

April 22, 2018
4th Sunday of Easter

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
"Disciples of Christ, Witnesses of Faith"

Each year on this Fourth Sunday of Easter, we celebrate the Risen Lord as our Good Shepherd. He is the Shepherd who has laid down His life so we can live. He is both the Good Shepherd and the Lamb of God - the priest who offers Himself and the One who is offered. We too are the sheep of Christ and shepherds to one another. We offer and are offered in every Mass and throughout our Christian live and we care for one another as good shepherds.

This Sunday each year we especially pray that many more men and women will answer the call of Jesus to serve His people as priests and religious. The situation in our Diocese is becoming more and more desperate because of the lack of a sufficient number of priests. Already there are six pastors who are trying to serve two parishes each and one pastor who has three parishes to serve. Last year one man was ordained a priest; there will be no more ordinations for at least three years.

Thank you for your generous response to the Annual Appeal. The "target" for our parish is \$62,000. Already we have reached \$49,160 in contributions and pledges. If you have not yet responded, please do so as soon as possible.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 4/8 was \$5,094.80 and the on-line collection was \$2,682.50 for a total of \$7,777.30. Thank you!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 22

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

Monday, April 23

5:30 pm Youth Choir -Church

6:30 pm Religious Ed classes-School

7:00 pm Young At Heart - Convent

Wednesday, April 25

7:00pm Prayer Shawl-Convent

Thursday, April 26

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

In today's Gospel Jesus tell us, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Everyone is welcome to the flock by Jesus. As followers of Christ, we too must act faithfully to reach out to others. As Christ committed His life to being the "one shepherd", we too must commit ourselves to providing service to all.

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and can be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity and support.

PLEASE HELP US!

Our Finance Council is very concerned that many parishioners may not realize the serious financial situation of our parish. We are running a deficit of about \$40,000. Last year we appealed for folks to increase their giving in the Offertory Collection. The initial response was encouraging but seems to have dropped off. In order to cut costs we will soon be closing our Convent building.

We need some folks who will help bring the Eucharist to the sick at home or nursing homes. If you are willing to be prepared for this ministry, please call the Rectory.

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Anne Ambagis, Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Joan Callaghan, Joseph Campanella, Jean Capodanno, Debbie Cole, Tony Cutrona, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis,, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Levi & Ellie Jernigan, Ella Kirksey, Jack Kramer, James Lafferty, Sue McLaughlin, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dan Moley, Dora Pacitti, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Joseph Sacher, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, George Theiss, William Thomas, Catherine Thomson, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Karen Cheeseman

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 21

2nd Collection: Mother's Day Mass Remembrance
9:00 am (SR)

5:00 pm(SR) John O' Connor & Patricia Decusatis

Sunday, April 22

7:00 am(SR) The People of the Parish

9:00 am(SR) Lisa Waterfield

11:00 am(KN) Bonnie Leo Mosser

Monday, April 23

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am(SR) Inez L. Knight-Lapp

Tuesday, April 24

7:00am(DV) Samuel & Marie Emmi

9:00am(SR) Edward K. Segal

Wednesday, April 25

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am(SR) Deceased Members of the
Russell and Sullivan Families

Thursday, April 26

7:00am (SR)

9:00am (WK) Edmund & Mary Rochelle

Friday, April 27

7:00am (Cap) Richard Dorsy (31st Anniversary)

9:00am(SR) Genelda Talley Pruet

Saturday, April 28

9:00 am(SR)

5:00pm(SR) Betty Guarente

Sunday, April 29

7:00 am(DV) The People of the Parish

9:00 am(SR) Rita Gazzillo

11:00 am(KN) Gerald & Patrick Mulvena

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Ed Classes conclude for the year AFTER tomorrow night (Monday). Thank you to all of our parents for your dedication in making your child's faith important each year. Please have a wonderful spring/summer, and we will look forward to your return in September. Letters and re-registration forms will be sent out in late July.

Adult Scripture Series concludes tomorrow night. Special thanks to Paul Soper who makes this series memorable for all attendees. See you in September!

Parish Carnival Help Our Carnival begins NEXT Monday, April 30, at 6pm. We need your support by signing up to work a night or two during the week. For those who are unable to work, please donate something for our BAKE TABLE. Items can be dropped off on the rectory porch or directly to the BAKE TABLE after 5pm each evening.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Continuation of the six principles of Catholic Social Teaching:

"Rights and Responsibilities"- People have basic rights and responsibilities because of their human dignity that reflects the fact that they have been created in God's image. Catholic teaching emphasizes that people have a right to life and to the basic necessities that provide quality to life: food, shelter, health care, education and employment. We are called to respect the rights of others and to seek the common good.

Mark your calendar: May 22, 2018 at 10am: "Get connected to Resources to Help You Age in Place at Home"- Facilitated by Saint Francis LIFE. Place: Masci Hall. Sponsored by Saint Helena's Parish Social Ministry. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 764-032-5104.

There is an opportunity to reach the parish community and the community at large by volunteering in the Parish Outreach office. For more information, please call Dorothy Medeiros at 764-0325 ext104. Peace with Blessings.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our members meet (until further notice) in the convent, 7pm-9pm, on the second and fourth Wed. of each month. Meetings begin with recitation of the Chaplet of Mercy or the Rosary. Members create shawls and other items which are blessed and brought to many in need of comfort. Materials are given freely and items can be made at home. Joining our dedicated ministry will make your life even more meaningful. Call Carmela 762-9057 for more info or questions.

Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers

By Susan Vogt

Marriage Moments: "Love one another." (John 13:35) You're married. Of course you love your spouse. But Jesus keeps repeating this command to love. Perhaps it is because love is never finished. Look for a new opportunity to show your love today. Surprise your beloved.

Parenting Pointers: Often our children teach us how to be responsible recyclers, take care of nature, etc. Brainstorm with your child ways that your family can take a step to care for creation. Do one of the ideas today.

Easter Flower Offering

Thank You to all who gave Easter Flower Offerings!

Virginia Bennett, Thomas Winnington,
M/M Douglas Garrett, Lawrence Carosino,
Hummy Pennell, M/M Francis Ianni,
M/M Robert Finocchiaro, M/M Vaughn Whisker,
M/M James Gallagher, M/M Joshua Schneider,
M/M Robert Adams, M/M Alfonso Alicea,
M/M Raymond Altamuro, Kathryn Amoroso,
Theresa Amoroso, Janet Angeline,
M/M Dale Austin, Rosalie Barbera, M/M Robert
Barrett Sr., Susan Breckenridge, M/M Joseph
Bower, Mary Ann Callaghan, Irene Calvarese,
M/M James Campion Jr., Catherine Canna,
Jean Capodanno, M/M Michael Chlada,
John Conroy, Michele Coppola, M/M Antonio
Damasceno, M/M William D'Amato, Eileen Denis,
Michiline Disabatino, M/M William Doll Jr,
M/M Christopher Dorsey, Elizabeth Dorsey,
M/M Robert Easter, Edward Emmi,
M/M James Fedena Jr., M/M James Fedena Sr.,
Charles Fox, Lorraine Gallucio, Carl Gibson,
M/M Santano Gracias, M/M Anthony Grandizio,
M/M Steven Groves, Margaret Harris, Nancy Hill,
Ruth Hossler, Robert Ickes Jr. & Hedia Boga, Mary
Jernoske, M/M David Nemeth, Frances Kelleher,
M/M Timothy Kelleher, Catherine Knight, Mary
Kok, Carina Konitzer, Shirley Kosek, Kathleen
Kozur, M/M John Kramer Jr., M/M William
Lacombe, M/M Andrew Lazar, Ronald Trexler
M/M Robert Lennon Jr., M/M James Lockwood,
M/M Gus Lotsis, Anges Maguire, Peggy
Thompson, M/M Louis Masci, Kathaline Mauro,
Judy Wilbank, M/M Thomas McDonough,
Augustine Williams, M/M James McFadden,
M/M Michael McGee, Robert Moley, M/M Gerald
Moyer, M/M Manuel Velez, M/M Stephen
Murphy, Cynthia Paponette, M/M Christopher
Mulvihill, Elizabeth O'Connor, M/M Joseph
Piccirilli, M/M Richard Pierce Jr., Dorothy Ragan,
Paul Rapposelli, Stanley Reese, M/M Jun Romero,
Lilia Romero, Kathleen Rowan, M/M Francis
Salvatore, Lois Shelton, M/M Arthur Smith,
M/M John Smith Jr., Joseph M. Taggart,
Eugenia Vanover, M/M Manuel Velez,
M/M Daniel Waters, M/M Dennis Westman,
M/M James Williams Sr., Jacqueline Wilson, John
Zakreski, M/M James Zdimal

MUSIC MINISTRY



Are you interested in piano or organ lessons? Our very own music director, Joe Louden is offering limited slots for future students. Joe may be reached at 888-1743 or by email: jlouden@ursuline.org

8:00AM TO 12:45PM

\$10/Adults ~ \$4/Children under 12
Our Next Buffet is SUNDAY, May 13
A Celebration for Mom!!

Leave the cooking to our Breakfast Crew for an all you care to eat Buffet on the 2nd Sunday of the month (except August). Each month we cook up a full buffet of breakfast faire, add a special dish or two and serve it up in a warm and festive atmosphere. For questions/reserve a table for 6 or more, please contact Nancy Cobb [302-598-8685 or Natiesmom@me.com].

Future 2nd Sundays are: June 10, July 8, September 9, October 14 and December 9

TIME FOR SPRING TRAINING!
RESERVE YOUR PHILLIES TICKETS NOW!



St. Helena's has reserved rows 2-6 in Section 308 for the game against the Colorado Rockies on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased for only \$20 per seat, and \$10 will be donated to our Social Ministry for every ticket purchased! To reserve tickets, send an email with your name, phone number, email address and the number of tickets you would like: JimClark.StHelenas@verizon.net.

NEW THIS YEAR: If you don't want to drive, join our friends from Holy Rosary on their bus trip to the same game! They'll be sitting in Section 208, so just email Jim Clark at the above email address for more information.

CARNIVAL NEWS!

Monday, April 30 through
Saturday, May 5

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED, FAMILY-FRIENDLY CARNIVAL!

The **BOOK NOOK** needs your gently used books (NO TEXT BOOKS, PLEASE).

Please drop off on the Rectory porch.

CARNIVAL ADMISSIONS:

Ages 12 & under are FREE! (must be accompanied by an adult)

Ages 60 & over are FREE! MEGA-PASS holders are FREE!

Nightly admission for ages 13 – 59 is \$5
OR buy a WEEKLY ADMISSION pass for **\$10** in advance/\$15 at the gate

SPREAD THE WORD! SAVE! SAVE! SAVE!

PURCHASE YOUR MEGA-PASSES AND WEEKLY ADMISSION PASSES IN ADVANCE AND SAVE \$5!!!

Remember, MEGAS are good for unlimited rides all week AND FREE ADMISSION TO CARNIVAL!

ADVANCE WEEKLY ADMISSION PASSES, ADVANCE RIDE TICKETS AND MEGA-PASSES WILL BE SOLD AFTER ALL THE WEEKEND MASSES AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY

CARNIVAL QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL SUE OR DOUG GARRETT, 762-6568

WE NEED YOU!
YOUR EFFORTS MAKE THE CARNIVAL A SUCCESS!

IT'S FUN! PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!

✂ _____
I WANT TO WORK AT THE CARNIVAL:
NAME _____
AGE (IF UNDER 20) _____
PHONE# _____
EMAIL _____

AVAILABLE:

MONDAY, 4/30 _____

TUESDAY, 5/1 _____

WEDNESDAY, 5/2 _____

THURSDAY, 5/3 _____

FRIDAY, 5/4 _____

SATURDAY, 5/5 _____

WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR SET UP:

SATURDAY, 4/28 _____

SUNDAY, 4/29 _____

AFTER CARNIVAL CLEANUP:

SUNDAY, 5/6 _____

***PLEASE DROP OFF AT THE RECTORY
OR PUT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET***

