October 1, 2017
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the prophet Ezechiel, ***" the Lord says if a person turns away from evil, ...he shall preserve his life…he shall surely live, he shall not die."***

It is "Respect Life" month in the American Catholic church – a time to renew our dedication to Christ to live by His Word.

NEXT WEEKEND: At all Masses we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. If you are a senior citizen or have some serious medical condition, you are eligible to receive this Sacrament. Please call the Rectory, 764-0325 and let us know which Mass you will attend.

Parish Picnic, 2017

Many, many thanks to everyone who participated in our Annual Parish Picnic. It was wonderful seeing old friends and meeting new ones! None of this would be possible without the help of many parish committee members, parishioners and LAST BUT NOT LEAST-THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS who not only purchased the food we feasted on-but cooked it!

Special thanks to the following people/groups who made it happen…

Sue Garrett, Sandy Salvatore,
Donna McDonough, Joyce lawless,
Kathleen DiCamilla, Frank Ianni,
YOUNG AT HEART MEMBERS,
Laura Hullinger,
FAMILY, FAITH & FUN MEMBERS,
Ray Cobb and the Knights.
If I left anyone off—I apologize!
Blessings, Hummy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: are held on Monday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:45m in the classrooms upstairs in the school building. If you have a child attending a private (non-Catholic) or public school in grades 1 through 8, they should be coming to classes. Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are for second graders and above, but the child MUST be attending a Catholic School or Religious Education Program so they can truly know what the sacraments are about. Call Ms. Hummy at 762-4280 or you may email her: hpennell@sainthelenas.org for more info.

ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY: (facilitated by Paul Soper) meets MONDAY in the Religious Education Office from 6:30pm-7:45pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: **begins TODAY** at the 11:00am Mass. Children 2-3 years and older are called up after the Opening Prayer and will follow Ms. Hummy to the Sacristy where the Sunday Readings are taught in a child's language. The children return to the pews before the collection. If your child is nervous about coming-just come with her/him for the day for moral support! This program runs October through Mother's Day weekend.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Youth Group is sponsoring a "TRUNK or TREAT" on Sunday, October 29th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm in Masci Hall. This event is open for all families with children 2 years – 10 years of age. Games, Halloween prizes given best costumes. At the end of the evening children will have the opportunity to pick up a treat from participating 'trunks'.

YOUTH GROUP: meets TONIGHT, Sunday, October 1st at 7pm in the Religious Education Office. All 7th through 12th are invited to attend.

BINGO

Are you looking for a way to become more involved at St. Helena's? We need people to serve food, sell Bingo materials and monitor games. Or…try your hand at playing Bingo! Don't know anything about Bingo? That's ok. There are lots of friendly folks to show you how.

To volunteer or for more information, please call 764-0325. To play Bingo, just show up (18 or older). Doors open to Masci Hall on Thursdays at 5:30pm for food and social time. Games begin at 7pm. STOP BY!!!

SAVE THE DATE!!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017
Oktoberfest Party

Sponsored by: The Knights of Columbus, Christopher Council #3182
Saturday, October 21, 2017
6pm–11pm ~ Masci Hall ~ $30/pp
German/Alpine music
Costumed Oktoberfest Dancers
German Themed Buffet Dinner
Oktoberfest Beer, Schnapps Bar
Basket Auctions ~ Lots of Fun!
Contact: raymondcobb3182@gmail.com

LOST AND FOUND

The Lost and Found Box is located near the Handicapped Restroom in the Front Vestibule of Church

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 30
5:00 pm(SR) Jackie Muldowney, Jr.
Sunday, October 1
7:00 am(SR) The Deceased Members of the Lutcavage and Blaska Families
9:00 am(WK)The People of the Parish
11:00 am(SR) Robert McLaughlin
Monday, October 2
7:00 am(WR)Brandon Gooding
9:00 am(SR)
Tuesday, October 3
7:00 am(WR)Souls in Purgatory
9:00 am(SR) Dominik Rosiak, Living Intention
Wednesday, October 4
7:00 am(WR)
9:00 am(SR) Nick Cekine
Thursday, October 5
7:00 am(SR)
9:00 am(WK)
Friday, October 6-First Friday
7:00 am(Cap)
9:00 am(SR) Stanley and Adelaide Russell
Saturday, October 7
9:00 am(SR) Patricia McLaughlin
5:00 pm(SR) John R. Quinn, Sr. 40th Anniversary
Sunday, October 8
7:00 am(WR)The People of the Parish
9:00 am(SR) Steven Budischak
11:00 am(SR)Anthony Episcopo

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Anne Ambagis, Rita Biddle, Dorothy Blaschke, Ruth Bower, Jean Capodanno, Debbie Cole, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Phyllis Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Ella Kirksey, James Lafferty, Sue McLaughlin, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dan Moley, Alfred Moyer, Dora Pacitti, Patricia Patton, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Joseph Sacher, Kathleen Schauber, Irma Shock, Frank Sullivan, George Theiss, Catherine Thomson, Dolores Tunn, Edith Weddle, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych.

THE SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET WILL BE October 8th Masci Hall, 8am to 1pm

Our Breakfast Buffet features all your breakfast favorites! Meet with family and friends and enjoy the all you care to eat buffet! If you are in need of reservations please call Nancy Cobb: 302-598-8685.

Pricing: $8.50 Adults/children over 12
$4 Children under 12

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1
2nd Collection: Maintenance & Repair
All Masses: Food Collection
11:00am Child. Liturgy of the Word
12:30pm Baptisms-Church

Monday, October 2
5:30 pm Youth Choir-Church
6:30 pm Religious Ed Classes-School
6:30 pm Adult Scripture-Rel. Ed.
7:00 pm Young at Heart Crafts-Convent

Tuesday, October 3
7:00 pm Christian Formation-Rel. Ed.

Thursday, October 5
5:30 pm Bingo-Masci Hall
7:30 pm Adult Choir-Church

Friday, October 6-First Friday
9:30am Adoration-Church

YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every month on the second and fourth Wednesday evening in the convent from 7 to 9 pm. We begin our evening with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy or the Rosary. Members and friends donate home-made items for those in need of prayers and comfort. Material is available at no cost and many members create items conveniently at home. You are invited to join our group. Anyone interested in learning to knit and crochet can join our program. Call Dolly, 302-764-3465 or Carmela, 302-762-9057 for further information.

PARENTING POINTERS

By Susan Vogt

"Let the children come to me…then Jesus embraced them and blessed them."

Sometimes we just want our children to go to sleep; but in our better moments, take the time to hug them. Bless them daily—it can become part of the hug or a bed time prayer.

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat for post-abortion healing will be held at the Franciscan Retreat House in Wilmington, October 6-8. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion to heal. For more info contact Nan Freeman at 302-528-8313 or visit: rachelsvineyard.org.

Bishop Malooly will celebrate the 2017 "Blue Mass" on Friday, October 6 at 11:00am at St. Elizabeth Church in Wilmington. The "Blue Mass" honors the local, county, state and federal law enforcement, fire, emergency medical and military personnel who live and work in Delaware and on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Those currently serving, the retired and their families are invited to attend.

OPEN HOUSE INVITATION

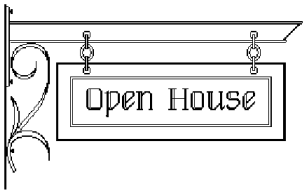
St. Mark's High School Important Admission Dates

***8th Grade HSPT Prep Course** on Saturday, October 14th and November 11th.

***Fall Open House** on Sunday, October 29th from 12 noon to 3:00pm.

***Spartan for a Day** for 8th grade students, beginning October 3rd and offered Tuesday through Friday.

***8th grade HSPT at St. Mark's** offered December 2nd at 8am or December 3rd at 12 noon.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY
October is Respect Life Month

How to build
A CULTURE OF LIFE

The Problem:

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond when our efforts seem small in the face of the culture of death?

Our Response:

When someone is facing great trials, we need to meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs.

When a woman becomes pregnant and her boyfriend threatens to leave if she continues the pregnancy, we need to lovingly walk with her. When family members or friends become seriously ill, we need to assure them that God still offers them something in this life and they still have purpose. We need to consistently be with them every step of the way. Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times words are needed. Whatever the situation Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where He leads.

30th RED MASS, OCTOBER 2, 2017

Bishop Malooly will celebrate the 30th Red Mass TOMORROW, Monday, October 2nd at 6:00 pm, at St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church. The tradition of the Red Mass is centuries old. It is a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, intended to invoke divine guidance on judges, lawyers and statesmen. The Mass is organized and sponsored by the St. Thomas More Society. As it has done since 2009, St. Helena's Church Choir and Joe Louden will serve as music ministers. All are welcome to attend. A light buffet dinner will follow in the church hall.

The 1st Annual Mark Bader, Jr. Legacy Fundraiser: A Concert For Mark

NEXT WEEKEND!
Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 6:00pm
Elks Lodge #307
1310 Carruther's Lane
For tickets, donations and other info:
concertformark.yapsody.com

All proceeds from this special event will support The Mark Bader, Jr. Legacy Fund whose mission is to provide music education to young people who have a passion to play.

THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING, AGAIN!

On Thursday, October 19, 2017, at 7:00pm, St. Helena's will host LYRA Russian Choir for a special concert featuring Russian Orthodox Church Music and Russian Folk Music. LYRA has sung for us in each of the last three autumns. LYRA is a small traveling choir drawn from a much larger musical community based in St. Petersburg, Russia. Though small in number the choir is very big in voice. Those who have attended in the past can attest to the beauty and power of their presentation. The concert is free, but a collection will be taken up to help defray the group's travel expenses.

ATTIC TREASURES 2017!

It's Back to School time and the Holidays are just around the corner. There's no better time to clean out your home and help St. Helena's at the same time! Attic Treasures is accepting donations for our Christmas Bazaar Market. Bring us your new or gently used items: Books, Movies, Household Goods, Holiday Decorations, Decorative items, Small Furniture, Appliances/Electronics, Jewelry, Accessories, and Accent Pieces (**NO clothing please**). **Please leave your donations on the Convent Porch.** If you need a pick-up of goods, contact Nancy Cobb, 598-8685, leave a message with your name, phone number & address; email: Natiesmom@me.com.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH OCTOBER 31ST ONLY!!