

Aug 16, 2020

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Jews felt the Lord had chosen them as His chosen people. They looked down on those who were not Jews. In today's Gospel we hear Jesus going beyond the boundary of Israel to the Land of Tyre and Sidon (the present land of Lebanon.) Jesus even seems to reflect the attitude of His fellow Jews when a pagan woman comes to Him and asks that He drive the devil out of her daughter. He responds "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." When she persists, Jesus says "O women great is your faith." And the woman's daughter was healed at that moment.

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

Our Second Collection this weekend is for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral. Please help the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington by your generous donation during the special collection being taken in all Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore this weekend August 15/16. For more information and a video tour of our historic Cathedral, please visit cdow.org/cathedral.

The Offertory Collections for the weekend 8/2 was \$4,941.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,867.00 for a total of \$6,808.00. Thank you.

Please Note: Tuesday, August 18 is the Feast of St. Helena.



For daily Mass at 7am (Tues, Thurs and Fri) or 9am. Please enter church by the side doors near the altar area. The Church will remain open for private prayer after the 9am daily Mass until 10:00am.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A registration form has been sent through the mail to all Religious Education Families regarding our reopening on Monday, September 28. If you have NOT yet replied to the email asking if your child will be returning to classes OR if you prefer home schooling etc., please email Ms Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org or leave a message on the office phone at 762-4280. We need this information so that we can make sure our protocol for safety measures is in place. I want to assure all families that the children will be safely distanced and everyone including the children MUST wear masks. At our PARENT ONLY meeting on September 21, we will explain everything and answer all of your questions. Thanking you all in advance for your cooperation as we try to navigate this trying time.

YOUTH GROUP will meet this Sunday, August 16, at 7:00 pm in Masci Hall.

To all Catechist and Aides - Monday, August 24, at 7pm there will be a meeting in MASCII HALL to go over the reopening of Religious Ed.

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

<https://www.sainthelenas.org>

Coronavirus News Important Update!

Friday Reflections with Msgr. Russell

Friday Reflections is a weekly check-in video with Msgr. Russell. Please visit our YouTube Channel to watch this week's video, and be sure to SUBSCRIBE to our channel. You can even arrange for YouTube to let you know every time we add a new video!

Reminder! We'll be broadcasting Mass on YouTube afterward for you to watch.

If you need to come to the Rectory we ask that you please call 302-764-0325 THANK YOU!

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyrawski, Mary Gabel, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Ray Altamuro, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Francis Medeiros, Friends at the Kutz Home Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinson, Fr. Charles Dillingham, Tony Cutrona, Sande Richardson, Geri Crockett, Jim Fedena, Sr, Carly Fedena

PLEASE NOTE

Those helping with the reopening of our Church will be entering Church by the priest's sacristy entrance beforehand. Please maintain 6 ft. distance from non-family members while waiting. When you enter there will be a parishioner standing at a table inviting you to use the hand sanitizer on the table and take a copy of instructions.

All MUST WEAR A MASK except children under 13. If you do not have a mask, you can receive one from the person who greets you. Thank you to the parishioners who are helping us to reopen our church for our celebration of Mass.

Because we need to follow procedures to help maintain a safe situation for all:

- No one can enter the Church if you are sick or have been exposed to someone with the virus within the last 14 days. Or if you will not wear a mask.
- Every other pew will be roped off to help social distancing.

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal - Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others

To date, \$50,969 has been received representing 80.90% of our parish's \$63,000 goal. THANK YOU! If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal, go to www.cdown.org/annualcatholicappeal. **Your generosity is deeply appreciated.**

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, August 16

The 2nd Collection: Cathedral of St. Peter
12:30pm Baptism-Church

Tuesday, August 18

Feast of St. Helena

Sunday, August 23

7:00pm Youth Group-Religious Ed Office

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 15 Assumption of Mary

9:00am (EF) Jim Fedena, Sr. (Living)

12:00pm (SR) Living -Prayer of Thanksgiving

5:00pm (SR) Helen Santora

Sunday, August 16

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (SR) Joseph Bower

11:00am(SR) People of the Parish

Monday, August 17

5:00pm (SR) Geraldine Buckwater

Tuesday, August 18 Feast of St. Helena

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (SR) Helen Santora

Wednesday, August 19

9:00am (SR) Helen Chlada

Thursday, August 20

7:00am (SR) Fr. Leonard Blakeley

9:00am (EF) Justina Masters

Friday, August 21

7:00am (EF) Barbara Allen (Living)

9:00am (SR) Katherine Luzzo

Saturday, August 22

9:00am (SR)

5:00pm (SR) Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sunday, August 23

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (EF) Robert Miller

11:00am(SR) Jim Fedena (Anniversary)

Parish Social Ministry

Blessings upon Saint Helena's parishioners for their ongoing support of Saint Helena's Parish Social Ministry.

During these challenging times, office volunteers and staff are meeting the needs of families in the parish and community. The office is has been open to receive requests.

Emmanuel Dining Room update: On June 22, 2020, volunteers prepared 25 casseroles for the dining room. If you are interested in being a volunteer to prepare a casserole, please call Cynthia Whisker at 302-762-0997

Listen to Catholic Forum every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640.

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RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins **the weekend of August 14-16** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org. or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

MINISTRY OF CARING

Bet you didn't know that a small group of parishioners have been packing 300 lunches a week for the Ministry of Caring 2nd and Walnut location for distribution during their Saturday Noon meal. During this pandemic, many families are experiencing food insecurity due to job loss and meals (breakfast & lunch) our schools provided daily to students in need. This is our effort to help alleviate some of the hardship.

There are small ways you can help if you wish. You can donate peanut butter, jelly, loaves of sandwich bread, plastic sandwich bags, brown paper lunch bags, or small individual wrapped snack items (such as fruit rollups, chips, crackers, cookies etc.) and even medium size cardboard boxes to aid in transporting all 300 lunches. Food donations should be delivered to the Rectory porch and **MUST BE LABELED FOR LUNCHES**

If anyone wishes to help prepare &/or deliver lunches or would like more information on what we do, please email Barb Brodoway at bbrodoway@wardtaylor.com, Nancy Cobb at natiesmom@icloud.com or contact Leslie Savage in the Rectory at 302-764-0325 x100.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Time together!! Do you think that the lockdown has taught you some new things about your spouse? It is possible to get to know the person you married in an even more loving and compassionate way! Learn how on our next Marriage Encounter weekend which is November 6-8, 2020 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information visit our website at www.wwme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION,

Monday to Friday

9:30am to 4:00pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
4701Weldin Road
Wilmington, 19803.
All are welcome.

St. Helena



Isn't it amazing to think of St. Helena who lived between the years 250 to 330AD? In 312, when she was about 60, she came to believe in Jesus. It was a time when it was dangerous to be a Christian. At any moment, the Roman Empire might begin another violent persecution, putting Christians to death in horrible ways. Helena had been cast aside by her husband Constantius, because he was ambitious to become the Emperor of Rome. Fortunately her son, Constantine, was faithful to her. Helena must have shared her faith in Jesus and the mystery of His Cross with Constantine.

In the same year Helena became a Christian, Constantine made his move and won the Battle at the Milvian Bridge, defeating his rival and becoming the new Roman Emperor. Before the battle, Constantine claimed to have seen the vision of the Cross and heard: "By this sign you will conquer." Constantine did not become baptized until he was on his deathbed many years later. But the son of St. Helena is considered the first Christian Emperor and ended the persecution of Christians. In 324 when he had defeated his rivals in the eastern part of the Empire, Helena was able to go to the Holy Land to find and honor the holy places where Jesus lived and especially where He died and rose. Tradition says she and her aides were able to find the Holy Cross of Jesus. She died soon after. St. Helena drew the strength of her faith from the same Holy Eucharist you and I have. She found in the celebration of the Mass the love of Jesus that changed her life. She loved the Holy Cross as the way to real life and peace.

