

December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent



**MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY
OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation
Celebrating
Mary's Conception Without Sin.**

**Join us as we celebrate The Mother of Jesus
and our Mother.**

**Mass Times:
7:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:00 pm, & 7:30 pm**



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!

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our Flock!**

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Flocknote's mission is to build a more connected Church. They've spent 13 years working with 9,000 churches and 220,000 church and ministry leaders. You can even include polls, videos, event RSVPs, smart buttons, attachments, and more! They don't do online advertising or social media; they take privacy very seriously. Managing communications within groups and committees will become much easier, and will allow more transparency to the wider church so people can more easily hear about our efforts and become involved. We'll be able to distribute polls and sign-ups for volunteer events, to make sure we're fully staffed and hopefully not overloading our regular, extremely generous volunteers. The experience is completely opt-in, you can choose which methods of contact you prefer, and there's no account needed - for those worried about security. Other parishes in the area and our Knights of Columbus have adopted it, and they all have found it to be a great benefit. Thank you all for your help in keeping our parish vibrant and unified.

WEEKLY INTENTION

Saturday, December 2nd

5:00 pm (SR) Christopher duMont Lauer

Sunday, December 3rd - 1st SUNDAY/ADVENT

7:00 am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00 am (SR) Renee Muscolino

11:00 am (SP) Deceased Members of
The Fedena Family

Monday, December 4th

9:00 am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Tuesday, December 5th

7:00 am (EF) Michael McKeown

9:00 am (SR) Frances & John Danchak

Wednesday, December 6th

9:00 am (SR) Rosalina Mendes

Thursday, December 7th

7:00 am (EF) Mary Louise Monaghan
Living Intention

9:00 am (SR) Mary Sue Whisker

Friday, December 8th

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00 am (EF) Mary Louise Monaghan
Living Intention

9:00 am (SP) Edwin Blevins

12:00 pm (SR) Mary Ann Vari

7:30 pm (SR) Marie Gigliotti

Saturday, December 9th

9:00 am (SR) James Joseph Hahn

5:00 pm (SR) Rose & Francis Talarowski

Sunday, December 10th - 2nd SUNDAY/ADVENT

7:00 am (SR) Catherine Kozak

9:00 am (EF) Rosario Gracias

11:00 am (RB) People of the Parish

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, Dorothy Rich, 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 & our friends at the Kutz Home.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 3rd

2nd Collection - Maintenance & Repair

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

12:15 pm Confirmation Meeting (Masci Hall)

12:30 pm Baptism (Church)

Food Collection - All Masses

Monday, December 4th

12:00 pm Young-At-Heart Lunch (202 Seasons)

6:00-6:30 pm Youth Choir Christmas Rehearsal
(Church)

6:30 pm Religious Ed Classes (School)

6:30 pm Scripture Study (Religious Ed Office)

Tuesday, December 5th

2:00 pm Parish Social Ministry (Rectory)

7:00 pm CFC Meeting (Religious Ed Office)

Thursday, December 7th

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Angel Tree Gift Card Give Out

Friday, December 8th

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:30 pm

Immaculate Conception (Church)

Sunday, December 10th

8:00 am Breakfast Buffet (Masci Hall)

9:00 am-12:00 pm Attic Treasures (Convent)

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

3:00 pm Recital - Daniel Carunchio (Church)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Ms. Hummy Pennell

hpennell@sainthelenas.org

Religious Education Classes and Adult Scripture resume tomorrow night, Monday at 6:30 pm. Thanks to all of our Religious Education families and St. Helena's parishioners for attending the Thanksgiving Prayer Service.

Youth Group meets next Sunday, December 10th at 7:00 pm in Religious Ed.

PRAYER/ROSARY RALLY



**In support of families and
keeping Christ in Christmas**

Saturday, December 9th at 12 pm

St. Helena's Church near the Blessed Mother
Statue on the church grounds.

May the Lord grant strength to his people.

May the Lord bless his people with peace.

Psalm 29:11

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie
Bilinski talk or text **302-559-1275**

HELP NEEDED:
CHRISTMAS DECORATING

On Friday, December 22nd, our beautiful
Christmas wreaths and sprays need to be fluffed
after being stored all year. This is a sit down and
chat task! Meet in the Church at 10 am. Call Sue
Dunn at **302-893-1057**.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of
November 12, 2023, was \$6,053.00 and the online
collection was \$2,682.00 for a total of \$8,735.00.

Thank you!

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

To date, \$60,993.29 has been received representing
92.03% of our Parish's \$66,276.00 goal. **THANK
YOU!** If you would like more information about
the

Annual Catholic Appeal:

www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE



Sunday, December 10th from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Masci Hall

Take a break from the hustle of the Season and
join us at the Second Sunday Breakfast Buffet on
December 10th. Santa and Mrs. Claus will join
our Breakfast family from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. In
addition to the all you care to eat Buffet (\$12
adults, \$5 children under 12), pick up some
homemade soups, browse the craft selections
hand made by our Young-At-Heart club, and
take a chance on the 50-50. Reservations are not
required but are recommended for those with 6
or more in your party. Please text or call Nancy
at **302-598-8685** with your name, your time of
arrival and the number in your party. Please let
us know how many kiddies there will be in your
party so that Santa can have everything he needs.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED!

Congratulations!

Nov 12th - Holden Laskey & Avery Lasky

Parents: Lori Ann & Paul Laskey, Sr.

Nov 19th - Sophia Rose Burns

Parents: Victoria & David Burns

Nov 26th - Aubrie Coco & Anthony Coco, Jr.

Parents: Anthony & Amanda Coco

Dec 3rd - Micah Lawruk

Parents: Robert & Angela Lawruk

ULSTER PROJECT DELAWARE 2024

Ulster Project Delaware (UPD) is currently seeking adventure-seeking applicants, aged 14 -16, for its annual month-long peace, service and leadership project in July 2024.

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 Thursday 12/07/2023 at 6:30 pm at the Claymont Library, 400 Lenape Way, Claymont DE 19703.

Applications are now being accepted. Visit www.ulsterprojectdelaware.org for more information and email any questions to applyupd@gmail.com or call Ruth Langrehr at 302-893-1878.



Christopher Council KofC #3182 is Celebrating our 75th Birthday !



As you know we have been serving this parish and community since our humble beginnings in 1948. Just look around, we have been an integral part of all carnivals, parish picnics, pancake/ buffet breakfasts, Fish Fry's and food distributions. We also make large annual donations to Coats for Kids, our food closets, Parish general fund and much, much more.....

We hope that you will be a part of our celebration by becoming a benefactor in our Ad Book. The proceeds will help fund our special anniversary projects as well as help defray costs for our celebration on January 20th, 2024.

Please consider becoming a benefactor in our Ad Book for a donation of \$10 or more by December 31, 2023. Supporting us has never been easier.

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