

July 28, 2019

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Luke in today's Gospel gives us some of Jesus' teaching on prayer. He gives us his version of the Lord's Prayer and encourages us to be persistent in our prayer. He urges us to be confident that our Father in heaven cares about us, His children, whom he loves.

St. Helena's Parish Expenses

In June our parish paid 72 bills for a total of \$56,681.91! Included were:

\$471.48 for trash removal

\$18,750 for our quarterly payment of the diocesan assessment.

\$2,234.16 for electric and gas

\$644.80 for candles (including altar candles)

\$4,895 for lay health insurance for the month.

As of August 1st, the Brandywine School District will be leasing the use of the second floor of our school building for a special program of tutoring for children who have learning disabilities. This program has been housed in the Darley Road School which is now being completely renovated. They will also use Dougherty Hall gym on two mornings a week. While the program will begin small in Sept., it will increase in numbers reaching a maximum of 30 children.

Sometimes folks ask why is the parish leasing our facilities. If you read the weekly report on parish offertory collections and the reports on our expenses, you must recognize we are not receiving sufficient offertory income to pay our bills. Each year our projected budget has shown a possible deficit of 100,000! Thanks to your hard work at the Carnival, Bingo and Bazaar, the actual deficit has been much less. The income from this rental will help wipe out our deficit.

We thank our business manager Rick Rebmann who has been working so hard on possible leases to help our parish financially.

2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal allows each of us the opportunity to put out faith into action. To those who have already contributed to this year's campaign, please accept my sincere appreciation. If you have not yet offered your support, I ask that you consider making a pledge or a one-time contribution today. For your convenience, Appeal envelopes are available in the gathering space in the back of church. To date, \$60,236 has been received representing 95.6% of our parish's \$63,000 goal.

If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal, go to www.cdown.org/annualcatholicappeal. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend 7/14 was \$4,385.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,375.00 for a total of \$5,760.00



“Give us this day our daily bread.” Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

Call Fr. Norm Carroll 302-573-3113

vocations@cdow.org.

NEXT BREAKFAST BUFFET AUGUST 11

8:00AM TO 12:45PM

Leave the cooking to our Breakfast Crew for an all you care to eat Buffet on the 2nd Sunday of the month (**except July**). Each month we cook up a full buffet of breakfast fare, add a special dish or two and serve it up in a warm and festive atmosphere. For questions/reserve a table for 6 or more, please contact Nancy Cobb [302-598-8685 or Natiesmom@me.com].

PARISH MINISTRY

2019 Pacem In Terris Film Series: "The People v the Politicians" - This film takes a look at grassroots action, empowering small donors to political campaigns, making democracy fairer, more transparent and more inclusive.

Discussant: Dr. Judith Butler. **Film is free and open to the public. St. Stephen's Lutheran Church-1301 N. Broom Street. July 30 at 6:30pm.** For more information or if you need a ride, please call Dorothy Medeiros at 302-764-0325 x104.

Sewing Group: Blessing upon everyone who made the dresses and outfits for the children in Guatemala and upon everyone who donated the fabric and pillow cases.

Prayer to End Human Trafficking

Oh God, we do not see them, but you did. The hundreds of thousands of human beings trafficked each year to join the millions who are trapped by slavery-under terrible conditions-they work the factories, plow the fields, harvest crops, work quarries, fill brothels, clean homes, and haul water. Many are children whose tiny fingers for weaving rugs, and small shoulders for bearing riles. But you see them all, God of the poor. You hear their cry and you answer by opening our eyes, breaking our hearts, and loosening tongues to insist-No more-No more. Amen.

July 30 is World Day Against Trafficking in Person; please pray to end the scourge of modern day slavery.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To ALL of our Religious Education Families: Registration for 2019-2020 Religious Education year will be emailed to all present families by the beginning of August. If you have a child who is entering first grade in a public school, please give the office a call at 762-4280 or email Ms Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org to register.

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Shirley Kosek, James Lafferty, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dora Pacitti, 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, Chris Molitor, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Sharon Dean, Janet Szubieolski, Geri Crockett, Catalina Weddle, Ray Altamuro, Marie Spinden, Viola Zappacosta, Jane Parsons, Bill Hufnell, Nicholas Childs, Antoinette Medeiros, Nathan Medeiros, Friends at the Kutz Home

BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm

Games begin at 7:00pm

Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!

THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER IS IN NEED OF OUR HELP.

The weekend of August 17 & 18, a special collection for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral of Saint Peter will be taken up in all parishes in our diocese. Please be as generous as you can. For more information about the Cathedral, please visit the Cathedral's website at www.cathedralofstpeter.com. For a video tour of the Cathedral, and a tour of the Cathedral's 100 year-old pipe organ, visit the diocesan website at www.cdow.org/cathedral. Together, we can help assure that our Cathedral will remain a place of beauty and prayer for generations to come.

PUBLIC PRAYER VIGIL- On Monday, August 19th, from 12 noon-1pm, the same date and time of the 4th Apparition of Fatima, a public Prayer Vigil will be held for our Bishop, ourselves, and Holy Mother Church. Following the Prayer Vigil, Bishop Malooly will re-consecrate our Diocese to Mary's Immaculate Heart, as he has done at recent diocesan Marian events in the past. This special event will take place near Our Lady of Peace Statue outside of Holy Spirit parish in New Castle. Everyone, please come.

Would you like to know how to bring your loved ones back to the Catholic Faith? Please join us in praying for our families and friends on the Feast of St. Monica on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church, 10 Old Church Road, Greenville, Delaware. We will be praying together to bring back all those who have fallen away from the Church at our special Devotional Event. Holy Hour with Rosary will begin at 5:00PM, and Mass will begin at 6:00PM. For more information email:12374columbiettes@gmail.com

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

You are invited to spend time with Our Lord at Immaculate Heart of Mary Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Spend a few minutes or a Holy Hour. If you can commit to spending an hour with Our Lord, please call Kathy Dunworth, Chapel Coordinator, at 302-383-6452

PART TIME HELP WANTED!

IHM School Extended Care needs help daily from 2:30pm -5:30pm Monday through Friday. Flexible hours/days. Job responsibilities include, serve snacks, clean tables, help with homework, create arts & crafts projects, supervise and engage students during outside and gym playtime. Retired teachers, High school and college students welcome. Must be 18 years of age and be available 2 days a week. Please email Amanda Schauer at aftercare@IHM.org.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Thursday, Aug 1, 2019

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

Friday, Aug 2

9:30am Adoration-Church

Sunday, Aug 4

The 2nd Collection: Maintenance and Repair
Food Collection-All Masses

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 27

5:00pm (SR) Gertrude Talarowski
(9th Anniversary)

Sunday, July 28

7:00am (DV) Walter Koval
9:00am (SR) People of the Parish
11:00am (SR) Judy Pelkey

Monday, July 29

9:00pm (SR) Edward J. Dunn (24th Anniversary)

Tuesday, July 30

7:00am (DV)
9:00am (SR) Mary & Bernard Fiore

Wednesday, July 31

9:00am (SR) Richard Maloney

Thursday, August 1

7:00am (SR) Richard Dorsey
9:00am (WK) Rosemary Maits

Friday, August 2

7:00am (CAP) Holy Souls in Purgatory
9:00am (SR) Ester Kenny

Saturday, August 3

9:00am (SR) Lawrence Jerman
5:00pm (SR) Rita V. Bryan

Sunday, August 4

7:00am (SR) Lutcavage/Blaska Families
9:00am (WK) Louis Calvarese, Sr.
11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

BE CAREFUL! In a number of parishes some parishioners have received emails, texts or phone calls saying they need to buy gift cards to help their pastor. **DO NOT BE TAKEN BY THIS SCAM!** Do not respond to them but please call the Rectory to let us know how you have received such a message. Also please see the following Federal Trade Commission's article about identifying, avoiding and reporting email scams (which are called "phishing" because phony emails attempt to fish for information or money):<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0003-phishing>. **ADDITIONALLY** there is someone who has been sending fake emails from Msgr Russell. Please do not respond to these emails if you receive them. **ALSO** please see the Scam Alert Advisories on the bulletin boards by the Delaware State Police.

BISHOP'S 5K WILL BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES OUTREACH

Please join Catholic Charities for the Bishop's 5K Run/Walk, a totally adaptive event, at 9 am on Saturday, August 24, 2019, at Glasgow Regional Park, 2275 Pulaski Highway, Newark, DE 19702. Pre-register for the event by visiting Bishops5K.com. Registration is \$25 from July 1 to August 22 and \$30 until race day, plus an event fee of \$2.50. All registered runners/walkers will receive a t-shirt, and be in the running for prizes. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities outreach efforts. Call Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624 with any questions about the Bishop's 5K. Bishop Malooly will be at the starting line AND finish line of the 4th Catholic Charities Bishop's 5K Run/Walk - will you?

JESUS HOUSE IS CURRENTLY SEEKING A PART-TIME OFFICE MANAGER.

Duties are varied and include managing finances and the calendar and working with program and retreat presenters and the Jesus House Board. 20 hours a week, with the possibility of working some hours from home. Please send resume to info@jesushousecenter.org.

RETROUVAILLE- Tens of thousands of couples have healed their Marriages through Retrouvaille (Retro-VIE). If you know of anyone who could benefit from this program please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and rediscover intimacy. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. **Our next program is coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA August 9 - 11.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

WEDDING OF THE SEA FESTIVAL

Thursday, August 15

Take part in this special tradition of the Parish of St. Monica in Atlantic City!

Mass of the Assumption of Mary • Boardwalk Hall

Doors Open • 11:00 AM

Program and Mass • 12:00 PM

Procession of the Blessed Mother and Benediction on the Boardwalk

Procession to Surf • 1:15 PM

Join the Most Reverend Dennis Sullivan, Bishop of the Diocese of Camden in celebration of this beautiful Mass.

Festival - St. Michael's Church Parking Lot, Georgia Avenue • 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Free & open to the public. Enjoy Atlantic City restaurant vendors, a beer garden, live music, adults' and children's' games, raffles, and more. Air conditioned indoor seating available. Free parking 1.5 blocks away.

• (609) 345-1878 • <http://weddingofthesea.org/>

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CHURCH IN

LEWES, DE is hosting a trip of historic Berlin & Scenic Southern Poland, Sept 17-20 with Fr.

Tom Flowers. Visit the Berlin Wall, the miraculous Eucharistic Host at St. Jacek in Legnica, the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Families, the shrine of the Black Madonna, the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz, a 1000-year old salt mine, and the inspiring wonders of Krakow & Zakopane. For a complete Itinerary, contact stjudelewes.org or call 302-644-7300