

July 18, 2021

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the ancient world of the Scriptures, shepherds had a very intimate relationship with their sheep. (Much like the relationship of many today with their dog or cat). They knew the strengths and weaknesses of each of their sheep. They slept in the fields with them. The Lord used that image of the shepherd in today's first reading from Jeremiah the prophet. He reprimanded the false shepherds who failed God's people and now they were suffering in exile in Babylon. But God assured His people He had not abandoned them. He would care for them, gather them from exile and give them another descendant of King David to reign over them (the Messiah.) We see Jesus in today's Gospel calling His apostles away from the crowds to a "deserted place" to be refreshed. But Jesus saw the crowds who followed them as "sheep without a shepherd." Jesus, the Good Shepherd, continues to care for us and show us His love and mercy.

We rejoice that our God has given us a new Bishop to be our shepherd in the Diocese of Wilmington. On Tuesday, July 13th, in St. Elizabeth's Church Most Rev. William Koenig was ordained a bishop and installed as the 10th Bishop of Wilmington. We pray that God bless him in every way in his ministry among us.

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly
Pope Francis has established each year on the fourth Sunday of July (next Sunday, July 25th) will be observed as 'World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly.' (The date chosen because of its proximity to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne - the parents of Mary and grandparents of Jesus.) Pope Francis chose as the theme of this year's celebration the words of Jesus: "I am with you always!"

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish our collection will help to restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the Collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

CARNIVAL NEWS

For 2 years we have been unable to have our Spring Carnival. (In recent years, we have been able to realize a profit for the parish of \$100,000!) We have accepted the offer of Skelly's Amusement Rides to come Tuesday Sept 21st thru Saturday Sept 25th for a Mini Carnival. God willing, we will have the outdoor activities but not the activities usually held in the hall. We believe many of our young people will want to celebrate and many adults will welcome the opportunity to see friends and fellow parishioners. Mark your calendar! Obviously we can only do this if we have the help of many parishioners as volunteers. If you can help, then please call Sue or Doug Garrett (302-762-6568) or the Rectory (302-764-0325).

Parish Expenses

During the month of June, our parish paid \$51,914.92 in bills. Included in this total:
\$345 for fire alarms (3mos)
\$332.60 to Comcast for TV Cable and Internet Service
\$2,102.89 to Delmarva Power
\$17,000 quarterly payment of Diocesan Assessment
\$3,759.20 for health insurance for employees
\$543.88 for Church votive candles
\$226.83 to Suez Water
\$532.80 for trash removal.

The Offertory Collection

For the weekend of 7/4 was \$4,714.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,277.00 for a total of \$6,991.00. Thank You

BROWN OUT

On Saturday July 3rd, our parish experienced low electric power from Delmarva Power. It lasted from about 8AM to 8PM and made it very difficult to celebrate the 9AM Mass, the viewing and funeral service and the 5PM Mass.

At this writing we know it has affected two of the three air conditioning units in the Church, one of two units in Masci School Hall. Half of the lights in Dougherty Hall have to be replaced. Food to be prepared by volunteers for the poor and needy had to be thrown out. The generator on the Rectory provides power for the two rooms of the two priests and the kitchen and freezer areas only. Consequently the internet service was disrupted.

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, WITNESSES OF HOPE

\$56,566.21 has been received representing 89.79% of our parish's goal of our goal of \$63,000.00. To those who have already contributed to this year's campaign, please accept our sincere appreciation. If you have not yet offered your support, then we ask that you consider making a pledge or a one-time contribution today. For your convenience, Appeal envelopes are available at all the exits of church. If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal, then go to www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal. **Your generosity is deeply appreciated.**

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

Both Sunday Mass and Friday Reflections can be viewed at <https://www.sainthelenas.org/> ALSO Friday **Reflections with Msgr. Russell** 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.

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

FOOD CLOSET

At this time, the Parish Food Closet is **NOT** accepting **CANNED GOODS** or **CEREAL**.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, Vaughn Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyrawski, Mary Gabel, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sr. Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Francis Medeiros, Friends at the Kutz Home Nicolas Childs, Bridget Robinson, Geri Crockett, Jim Fedena, Sr, Carly Fedena, Judy Wilbank, Aliyah Miller, Theresa Kelleher Cassidy, Nicole Miller, Karen Cheeseman, Sara Murphy, Antoinette Medeiros, Rose Marie Turcol, Charlie Lafferty



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 17

5:00pm (SR) Ruben Hopkins

Sunday, July 18

7:00am (EF) Linda James

9:00am (SR) Ann Raign

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

Monday, July 19

9:00am (SR) Mary C. Roggero (65th Anniversary)

Tuesday, July 20

7:00am (EF) Steve Hirshout

9:00am (SR) Anne Owsiany

Wednesday, July 21

9:00am (SR) Jacinta Gracias

Thursday, July 22

7:00am (EF) Harold Robinson

9:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Friday, July 23

7:00am (EF) Nancy McFadden

9:00am (SR) John Deeney, Sr.

Saturday, July 24

9:00 am (SR) Jackie Trask

5:00pm (SR) Therese Williams

Sunday, July 25

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (EF) John J. Loudon

11:00am (SR) Deceased Members of the
Russell and Sullivan Families

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, July 18

The 2nd Collection: Social Ministry

Thursday, July 22

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm

Games begin at 7:00pm

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Catholic Social Teaching – Reflections

By the U. S. Catholic Bishops

Solidarity: (One of the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching)

We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live. We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, and ideological differences.

Learning to practice the virtue of solidarity that "loving our neighbor" has global dimensions in an interdependent world.

National Human Trafficking Hotline:

1-888-373-7888 SMS 233733 (Text "HELP" or "INFO") Hours: 24 hours seven days a week 200 or more languages Website: humantrafficking.org can assist in determining if a person is a victim of human trafficking and can help you determine the next steps in providing support to for potential victims. Victims of trafficking are numerous but often inconspicuous.

Sellers Senior Center is looking for Pinochle Players. We play on Mondays and Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3:30pm. Available to non-vaccinated seniors with masks as of July 13. Vaccinated seniors do not have to wear a mask. Call 302-762-2050 for more information. We also offer Bunco, Bridge, Canasta and exercise programs.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CATECHISTS still needed for SECOND and SIXTH grades in our Religious Education Program. We have secured an aide to help us, but now the need is for teachers. No experience is needed as the books we use are quite user friendly. If you are a faith filled Catholic and would be interested in passing on your faith to young Children, please email Ms Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org. Our program meets on Monday evenings from 6:30p – 7:30p beginning September 13.

REGISTRATION FORMS will be mailed out the beginning of August and we ask that you fill them out and return as quickly as possible so we know how many children will be enrolled.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

With Bishop William Koenig at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

September 25, 2021, 10AM-4PM

We Walk By Faith with Bishop William Koenig and Priests of the Diocese of Wilmington on pilgrimage to the nation's spiritual capital and Shrine of the Patroness of the United States, The Immaculate Conception

Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Washington, DC

Saturday, September 25, 2021

IHM will have a bus depart at 7am

Cost \$35 (payable to IHM).

Reservation by Sept 15.

For more information, contact

Kathy Dunworth at 302-383-6452

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration At Immaculate Heart Of Mary Church

All are welcome to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at IHM Church, 4701 Weldin Road, Wilmington, DE 19803.

As of June 1, 2021, hours are daily Sunday through Saturday. For more information contact Kathy Dunworth at 302-383-6452 and

kdunworth@verizon.net

RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE



Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). Couples learn to build communication skills. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of August 13 - 15, 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.

9TH ANNUAL PILAR CARAZO INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

St. John/Holy Angels' Parish is back with their 9th annual Pilar Carazo International Food Festival in Fremont Hall at Holy Angels, 82 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE 19711, Sunday, August 1, 9 am to 4 pm. Different countries will be participating at different times throughout the day. 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.



29TH ANNUAL CYO JOSEPH A. MCNESBY, JR. GOLF OUTING BENEFITTING THE WORK OF CATHOLIC YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 Deerfield Golf Club

The Day's Events

Registration: 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Lunch: 11:00 am - Noon

Shotgun Start: Noon

Auction/Dinner: 5:30 pm

For 29 years, individuals throughout Delaware and along the Eastern Shore of Maryland have been raising money to support programs and services that are organized and implemented by the Catholic Youth and Young Adult Ministry office. Along with supporting the endeavors of the Catholic athletic league, which serves over 5,000 youth members, this event also helps to sustain other youth activities, like service projects and a High School youth leadership program. Through the generous contributions of donors, the office of Catholic Youth and Young Adult Ministry is able to continue its mission, a mission fueled by the vision to provide youth and young adults the opportunity to learn to, love the faith and to live the faith. Questions: Please call 302-658-3800 or email catholicyouth@cdow.org to request more information or a tax letter for donations.



A prayer for Bishop-elect Koenig...

O GOD, ETERNAL SHEPHERD OF THE FAITHFUL, WHO TEND YOUR CHURCH IN COUNTLESS WAYS AND RULE OVER HER IN LOVE, GRANT, WE PRAY, THAT WILLIAM, YOUR SERVANT, WHOM YOU HAVE SET OVER YOUR PEOPLE, MAY PRESIDE IN THE PLACE OF CHRIST OVER THE FLOCK WHOSE SHEPHERD HE IS, AND BE FAITHFUL AS A TEACHER OF DOCTRINE, A PRIEST OF SACRED WORSHIP AND AS ONE WHO SERVES THEM BY GOVERNING. THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.