will be going to a Saturday game in 2020! We've reserved rows 1 through 9 in Section 433 for the game against the Miami Marlins on **Saturday, April 18th at 4pm.** 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 to JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net with your name, phone number and the number of tickets you would like.

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CATECHETICAL DAY

ATTENTION ALL CATECHISTS!

The Office for Religious Education invites you to attend *Catechetical Day* on **March 21, 2020 at St. Thomas More Academy with Bishop W. Francis Malooly.**

Catechetical Day allows the opportunity to celebrate those who have been giving effective witness for years and are living the call within their religious education programs, families, and the larger community. Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education and Catechists will be honored for anniversary years of service. These years are: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35+.

This year's Catechetical Theme is "**Stay With Us.**" Bob McCarty, D. Min. is the keynote speaker for the event. For more information or to register, please call the Diocesan Office for Religious Education at 302-573-3130 or contact your Parish Religious Education Office. **The deadline for registration is March 2, 2020.** For more information please visit www.cdow.org/CatecheticalDay2020.

Catholic Charities to honor Mike Hare at Annual Tribute Dinner in April 2020

Mike Hare, Executive Vice President for Development at the Buccini Pollin Group will receive the Msgr. Thomas J. Reese Award at Catholic Charities Annual Tribute Dinner on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Mike serves on Bishop Malooly's Pastoral Council and on the Vocations Admissions Board for the Diocese of Wilmington.

The Msgr. Thomas J. Reese Award recognizes exemplary individuals who have demonstrated a deep commitment to promoting and restoring the well-being of people – the Catholic Charities' mission.

The Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, will present the award 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 sponsorship or ticket purchases, visit the Catholic Charities webpage for the dinner at www.cdow.org/charities. You may also call Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624.

T'AI CHI FOR VETERANS

Are you a Veteran? Would you like to try T'ai Chi for free? T'ai Chi for Veterans is a new program from the Veterans Administration Community Care Network. T'ai Chi has no age, physical fitness, or coordination requirements, is an evidence-based drug-free treatment option proven helpful for almost any physical or mental condition, plus with just a few modifications all 20 movements can even be done from a chair! Grubb-Worth Mansion provides a serene setting but on fair-weather days class is held adjacent to "Guardian of Defenders" (Loved ones are also welcome to accompany their Veterans). For more info visit www.SculptUrLife.com/events or simply call Jessica Lewis, Holy Rosary parishioner or Delaware's sole VA CCN Accredited T'ai Chi Instructor at 302-593-5005

PLEASE BE AWARE!

Amid the growing concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, it is important to be mindful of common sense practices that should be observed at all times. The faithful of the Diocese of Wilmington are urged to observe standard precautions, including practicing good hygiene, washing hands frequently and covering your mouth when sneezing or coughing. Parishioners are also reminded that if they are sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, they should stay home for their own well-being and that of others. If parishioners are sick or suspect they are sick with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation. The faithful should also be reminded that they should not receive from the chalice if they are feeling ill."

The Diocese of Wilmington will continue to monitor all information and updates provided by federal, state and local government officials.

VIA CRUCIS 2020: St. Anthony of Padua Church invites you to the 2020 presentation of the Via Crucis, a live re-enactment of the last days of Christ by area schoolchildren. The one-hour performance is staged at 7:30pm at St. Anthony's Church, 905 N. DuPont Street in Wilmington. Performances for 2020 every Friday during Lent ending on Good Friday. Over 100 students from area schools make up the cast of the Via Crucis.