

August 18, 2019
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

In today's Scripture we are reminded **Jeremiah the Prophet** was thrown into the cistern to silence him. Jesus too had to speak a message that was rejected by many people.

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER

Our Second Collection this weekend is for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral. Please be as generous as you can. For more info about the Cathedral, please visit the website: www.cathedralofsaintpeter.com.

2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal allows each of us the opportunity to put out faith into action. To those who have already contributed to this year's campaign, please accept my sincere appreciation. If you have not yet offered your support, I ask that you consider making a pledge or a one-time contribution today. For your convenience, Appeal envelopes are available in the gathering space in the back of church. To date, \$60,286 has been received representing 95.7% of our parish's \$63,000 goal.

If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal, go to www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend 8/4 was \$6,019.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,620.00 for a total of \$7,639.00.



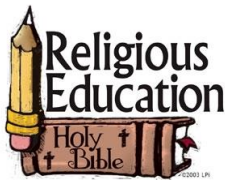
"I have come to set the earth on fire," Do you want to carry the fire of the Lord to his people as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Norm Carroll 302-573-3113 vocations@cdow.org.

PARISH MINISTRY

Blessings upon all of St. Helena's parishioners who donated pillow cases and fabric for dresses and outfits for the boy and girls. Presently, there are enough supplies. Thank you to all of the sewing volunteers. 100 dresses were taken to Guatemala by Dr. Curtain and 20 other volunteers from different states.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To ALL of our Religious Education Families: Registration for 2019-2020 Religious Education year will be emailed to all present families by the beginning of August. If you have a child who is entering first grade in a public school, please give the office a call at 762-4280 or email Ms Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org to register.



Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Shirley Kosek, James Lafferty, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dora Pacitti, 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, Chris Molitor, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Sharon Dean, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Ray Altamuro, Marie Spinden, Viola Zappacosta, Jane Parsons, Bill Hufnell, Antoinette Medeiros, Friends at the Kutz Home



BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm

Games begin at 7:00pm

Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!

PUBLIC PRAYER VIGIL- On Monday, August 19th, from 12 noon-1pm, the same date and time of the 4th Apparition of Fatima, a public Prayer Vigil will be held for our Bishop, ourselves, and Holy Mother Church. Following the Prayer Vigil, Bishop Malooly will re-consecrate our Diocese to Mary's Immaculate Heart, as he has done at recent diocesan Marian events in the past. This special event will take place near Our Lady of Peace Statue outside of Holy Spirit parish in New Castle. Everyone, please come.

Would you like to know how to bring your loved ones back to the Catholic Faith? Please join us in praying for our families and friends on the Feast of St. Monica on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church, 10 Old Church Road, Greenville, Delaware. We will be praying together to bring back all those who have fallen away from the Church at our special Devotional Event. Holy Hour with Rosary will begin at 5:00PM, and Mass will begin at 6:00PM. For more information email: 12374columbiettes@gmail.com

All Parishioners are invited to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Tuesday evenings 7-7:30pm at Holy Rosary Church. The Chaplet is prayed in the Chapel behind the Altar.



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



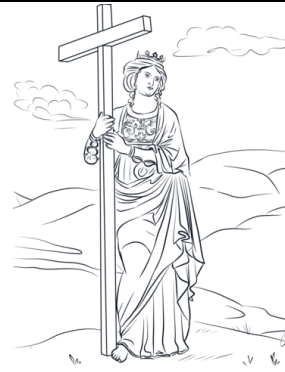
You are invited to spend time with Our Lord at Immaculate Heart of Mary Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Spend a few minutes or a Holy Hour. If you can commit to spending an hour with Our Lord, please call Kathy Dunworth, Chapel Coordinator, at 302-383-6452

PART TIME HELP WANTED!

IHM School Extended Care needs help daily from 2:30pm -5:30pm Monday through Friday. Flexible hours/ days. Job responsibilities include, serve snacks, clean tables, help with homework, create arts & crafts projects, supervise and engage students during outside and gym playtime. Retired teachers, High school and college students welcome. Must be 18 years of age and be available 2 days a week. Please email Amanda Schauer at aftercare@IHM.org.

BE CAREFUL! In a number of parishes some parishioners have received emails, texts or phone calls saying they need to buy gift cards to help their pastor. **DO NOT BE TAKEN BY THIS SCAM!** Do not respond to them but please call the Rectory to let us know how you have received such a message. Also please see the following Federal Trade Commission's article about identifying, avoiding and reporting email scams (which are called "phishing" because phony emails attempt to fish for information or money):<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0003-phishing>. **ADDITIONALLY** there is someone who has been sending fake emails from Msgr Russell. Please do not respond to these emails if you receive them. **ALSO** please see the Scam Alert Advisories on the bulletin boards by the Delaware State Police.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, Aug 18

The 2nd Collection: Cathedral of St. Peter

Monday, Aug 19

Produce Day-Masci Hall

Thursday, Aug 22, 2019

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 17

5:00pm (WK) Christine Donahue

Sunday, August 18 Feast of St. Helena

7:00am (EF) Margaret Cunnane

9:00am (WK)

11:00am (WG) Helen Santora

Monday, August 19

9:00pm (WK) Dominic & Mary Roggero

Tuesday, August 20

7:00am (DV)

9:00am (SR) Justina Masters

Wednesday, August 21

9:00am (SR) Tiffany Vandever

Thursday, August 22

7:00am (SR)

9:00am (WK) Paul O. Knight

Friday, August 23

7:00am (CAP)

9:00am (SR) John Fedena

Saturday, August 24

9:00am (SR) Holly Crane

5:00pm (SR) John Pennington

Sunday, August 25

7:00am (DV)

9:00am (SR) William Schmidt

11:00am (SR) The People of the Parish

**BISHOP'S 5K WILL BENEFIT
CATHOLIC CHARITIES OUTREACH**

Please join Catholic Charities for the Bishop's 5K Run/Walk, a totally adaptive event, at 9 am on Saturday, August 24, 2019, at Glasgow Regional Park, 2275 Pulaski Highway, Newark, DE 19702. Pre-register for the event by visiting Bishops5K.com. Registration is \$25 from July 1 to August 22 and \$30 until race day, plus an event fee of \$2.50. All registered runners/walkers will receive a t-shirt, and be in the running for prizes. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities outreach efforts. Call Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624 with any questions.



St. John/Holy Angels' Parish will host their 8th annual International Food Festival in Fremont Hall at Holy Angels, [82 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE 19711](http://www.stjohn-holyangels.com), TODAY Sunday, August 18, from 11am to 4pm. Entry tickets are \$10 and entitle you to 10 tickets valued at \$1.00 each. A wide variety of cultural tasting opportunities from more than a dozen countries will be available to purchase using these tickets. Additional tickets will be available to purchase at the event. Check out our website and Facebook page for additional information or to volunteer to help or participate. www.stjohn-holyangels.com or facebook.com/stjohnholyangels. Contact: apress@holyangels.net or (302) 731-2219.



ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CHURCH IN LEWES, DE is hosting a trip of historic Berlin & Scenic Southern Poland, Sept 17-20 with Fr. Tom Flowers. Visit the Berlin Wall, the miraculous Eucharistic Host at St. Jacek in Legnica, the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Families, the shrine of the Black Madonna, the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz, a 1000-year old salt mine, and the inspiring wonders of Krakow & Zakopane. For a complete Itinerary, contact stjudelewes.org or call 302-644-7300.

**SUMMER EVENINGS of FAITH ENRICHMENT
at IHM**

TWO FEET of LOVE in ACTION:

FACILITATOR: Sister Kathy Benham, IHM
DATE: Tuesday night, August 20, 2019
TIME: 7:00 - 9:00PM, Light refreshments served
PLACE: IHM School, Room 20, Handicapped accessible

OVERVIEW to the BIBLE

FACILITATORS: Father Melnick and Terry Di Fonzo
DATE: Wednesday night, August 21, 2019
TIME: 7:00 - 9:00PM, Light refreshments served
PLACE: IHM School, Room 20, Handicapped accessible

**Victims Assistance of the
Diocese of Wilmington**

If you have been sexually exploited or abused by a priest, brother, sister or lay person employed by the Diocese of Wilmington or by a church volunteer in service to a parish or school or other church organization call the **Victims Assistance Coordinator** by telephone (302) 656-0651 and report the incident to the **Delaware State Attorney Generals Office** (302)577-8310