

July 4, 2021

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Ezechiel heard the Lord sending him to be a prophet for His people. Whether “they heed or resist” - they shall know a prophet has been among them. But in the Gospel we see Jesus returning to “his native people.” But when He began to teach in the synagogue, people questioned: “Where did this man get all this?” They found Him too ordinary. They could not put faith in Him.



As we rejoice in our nation's birthday, we pray for all our fellow citizens, the president and his administration, the members of Congress, judges and all who protect our nation and safety!

**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.**

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).

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this Collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

ROSARY RALLY FOR AMERICA

Saturday July 10, 2021 at 1pm

Here at St. Helena's Church near the Blessed Mother Statue. ***"Be Strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord" Psalm-31:24***
If you have questions please contact Stephanie Bilinski talk or text 302-559-1275.

The Offertory Collection

For the weekend of 6/20 was \$3,667.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,342.00 for a total of \$6,009.00. Thank You.

**SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION
DISPENSATION LIFTED FOR
CATHOLICS IN THE DIOCESE OF
WILMINGTON**

Bishop Francis Malooly has lifted the dispensation regarding attendance at Saturday Vigil/Sunday Masses. He had granted the dispensation at the beginning of the response to the Covid-19 pandemic. With the declining numbers of people infected and the growing numbers who have been vaccinated, all the bishops of the Provinces of Baltimore and the Archdiocese of Washington have restored the obligation of Catholics to participate in the celebration of Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of obligation. "We welcome and encourage the faithful to return to full in- person participation of the Sunday Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith." This is beginning June 26th-27th.

The Diocese following the rules established by the State of Delaware has given us guidance for the relaxation of restrictions concerning the Covid 19 Virus:

1. Persons who have been fully vaccinated need not wear a mask. Those not vaccinated need to wear a mask and keep social distancing- (now 3 feet apart).
If anyone wearing a mask and not wanting to be near people not wearing masks, then he/she may be seated in the part of the church marked by yellow 'chains' -the rear portion near the windows on Convent side. Of course, with our large church (Fire Marshall Limit is over 900) it is possible to be far removed from others at any Mass.
2. We are to resume processions at Mass and the presentation of bread and wine.
3. Holy Water is again available at the entrances of church.
4. Missalettes, and Hymn books are again in the pews. If anyone has taken one home, then we ask that you bring it back and leave in Church.
5. The sign of peace may again be given without touching persons outside your family.
6. Lay ministers of Holy Communion may again take Holy Communion to the homebound.

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



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 3

5:00pm (SR) Dorothy Moore

Sunday, July 4

7:00am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) Joseph DeStafney

11:00am (SR) Ray Altamuro

Monday, July 5

9:00am (SR) Stanley J. Russell, Sr.

Tuesday, July 6

7:00am (EF) Patricia Koch

9:00am (SR) Eric Pomponi (Living)

Wednesday, July 7

9:00am (SR) Helen Chlada

Thursday, July 8

7:00am (EF) Vincent Maloney

9:00am (SR) Jayne Davenport

Friday, July 9

7:00am (EF) Patricia Julian

9:00am (SR) Ralph & Virginia Fiore

Saturday, July 10

9:00 am (SR) Mary Jane Welsh

5:00pm (SR) People of the Parish

Sunday, July 11

7:00am (SR) Mary Lou Fox

9:00am (EF) Jerry & Al Moyer

11:00am (SR) Francis Grugan

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, July 4 (Independence Day)

The 2nd Collection: Maintenance & Repair

Monday, July 5

Independence Day –Observed-

Rectory Closed

Thursday, July 8

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

Sunday, July 10

The 2nd Collection: Church in Central & Eastern Europe

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.

BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm
Games begin at 7:00pm

SUMMER STAGE AT URSULINE ACADEMY

Enjoy theater on the beautiful Ursuline campus under the direction of our very own music director, Joe Loudon. Students entering grades 3-9 are welcome!

Camp Dates:

Monday- Friday July 12th-July 16th 8:30am-3:30pm

Monday-Friday July 19th-July 23rd 8:30am-3:30pm

More information at

<https://www.summerstageatua.com/>

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

If you have any questions: Please call the Parish Social Ministry office-302-764-7545

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

CATECHIST NEEDED for Second Grade for the coming school year. Our classes are on Monday nights from 6:30pm – 7:30pm beginning on September 13th. If you are a faith-filled person who would like to share your faith with young children, then please contact Ms Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org or call 302-762-4280. This is a wonderful grade to teach because the children will be preparing for reception of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We have a wonderful, loyal group of catechists and aides and I am sure someone would find this a wonderful experience. Thanking you in advance for your support!

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

ST ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Our elementary school is excited to announce that we will be opening an additional Pre-K4 classroom for the 2021-2022 school year!

We have been blessed by increased interest and excitement about our programs for our littlest Vikings over the past few years, and we are excited to be able to offer additional spaces in our Pre-K program. Our primary school team remains committed to their focus on educating, engaging, and empowering each individual student in an interactive, caring, educational environment.

Learn more about our Pre-K program, schedule a tour, and reserve your seat for the 2021-2022 school year by

visiting steschools.org/admissions or calling 302-656-3369 ext. 3039.

We can't wait to welcome more students to our Viking family!

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, then please pass this on. 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.

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.

