

March 10, 2024
4th Sunday of Lent

Fourth Sunday of Lent 

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Our Scripture Readings always put before us the history of the Kingdom of Israel. This year the Book of Chronicles tells us how the People of God and their leaders sinned against God and were punished being defeated by their enemies, with their Temple destroyed and Israel taken into exile in Babylon. But God used Cyrus, King of the Persians, to conquer the Babylonians and let the faithful “remnant” of Israel return to their holy land. The exile was ended! They were going home! St. Paul reminds us “God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us... brought us to life with Christ---- by grace you have been saved...”It is God’s gift to us! The Gospel of John tells us: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” Wow! What good news! No wonder the Church calls us to Rejoice!



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 9th

5:00 pm (SR) Isabelle M. Krupa
28 Year Anniversary

Sunday, March 10th - 4th SUNDAY/LENT

7:00 am (SR) Richard Meredith Cain

9:00 am (RB) People of the Parish

11:00 am (SR) Bernard Patrick Cunniffe

Monday, March 11th

9:00 am (SR) Julio Lopes

Tuesday, March 12th

9:00 am (SR) Paul O. Knight

Wednesday, March 13th

9:00 am (SR) Stanley J. Russell, Sr.

Thursday, March 14th

9:00 am (SR) Patricia Schmidt

Friday, March 15th

9:00 am (SR) Virginia Morley & Martin Caine

7:30 pm Stations (SR)

Saturday, March 16th

9:00 am (SR) Margaret & Gerald Diffley

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 10th

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

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

12:15 pm Baptism (Church)

Monday, March 11th

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)

6:00 pm Religious Ed. Dinner (Masci Hall)

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

6:30 pm Scripture Study (Religious Ed Office)

Tuesday, March 12th

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

7:00 pm Finance Council (Rectory)

Wednesday, March 13th

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

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

Thursday, March 14th

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

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

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Friday, March 15th

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

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Church)

*including Confirmation Class

Saturday, March 16th

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

9:00-11:00 am St. Helena's Hike (Valley Garden)

6:00-11:00 pm K of C St. Patrick's Celebration
(Masci Hall)

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

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

12:30 pm Baptisms (Church)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Dinner is tomorrow night (Monday) at 6:00 pm in Masci Hall. Children will leave for Church at 6:30 pm for Confessions and return to Masci Hall at 7:30 pm. Families must register by emailing Ms. Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org or contacting Laura Hullinger prior to the dinner so we have enough food for everyone. **Confirmation Candidates** will be attending Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 15th at 7:30 pm in Church. Please see Ms. Hummy when you arrive. **Many, many thanks** to everyone for dropping off plastic Easter eggs and candy for our Easter Egg Hunt on March 23rd at 11:00 am.

May God bless you ALL for your kindness.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of February 18, 2024 was \$4,860.00 and the online collection was \$2,047.00 for a total of \$6,907.00.

Thank you!

BRANDYWINE HUNDRED DEANERY CATHOLIC LECTURE SERIES

Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 pm

Tips for Infusing Family Life with Catholic Culture presented by **Ana Samuel, Ph.D.** 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.

K OF C ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION

Saturday, March 16th from 6:00 - 11:00 pm
Doors open at 5:30 pm | Masci Hall

Enjoy a St. Patrick's Celebration with entertainment by 'Jump The Line', Irish Dancers, Traditional Irish Fare (Buffet, Beer and Wine included) all for the low price of \$40. In addition to the loads of FUN, the proceeds benefit the charitable works of the K of C - Christopher Council Knights in Claymont. For questions, contact: ddichristopher@verizon.net or 302-562-4492. For additional information/tickets, scan QR code below:



Congratulations!

Bailey Peters, Grade 11 at Padua Academy has merited honors for her first term.

ST. HELENA'S HIKE



Join us for a St. Helena's "Hike"!

When? Saturday, March 16th from 9:00 am - 11:00 am (stay as long as you'd like!)

Where? Valley Garden Park
(500 Campbell Road, Greenville, DE 19807)

Who? All are welcome! - all ages!

Flat, paved terrain for strollers, pets, etc.

Meet in the parking lot at Valley Garden Park!

Questions? - email Laura at hullinger@mac.com

YOUNG-AT-HEART MARCH MEETING

The Young-At-Heart Social Group would like to invite everyone to their next monthly meeting on 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

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!

