

July 19, 2020

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Our first reading this week is taken from the Old Testament Book of Wisdom – the last Book to be written in the Old Testament. It was written in Greek and therefore rejected by Jewish leaders in 70AD at their council of Jamnia. But early Christians had already accepted it as sacred scripture. It teaches that true wisdom comes from God to teach His People how to live.

Jesus in today's Gospel again speaks of God's wisdom like a seed planted in the lives of His people. Those who believe and live by God's Word grow in a world with others who do not believe. The Lord allows this until the harvest when the weeds are gathered and burned while those living by God's Word are gathered into His Kingdom.

ROBBERY AT ST. HELENA'S?

Yes, over the July 4th weekend, someone broke into our school building. Apparently he got in through the door used by the Brandywine Autism group where they removed their equipment. They left our facilities at the end of June for a building they purchased on Philadelphia Pike. Apparently someone failed to check and be sure the door was locked. The thief took some food and equipment used in preparation of food. Unfortunately, he did not completely close the door of the large freezer and walk-in refrigerator so all the frozen food etc. (for monthly breakfasts and for Bingo) had to be thrown away. Our maintenance man happened to recognize him from our cameras the thief was waiting for a bus in front of the State Police. He was arrested and has confessed and most of the stolen equipment has been returned.

The Offertory Collections for the weekend 7/5 was \$3,912.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,274.00 for a total of \$6,186.00. Thank you.

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 Facebook Live Saturday at 5pm, and save it to YouTube afterward for people to watch.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

AIDES needed for Religious Education Program which will be starting in September. Our program meets on Monday nights from 6:30p to 7:45p. If you have an hour to share along with your faith, please email Ms Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org. No experience needed – just a love of children!



CAN YOU HELP OUR PARISH?

We lost about \$100,000 income because we could not have our Carnival. Bingo has been a great blessing bringing about \$ 50,000 profit last year. We do not know when the State will allow Bingo to resume. Most of our workers are willing to help again. But some folks feel uncomfortable because of the virus. Can you help us even one or two nights of the month? Bingo is on Thursday beginning at 7pm. There are several different kinds of jobs that have to be done. If you would like more information, please call Hummy Pennell 302-762-4280 or Msgr Russell at 302-764-0328 ext. 108. Please help us!

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, Antoinette Medeiros

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.

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.

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 18

5:00pm (SR) Ann McDonough

Sunday, July 19

7:00am (EF)

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

11:00am(SR) People of the Parish

Monday, July 20

9:00am (SR) Robert Miller

Tuesday, July 21

7:00am (EF) Jacinta Gracias

9:00am (SR) Alan Loudell

Wednesday, July 22

9:00am (SR) Margaret & Larry Kenny
Living-Wedding Anniversary

Thursday, July 23

7:00am (SR)

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

Friday, July 24

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (SR) Paul O. Knight

Saturday, July 25

9:00am (SR) Deceased Members of the
Russell and Sullivan Families

5:00pm (SR) Gertrude Talarowski
(10th Anniversary)

Sunday, July 26

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (EF) Paul O. Knight

11:00am(SR) Barbara Buckley Beaver



WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, July 19

The 2nd Collection: Parish Social Ministry

Sunday, July 26

7:00pm Youth Group-Religious Ed Office

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.

Listen to *Catholic Forum* every Saturday morning at 11:00 on Relevant Radio 640. Next Saturday, July 25th, tune in to learn how the Saint Francis Hospital LIFE Program is helping seniors to stay safely in their homes during the pandemic. After it airs, listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or search “Catholic Forum” on Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, “Like” Catholic Forum on Facebook at facebook.com/Catholicforum.

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.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal. **Your generosity is deeply appreciated.**



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CHILD (North Wilmington) is seeking a part-time bookkeeper (15-20 hours per week).

Experience in accounting/bookkeeping is required. Also, some knowledge of employee benefits is helpful. Interested

Person should send a resume to Rev Michael Carrier (mcarrier@chcparish.org) by July 20th).

Parish Job Opening: St. Thomas More Oratory, Newark, DE, is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant to collaborate with the Pastor in facilitating the efficient administration of the parish through performing a variety of clerical, administrative and social media tasks. Monday through Friday, 10AM – 2PM.

Mail or Email cover letter and resume to:

Saint Thomas More Oratory

45 Lovett Avenue

Newark, DE 19711

udcatholic@gmail.org

Deadline to Apply: August 1, 2020

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.**

Changes in Light of the Novel Coronavirus from Bishop Malooly...

Delaware parishes of the Diocese of Wilmington may resume daily Masses and the Sacrament of Reconciliation beginning Monday, June 1, 2020.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass issued on March 12, 2020 remains in place for the Diocese of Wilmington. Parishes should continue to make Masses available to the faithful through such means as internet livestream or recording, ensuring that the faithful may maintain a spiritual connection with their local church.

Those who are symptomatic or who have been exposed to the virus within 14 days are not permitted to enter the church, in accordance with national, state and local health directives. All attendees are asked to check their temperature at home before coming to church for any reason. Likewise, anyone with a persistent cough or who otherwise does not feel well should not come to church.

Parishioners who are particularly vulnerable (e.g. over the age of sixty, existing heart or lung conditions, diabetes, or otherwise immuno-compromised) are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**, for their own health, to avoid the risk of attending public celebrations of the Church until all restrictions have been lifted.

Individuals are the primary protectors of their own health; during this current situation, there is always risk coming into public spaces. To that end, coming into an open church building carries that same risk. Individuals assume that risk for themselves in these circumstances.

All liturgical celebrations should observe limitations on gathering sizes and ensure social distancing.

All members of the assembly and all ministers, except the priest-celebrant, are to wear face coverings at all times while in church. The priest-celebrant is *permitted* to wear a covering during Mass but not *required* except during the distribution of Communion.

All members of the assembly and all ministers are to sanitize their hands upon entering the church.

Home visits to the sick by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion continue to be prohibited until further notice.

The Sacrament of the Sick should only be administered in danger of death situations only.

We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust policy as necessary.

Let us continue to pray for our diocese, our health care workers, and for all affected by the coronavirus.