

**September 8, 2019**  
**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Usually the letters of St. Paul are addressed to communities of Christians or their bishops-leaders. Today in our second reading we have a passage from the only personal letter of Paul to a friend. Philemon had been converted by St. Paul and like many in the ancient world; he had a number of slaves. One of them, Cnesimus, ran away from this master. In that society, this was a serious crime; the master was allowed by law to even kill the runaway slave if he caught him. Cnesimus happened to go to Rome where St. Paul was under "house arrest." Paul converted Cnesimus and now he sends the runaway slave back to his master carrying the letter of St. Paul asking Philemon not to punish the runaway slave but to receive Cnesimus as a brother in Christ! Wow! No wonder Philemon kept this precious letter and shared it with the Church!

**PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH**

TODAY...

JOIN in the worldwide mission of Jesus!  
JOIN the Propagation of the Faith!

As disciples of Jesus, baptized into the Church and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we are called to draw others to Christ: others in our family, in our neighborhoods; others even "to the ends of the earth." More than 2,000 years after the birth of Jesus, some two-thirds of our human family does not yet know Him in faith as we do.

Through the Propagation of the Faith, we can reach those at work at "the ends of the earth" as we help to support the Church's evangelizing work in more than 1,150 mission dioceses worldwide. We are needed to offer daily prayer and regular financial help as well. Please join the Propagation of the Faith today. Our parish will surely become more vibrant in faith as we become more missionary.

**2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

Thank you to all who have responded to our Annual Catholic Appeal. We have now reached a total of \$ \$63,356 in pledges. **Many thanks to all!**

**The Offertory Collection** for the weekend 8/25 was \$4,531.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,460.00 for a total of \$5,991. Thank You.

**2nd SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET**  
**In Masci Hall, Today -8am to 12:45pm**

**Our Breakfast Buffet** features all your breakfast favorites! Meet with family and friends and enjoy the all you care to eat buffet. Please join us!



**MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS**



Calling all singers! Our amazing choir program is about to lift off and you'll want to be part of this exciting family. We have our first choir rehearsal for all high school age and beyond on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. New singers are invited to attend an information session starting at 7pm.

Youth singers entering third through eighth grades are invited to participate in the Youth Choir. Their first rehearsal is Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-6:30pm. All rehearsals will take place in the church.

**YOUNG AT HEART**

**As summer become a memory**, we welcome everyone back to our first general meeting on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Masci Hall. New members are graciously invited to come. Yearly dues are \$18.00 and are due at this time. We conclude our meetings with tasty refreshments and lively conversations. For info call Carmela, 302-762-9057. Join us!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes will begin Monday evening, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm for **BOTH** Parents and students. If you have any questions please call Hummy at the Religious Education Office, 302- 762-4280.

**HELP, HELP, HELP** We need an AIDE for our Sixth Grade class this coming year to assist Damian Ponzio. No experience needed – just a love of kids and your faith! Please call Ms Hummy at 762-4280 or email her at [hpennell@sainthelenas.org](mailto:hpennell@sainthelenas.org)

## **ST. HELENA'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**



**Sunday, September 15, 2019**  
**12 Noon – 3:00 PM (RAIN or SHINE)**

Please mark your calendars to come, eat lunch (free of charge) and mingle with old and new friends. The KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS (Christopher Council) always provide hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, corn on the cob, and BBQ chicken for everyone to enjoy. Top it all off with scrumptious desserts provided by YOUNG AT HEART (so you know they will be good)! What a wonderful way to kick off the new school and parish year! SEE YOU ALL ON SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>!

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every month on the second and fourth Wednesday evening in the convent from 7 to 9pm. Our next meeting is September 11 in Masci Hall. We begin our evening with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy or the Rosary. Members and friends donate home-made items for those in need of prayers and comfort. Material is available at no cost and many members create items conveniently at home. You are invited to join our group. Anyone interested in learning to knit and crochet can join our program. Call Dolly, 302-764-3465 or Carmela, 302-762-9057 for further information.

# BINGO

Every Thursday Evening  
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm  
Games begin at 7:00pm  
Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Giving of your time in the Parish Outreach office is an opportunity to have a person realize their hopes and dreams. To be a support with other volunteers in social Ministry. To live out the gospel message: "When you do to the least of us, you do unto me." Matthew: 25.

To respond: please call Dorothy Medeiros 302-764-7545. Thank you!

Parish Ministry is in need of a person to transfer files from one draw to another. This would be greatly appreciated by all the volunteers. Please call Dorothy at 302-764-7545.

## 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, Sharon Dean, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Ray Altamuro, Marie Spinden, Viola Zappacosta, Jane Parsons, Bill Hufnell, Antoinette Medeiros, Friends at the Kutz Home, Amy Jo Schosie-Jones, Andrew Withers



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, September 8

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Mission Appeal - Propagation of the Faith**

8:00am Second Sunday Breakfast-Masci Hall

### Monday, September 9

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes Begin-Masci Hall

7:00pm Young At Heart Crafts-Convent

### Tuesday, September 10

7:00pm Finance Council-Rectory

### Wednesday, September 11

7:00pm Parish Council Exe. Mtg-Rectory

7:00pm Prayer Shawl Mtg.-Masci Hall

### Thursday, September 12

5:30 pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

### Sunday, September 15

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Parish Social Ministry**

12:00pm Parish Picnic-Masci Hall

12:30pm Baptisms-Church

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, September 7

5:00pm (SR) Rose & Francis Talarowski

### Sunday, September 8

7:00am (SR) The People of the Parish

9:00am (WK) Sue McLaughlin

11:00am (SR) Frank Owsiany

### Monday, September 9

9:00pm (SR) Camron Tully

### Tuesday, September 10

7:00am (DV)

9:00am (SR) Paul O. Knight

### Wednesday, September 11

9:00am (WK) Mary & Bernard Fiore

### Thursday, September 12

7:00am (DV)

9:00am (WK)

### Friday, September 13

7:00am (CAP) Maureen Daggett

9:00am (WK) C. Natalie Meriggi

### Saturday, September 14

9:00am (SR) Michelle Mulrine

5:00pm (SR) Bettye & Ed Grady

### Sunday, September 15

7:00am (EF) Joseph Marini

9:00am (WK) People of the Parish

11:00am (SR) Sue McLaughlin

## ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CHURCH IN

LEWES, DE is hosting a trip of historic Berlin & Scenic Southern Poland, Sept 17-20 with Fr. Tom Flowers. Visit the Berlin Wall, the miraculous Eucharistic Host at St. Jacek in Legnica, the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Families, the shrine of the Black Madonna, the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz, a 1000-year old salt mine, and the inspiring wonders of Krakow & Zakopane. For a complete Itinerary, contact [stjudelewes.org](http://stjudelewes.org) or call 302-644-7300.

## ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE PARISH IN HOLLAND, PA

(Southampton, PA) invites you to join them for their Fourth Annual Padre Pio Festival the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, September 14, 15, 2019. Our Festival is honored to publicly exhibit for all pilgrims the private collection of relics of Padre Pio, which are normally housed in the Philadelphia Monastery of the Carmelite Sisters. The collection includes Padre Pio's glove, tunic, blood particles from his stigmata, and a cushion he used to kneel when praying for the sick. Special Masses will be held on Saturday evening, September 14, and again on Sunday, September 15. A street procession and healing service, with confessions and blessing with relics will follow the Sunday Mass. Buses welcome. Plenty of free parking, food vendors, live free entertainment, tents and tables. Visit [padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com](http://padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com) for more details, or simply call 215-357-5720.

## 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**

**You are invited to a graveside prayer service for the unborn.**

Deacon Joe Cilia, from Church of the Holy Child in Wilmington, will conduct a prayer service at the graveside of 63 aborted children at Cathedral Cemetery, 2400 Lancaster Avenue in Wilmington, Delaware on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at 9:45 a.m. The half hour prayer service will begin with a short procession from the Queen of the Apostles Chapel to the grave. It is part of the annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children co-sponsored by Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League. Members of the Delaware Knights of Columbus and other representatives of the pro-life community will be in attendance. The public is invited and cemetery attendants will be on hand to direct visitors to the chapel.

**TRAVEL TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA**

Please join the Diocesan Vocations Guild and Father Christopher Coffey on October 12, 2019 as we travel to The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pa. There will be a tour of the Shrine by one of the Pauline Fathers, a fifteen minute movie about the Shrine, and time on your own to explore the grounds and visit the gift shop, etc. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$30.00 per person for the bus and \$15.00 for lunch. Or, you may brown bag your lunch. Please contact Mary Gaworski @ 302-438-6969 after 3 p.m. or email: [mares7963@aol.com](mailto:mares7963@aol.com) for more information.

**Give It Up For Gulu 5K & Doggie Dash  
September 22, 2018  
Rockford Park, Wilmington, DE**

St. Catherine of Siena's Uganda Ministry is hosting its 6th annual 5K event to support its sister school in Uganda, St. Catherine of Siena.

Please join us as a competitive or non-competitive runner/walker. Well behaved doggies are welcome to run or walk with you too!

We also have a 1 mile course for those interested. Great prizes and raffles!

Visit [www.theguluproject.us](http://www.theguluproject.us) for more details or contact Mary Gispert at [mogispert@gmail.com](mailto:mogispert@gmail.com)

**MASS AT THE SHRINE OF SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER**

Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis Xavier Shrine (Old Bohemia) in Warwick, MD on Sunday, September 15 at 4:00 pm. The Bohemia Plantation was founded in 1704 by the Jesuits who farmed the land and ministered to the Catholics scattered across the region. The church is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places and is considered the Mother Church of the Diocese of Wilmington. The rectory museum and historic graveyard will be accessible for individual inspection and study one hour prior to Mass. For more information or to arrange a guided tour, please call Kathy Ursitti at 302.378.7283. The church is also available for group retreats and Catholic weddings. For GPS driving directions use: 1690 Bohemia Church Road, Warwick, MD 21912.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**



Sign up for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and bring some more warmth and intimacy to your marriage! The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be November 1-3 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information visit our website at [www.wwme-delmar.org](http://www.wwme-delmar.org) or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

**CALLING ALL RUNNERS, WALKERS & SLEEPERS** The Little Sisters of the Poor again invite you to enjoy one of the biggest and best 5k events in our area! Run or walk the 13th Annual Knights of Columbus Nun Run 5K, presented by DiSabatino Construction and Saul Ewing. **When:** 9:00 am start, **Saturday, September 14** (registration opens at 8:00 am) **Where:** 185 Salem Church Road Newark, DE 19713 **Cost:** \$25 (until September 13); \$30 (on-site registration) **Family Discount:** \$20 each for 3 or more members **Fundraising Goal:** To raise \$60,000 for procurement of a 14-passenger transit bus/coach to accommodate our Residents who need assistance with wheelchair accessibility. **Visit our website:** [www.nunrun5k.org](http://www.nunrun5k.org) or call our Development office (302 368-5886) for further information.