

November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent



In the words of Isaiah, God's people said "You Lord are our father, our redeemer... you are angry and we are sinful... we are all withered like leaves... we are clay and you the potter..." In this Advent time, we recognize the truth that we are sinners and need the forgiveness of our God.

Jesus in the Gospel reminds us we need to be alert. He is coming again in glory! Three times in this Gospel, Jesus says "Watch!" Be ready when He comes!



Holy Day of Obligation

*Tuesday, 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, 7:30pm*



CHRISTMAS ROSARY RALLY

Saturday December 5, 2020 at 1pm
Honor our Blessed Savior and Mother, our
Nation, and our Police at Christmas time:
Here at St. Helena's Church near the Blessed
Mother Statue.

*"Be Strong and take heart, all you who hope in the
Lord" Psalm-31:24*

If you have questions please contact Stephanie
Bilinski talk or text 302-559-1275. In compliance
with current state guidelines for outdoor
gatherings.

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

<https://www.sainthelenas.org>

Coronavirus News Important Update!

Friday Reflections with Msgr. Russell

Friday Reflections 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. You can even arrange for YouTube to let you know every time we add a new video!

Reminder! We'll be broadcasting Mass on YouTube afterward for you to watch.

PLEASE NOTE

Because we need to follow procedures to help maintain a safe situation for all:

- No one can enter the Church if you are sick or have been exposed to someone with the virus within the last 14 days. Or if you will not wear a mask.
- Every other pew will be roped off to help social distancing.
- All MUST WEAR A MASK except children under 2.
- Please use hand sanitizer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES -

Families will be receiving an email regarding the next 2 months of classes.

FIRST RECONCILIATION will be celebrated

NEXT SATURDAY, DEC 5, in Church at

10:30am. I ask that our families safely distance themselves in Church and please remember to WEAR YOUR MASKS.

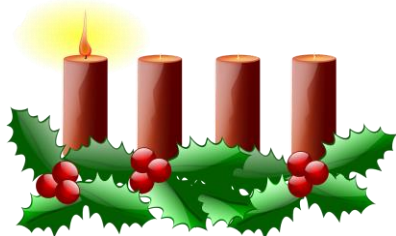
Children are to dress appropriately (no jeans or sneakers). I ask that all of our parishioners keep these young boys and girls in your prayers.



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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, November 29 1st Week of Advent

Monday, November 30

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Zoom

Thursday, December 3

Bingo-Suspended due to updated DE State mandates until the New Year.

Friday, December 4

9:30am Adoration-Church

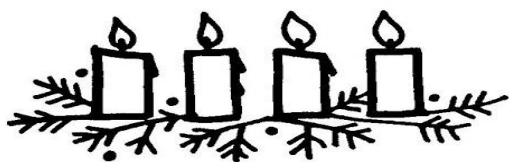
Saturday, December 5

10:30am 1st Reconciliation-Church

Sunday, December 6 2nd Sunday of Advent

2nd Collection: Maintenance & Repair

12:00pm Baptism-Church



Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, Vaughn 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 Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinson, Fr. Charles Dillingham, Tony Cutrona, Sande Richardson, Geri Crockett, Jim Fedena, Sr, Carly Fedena, Susan Watkins, Judy Wilbank, Joan Morgan, Edwin Blevins



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Nov 28

5:00pm (SR) All Souls

Sunday, Nov 29

7:00am (EF) All Souls

9:00am (SR) Jane Verbanc

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

Monday, Nov 30

9:00am (SR) All Souls

Tuesday, Dec 1

7:00am (EF) Barbara Allen

9:00am (SR) Mary & Bernard Fiore

Wednesday, Dec 2

9:00am (SR) Jane Steele

Thursday, Dec 3

7:00am(EF) Paul O. Knight

9:00am (EF) Special Intention for the Whisker Family

Friday, Dec 4

7:00am(EF) John Bonk

9:00am (SR) Jane Verbanc

Saturday, Dec 5

9:00am (SR) Alice DiCamilla

5:00pm (SR) Joseph Bower

Sunday, Dec 6

7:00am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) Erin Lynch

11:00am (SR) Rosalina Mendors

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

"We give thanks to you, O God, we proclaim how great you are and tell of the wonderful things you have done." Psalm 75:1

God has blessed Saint Helena's parish with kind, generous and compassionate parishioners who reach out to the families in our parish and community during special holiday celebrations. Parish Social Ministry is able to provide food cards for Thanksgiving and food cards and gift cards for Christmas to 32 families.

Special Blessings upon Linda Deeney who coordinated the Thanksgiving effort and John Zakreski who organized the Christmas giving.



Claymont Lions Club Annual

Christmas Tree Sale

Claymont Fire Company

Sub Station

Corner of Marsh Rd (Rt 3) and Naamans Rd
(Rt 92.)

November 27 Until Sold Out

Monday-Friday 3 to 8pm

Saturday & Sunday 9am to 8pm

All Proceeds Benefit the Community



2020 Annual Catholic Appeal – Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others

To date, \$53,779.00 has been received representing 85.36% of our parish's \$63,000 goal.

THANK YOU! If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal, go to www.cdown.org/annualcatholicappeal.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

BIRTH RIGHT'S

ANNUAL BOTTLES FOR BABIES FUNDRAISER "RESPECT LIFE MONTH"

These uncertain times are causing anxiety for everyone. The Mothers we serve have faced so many challenges when the world turned upside down. As anxiety grows, the need for our services become even greater and our office has remained open to serve the needs of our Mommies who come to us. With that being said, **WE WILL BE HOSTING THE BOTTLES FOR BABIES FUNDRAISER!**

Due to the Pandemic, there will be a few ways you can participate, and that is, you can mail your Personal Checks directly to us or you can drop your donation off! Receiving Bottles is still an option, if you want them, as well!

Our address is: Birthright of DE

1311 North Scott Street

Wilmington, DE 19806.

Please be sure to mark the Memo section of your check, with your parish name, for Credit and tax purposes. We have extended the time frame, so you can return donations to us the whole month of October, November and **December** due to the Pandemic. Proceeds benefit pregnant women and their babies. And we graciously THANK YOU! If you have any questions, Please contact me, Tinisha Brown, at 302-660-1087 (c) or 302-656-7080 (o)

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday afternoon at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, December 5th, tune in to learn ways to make Advent and Christmas more meaningful for families, when Ms. Cindy Krebs, Director of Religious Education at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Hockessin, Delaware is the guest. Listen to Catholic Forum online anytime at www.cdown.org/CatholicForum, or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at [facebook.com/ CatholicForum...](https://facebook.com/CatholicForum...)

RETRouvaille

Upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend...

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 February 12 - 14, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org... or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

ST. ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL FALL

St. Elizabeth High School - 9th Grade Admissions

Current 8th graders are invited to join us at our fall admissions events:

Take a virtual tour of our school on-demand! When you're done, check out the other incredible virtual content our students and faculty have created for you.

Schedule an in-person, private tour of St. Elizabeth on an evening or weekend.

Join us for the High School Placement Test on Saturday, December 5 or Sunday, December 6. For more information about these opportunities, visit www.steschools.org/admissions or give our admissions office a call at 302-656-3369 ext. 3039.



Christmas Gift Idea!

Book fundraiser for the Little Sisters of the Poor through December 21st.

Two Catholic novels, Jubal's Christmas Gift and The Treasure of Nonsense Woods by Dennis D. Skirvin, are on sale at Angel Crossing Catholic Books and Gift Store, 550 Colonial Ave, Elsmere and online at www.Amazon.com.

All 2020 profit benefits the Little Sisters' Jeanne Jugan Residence, Newark. For more information, visit www.dennis-skirvin.com

"Loved it! Well crafted, and emotionally and spiritually uplifting!" ...Francis D. Vavala, Major General USA (Ret.)

Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers **By Susan Vogt**

Marriage Moments: Sometimes marriage is like our computers. You learn a lot of information, but with time bugs and viruses can creep in. Things get messy and work slower. When all else fails try rebooting your relationship. Let go of old hurts.

Parenting Pointers: 2020 has been a year of the coronavirus pandemic. What's there to be thankful for? Sometimes disruptions like these can push us into facing our common humanity and what's really important. Think of one unintended positive consequence that's come out of a hard year.

