

July 26, 2020

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

When Solomon, the son of King David, became king God told him to ask for whatever he wanted. Instead of asking for material things, Solomon asked for "an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong." He was asking for God's help that he would be a wise, good ruler. (Unfortunately, in the rest of the story, wise Solomon became a fool, turning away from God.)

Jesus in the Gospel parables speaks of people who realize they have found a treasure, a "pearl of great price" and realize they should seek it with an undivided heart. They are truly wise.

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 7/12 was \$5,375.00 and the on-line collection was \$3,149.00 for a total of \$8,524.00. 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 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 Schauber, 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 25

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

Monday, July 27

9:00am (SR) Carrie Konitzer

Tuesday, July 28

7:00am (EF)
9:00am (SR) Bart & C. Natalie Meriggi

Wednesday, July 29

9:00am (SR) Edward Dunn (25th Anniversary)

Thursday, July 30

7:00am (SR)
9:00am (EF) Dominic & Mary Roggero

Friday, July 31

7:00am (EF) Richard Dorsey
9:00am (SR) John J. Brown

Saturday, August 1

9:00am (SR) Rosemary Maitis
5:00pm (SR) John Waters

Sunday, August 2

7:00am (EF)
9:00am (SR) People of the Parish
11:00am(SR) Joseph Bower



WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, July 26

7:00pm Youth Group-Religious Ed Office

Sunday, August 2

The 2nd Collection: Maintenance and Repair

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/CatholicFourm..., 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.



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.

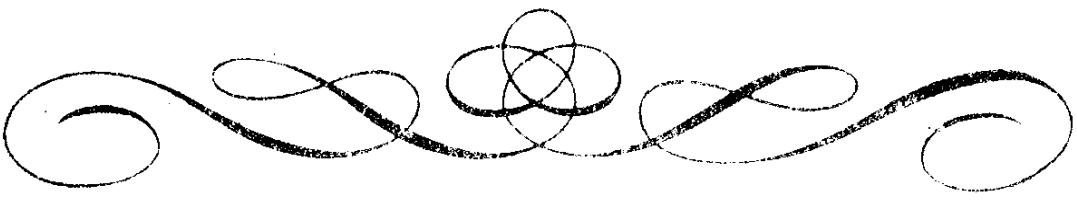
Mail or Email cover letter and resume to:
Saint Thomas More Oratory
45 Lovett Avenue
Newark, DE 19711
udcatholic@gmail.org

Deadline to Apply: August 1, 2020

RETRouveille: 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.





COMMUNION MEDITATION

*The following was used for a funeral
but could be adapted
for a meditation at other times.*

If God gave us only one day of life, it would have been generous.
If God gave us only one springtime or one fall, one summer or winter, it would have been generous.
If God gave us only one day of laughter, it would have been generous.
If God gave us only one beautiful meal, beautifully served in a secure home, it would have been generous.
If God gave us only one friend to share the journey of time, it would have been generous.
If God gave us only one year of married life, it would have been generous.
If God gave us only one child — sound in mind and body, it would have been generous.
If God gave us only one storm that left us unharmed, it would have been generous.
If God gave us only one day of a good time with friends, it would have been generous.
If God gave us only one talent for creating beauty, it would have been generous.
If God let us laugh only once in the face of calamity, it would have been generous.
If God gave us only one moment's pride in the success of those we love, it would have been generous.

But he has given us life and time, joy and sorrow,
sunshine and storms, laughter and tears,
gifts to share and days to remember.
He has given us friends and lovers,
children and parents, you and me,
and himself as well.

It is God who gives us life,
who tells us ever after to choose life,
God who is our Resurrection and our hope,
who dwells within our hearts as the Spirit of life,
the vanquisher of death
and the comforter of the faithful.

Donna Gordon

