

April 7, 2024  
Divine Mercy Sunday



Each year during the Easter season of fifty days we hear of the life of the infant Church from the Acts of the Apostles. We hear their resurrection faith united them so closely that they shared everything! No one was left in need. This year, each Easter season Sunday we hear the First Letter of St. John.

Today in our Gospel we hear the first appearance of the Risen Lord to the Apostles. They were still in the upper room where they had the Last Supper. They locked the door and closed the window shutters out of fear the Jews would find them and kill them too. Suddenly the body of the Risen Lord passed through the walls. Jesus showed them His Risen body. Thomas who had not been with them refused to believe until next Sunday when the Risen Christ again appeared to them and invited Thomas to touch the place of the wounds. Thomas believed and John tells us these things have been written so you may believe!

*Divine Mercy Chaplet*

**TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>**

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** will be prayed in the Church following the 9:00 am Mass today. Join us in celebration and recognition of our Lord's greatest gift... His Mercy.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS



On the third Sunday of May each year, we hold elections for our Parish Council.

On April 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, we will ask you to nominate candidates for the election.

A Candidate must be 18 years of age and a member of our parish. Three candidates are elected for a three-year term. The purpose of the Council is to advise the Pastor on decisions and stimulate and coordinate parish activities.

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ST. HELENA'S OPEN PRAYER

**TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> | 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

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.

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A MESSAGE FROM  
MONSIGNOR RUSSELL



For some strange reason, at times some folks have difficulty contacting the Pastor at his phone extension (108). If you have difficulty, please leave your message at the parish extension (100).

The rectory phone number is 302-764-0325.

*Thank you.*

## WEEKLY INTENTION

### Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm (SR) Judi Pelkey

### Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> - DIVINE MERCY

7:00 am (SR) Paul O. Knight

9:00 am (SP) People of the Parish

11:00 am (SR) Thomas Nelson

### Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> - ANNUNCIATION

9:00 am (SR) Edwin Blevins

### Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Paul O. Knight

### Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) James W. Short

### Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Mamie Connolly

### Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Daniel Divine

### Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Msgr. Joseph Rebman

5:00 pm (SR) Samuel & Marie Emmi

### Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am (SR) Joseph Ennis

9:00 am (RB) People of the Parish

11:00 am (SP) Joan McLaughlin

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> -DIVINE MERCY

After 9:00 am Mass – Divine Mercy Chaplet

11:00 am Children’s Liturgy (Church)

12:30 pm Baptisms (Church)

Food Collection – All Masses

### Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> - ANNUNCIATION

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)

6:30 pm Religious Ed (School)

6:30 pm Scripture Study (Religious Ed Office)

### Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

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

7:00 pm Finance Council (Rectory)

### Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

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

7:00 pm P.C Executive Council (Rectory)

### Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

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

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

### Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

1:00-5:00 pm Religious Ed. Confirmation Retreat  
(Holy Child)

### Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am-12:45 pm Breakfast Buffet (Masci Hall)

11:00 am Children’s Liturgy (Church)

12:30 pm Baptisms (Church)

### 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, Abigail Cushing, Francis Salvatore, Susan Watkins, John Fitzpatrick, and our friends at the Kutz Home.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



*Ms. Hummy Pennell:*

[hpennell@sainthelenas.org](mailto:hpennell@sainthelenas.org)

**Religious Ed Classes and Adult Scripture** will be back in session tomorrow, Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**Many, many thanks** to Youth Group and Confirmation candidates for your help all through Holy Week and at our Easter Egg Hunt.

## SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

# HAPPY SPRING!



**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am - 12:45 pm**

**\$12 for adults & kids 12+ | \$4 for kids under 12**

Join us for an Easter and Spring-themed breakfast featuring a large assortment of hot foods, baked goods, fresh waffles, omelets, beverages and more. For more information or reservations: contact Nancy at **302-598-8685** or [\*\*Natiesmom@me.com\*\*](mailto:Natiesmom@me.com).

## YOUNG-AT-HEART APRIL MEETING

Hello Everyone and Happy Spring! The Young-at-Heart Social Group's April meeting will be Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> in Masci Hall. The doors will open at 6:30 pm. and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. The entertainment will be Bingo and there will be light refreshments after the meeting. Come join the fun!

## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: MINI RETREAT ON PADRE PIO

**Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am-12:00 pm**

Join Immaculate Heart of Mary 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 [\*\*rmcdowell@ihm.org\*\*](mailto:rmcdowell@ihm.org) or **302-438-9739**. To register, contact Lisa Krueger at [\*\*lkrueger@ihm.org\*\*](mailto:lkrueger@ihm.org) or **302-762-5550**.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of March 17, 2024 was \$4,679.00 and the online collection was \$2,012.00 for a total of \$6,691.00.

**Thank you!**

## CORPORATE MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM

Many employers sponsor Matching Gift programs and will match charitable contributions made by their employees. Some companies also match charitable gifts made by retirees and/or spouses. If your company has a Matching Gift program, please request the URL or QR code to link to their Matching Gift page. Follow the instructions to complete and submit the information. If you have questions, please contact your Company's HR Department or call the Rectory at **302-764-0325 x100**.

**Matching Gift funds directly support our Parish.** Please get started by contacting your Company's HR Department.

## SAINT MARK'S HIGH SCHOOL: BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Looking for something exciting and magical to do over the weekend? Saint Mark's High School will be presenting the enchanted Disney classic Beauty and the Beast! The whimsical musical show, with music originally composed by Alan Menken, is fun for the entire family! Join us on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm at Saint Mark's High School theatre. Tickets will be sold online and at the door: \$10 for adults and \$8 for children, military, and seniors. We hope to see you there!

## ULSTER PROJECT DELAWARE 2024

Ulster Project Delaware (UPD) is currently seeking adventure-seeking applicants, aged 14 -17, for its annual month-long peace, service and leadership project from 06/26/2024 to 07/25/24. American teens and their families host Protestant and Catholic teens from Northern Ireland as they seek to learn tolerance, build understanding and gain lifelong friendships. All teens participate in day trips to NYC, DC, Philadelphia, Hershey Park and the beach; service projects; leadership and team building events; visits to various places of worship; and fun local outings. Teens of all faiths and nationalities are encouraged to apply. The cost is minimal and the experience is priceless! **There will be an Information Session on Tuesday 04/09/2024 at 6:30 pm at the Claymont Library, 400 Lenape Way, Claymont DE 19703.** Applications are now being accepted. Visit [www.ulsterprojectdelaware.org](http://www.ulsterprojectdelaware.org) for more information and email any questions to [applyupd@gmail.com](mailto:applyupd@gmail.com) or call Ruth Langrehr at 302-893-1878.

## EMMANUEL DINING ROOM AUCTION 2024

**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 6:00 pm**

The Emmanuel Dining Room Auction will be held at the Chase Center on the Riverfront, Wilmington. Sponsorships needed and donations of auction items are being gratefully accepted; contact [christopherpaul.leonard@gmail.com](mailto:christopherpaul.leonard@gmail.com). Tickets are \$125 per person/\$75 only for those under age 25. Includes parking, food, fellowship, and plenty of bidding fun in live and silent auctions. Opportunity to win \$10,000 raffle. More information and for tickets: [www.ministryofcaring.org/edr-auction-2024/](http://www.ministryofcaring.org/edr-auction-2024/)

## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### **Director for Children's Catechesis**

The Director will act as the lead for pre-school and elementary religious education for the parish. This role includes the administration of the children's programs including - but not limited to - CRE and Sacramental Preparation. A Bachelor's degree in Theology is preferred, but not required. The position is full time with some remote work possible. Please submit resume to Rita McDowell, Pastoral Associate at [rmcdowell@ihm.org](mailto:rmcdowell@ihm.org) or call 302-764-4693 with questions.

### **Part-time Coordinator for Confirmation**

The position will be ten hours per week. The primary role would be to prepare youth for the sacrament of Confirmation through four catechetical gatherings, one retreat, and one formal service opportunity. A qualified candidate would have past proven ability to work with youth in Middle and High School ages in some capacity. Ideal candidates would have a passion for the Catholic faith and understanding of Christian principles. An ability to engage in public speaking and experience in group activities to educate and engage are a must. As gatherings for Confirmation preparation are weeknight and weekend events and normally last two and a half hours, candidates should be available to facilitate and plan these sessions. Remote work is available outside of these parameters. Please submit resume and questions to Rita McDowell at [rmcdowell@ihm.org](mailto:rmcdowell@ihm.org).