

December 2, 2018
1st Sunday of Advent



First Sunday in Advent

The prophet Jeremiah says, "The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah."

The Lord, who fulfilled His promise to ancient Israel, continues to promise us in the New Covenant. We know He will fulfill His promise to us.

Advent is our time to focus our lives on what is most important in our lives: the coming of Jesus to us in glory!



Holy Day of Obligation

*This Saturday, December 8th 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: 7:00am, 9am, Noon*

What a wonderful gift to give at Christmas!

For \$35 you can buy a beautiful book celebrating the 150 years of Catholics in Delaware and Eastern Shore of Maryland. Pictures and stories of our parish and each of the churches of our Diocese. A \$15 cartoon style book for young people is also available. These books will be available at our Bazaar or at the Rectory

BULLETIN DEADLINES

12/9 Bulletin is due 12/3
12/16 Bulletin is due 12/10
12/23 Bulletin is due 12/13
12/30 Bulletin is due 12/19

If you have any questions or concerns please email: ecuthbertson@sainthelenas.org or phone: 764-0325 Ext. 106. Thank you!

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 11/18 was \$4,803.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,590.00 for a total of \$6,393.00

Thank you!

BREAKFAST BUFFET

8:00AM TO 12:45PM

Next Sunday December 9, 2018

\$9/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 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].

ANGEL TREE GIFTS

If you took an angel from the giving tree and have not yet turned in your gift, gifts will be collected at each Mass THIS WEEKEND. If you are unable to bring your gift today, please bring them to the Rectory office during business hours. Please bring gifts wrapped and use angel as gift tag.

(After the 11am Mass). We also ask folks to come forward at the end of Mass and process over to the Convent with all the gifts donated.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 1

5:00pm (SR) Gerald Moyer

Sunday, December 2

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

9:00am (SR) Jane Steele

11:00am (SR) The People of the Parish

Monday, December 3

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (SR) Doris Russell (1st Anniversary)

Tuesday, December 4

7:00am (DV) Gene Williams Blades, Sr.

9:00am (SR) Jean Capodanno

Wednesday, December 5

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (SR) Paul O. Knight

Thursday December 6

7:00am (SR) Adelaide C. Russell

9:00am (WK) Deceased Members of the
Meriggi & Roggero Families

Friday, December 7

7:00am (Cap) Rosalina Mendes

9:00am (SR) William & Audrey Murphy

Saturday, December 8

7:00am (DV) Rosario Gracias

9:00am (SR) Bonnie Leo Mosser

12:00pm (WK) Gerald Moyer

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

Sunday, December 9

7:00am (SR) Ester Lutcavage (11th Anniversary)

9:00am (WK) Gerald Moyer

11:00am (SR) The People of the Parish

BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

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

Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!



WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, December 2

**2nd Collection: Maintenance and Repair
Food Collection-All Masses**

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

7:00pm Youth grp-Rel. Ed. Office

Monday, December 3

6:00pm Youth Choir-Church

6:30pm Script Study- Rel. Ed. Office

7:00pm YAH Crafts-Convent

7:00pm RCIA-Rectory

Wednesday, December 5

7:30pm 150th Convocation follow-up Mtg-
Masci Hall

Thursday, December 6

5:30 pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30 pm Adult Choir-Church

Friday, December 7

9:30am Adoration-Church

Saturday, December 8-Immaculate

Conception

Masses: 7:00am, 9am, Noon

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Tony Cutrona, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Shirley Kosek, James Lafferty, Sue McLaughlin, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dan Moley, Dora Pacitti, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, William Thomas, Catherine Thomson, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Jacqueline Childs, Mary Gabel, Chris Molitor, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Sharon Dean, Janet Szubieolski, John Shelton, Geri Crockett, Catalina Weddle

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CONGRATULATIONS to our children who received their FIRST RECONCILIATION yesterday. Please keep these families in your prayers.

YOUTH GROUP meets at 7pm on SUNDAY night at FIRST STATE LANES (where Ms. Hummy will BEAT all teens at bowling!)

"The Music Ministry of St. Joseph on the Brandywine will present *A Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 3pm in the Church at 10 Old Church Road, Greenville, DE 19807.* The concert will include the Oratorio de Noel, Opus 12, by Camille Saint-Saens featuring soloists Madeline Ley, Ava Borowski, Andrea Arena, Stephen Ng and Grant Youngblood, with choir, chamber ensemble and organ. Traditional Christmas carols with audience participation will follow the Oratorio. There will be a free will offering. Please join us for this special musical celebration of Christ's advent and birth."

Exercise Class for Seniors

Tuesdays & Thursday 10-11am
8 week sessions-full time \$64-part time \$32.
First ½ hour -Low Impact Aerobic
Second ½ hour-Weight lifting, Stretching & balance
No charge to come try a class to see if you like it. Call 478-6536 for info or just come!
Hillcrest-Bellefonte United Methodist Church – 400 Hillcrest Ave. Parking lot Entrance.

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

Phillies Tickets Available



Get the Phanatics in your life a great Christmas Present!

St. Helena's has reserved great seats in Section 310 for the game against the New York Mets on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased for only \$20 per seat and it will be the gift that keeps giving because \$10 will be donated to the Social Ministry for every ticket purchased! To reserve tickets an email to JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net with your name, phone number and the number of tickets you would like. If you're giving the tickets as a gift, respond by 12/16/18 to get a certificate to give on Christmas morning!!!

Cathedral, All Saints and Gate of Heaven Cemeteries are offering families the option of purchasing Christmas decorations directly from our cemeteries. These decorations are individually crafted by a local vendor. Cemetery personnel will place these decorations on the graves/crypts of your loved ones beginning in early December. The deadline for ordering is December 6, 2018. Your purchase helps support the ministry of our cemeteries. For more information and an on line order form log on to cdow.org/order-decorations or call the cemetery office at (302) 656 - 3323. Cathedral Cemetery will also be processing orders for Gate of Heaven Cemetery. Thank you for your support.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

During Dec. our only meeting will be held Wed., Dec 12, 7-9pm in the convent. Meetings will resume Wed. Jan 9 and Jan 23, 2019. We begin with the Rosary on Chaplet of Mercy and knit or crocket items to give to those in need of care and comfort, here or at home. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
For info. Call Carmela 302-762-9057.

YOUNG AT HEART

A special thank you to Monsignor Russell for his presentation of his video travelogue of his river cruise in France. Monsignor presented it to members and friends on Nov. 19. Everyone enjoyed it very much! "Magnifique!"

Due to the Christmas holidays no general meeting will be held in Dec. Our next general meeting will be Jan 21, 7-9pm in Masci Hall featuring BINGO, followed by refreshments. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

CLAYMONT LIONS CHRISTMAS TREE SALES



Claymont Fire Company Sub-Station at Marsh and Naamans Roads.

Weekdays 2 to 8, weekends 9 to 8.

November 23rd until sold out.

ALL proceeds benefit the community!!!

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Do you remember the sister, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.

Play featuring spirituality of St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane de Chantal to premier today, December 2, 2018 at IHM

A new play that presents the spirituality of Saints Francis de Sales and Jane De Chantal, titled "Everyday Holiness," will make its debut on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Wilmington. The play was commissioned by the Diocese of Wilmington as part of its 150th anniversary celebration. A 17th century Bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Francis de Sales is known as the "gentleman saint." He is the patron of the Diocese. Along with his close collaborator, St. Jane de Chantal, they established the Order of the Visitation.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church is located at 4701 Weldin Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19803. The 3:00 p.m. performance is open to the public and will conclude with prayer and light refreshments. A free-will offering will be taken. After its December 2nd world premiere, "Everyday Holiness" will be presented at additional times and locations in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore as part of the Diocese of Wilmington's 150th anniversary celebration that concludes on March 3, 2019.

Parish Social Ministry

The special blessings of Jesus upon the children of Saint Helena's Religious Education and your generous donation of food for the hungry families in our parish and community brought tears to the eyes of the Parish Outreach volunteers. Thank You!!

St. Peter Cathedral School Christmas Fundraising Event Saturday, December 8, 2018 11-3 in the School Auditorium



Come take chances on our elegant baskets and variety of raffles. Refreshments are available.