

September 9, 2018

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

When you were baptized, some priest said to you "Ephphatha, be opened" as he touched your ears and mouth. He did what Jesus did in today's Gospel, opening the ears and mouth of the man who could not hear or speak. By that action we were symbolically "opened" to hear the Word of God and to praise Him.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 8/26 was \$4,081.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,467.50 for a total of \$5,548.50.

Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

**Begin tomorrow night at 6:30pm in Masci Hall.** This will be a meeting for BOTH A PARENT and the STUDENT. If you have not yet sent in your registration form, please bring it with you. We will have forms available to fill out as well as the ability to process a credit card for payment.

What about the Convent?

Sometimes folks suggest we should make the convent into a home for elderly parishioners. We wish we could! BUT- when the Sisters withdrew from the convent, we learned from officials that when the use of a building changes, it is necessary to make the building comply with current fire safety and county rules. We realize it would cost at least a half million dollars to do that. Also the old plumbing needs many repairs. Many folks do not realize only a couple of rooms had private shower and toilet facilities. The rest used common facilities. To change that would require a huge sum of money.

DIOCESE 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Our Diocese is celebrating this year the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our establishment by Blessed Pope Pius IX on Saturday, Nov 3, in Ocean City, Md. To celebrate this event each parish is expected to send a delegation of 25 persons. If you would be able to participate, please call the rectory. There will be presentations and seminars held beginning at 9:15am and concluding with the Bishop leading the celebration of Mass at 5pm.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Today-8:00AM TO 12:45PM

\$9/Adults ~ \$4/Children under 12

Leave the cooking to our Breakfast Crew for an all you care to eat Buffet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:Natiesmom@me.com)].

ST. HELENA'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 (RAIN or SHINE) from NOON – 3PM.** Come and join fellow parishioners for FREE FOOD provided by the Knights of Columbus and the members of Parish Council, Finance Council, Parish Life and Christian Formation. Our own "YOUNG at HEART" members provide delectable desserts to satisfy your sweet tooth! It is a wonderful time to reconnect with friends that you know and also to meet new parishioners in a fun and laid back atmosphere.

YOUTH GROUP

**Meets TONIGHT at 7 pm in the Religious Education Office.**

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, September 8

9:00am (SR) Louise Marie Hoffman

5:00pm (SR) Rose and Francis Talarowski

### Sunday, September 9

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

9:00 am (SR) John Hazewski

11:00 am (SR) Frank Owsiany

### Monday, September 10

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (SR) John Roe

### Tuesday, September 11

7:00am (DV)

9:00am (SR) Paul & Alexandra Stamegna

### Wednesday, September 12

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (SR) Paul O. Knight

### Thursday, September 13

7:00am (SR) Stanley J. Russell Sr.

9:00am (WK) C. Natalie Meriggi

### Friday, September 14

7:00am (Cap)

9:00am (SR) Jason Barrowclough

### Saturday, September 15

9:00am (SR)

5:00pm (SR) Patricia De Cusatis

### Sunday, September 16

7:00 am (SR) Special Intention (Living)

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

11:00 am (SR) Mary Van Veen

## BINGO

Every Thursday Evening  
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm

Games begin at 7:00pm

Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm beginning on September 12. If **anyone needs** information, please call Dolly at 302-764-3465 or Carmela at 302-762-9057.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, September 10

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes begin-MH

7:00pm Young at Heart Crafts-CV

### Tuesday, September 11

7:00pm Financial Council Mgt-R

### Wednesday, September 12

7:00pm Parish Council Exec Mgt-R

7:00pm Prayer Shawl-MH

### Thursday, September 13

5:30 pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30 pm Adult Choir-C

### Saturday, September 15

1:30pm/6:00pm Pro-Life Event/Dinner-MH

## YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart's monthly meetings will resume on **Monday evening, 7pm, Sept 17, in Masci Hall**. Please plan on joining our club for fun and fellowship. We need new members with new ideas. Yearly dues are \$18.00 and due at that time.

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Items for collection for **Syrian refugees at Silverside Church:**

Items needed: bedding, school supplies, educational toys, easy to read books, new socks and underwear, heavy duty shoes, first aid supplies, sewing machines and sewing supplies.

**Please leave items inside the front door of the church.**

Monday-Friday from 8:30-3:30pm, September 17-23.

Sundays from 9:00am-12:00pm, September 16 and 23.

For information please call Parish Social Ministry Office at 302-764-0325 x104. Thank you for your kindness and compassion for the Syrian refugees.

## CHOIR NEWS!!

Adult Choir begins on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the church. Youth Choir for grades 3-8 begins on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm-6:30pm in the church.

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, 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, Joseph Sacher, 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

Saint Mark's High School

Important Admissions Dates:

- **8th Grade HSPT Prep Course** on Saturday, October 13th and November 10th
- **Fall Open House** on Sunday, October 28th from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- **Spartan for a Day** for 8th Grade students, beginning October 2nd and offered Tuesday-Friday.
- **8th Grade HSPT at Saint Mark's**, December 1st at 8:30 a.m. or December 2nd at 12:00 p.m. **For a full list of admissions dates or to register for an event, visit the Saint Mark's Admissions web-page at [www.stmarkshs.net/Admissions](http://www.stmarkshs.net/Admissions)**

Please Help the Food Closet

The food closet is in need of cereal, jelly, pasta sauce, chunky soup, juice, juice boxes, soap-bar, and syrup. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**



PADRE PIO FESTIVAL

St. Bede the Venerable Parish in Holland, PA (Southampton, PA) invites you to join them for their Third Annual Padre Pio Festival. We have moved the date for our festival to the weekend of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 14, 15, 16, 2018, in commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of St. Pio of Pietrelcina. Special Masses will be held on Saturday evening, September 15, and again on Sunday, September 16. 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.

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The *12th Annual Nun Run 5K* (it's a walk too!) is being held 9am Saturday, 9/15/18 This 5K walk/race begins and ends on the grounds of Jeanne Jugan Residence in Newark, and the Little Sisters join us for the run and all the fun! This is one of our major fundraisers and we are seeking your support. Last year, over 400 people came together to make our Nun Run a huge success!

THE SECULAR  
DISCALCED CARMELITES (OCDS)

*Is God calling you to a deeper prayer life and relationship with Him?* The Secular Discalced Carmelites (OCDS) may be for you. We are a Catholic lay order of men and women undertaking to live an evangelical life of fraternity and contemplative prayer, according to the Carmelite Saints. We meet in NEWARK, DE on the 3rd Saturday of each month. To learn more, please contact Dan (302-252-8784) or Laurie (410-378-0010).

**Upcoming Events at Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center**

**Spiritali-TEA: Sunday, September 16, 2018 from 2pm-4pm.** Enjoy tea and scones by Starbucks to celebrate "Peace Week Delaware". Participate in discussion, relaxing and listening to live music. Cost \$20.

Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808. 302-995-6554. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. Visit our website [jesushousecenter.org](http://jesushousecenter.org). or call our office for more info or to register.

**CAPE COD BUS EXCURSION**

**Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary St. Josephine Bakhita Court 383** is sponsoring a 5 day/4 night bus excursion to Cape Cod, September 10-14, 2018. Please consider vacationing with friends from the Diocese. It's an all-inclusive trip with a total cost of \$800. You can reserve your seat for \$200. Contact Deborah Robinson, 302-494-5709 or St. Joseph's Church, 302-658-4535 for more detail and to make your reservation.



**RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES WILL BE HOSTING A**

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION ON**

**October 12 - 14, 2018**

This weekend retreat will be held in **Doylestown, PA**

**at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa**

For more information please call **Evelyn at (215) 317-5752.**

Read more about our retreat online at **[www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)**

*All requests are strictly confidential.*

Please join the **Diocesan Vocations Guild on October 7, 2018** as we travel to the "Shower of Roses" celebration at the **Carmelite Monastery, Coopersburg, PA.** There will be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Veneration of the Relic of St. Therese of Lisieux, and a solemn procession to the Blessed Mother's Statue in the yard, and each pilgrim receives a rose. Visit the tomb of the incorrupt foundress, Sr. Therese of the Child Jesus. Food will be available in the cafeteria. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$30.00 per person. Please contact Mary Gaworski @ 302-438-6969 or email: [mares7963@aol.com](mailto:mares7963@aol.com) for more information.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**



Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be November 2-4, 2018 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information, visit our website at [www.wvme-delmar.org](http://www.wvme-delmar.org) or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

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