

February 25, 2024
2nd Sunday of Lent

Second Sunday of Lent



Abraham and his wife finally had a son, Isaac, after many years of hoping God would keep His promise. But in the ancient world many people thought they had to kill the first born son and offer him as a sacrifice to their god. Abraham was ready to sacrifice his only son. But God stopped him and made clear His people, Israel, would not offer such sacrifices to Him.

St. Paul in his letter to the Romans reminds us our God “did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all.”

Each year on this Second Sunday of Lent, we hear the Gospel Story of the Transfiguration. The eternal Father testifies that Jesus (with His divinity showing forth thru His humanity) is indeed His Son.

Daily Lenten Schedule

Masses Monday through Saturday:
9:00 am

NOTE: Unfortunately, due to the shortage of priests, we will not be able to have a 7 am daily Mass after Ash Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross

Lenten Friday evenings at **7:30 pm**

- † A friendly reminder that the Festival of Spirituals will be held TODAY, Sunday, February 25th, at 3:00 pm.
- † Please note there are no 7:00 am weekday Mass during Lent. Weekend Mass times are Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday at 7:00 am, 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

Lenten Guidelines

Prayer: We urge you to make the effort to participate in the daily Masses of Lent.

Penance: We are encouraged to do something difficult to strengthen our will-power to resist sin and temptation.

Abstinence: All Catholics from age 14 on are expected to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting: All Catholics from age 18 to 59 are expected to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means **ONE** full meal a day: two other light meals, no snacks between meals. **These are minimum expectations.** The Church as our Mother encourages us to do something so we can share the dying of Christ in order to rise with Him at Easter to New Life.

Works of Charity: We are challenged by the Church not only to open our hearts to God but to one another. Reach out to help the needy.

The Rice Bowl: This campaign of the American Catholic Church is an effort to help our hungry brothers and sisters. We are asked to have one simple meatless meal each week and give what we save to help the hungry.

Lent began as a time for the Church to prepare those who wished to join the body of Christ through the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please pray for people throughout the world preparing to receive these sacraments in the Easter Season.

Lenten books



The devotional books for Lent are available until the beginning of Lent (February 14th).

WEEKLY INTENTION

Saturday, February 24th

5:00 pm (SR) Dorothy Rich

Sunday, February 25th - 2nd SUNDAY/LENT

7:00 am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00 am (SR) Doris Dehart

11:00 am (SP) Kelly Crawford

Monday, February 26th

9:00 am (SR) Deceased Members of
The Sullivan-Russell Family

Tuesday, February 27th

9:00 am (SR) Joseph Bonney, III

Wednesday, February 28th

9:00 am (SR) John Deely

Thursday, February 29th

9:00 am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Friday, March 1st - FIRST FRIDAY

9:00 am (SR) Paul O. Knight

7:30 pm Stations (SR)

Saturday, March 2nd

9:00 am (SR) Mary Louise Monaghan
Living Intention

5:00 pm (SR) People of the Parish

Sunday, March 3rd - 3rd SUNDAY/LENT

7:00 am (SR) Alice F. Hill

& Horace "Babe" Conway

9:00 am (SR) Claire Laprade

11:00 am (RB) Mary Stipo

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 25th

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

12:15 pm Confirmation Meeting (Masci Hall)

3:00 pm Festival of Spirituals (Church)

Monday, February 26th

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)

6:00 pm Religious Ed Dinner

6:30 pm Religious Ed Classes (School)

6:30 pm Scripture Study (Religious Ed Office)

Tuesday, February 27th

6:30-7:30 pm Open Prayer (Church)

Wednesday, February 28th

After 9:00 am Mass - Stay to Pray the Rosary

Thursday, February 29th

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

6:30-7:30 pm Open Prayer (Church)

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Friday, March 1st

9:30 am Adoration (Church)

5:00-7:00 pm Fish Fry (Masci Hall)

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 2nd

After 9:00 am Mass - Pray the Miraculous
Medal Novena

Sunday, March 3rd

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

Food Collection - All Masses

Please Pray for Our Sick Parishioners

Dolly Albanese, Ruth Bower, Geri Crockett, Julia Davis, Toni Di Lezio, Sr., Susan Denis, Carly Fedena, Jim Fedena Sr., Paul Farren, Sr., Mary Gabel, Regina Gemignani, Michael Giberson, Patti Grimes, Felicia Hallahan, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Charlie Lafferty, James Lafferty, Leila Lahan, Thomas Leo, Joseph Lichota, Aliyah Miller, Sara Murphy, Alex Newton, Dave Pacitti, Jane Parsons, Fr. Roy Pollard, Bridget Robinson, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma & Wally Schock, Eva Smith, Frank Sullivan, Janet Szubieolski, Mary Tabler, Catherine Thomson, Rose Marie Turcol, Catalina Weddle, Vaughn Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Kathy Hope, Denise Lopes, Donna Dougherty, Gerri Fedena, Joseph Coen, Mary Smith, Peter Lauer, Robert Pagenkemper, Evelyn Deeney, Chuck Williams, Eve Archangelo, Kay Volk, Gay Meriggi, Pamela Grow, Danielle Glasow & our friends at the Kutz Home.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors meet TODAY (Sunday) at 12:15 pm in Masci Hall. If the sponsor is not available, a parent can fill in.

Religious Education and Adult Scripture return Monday night at 6:30 pm.

Ms. Hummy and Youth Group need your help:

EASTER EGGS

We are asking if people could donate a sleeve of plastic Easter Eggs for our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** which will be held on Saturday, March 23rd. Thanking you in advance for your kindness. Eggs can be left on the rectory porch for Ms. Hummy. More Info on the Hunt to follow.....

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of February 4, 2024 was \$5,169.00 and the online collection was \$2,207.00 for a total of \$7,376.00.

Thank you!

LIFE'S HARD - WANT TO PRAY?

St. Helena's Church will be open for prayer on:

TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

from February 6th through March 21st

Options - rosary, quiet prayer, music ministry, and more.

Uncomfortable about coming? - come anyway - ask for Laura when you arrive.

Enter through church door marked with a yard sign.

PARISH JOB OPPORTUNITY

Saint Helena's seeks a **Maintenance Helper** to support the ministries of the Church and the needs of tenants. Major responsibilities include maintaining Parish facilities, grounds, and custodial duties. Some experience with building systems helpful. Part-time (10-20 hrs./wk). For details, contact Business Manager at rrebmman@sainthelenas.org or 302-764-0325 x-102.

ST. ANN'S SCHOOL'S "LION KING, JR."

The shows are Friday, March 1st at 7:00 pm and Saturday March 2nd at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm in the St. Ann's School Social Hall located at 2006 Shallcross Avenue, Wilmington, DE. You may purchase tickets electronically by going to: <https://www.stannwilmington.com/parish-activities/lionkingjr>. You can pay via Parish Giving, Venmo, PayPal, or with a credit card. Please put the number of tickets and which performance you would like in the note field if you pay electronically. You can also drop off cash or checks to the St. Ann's rectory. The cost for each ticket is \$10. You won't want to miss it!

A 'THANK YOU' FROM YOUNG-AT-HEART

The Young-At-Heart Social Group would like to thank Msgr. Russell for his interesting and informative talk about Lent at our February Meeting. We appreciate his time and insight into this solemn season.

SAVE THE DATE!

DESIGNER BAG BINGO will be held for the first time on Sunday, April 28th at St. Helena's. More information will follow on our parish website, and Facebook page.

MOUNT PLEASANT HIGH SCHOOL'S "JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR"

Mount Pleasant High School's Drama Program will be putting on a production of Jesus Christ Superstar March 14th-16th. Showtimes are 7:00 pm each night and there is also a 2:00 pm matinee on Saturday the 16th. Reserved seating only. Tickets can be purchased at www.mphsdrama.com or at the door, but advance purchase is recommended.

Adults: \$15 | Students and Seniors: \$12

Children 12 and under: \$10

2023 FAITH AND CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL: SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

To date, **\$62,308.64** has been received representing 97.32% of our Parish's **\$66,276.00** goal. **THANK YOU!** If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal: www.cdo.org/annualcatholicappeal. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

