

**January 28, 2018**

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We hear again the Lord's promising to send another prophet to bring His Word to His people. And in the Gospel we hear Jesus fulfilling that promise as He speaks. The people were struck by Jesus' teaching: "He spoke with authority." WE too continue to listen to Jesus as He speaks to us assuring us of His love and His calling us to eternal life and joy.

***We welcome Bishop Malooly  
To Saint Helena Parish!***

***The Bishop is here to celebrate the  
11:00am Mass TODAY,  
Sunday, January 28  
To formally invest our  
Pastor as a Monsignor***



***After Mass you are invited to come to a  
reception in Masci Hall with light  
refreshments to celebrate this honor for  
our Pastor and our Parish.***



**NEXT weekend** at the end of all Masses, we will give the traditional Blessing of Throats in honor of St. Blaise.

**REMEMBER!**

**NEVER** leave your pocketbook or anything valuable in sight in your car. Recently thieves have hit our parish as well as the Methodist and Episcopal Churches. Items donated for the poor can be left in church or the porch during regular Mass times or rectory office hours.

**CHOIR NEWS**

**TENTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF  
SPIRITUALS RETURNS!**



The annual Festival of Spirituals will return to St. Helena's for its tenth edition, entitled *We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace*, on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at 3:00pm. St. Helena's Church Choir will host the Choir School of Delaware, the Perryville (MD) High School Chamber Choir, the DuPont Diversity Choir, and the newly-formed Ecumenical Choir of North Wilmington. The Ecumenical Choir consists of singers and directors from Aldersgate United Methodist Church, St. Helena's Catholic Church and St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Each choir will perform a set of spirituals and then all choirs will join for a mass finale. The church will literally be filled with more than 200 voices. There is no admission, but a free-will offering will be taken. Net proceeds will benefit United Methodist Committee on Relief, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Lutheran World Relief.

**MASS ATTENDANCE  
BAD WEATHER POLICY**

"Canon Law (1247) states that on Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass. However, the law does not expect the impossible nor can the fulfillment of the obligation according to the norm of the law be burdensome or dangerous.

There is no obligation to attend Mass if weather and/or road conditions are unsafe or make travel dangerous or difficult or if one is unable to get out of their driveway or parked space. Those persons who are unable to attend Mass under such conditions may view the celebration of Mass on television, depending on local television schedules. Sometime should be given to private or family prayer in order to sanctify the Lord's Day.

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, January 27

7:00 pm(SR) Betty R. Quinn, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Sunday, January 28

7:00 am(WR)

9:00 am(SR) Paul O. Knight

11:00 am(Bishop) People of the Parish

### Monday, January 29

7:00am(WR)

9:00am(SR) Carl Irey

### Tuesday, January 30

7:00am(WR)

9:00am(SR) Linda Fedena

### Wednesday, January 31

7:00am(WR)

9:00am(SR) Charles Schmidt, Jr.

### Thursday, February 1

7:00am(SR)

9:00 am(WK) Catherine Kozak

### Friday, February 2-First Friday

7:00am(Cap)

9:00 am(SR) The Deceased Members of the  
Quinn and Moore Families

### Saturday, February 3

9:00 am(SR) Mary and Danny Paiano

5:00 pm(SR) Louis Calvarese, Jr.

### Sunday, February 4

7:00 am(SR) The Deceased Members of the  
Lutcavage and Blaska Families

9:00 am(WK) The People of the Parish

11:00 am(SR) The Deceased Members of the  
Meriggi and Roggero Families

## MARRIAGE MOMENTS

*By Susan Vogt*

**Do not let** obsessions distract you from being present to your beloved. How clean does the house really need to be? Hobbies are fun but can steal together time. Perfectionism can rob you of laughing together!

## PARENTING POINTERS

*By Susan Vogt*

**You are not your children!** Your success as a parent does not depend on their success. Resist the urge to take credit for your child's successes, lest you also take the blame for their mistakes.

## YOUNG AT HEART

As winter's beauty begins to fade, our next general meeting will be held on Monday evening, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Masci Hall. This meeting will feature Miss Rita Stirparo of "Mindful Balance" as our talented teacher of Gentle Yoga. Miss Stirparo's expertise will guide us in this wonderful art of exercise.

Plan on joining us for Yoga and tasty refreshments, fun and fellowship. For weather updates and any information, call Carmela at 302-762-9057. *"Move It or Lose It"*

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



**Our members meet in the Convent** every month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7pm. Each meeting begins with recitation of the Chaplet of Mercy or the Rosary. Our members and parishioners create shawls and other lovely items which are blessed and brought to so many in need of comfort and caring. Materials are given freely and items can be made at home. Joining our dedicated ministry will make your life even more meaningful. Call Carmela on 762-9057 for more information or for questions about inclement weather.

### 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, Mary Ann Irelan, Levi & Ellie Jernigan, Ella Kirksey, 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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**YOUTH GROUP:** Meets **TONIGHT** at 7:00pm in the Religious Education Office.

**FIRST EUCHARIST:** Schedules will be going out through the Religious Education class tomorrow (Monday) night. If you have a child in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or above and have been in either a Catholic School or Religious Education Program and have not received a letter, email Ms. Hummy at [hpennell@sainthelenas.org](mailto:hpennell@sainthelenas.org) or call the office: 302-762-4280.

*Ms. Hummy is in need of someone to sit in during classes with our combined 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. Our two volunteers are unable to continue this year. No teaching is required—this fulfills our Diocesan Mandate to have 2 adults in each class (For the Sake of God's Children).*

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

### Saturday, February 3

5:00pm – Chernekoff, Anna

### Sunday, February 4

7:00am – Star

9:00am – Nate, Grace

11:00am – Maria, Dylan

## RETROUVAILLE

**Does the distance between you seem wide?** Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. There are 2 programs coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern: February 16-18 and April 13-15. For more information or to register for a weekend, visit: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call: 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

## BRING IT HOME

This week's Gospel message speaks of Jesus' authority. He commanded unclean spirits and they fled at his command. Sin and temptation are real, and they can be a daily struggle. By walking with Christ and relenting to His authority we can overcome these sins, and fight off these temptations. Are you able to turn to Christ during times of temptation? Do you come to Him through the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Embrace the power and authority of Christ. Know that through Him our sins are forgiven, and our temptations can be fought.

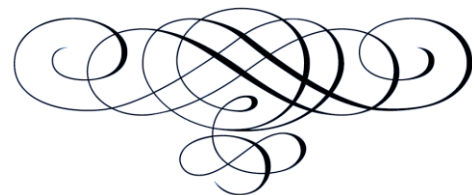
## 33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY



St. Ann's Parish is offering a small group retreat with Fr. Gaitley's materials and videos: 33 Days to Morning Glory in Preparation for Marian Consecration. The retreat will be offered on Monday evenings from 5-6:30p in the Social Hall beginning February 12, 2018, and continues through March 26 (no session President's Day, Feb. 19) with consecration on Holy Saturday, the feast of our Lady of the Holy Cross on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Two textbooks are located in the Chapel of Divine Mercy for you to review and ponder your participation. Pp. 15-27 are most helpful. Please leave the texts in the Chapel for others.

For more information or to register for the retreat, call Connie Winner-Varone at 302-765-9864 or email: [cnwinner@comcast.net](mailto:cnwinner@comcast.net).



The following is a thank you  
To the parishioners of St. Helena's  
for the donations made  
for the Children of Puerto Rico:

Dear Monsignor Russell and all the generous parishioners of St. Helena's,

I wanted to thank you again for helping with The Puerto Rican Children's Relief Fund and drive. St. Helena's was so generous and was willing to help. It has made a great difference to so many families and children who still don't have power and/or fresh water. There were 5 churches and the LCC from Delaware as well as some private institutions who donated. To date, it looks like we have at least a full plane load and should be off to Puerto Rico soon again. Most of the volunteers involved are back home diffing out, literally, and are in contact and send their heartfelt appreciation. Phone service is still intermittent and there is a lot to do. The toys, backpacks and other items have been well received and so needed. Thank you again for helping others when they need it so much. God Bless!

Paul E. Hughes and many families in: Isabella, Aguadia, Jobos and Shacks Puerto Rico  
The Puerto Rican Children's Relief of Delaware and Pennsylvania

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 28

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Parish Social Ministry

11:00am Monsignor Russell Investiture-Church

Reception follows immediately in Masci Hall

11:00am Child. Liturgy/Word-Church

Monday, January 29

5:30pm Youth Choir-Church

6:30pm Religious Ed Class-School

6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Rel. Ed. Office

7:00pm Young at Heart Crafts-Convent

Thursday, February 1

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

Friday, February 2-First Friday

9:30am Adoration-Church

THURSDAY NIGHT BINGO



BINGO IN BAD WEATHER

Listen to WDEL 1150AM or 101.7FM

Check "Next Door Bellefonte"

Log onto our website: [www.sainthelenas.org](http://www.sainthelenas.org)

Call Rectory: 764-0325 after 2pm for the special phone message

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). Masci Hall doors open on at 5:30pm for food. Games begin at 7pm. All are invited to join the fun!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

*Parish Social Ministry is in need of parishioners who would like to serve as Funeral Greeters at wakes and funerals held here at St. Helena's Church. If you think you would be interested or you have questions, please call Dorothy at 764-0325 Ext. 104.*

**The Food Closet is in need of:** canned chili, beef stew, tea bags. Thank you for your support!

**The Offertory collection** for the weekend of 1/14 was \$5,493 and the on-line collection was \$1,439.50 for a total of \$6,932.50. The Collection for the weekend of 1/21 was \$4,541; the on-line collection was \$1,549.50 for a total of \$6,090.50. Thank you!

