

March 17, 2024
5th Sunday of Lent

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“... I will make a new covenant...” Those words from the prophet, Jeremiah, seem so appropriate as the Lord will renew His Covenant with us in Holy Week and Easter. We hear the Letter to the Hebrews which speaks of Jesus who “... learned obedience from what he suffered...” In the Gospel of John, we hear Jesus say “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” Jesus can see what is coming: “I am troubled now.” But he knows this is why He came into the world. Jesus says: “... when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”



*Next week we celebrate Palm Sunday,
the beginning of Holy Week.*



This year, **Reconciliation Monday** will be held on **March 25th**. All parish churches in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore will be open for confession from **3:00 until 8:00 pm**.

ST. HELENA'S OPEN PRAYER

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS | 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

February 6th through March 21st

Ask for Laura when you arrive. Enter through church door marked with a yard sign.

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.

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**

WEEKLY INTENTION

Saturday, March 16th

5:00 pm (SR) Judith Seltzman

Sunday, March 17th - 5th SUNDAY/LENT

7:00 am (SP) Bridget & Martin Kearney

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

11:00 am (RB) People of the Parish

Monday, March 18th

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

Tuesday, March 19th

9:00 am (SR) Elaine Deeney

Wednesday, March 20th

9:00 am (SR) Frances & John Danchak

Thursday, March 21st

9:00 am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Friday, March 22nd

9:00 am (SR) Jack Harney

7:30 pm Stations (SR)

Saturday, March 23rd

9:00 am (SR) Helene Cadman

5:00 pm (SR) Janice Westman

Sunday, March 24th - PALM SUNDAY

7:00 am (SR) Eric Lowe

9:00 am (RB) Dorothy Rich

11:00 am (SR) People of the Parish

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 17th - ST. PATRICK'S DAY

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

12:30 pm Baptisms (Church)

7:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, March 18th

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)

6:30 pm Religious Ed. Prayer Service (Church)

6:30 pm Scripture Study (Religious Ed Office)

7:00 pm Young-At-Heart Meeting (Masci Hall)

Tuesday, March 19th

10:00 am Staff Meeting (Rectory)

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

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting (Masci Hall)

Wednesday, March 20th

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

Thursday, March 21st

10:00 am Social Ministry Deanery (Rectory)

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

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

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Friday, March 22nd

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

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

Saturday, March 23rd

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

11:00 am Easter Egg Hunt (Grounds)

Sunday, March 24th

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

12:15 pm First Eucharist Meeting - Child Only
(Masci Hall)

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, 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, Walter Thomas & our friends at the Kutz Home.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Ms. Hummy Pennell:

hpennell@sainthelenas.org

Youth Group meets tonight (Sunday) at 7:00 pm. We will be stuffing our Easter bags for our Easter Egg Hunt.

Religious Education: Many thanks to our Parish Innovation Committee for hosting our much-enjoyed Dinner on Monday night. What a treat for our families as they gathered before class.



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of February 25, 2024 was \$3,817.00 and the online collection was \$1,952.00 for a total of \$5,769.00.

Thank you!

FEBRUARY PARISH EXPENSES

In February, our parish paid 61 bills totaling \$41,053.59. In addition, the parish paid \$27,986.53 for payroll.

Relocation of thermostat in Dougherty Hall	\$ 3,157.35
Delmarva Power	\$ 7,794.50
Diocese, lay health insurance	\$ 1,102.00
Snow removal	\$ 3,887.50
New Castle County sewer, first quarter	\$ 703.96
Church candles	\$ 1,512.53
Veolia water	\$ 242.90
Verizon telephone	\$ 512.84
Waste removal	\$ 511.33

**BRANDYWINE HUNDRED DEANERY
CATHOLIC LECTURE SERIES**

Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm

Finding Faith on Campus presented by Dr. Anna Bonta Moreland. To participate, go to **www.zoom.com**, and click on the upper right, **JOIN**. Zoom will ask for the ID of the session you are joining. That ID is **678 330 6301**. The password is **Lent2024**. Make sure to use an upper case L. If you sign-in early, you will be placed in a waiting room until the lecture begins.

YOUNG-AT-HEART MARCH MEETING

The Young-At-Heart Social Group would like to invite everyone to their next monthly meeting on tomorrow, Monday, March 18th. The evening's entertainment will be the singer, George Fox, who will perform a variety of music with an Irish/St. Patrick's Day theme. Come, relax and enjoy an evening of song. The meeting will be held in Masci Hall with the doors opening at 6:30 and the meeting beginning promptly at 7:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Here comes Peter Cottontail
hopping to St. Helena's

Saturday, March 23rd at 11:00 am
(Raindate March 30th)

For children 1 thru 12 (Please bring a basket)
Please email Ms. Hummy if you plan to attend:
hpennell@sainthelenas.org

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
MINI RETREAT ON PADRE PIO**

Tuesday, April 16th from 10:00 am-12:00 pm
IHM Church

Join IHM for an informational session AND hear up-close and personal experiences by Father John Aurilia O.F.M., PhD! Fr. John was the secretary to Saint Padre Pio in 1967 and he will share his remarkable experiences with Saint Pio. For questions, contact Rita McDowell at **mcdowell@ihm.org** or **302-438-9739**. To register, contact Lisa Krueger at **lkrueger@ihm.org** or **302-762-5550**.

SAVE THE DATE

Designer Bag Bingo will be held for the first time on Sunday, April 28th at St. Helena's.

More information coming soon!



FISH FRY FRIDAYS DURING LENT 2024

FEBRUARY 16, 23 **5:00 p.m. to**
MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22 **7:00 p.m.**

**Hosted by the Knights of Columbus,
Christopher Council (#3182), in
St. Helena's Masci Hall**

THE "FOUR STAR*" FISH FRY RETURNS!!!

On the six Fridays during Lent, the Christopher Council of the Knights of Columbus will host a Fish Fry in St. Helena's Masci Hall. (Please note that there is no Fish Fry on Good Friday). Dinner service is from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Takeout is available. The menu includes platters of fried fish, baked fish, fried shrimp, crab cakes or a seafood entrée special accompanied by a variety of side dishes. In addition, we'll be serving up hot soup, salads and desserts. Children's platters are available for those under 12 and Beer and Wine are available for those over 21. The proceeds from these dinners will go to support the charitable programs of Christopher Council, including the Outreach Program at St. Helena's and Holy Rosary. For questions or to volunteer, please contact Raymond at 302-547-6931 (phone or text) or RaymondCobb3182@gmail.com or Nancy at 302-598-8685 (phone or text) or Natiesmom@me.com

*The Dialog's Dashing Diner, March 11, 2022

FISH FRY FRIDAYS MENU 2024

Appetizers*

- **Fried Calamari** **\$6**
- **Mozzarella Sticks** **\$6**

Platters (served with choice of two sides and a roll)*

- **Fried Fish** **\$12**
- **Baked Fish** **\$12**
- **Fried Shrimp(5)** **\$14**
- **Crab Cakes (2)** **\$17**
- **Dinner Special:** **Priced Weekly**
 - February 16: Salmon; February 23: Lobster Ravioli
 - March 1: Salmon; March 8: TBD
 - March 15: Salmon; March 22: TBD

- **Add a piece of fried or baked fish (\$5), shrimp (\$7) or a crab cake (\$8) to any platter.**

Sides*:

Mac 'n Cheese	Green Beans	Stewed Tomatoes	Beets
Scalloped Apples	French Fries	Tater Tots	Applesauce
Sw. Pot. Cass.	Garden Salad	Coleslaw	Beans 'n Rice

Extra Side **\$3.00**

Soup: 2 selections each night. **\$4.00**

Kids' Menu (12 and under) **\$6.00**

- **Fish sticks with applesauce and fries (no substitution)**

Desserts (Varied Selection) **\$3.00/\$4.00**

Can of Soda **\$1.50**

Bottle of Water **\$1.00**

Bottomless Cup of Coffee **\$2.00**

Beer **\$3.00/\$4.00**

Wine **\$4.00/glass**

*Prices and selection subject to change