

January 17, 2021
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Church calendar says it is the “Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. But the Scripture we hear today are not “ordinary.”

We hear the story of the calling by God of Samuel – the last of the Old Testament “judges” or leaders of God’s people. His response, “Speak, for your servant is listening” is still true of every believer in God.

In the Gospel we hear Jesus being “manifested” by John the Baptist: “Behold the Lamb of God.” The first of the disciples have listened to the voice of God and responded, following Jesus, the Lord and Savior.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts today to Jan 25th (the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul). All Christians are invited to pray together that full unity may be restored to the Church of Christ. **Pray that all may be one in the Church of Christ.**



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.

Saturday January 23, 2021 is the Feast of St. Francis de Sales, the Patron Saint of our Diocese.

PLEASE NOTE

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.
- All MUST WEAR A MASK except children under 2.
- Please use hand sanitizer.

Thank You

- To all who helped removing Christmas decorations.
- To our parish teen groups who decorated and undecorated the Rectory Christmas tree.
- To the Brandywine Fire Company volunteers who again helped to put up and remove the large Christmas wreaths on the front of our Church.

Can You Help?

We are in desperate need of more folks who are willing to read the sacred scriptures at Mass. A number of our lectors feel they cannot continue to serve our community because of age and infirmities. If you are willing to prepare for this ministry, please call Msgr. Russell 302-764-

**2020 Annual Catholic Appeal – Seeing Christ
in the Faces of Others**

To date, \$56,964.00 has been received representing 108.29% of our adjusted parish’s goal of \$52,605.00 (and 90.4% of our original goal of 63,000.00). THANK YOU! If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal, go to www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal. **Your generosity is deeply appreciated.**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

January



Sunday, January 17

2nd Collection: Catholic University & Communication

12:15pm Confirmation Candidate & Sponsor
Mtg-Masci Hall

Monday, January 18 Martin Luther King Day
Rectory Closed

No Religious Ed Class
No Adult Scripture

Tuesday, January 19

7:00pm Parish Council-Zoom

Sunday, January 24

2nd Collection: Social Ministry

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, Vaughn 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, Bill Thomas, Geri Crockett, Jim Fedena, Sr, Carly Fedena, Susan Watkins, Judy Wilbank, Joan Morgan, Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Aliyah Miller,



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 16

5:00pm (SR) Dorothy Ragan

Sunday, Jan 17

7:00am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) Albert Minuti, Sr.

11:00am (SR) Adam Hayes

Monday, Jan 18

9:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Tuesday, Jan 19

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (SR) Dorothy Ragan

Wednesday, Jan 20

9:00am (SR) John S. Olenik, Sr.

Thursday, Jan 21

7:00am (EF) Vaughn Whisker, Sr.

9:00am (SR) Frances Bleistine

Friday, Jan 22

7:00am (EF)

11:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Saturday, Jan 23

9:00am (SR) Adelaide C. Russell

5:00pm (SR) Betty Quinn (23rd Anniversary)

Sunday, Jan 24

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (EF) John G. Waters

11:00am (SR) Albert Campanelli



The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 1/3 was \$5,494.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,667.00 for a total of \$8,161.00. Thank You.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY
LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and assisted suicide. The value of human life is being threatened by increasing use of the death penalty. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

Bishop Malooly will preside at a Holy Hour for Life and a Mass for Life, on Friday, January 29, 2021. Both online events are a part of the National Prayer Vigil for Life sponsored by the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Holy Hour will debut at 4:00 a.m., and the Mass will be live-streamed at 10:00 a.m. Both events will be shown on the diocesan YouTube channel, [YouTube.com/DiocesefofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DiocesefofWilm), and are from the beautiful and historic Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington, Delaware. Due to COVID concerns, these events are online only. More information can be found at cdow.org/respect-life. Catholics across the country are encouraged to observe a nationwide prayer vigil from Thursday, January 28 to Friday, January 29, 2021 marking the 48th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions legalizing abortion through nine months of pregnancy. Since those decisions, over 60 million abortions have been performed legally in the United States.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (in school or at home) tomorrow (MONDAY) in observance of Martin Luther King. Please enjoy some much needed down time with your family!

ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY is virtual during the pandemic. If you would like to join, please call Ms Hummy at 762-4280 or email me at hpennell@sainthelenas.org.

CONFIRMATION CLASS meets TODAY (Sunday), January 17, at 12:15pm in Masci Hall. This meeting is for current 8th graders and their sponsor and/or parent. Present NINTH graders do NOT have to attend this meeting.



RETRouvaille



Upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend...

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises.

The next program begins the weekend of February 12 - 14, 2021 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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Give your relationship the gift of quality time during the pandemic! Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for eight sessions presented on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from January 20 to February 14. Make Valentine's Day 2021 extra special as you learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!! 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.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace!

Where there is hatred . . . let me sow love.

Where there is injury . . . pardon.

Where there is doubt . . . faith.

Where there is despair . . . hope.

Where there is darkness . . . light.

Where there is sadness . . . joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled . . . as to console.

To be understood . . . as to understand.

To be loved . . . as to love.

for

It is in giving . . . that we receive.

It is in pardoning . . . that we are pardoned.

It is in dying . . . that we are born to eternal life.

Birthright Bottles for Babies Fundraiser

Birthright of Delaware is so grateful for your generous support of our Bottles for Babies Fundraiser 2020. St Helena raised \$539.00 so far. We are expecting straggler bottles to trickle in, at that point, we will continue to add to your total.

Final amounts will be posted in the Spring Newsletter

Thank you for sharing in our work of serving mothers and their babies! We really appreciate EVERY one of you! If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time 302-656-7080!