

July 25, 2021

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This liturgical year, we usually hear gospels from the Gospel of Mark. But this week (and through most of August) we hear the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel – the story of Jesus multiplying the loaves of bread and speaking of the Bread of Life. We reflect on the mystery of the Holy Eucharist the center of our Catholic lives. We do so at a time we are told many "Catholics" no longer believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. We do believe Jesus uses the ordained priest to change the substance of bread and wine into the substance of His Body and Blood.

WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY



Throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis has consistently demonstrated his concern for the grandparents and elderly in the life of the Church and modern society. He announced this year would be the first of an annual celebration of "World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly" to be held on the fourth Sunday of July (nearest the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Mother and grandparents of Jesus. (July 26th). The theme for this year is taken from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Mathew: "I am with you always." It is a promise of closeness and hope that young and old can mutually share. "Not only are grandchildren and young people called upon to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelization, proclamation and prayer and of encouraging young people in their faith" the Vatican's press release said.

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 Masci 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).

CLEANING HOUSE?

Your 2021 Attic Treasures Team is already hard at work for the November 6th Christmas Bazaar. Many thanks to those who have dropped off donations. However, we have lots of space to fill for our Attic Treasures Market and need items to fill our tables and shelves. Bring us your new or gently used items: Books, Household Goods, Kitchen and Garden items, Holiday Ornaments and Decorations, Decorative items, Small Furniture, Appliances/Electronics*, Accessories, Jewelry and Accent Pieces**.....

Please leave your donations in the closet next to the porch door of the convent. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, October 17th, but it really helps if you drop them off early. If you have large items or questions, please contact Nancy Cobb (598-8685) or e-mail us at NatiesMom@me.com.

***Unfortunately**, we cannot accept televisions unless they are flat screens.

**Please No clothing or exercise equipment, leather goods, handbags, accessories and jewelry are welcome.

The Offertory Collection

For the weekend of 7/11 was \$5,078.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,827.00 for a total of \$7,905.00. Thank You

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.

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.

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 24

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

Monday, July 26

9:00am (SR) Jayne Davenport

Tuesday, July 27

7:00am (EF) Julio Fernandez de Velasco

9:00am (SR) Carrie Konitzer

Wednesday, July 28

9:00am (SR) Stephen Price

Thursday, July 29

7:00am (EF) Linda James

9:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Friday, July 30

7:00am (EF) Richard Dorsey

9:00am (SR) Steve Hirshout

Saturday, July 31

9:00 am (SR) Sr. Mary Goodbody

5:00pm (SR) Gertrude Talarowski

Sunday, Aug 1

7:00am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) Rosemary Maits

11:00am (SR) Ray Altamuro

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Thursday, July 29

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

Sunday, August 1

The 2nd Collection: Maintenance & Repair

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 pm to 3:30pm. Available to non-
vaccinated seniors with masks as of July
13th. 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 6:30pm – 7:30pm beginning
September 13th.

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 15th.

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 1st, 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

Questions: Please call 302-658-3800 or email catholicyouth@cdow.org to request more information or a tax letter for donations.



Prayer to Saints Joachim and Anne *Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

O glorious Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of the Most High! Great indeed is our Lord's affection for you. We honor your faithfulness in marriage, and your openness to God's hidden plan. It was from your marital embrace that the Spirit fashioned your fair daughter Mary to be sinless; the dawning of a new creation awakening from her Immaculate Conception. It was in your family that she learned to love God and grow in every virtue. By a life of obedience to the Law of God lived in your home, Mary was prepared to receive the Eternal Word into her heart and into her womb. From your tender love Mary learned a motherhood that knew no bounds, and by the example of your married life, Mary knew what it was to be a faithful wife to Joseph, her most chaste spouse. O Saints Anne and Joachim, great indeed are you who gave life to the Mother of our Savior! It pleased God to create from your union a woman freed from the stain of sin, by the saving death of the son she had not yet conceived.

Dearest Saints Joachim and Anne, pray that our families may grow in holiness and that our homes may become grace filled sanctuaries of love. By your powerful intercession, protect and guide all grandparents that they may be great examples of faith.

Amen.

Memorial - 26 July