September 17, 2017
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We all appreciate when someone forgives us for something we have done. But we also know how we are tempted not to forgive someone who has offended us. Jesus reminds us that we who are forgiven ought to be eager to show mercy and forgiveness to others.

THANK YOU to all who contributed last weekend to our special collection to help the victims of the hurricane in Texas. If you were not prepared to give last week, you may give a check marked "Hurricane Relief". All funds will be sent to Catholic Charities in Texas.

MUSIC MINISTRY

We have a Youth Choir for grades 3-8, an Adult Choir for grades 9-infinity and a contemporary band. The Youth Choir meets on Mondays from 5:45-6:30pm prior to CCD classes, followed by the band from 6:45pm-8:00pm. The Adult Choir meets on Thursdays from 7:30pm-9:00pm. If you are interested in becoming involved in these ministries, you may contact Joe, the Music Director, at jlouden@ursuline.org for info.

Thank you to all who contributed to last week's special collection for aid for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. $4,701 has been contributed for this relief effort! May God bless you for your generosity!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: begin on Monday night for students. Please enter by way of the Tower Door and continue upstairs to the classrooms. I want to welcome all of the students and teachers BACK to classes.

Religious Education Classes are for ALL children in first through eighth grade who attend public or private schools. Our program meets on Monday nights from 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm in the School Building. For more information, call Ms. Hummy at 762-4280 or email her at hpennell@sainthelenas.org.

ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY: begins tomorrow night (MONDAY) in the Religious Education Office from 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to adults to enhance their spiritual growth in a low key atmosphere. This class is held the same time as the children are attending classes. If you are a parent who doesn't feel like running back and forth dropping off your kids for class – come try out our Scripture Group while your children are in class.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: **for the start** of our Children's Liturgy of the Word Program on Sunday, October 1st, at the 11:00 am Mass. This class is for children 3 years and older and allows them to hear and learn the Readings of the Mass in their language.

LOST AND FOUND

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

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 9/10 was $4,943; the on-line collection was $2,327.50, for a total of $7,270.50. Thank you!

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

Young women, (16-35) are invited to share informally with the IHM Sisters. Join us for a fun night of prayer, a cookout and wiffle ball! For further information contact Sister Marianne, 610-89-1553 or ihmvoc@gmail.com.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 16
5:00 pm(SR) Nora Cook
Sunday, September 17
7:00 am(SR) The People of the Parish
9:00 am(WK)Bonnie Maichle
11:00 am(SR)Joseph P. Manerchia
Monday, September 18
7:00 am (WR)
9:00 am(SR) In Thanksgiving & Living Intentions of the Tuani Family
Tuesday, September 19
7:00 am(WR)Brandon Gooding
9:00 am(SR)
Wednesday, September 20
7:00 am(WR)
9:00 am(SR)
Thursday, September 21
7:00 am(SR) Brandon Gooding
9:00 am(WK)Paul O. Knight
Friday, September 22
7:00 am(Cap)
9:00 am(SR) Christopher Lauer
Saturday, September 23
9:00 am(SR) Steve Fedema
5:00 pm(SR) Joe Luzzo
Sunday, September 24
7:00 am(WR)Thomas and Therese Lawless
9:00 am(SR) Baby Catherine Deeney
11:00 am(SR)The People of the Parish

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Anne Ambagis, Rita Biddle, Dorothy Blaschke, Ruth Bower, David Boyle, 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.

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 17
2nd Collection: Parish Social Ministry
12:30 pm Baptisms-Church

Monday, September 18
5:30 pm Youth Choir-Church
6:30 pm Religious Ed Classes-School
6:30 pm Bible Study-Religious Ed Office
7:00 pm Young at Heart-Masci Hall

Tuesday, September 19
7:00 pm Parish Council-Masci Hall

Thursday, September 21
5:30 pm Bingo-Masci Hall
7:30 pm Adult Choir-Church

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

IMPORTANT WORKSHOPS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!! SPONSORED BY IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Pre-Planning Funerals
Sunday, October 22nd
11:30 am to 12:30 pm
IHM School, Room 20

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Care for the Loved One; Care for Yourself
Sunday, November 5th
11:30 am to 12:30 pm
IHM School, Room 20

REGISTRATION FORM:

Name:_____

Phone:_____

Email:_____

Your Parish:_____

I/We will attend the following workshops:

____Pre-Planning Funerals (Christian Celebration of Life)
____Care for the Loved One/Care for Yourself

RETURN TO:
Terry DiFonzo at IHM Parish Rectory
4701 Weldin Road, Wilmington, DE 19803
Or by emailing to: tdifonzo@ihm.org.

Registrations accepted immediately and up to one week prior to the event. A few of the workshops include informational packets, and all will serve light refreshments.

Is God calling you to a deeper prayer life and relationship with Him? The Secular Discalced Carmelites (OCDS) may be for you. We are a Catholic lay order of men and women undertaking to live an evangelical life of fraternity and contemplative prayer, according to the Carmelite Saints. We meet in NEWARK, DE on the 3rd Saturday of each month. To learn more, please contact Dan (302_252-8784) or Nancy (302-545-0857) by November 1st.
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PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY
O Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

We share excerpts from two Pastoral Letters on the Racial Divide and on Black Lives Matter, by His Excellency, Most Rev. Edward K. Braxton, Bishop of Belleville, IL I 2015 and 2016. The choice of excerpts is determined by their ability to promote conversation and possible consideration of our own actions and beliefs as Catholics and followers of Jesus Christ. W**ith an email address we can download FREE!**

The Racial Divide in the U. S. (excerpt from Part II, #8):

"…Long after the cruel evil of slavery was ended, its consequences continued to cast a shadow over our nation as the racial divide. Recent dramatic eruptions of racial conflict have made this shadow more apparent. Painful "breaking news" accounts call all Americans to rededicate themselves to the work of peace and reconciliation among our citizens of different races; ethnic origins; and social, cultural, educational, economic and religious backgrounds. As Catholics, as members of the Body of Christ, the Church, this is more than a call; it is our vocation, born of baptism…"

The food closet is in need of: pasta, pasta sauce, canned meats, small jelly, cereal, mac & cheese. Thank you!!

Emmanuel Dining Room: On August 22nd, 230 adults and 23 children were able to partake in a healthy and generous lunch thanks to the generosity of St. Helena's volunteers. Blessings upon everyone, but especially to Cynthia Whisker who coordinates the effort.

A point of interest: St. Helena's Parish Social Ministry has been chosen by the Food Bank of Delaware and Food Lion to have the downstairs Food Closet refurbished. All of us at the parish are truly grateful to be chosen from 25 Food Closets. **A special "Thank You" to Linda and Jim Deeney who coordinate the needs of the Food Closet for Social Ministry**.

YOUNG AT HEART

We welcome everyone back to our first general meeting TOMORROW, Monday, September 18th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in Masci Hall. New members are graciously invited to come! Yearly dues are $15.00 and are due at this time. We conclude our meetings with tasty refreshments and lively conversations. For info call Carmela, 302-762-9057. Join us! **ALERT: Our Young at Heart members are baking fresh goodies for our annual Parish Picnic, Sunday, September 24 from noon until 3:00 pm. Please bring them at 11:30 to Masci Hall and plan to enjoy the day!**

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.

THANK YOU, MAINTENANCE CREW-We are blessed to have a fantastic maintenance team. Matt Pierce heads our crew which includes John Verbanc, Tom Dougherty and Randy Quinn. They faithfully work to maintain many aspects of our buildings and the grounds, solve problems, keep our essential systems working and help make sure everything is ready for our many parish events. A lot of what they do goes unnoticed. The next time you see them, take a moment and let them know how much you appreciate all their work.