

November 28, 2021  
First Sunday of Advent



**Our first reading is from the prophet, Jeremiah** who spoke to God's people at the time they were being conquered by their enemies and taken into exile in Babylon. Many Jews felt God had forgotten them-- abandoned them. But Jeremiah proclaimed: "The days are coming...when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah..." He would send another son of David the King – the Messiah.

In the midst of all our troubles and worries our Advent season reminds us the Lord is coming to us again in glory. He has NOT abandoned us. He will lead us into the eternal life and joy.

**The commercial world tells you it is Christmas time, but we know better.** It is the time to prepare for the Lord's coming. It should be a time that lifts us from material concerns, not a time to be overwhelmed with the things of this world.



**Holy Day of Obligation**  
*Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of  
The Immaculate Conception of Mary  
The Patroness of our United States. We pray  
for our nation as we celebrate this feast!  
Masses: 7am, 9am, Noon, 7:30pm*



SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST  
RETURNS!!

December 12<sup>th</sup> Masci Hall at Saint Helena's Church 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Along with Mrs. Claus, Santa will join us for Breakfast from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Santa has to go feed the reindeer at 11:00 a.m.) So, leave the cooking to us and take some time out from the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season to join Santa, your Family and Friends for a festive full All You Care to Eat Breakfast Buffet.

\$10.00 per Adult and Children 12+

- \$3 Mimosas, Bloody Mary or Poinsettia
- \$4.00 per Child under 12

Have A Group of 6 or more? We can reserve a table for you. Just call or text us at (302) 598-8685 or [Natiesmom@me.com](mailto:Natiesmom@me.com) and leave a message with your, time of arrival and number in your party. Please also let us know the number and ages of any children in your party so that we can make sure Santa has everything he needs.



ANGEL GIVING TREE UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who graciously donated to the Angel Giving Tree over Bazaar weekend. The recipient families in our community are very appreciative. Thank you!

2021 CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Mark your calendar the 2021 Christmas Spectacular will be **Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm**. You won't want to miss this amazing event at St. Helena's Church. More information to follow.



Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Susan Denis, Dorothy Rich, Kathleen Schaubert, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, Vaughn Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Toni Di Lezio, Sr., Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Marie Spinden, Friends at the Kutz Home, Nicolas Childs, Bridget Robinson, Geri Crockett, Jim Fedena, Sr., Carly Fedena, Judy Wilbank, Aliyah Miller, Theresa Kelleher Cassidy, Karen Cheeseman, Sara Murphy, Antoinette Medeiros, Rose Marie Turcol, Charlie Lafferty, Stephanie Bidwell, Helen Rupnicki, William Lytle, Dolly Albanese, Sande Richardson, Morgan Medeiros, Thomas Leo, Owen Carlaw, Wally Schock, Regina Gemignani, Kathleen McDermott

WEEKLY CALENDAR



**Sunday, November 28 1st Sunday of Advent**

9:00am/11:00am Children's Lit/Word - Church  
12:15pm 1st Reconciliation Child Only Mtg-Masci Hall

**Monday, November 29**

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes -School  
6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-School

**Thursday, December 2**

5:30pm-Bingo-Masci Hall

**Friday, December 3 First Friday**

9:30am Adoration-Church

**Saturday, December 4**

10:30am 1st Reconciliation-Church  
11:00am Ice Cream Social-Masci Hall

**Sunday, December 5 2nd Sunday of Advent**

**2nd Collection: Maintenance and Repair**

9:00am/11:00am Children's Lit/Word - Church  
12:30pm Baptism-Church



Every Thursday Evening  
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm  
Games begin at 7:00pm

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Nov 27

5:00pm (SR) All Souls

Sunday, Nov 28

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (EF) All Souls

11:00am (SR) Nancy McFadden

Monday, Nov 29

9:00am (SR) All Souls

Tuesday, Nov 30

7:00am (EF) All Souls

9:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Wednesday, Dec 1

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Thursday, Dec 2

7:00am (EF) Jane Steele

9:00am (SR) Melanie Fischer

Friday, Dec 3

7:00am (EF) Frances & John Danchak

9:00am (SR) John Kaufman

Saturday, Dec 4

9:00 am (SR) Bill Rash

5:00pm (SR) Deceased Members of the  
Krupa/Quinn Families

Sunday, Dec 5

7:00am (EF) Rosalina Mendes

9:00am (SR) Sr. Mary Goodbody

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish



Please Note

Due to delivery delays during the holidays the bulletin will be due earlier than expected. Therefore, any information you need to put into the bulletin please see the table below.

For Bulletin	Due to Elena by
Dec 5	Nov 23
Dec 12	Dec 2
Dec 19	Dec 6
Dec 26	Dec 8
Jan 2	Dec 8
Jan 9	Dec 28
Jan 16	Jan 7

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes will begin in Masci Hall for all students and teachers for the next 4 Monday nights. We will say a short prayer and light the Advent Candle as we look forward to the JOY and PEACE of Christmas. Classes will begin right after the lighting. Moms and Dads are welcome to come in for the 5 minute prayer. Please check your calendars during this month because we have Confessions along with our Advent Prayer Service for students in 3rd thru 8th grades (Dec 13<sup>th</sup>). On Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, all families will come together in Masci Hall for our "Mitten Tree Celebration"!

First Reconciliation CHILD ONLY preparation class meets TODAY (Sunday) at 12:15pm in Masci Hall. The children and their families will come together NEXT SATURDAY, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am in Church at 10:30am for our Celebration. An Ice Cream social will follow in Masci Hall.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is now being held at BOTH the 9am and the 11am Masses. All children 3 years thru 6th grade are invited to attend.

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Special blessings upon Saint Helena's parishioners who contributed so generously to the Thanksgiving Food card collection. May your day be filled with Peace, Hope and Joy. 25 families received the Food cards. A special "Thank You" to Linda Deeney who organized the collection.

### Please let us know

If someone is in the hospital, then we will not know unless you tell us. In the interest of respecting the law of privacy, the hospitals no longer inform us of parishioners in their facility.

**YOUNG AT HEART** is having a Christmas luncheon at Bertucci's (on RT.202) December 7<sup>th</sup> the first Tuesday of the month at noon. Bring a \$10 gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange. No other meeting in December. The members of Young at Heart wish everyone happy holidays!

## AMAZON

Doing your Christmas shopping on online this year? Don't forget, Amazon. They have their AmazonSmile Foundation, which donates one-half percent (0.5%) of each eligible purchase to the charity of your choice. Instead of going right to Amazon.com, just access your account through their AmazonSmile website <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0064838> and select St. Helena's Catholic Church to get the charitable donation. A great benefit to our parish! Start your Christmas; shopping early. It's easy, simple and great speedy shipping! You can also send Amazon gift cards (via email or text) to those hard to buy for people on your list.

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

**Give in gratitude.** A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to the December 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

**The final Dialog edition before Christmas is Friday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.** Deadline for that edition is Monday, Dec. 13. The first Dialog edition in the New Year will be Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**The Dialog WILL NOT have a print edition on Friday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.** Schools are closed and many parishes are short-staffed. The Dialog does have people working during the holiday season and will continue its news and advertising presence online at [thedialog.org](http://thedialog.org). Questions? Please reach out to editor Joe Owens at 302-295-0695 or [jowens@thedialog.org](mailto:jowens@thedialog.org) or Virginia O'Shea at 302-295-0636 or [voshea@thedialog.org](mailto:voshea@thedialog.org).

## LISTEN TO THE CATHOLIC FORUM

**RADIO** Next Saturday, December 4th, tune-in to hear an interview with Ms. Kathleen Beckman, author of the book, "A Family Guide to Spiritual Warfare." Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at [cdow.org/CatholicForum](http://cdow.org/CatholicForum), or by searching "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [facebook.com/CatholicForum](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum).



## ST. JOHN THE BELOVED

Welcomes you

A Praise, Worship and Adoration Celebration  
Preparing & Adoring While Waiting

*We invite you to join us to enter the heart of Jesus  
during an evening of music, worship, and  
adoration.*

*He will be waiting for you. Come to the one who  
heals, nourishes, and satisfies.*

*Join us as we sing our prayers during this Advent  
Season!*

Friday

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

6:30 PM

in the Church

907 Milltown Road

Wilmington, DE 19808

For More Information Contact Sue O'Hanlon;  
[sohanlon@sjbde.org](mailto:sohanlon@sjbde.org)



Please pray for our nation in this very difficult time. Prayer card is available at church entrances.

*O Blessed Mother, Pray for the USA  
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception,  
Patroness of the United States of America,  
please help our country.*

*Help us to return to what is decent, right, and  
proper.*

*Help us to return to respect for ourselves and  
others, to truth in dealing with ourselves and  
others, to self-control and self-discipline, and  
especially, to a deep love for your Son and his  
teachings.*

*Protect us from those who would destroy us  
from within.*

*Our Lady, we place ourselves and our country  
under your mantel, Pray for us and help us.*

*Amen.*

## PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

Both Sunday Mass and Friday Reflections can be viewed at <https://www.sainthelenas.org/> and ALSO Friday **Reflections with Msgr. Russell** 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. **Reminder!** We'll be broadcasting Mass on YouTube afterward for you to watch.

A **Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat** will be held the weekend of December 3-5, 2021. This retreat is for anyone who has struggled with the pain of abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or associated with someone who is (parent, spouse, friend), there is nothing to fear and so much to gain. For more info about this a beautiful and liberating opportunity, contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 (call or text) or [lucyminn929@gmail.com](mailto:lucyminn929@gmail.com), or visit [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

