

May 6, 2018
6th Sunday of Easter

In today's second reading we hear the word "love" nine times and in the Gospel we hear "love" nine more times. St. John teaches us our God is love and He has sent His Son to us out of love. Jesus insists as the Father loves Him so He loves us and so we should love one another.

Next weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. In dioceses of New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Nebraska Catholics observe Ascension on Thursday.

Thank you for your generous response to the Annual Appeal. The "target" for our parish is \$62,000. Already we have reached \$52,825 in contributions and pledges. If you have not yet responded, please do so as soon as possible.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 4/22 was \$4,523.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,772.50 for a total of \$6,295.50. Thank you!

Birthright of Delaware
Rose Sale

On May 12th and May 13th after Mass, roses are being sold to help Birthright of Delaware. Support Mothers and their babies. The donation for all roses:

- Single Rose is \$2.00
- 3 Roses for \$5.00
- Dozen Roses for \$18.00
- 25 Roses for \$35.00

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, May 13th at 2PM at St. Margaret of Scotland. The Bishop will be confirming people who have not received this sacrament and now wish to come into full communion with the Church. If you wish to be confirmed, please contact the Parish Office for further information.

PLEASE HELP US!

Our Finance Council is very concerned that many parishioners may not realize the serious financial situation of our parish. We are running a deficit of about \$40,000. Last year we appealed for folks to increase their giving in the Offertory Collection. The initial response was encouraging but seems to have dropped off. In order to cut costs we will soon be closing our Convent building.

We need some folks who will help bring the Eucharist to the sick at home or nursing homes. If you are willing to be prepared for this ministry, please call the Rectory.

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Anne Ambagis, Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Joan Callaghan, Joseph Campanella, Jean Capodanno, Tony Cutrona, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Bertha Smith, 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, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Karen Cheeseman

BREAKFAST BUFFET

8:00AM TO 12:45PM

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

Our Next Buffet is SUNDAY, May 13

A Celebration for Mom!!

Leave the cooking to our Breakfast Crew 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/reserve a table for 6 or more, please contact Nancy Cobb [302-598-8685 or Natiesmom@me.com].

Future 2nd Sundays are: June 10, July 8, September 9, October 14 and December 9

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, May 5

9:00 am (SR) Barbara and John Erickson

5:00 pm(WK) John Muldowney and
Jackie Muldowney

Sunday, May 6

7:00 am(SR) The Deceased Members of the
Lutcavage/Blaska Family

9:00 am(WK) The People of the Parish

11:00 am(SR) Anna Fedena

Monday, May 7

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am(SR) Adelaide C. Russell

Tuesday, May 8

7:00am(DV)

9:00am(SR) Michael Dunning

Wednesday, May 9

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am(SR) Andrew and Jacinta Hollinger
(4th Wedding Anniversary)

Thursday, May 10

7:00am (SR) Baptisto Mendes

9:00am (WK) Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, May 11

7:00am (Cap) Ann Paytash

9:00am(SR)

Saturday, May 12

9:00 am(SR)

10:30am (SR) 1st Holy Communion

5:00pm(SR) Muldowney Family

Sunday, May 13 Ascension of the Lord

7:00 am(DV) Bonnie Leo Messer

9:00 am(SR) Mother's Day Novena

11:00 am(SR) Rita Gazzillo

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST EUCHARIST rehearsals are THIS WEEK at the following times:

For those children celebrating on SUNDAY, MAY 13, at the 11 am Mass – Rehearsal is tomorrow night Mon, May 7 in Church at 6:30 pm. A PARENT and CHILD must attend.

For those children celebrating on SATURDAY, MAY 12, at 10:30 am – Rehearsal is on WED, May 9, at 6:00 pm in Church.

Please drop your child off at Church and pick up at 7:30pm.

CONFIRMATION Meeting for Candidates and Sponsors (and or parent) is TODAY, at 12:15 pm in the upstairs 8th grade classroom.

Congratulations Announcement

Congratulations to **Naja McCain** who attends Padua Academy and has merited honors for the third marking quarter. **Great Job!!!**

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Congratulations to Saint Helena's Sewing Group

The volunteers (led by group coordinator - Judy Wilbank) received Community Hero Award from Christiana Hospital on Wednesday, April 25th. Winners are selected based on contributions they made to their communities through their work and their service activities.

Baby items, dresses and outfits for girls and boys have been donated to Bayard House, Martha House, and Mary Mother of Hope, Cecil County Pregnancy Center, Birthright, Salvation Army, Rwanda, Haiti and Cameroon.

All of us in the parish are very proud of the group and wish them continued blessings in their volunteer endeavors.

Continuation of the six principles of Catholic Social Teaching:

"Dignity of Work"- Work is an expression of our dignity and of our involvement in God's creation. People have a right to decent work, fair wages, and private property. The economy exists to serve people, not vice versa.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 6

2nd Collection: Maintenance & Repair

Food Collection –All Masses

Monday, May 7

6:00 pm 1st Communion Practice - Church

7:00 pm Young At Heart Crafts- Convent

Tuesday May 8

6:00pm Specials Practice-Church

7:00pm Finance Council -Rectory

Wednesday, May 9

6:00pm Group Practice-Church

7:00 pm P.C. Exec. Mtg- Rectory

7:00pm Prayer Shawl- Convent

Thursday, May 10

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

Saturday May 12

10:30am -1st Holy Communion –Church

Easter Flower Offering

Thank You to: Mrs. Mary Ann Vari

MUSIC MINISTRY



Are you interested in piano or organ lessons? Our very own music director, Joe Loudon is offering limited slots for future students. Joe may be reached at 888-1743 or by email: jlouden@ursuline.org

Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers

By Susan Vogt

Marriage Moments: Christians celebrate Jesus' Ascension into heaven 40 days after Easter. But what does it mean to ascend to heaven? What does it mean to watch a beloved spouse leave for another life after death? These are heavy things to ponder. Talk with your beloved about an afterlife.

Parenting Pointers: Previously, I challenged families to unplug for a day. Whether you did this or not, ask you family if they are willing to free themselves of digital devices (with the exception of work or school) for one full week. Experiment with human or outdoor entertainment.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our members meet (until further notice) in the convent, 7pm-9pm, on the second and fourth Wed. of each month. Meetings begin with recitation of the Chaplet of Mercy or the Rosary. Members create shawls and other items which are blessed and brought to many in need of comfort. Materials are given freely and items can be made at home. Joining our dedicated ministry will make your life even more meaningful. Call Carmela 762-9057 for more info or questions.

Don't forget Your Phillies tickets!



St. Helena's parish is selling tickets for the Phillies game against the Colorado Rockies on Wednesday June 13, 2018 at 7pm. It's just \$20 each for great seats in rows 2 through 7 of Section 308. Best of all, for every ticket purchased \$10 will be donated to St. Helena's Social Ministry. Advance reservations ends Sunday May 13.

Email:

JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net. With your name, phone number and the number of tickets you would like.

Catholic Charities

Contractors needed for Catholic Charities Pre-Weatherization Program

Catholic Charities is currently seeking carpenters, plumbers, electricians, and roofers to be part of our Pre-Weatherization Assistance Program in Delaware. All sub-contractors must carry appropriate licenses, insurance coverage, and workman's compensation. All candidates are required to pass a criminal background screening, performed by an outside agency, before being considered as a preferred contractor. Contractors are paid directly by Catholic Charities.

The scope of work, typically repairs needed in order to qualify a home for free weatherization assistance, varies by client and can usually be completed in 2-3 days. There are no set prices.

To find out more about this opportunity and how to apply, contact Daniel Holmes at Catholic Charities Dover office, 302-674-1782 or by email at dholmes@ccwilm.org.

Get connected to Resources to help you Age in Place at Home

Sponsored by Saint Helena's Parish Social Ministry

210 Bellefonte Avenue-Masci Hall

May 22nd, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Refreshments will be served

*Griswold Home Care gives people the help they need to live in the place they love.

*Delaware Hospice provides multiple options of care and support that enhance quality of life in the comfort of your own home.

*Saint Francis LIFE provides all-inclusive care to help seniors stay healthy, stay social and stay living in your home longer.



living independently for elders
Saint Francis Healthcare