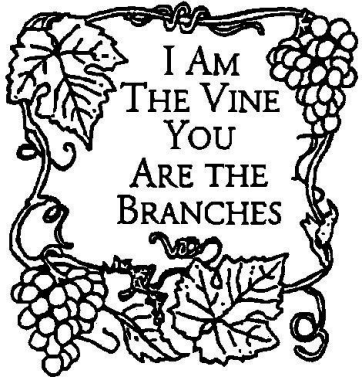


May 2, 2021
5th Sunday of Easter



"I am the vine, you are the branches..." So Jesus speaks of our close identity with Him 5 times in today's Gospel we hear Jesus use the word "remain." "Remain in me, as I remain in you." Jesus, the Risen Lord, calls us in faith to be with Him - to share His life and the beginning of eternal life.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY



Next weekend we will have our traditional May Procession at the end of each Mass.

NEXT WEEKEND IS MOTHER'S DAY.

If you wish to have your Mother remembered in the Novena of Masses we celebrate here, then please return her name on the special envelopes at the exits of church.

May has always been a month dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Pray her rosary.



BIRTHRIGHT DONATIONS

St. Helena's will not be selling Mother's Day Roses for Birthright this year.

Donations, however, can be mailed directly to: Birthright of DE

1311 N. Scott St.

Wilmington, DE 19806

Your gift will help Birthright continue to provide care for the unborn and their mothers. We ask that you please be sure to note in the Memo section of your check: ST. HELENA - ROSES.

Thank you as always for your support."

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, WITNESSES OF HOPE

\$42,929.00 has been received representing 68.14% of our parish's goal of our goal of 63,000.00. THANK YOU! If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal, go to

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

Is there someone you know: in your family, a neighbor or friend, whom you can encourage to come home? Someone may be waiting for the invitation to come and find peace. The Lord needs **YOU** to extend the invitation.

Please Help the Food Closet

The food closet is in need of peanut butter, soup and large Juice. At this time, we do not need anything else. Thank you so much for your continued support. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**



The Offertory Collection

For the weekend of 4/18 was \$4,816.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,817.00 for a total of \$6,633.00. Thank You.

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, Vaughn Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyranski, Mary Gabel, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Francis Medeiros, Friends at the Kutz Home Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinso, Bill Thomas, Geri Crockett, Jim Fedena, Sr, Carly Fedena, Judy Wilbank, Joan Morgan, Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Aliyah Miller, Theresa Kelleher Cassidy, Nicole Miller



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 1

5:00pm (SR) Jane Verbanc

Sunday, May 2

7:00am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) Helen Hillis

11:00am (SR) Jane Verbanc

Monday, May 3

9:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Tuesday, May 4

7:00am (EF) Harry Brake (26th Anniversary)

9:00am (SR) Battista Turcol, Jr.

Wednesday, May 5

9:00am (SR) Anna Fedena

Thursday, May 6

7:00am (EF) Adelaide C. Russell

9:00am (SR) Jimmy Steele

Friday, May 7

7:00am (ER) Kathleen & Martin McCarrick
(30th Wedding Anniversary - Living)

9:00am (SR) Mary & Bernard Fiore

Saturday, May 8

9:00 am (SR) Baptisto Mendes

5:00pm (SR) Dorothy Ragan

Sunday, May 9

7:00am (SR) Mother's Day Novena

9:00am (EF) John G. Waters

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, May 2

The 2nd Collection: Maintenance & Repair

12:30pm Baptism-Church

Monday, May 3

6:30pm 1st Eucharistic Rehearsal Family (Sunday Celebration)-Church

Tuesday, May 4

2:00pm Parish Social Ministry Meeting- Masci Hall

7:00pm CFC-Religious Ed Office

Wednesday, May 5

6:00pm 1st Eucharistic Rehearsal Family (Saturday Celebration)-Church

Friday, May 6

9:30am Adoration-Church

Saturday, May 7

10:30am 1st Eucharistic Children Celebration-Church/Masci Hall for line up

Sunday, May 9 Mother's Day

The 2nd Collection: Mother's Day Remembrance

11:00am 1st Eucharistic Family Celebration-Church

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.

Reminder! We'll be broadcasting Mass on YouTube afterward for you to watch.

PLEASE NOTE

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.
- All MUST WEAR A MASK except children under 2 and please use hand sanitizer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Education Office thanks the following WONDERFUL men and women who helped us navigate through a very difficult year of classes. My apologies to all of them for the constant revisions, cancellations, etc. that we had to contend with because of COVID. I ask that all of St. Helena's parishioners keep the following people in your prayers to thank them for their dedication and constant support.

Second Grade

Lindsay Conaway and Sandy Salvatore

Third Grade & Fourth Grade combined

Samantha Brown, Michaela Kelly, Theresa Reynolds and Melissa Kendall

Fifth Grade

Larry and Judy Gladnick

Sixth Grade

Damian Ponzio and Kyle Sobieski

Seventh & Eighth Grade combined (Video)

Jim Clark

Sixth, Seventh & Eighth combined (Feb-April)

Weekly classes in Dougherty Hall

Damian Ponzio and Kyle Sobieski

Approximately 66% of our student population returned this year which was experienced by most of the Diocesan programs. We did what we had to do to teach our children in a safe environment. This included a mixture of home schooling and bringing in each class once a month into Masci Hall so that we could safely distance. Sixth, Seventh and Eighth graders, the most well attended group, wanted to meet weekly in Dougherty Hall beginning in February thru the end of April. Our thanks to Msgr Russell who had to put up with extra expense for books that we used when combining classes so each child was learning something new. Many thanks to Maintenance (Matt/Randy/John) who had to set up two sites for classes and never complained, and to Rick who negotiated with our rental in Dougherty Hall for Monday nights! May God bless all of you for your tolerance and support. Last, but certainly not least, THANKS to Paul Soper for keeping our Adult Scripture Group alive through ZOOM! AND Sacramental Program -Donna McDonough and Sandy Salvatore.

FIRST EUCHARIST - Rehearsal for reception of the Sacrament is as follows:

MONDAY (May 3) - For children who wish to celebrate on Sunday, May 9 at 11 am- Mass 6:30pm in Church

WEDNESDAY (May 5)- For children celebrating on Saturday, May 8, at 10:30am - 6:00pm in Church

The rehearsal is mandatory for each child and one parent. Any questions, email Ms Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

To our generous parishioners: If you have fresh food to donate for the Food Closet, please call first in order that the office will know that the food will be delivered. The food can be refrigerated. Phone: 302-764-7545 or Dorothy Medeiros 302 764-0325-ext.104. Thank you for your kindness.

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

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat for the Diocese of Wilmington. We are hosting a retreat May 14-16, 2021. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for emotional and spiritual healing for any woman or man who has struggled with abortion. For more info contact Nan Freeman at 302-463-7711 or visit rachelsvineyard.org.

Saint Edmond's Academy- 51st Annual Summer Basketball Camp **Mask wearing and Covid guidelines will be strictly adhered.**

3 weeks to choose from:

June 28th-July 1st

July 5th-July 8th

July 12th-July 15th

Monday - Thursday, 9am - 3pm

To register online, please visit

stedmondsacademy.org

or call Bill D'Amato at 302-475-5370 x229 for more information.

Support Christopher Council's charitable good works by purchasing homemade soup.

Soups are frozen and can be delivered or picked up. Because of COVID restrictions, orders must be placed in advance using <https://2020soup-christopher-council-3182.cheddarup.com>
Soups are \$8/quart, 2 quarts/\$15. You may pay by credit card when you place your order or by check/cash at pickup/delivery.
Thank you for all you do to support Christopher Council fundraising; it helps us help Holy Rosary and our community.

Saint Mark's High School Is Now Accepting Registrations For Spartan Summer

Summertime will be here before you know it. That means warmer weather, outdoor fun and SPARTAN SUMMER CAMPS! All camps will be conducted on the grounds of Saint Mark's High School and will run the weeks of June 14 through August 2. Boys and girls who have completed Kindergarten through 7th grade are invited to attend. Both day camps and sports camps will be offered. Spartan Day Camps will provide a variety of fun activities that include swimming, miniature golf, bowling, arts & crafts, games and more! Spartan Sports Camps will offer instruction in a variety of sports including baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball, speed sprint & cross country, basketball, lacrosse, field hockey, football, cheerleading, wrestling and strength & conditioning. To register, visit www.spartancamps.com or call Matt Smith at 757-8716.

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE
DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

If you have been sexually exploited or abused by a priest, brother, sister or lay person employed by the Diocese of Wilmington or by a church volunteer in service to a parish or school or other church organization, then call the **Victims Assistance Coordinator** by telephone (302)656-0651 and report the incident to the **Delaware State Attorney Generals Office** (302)577-8310

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT IHM

Adoration hours are extended Adoration Hours are from

Monday at 7am to Friday at 8pm.

If you would like to have a Holy Hour for the times listed or any other time, please contact Kathy Dunworth.

Adorers are needed for the following Open Hours:

Tuesday at 12am

Wednesday at 1am

Wednesday at 10am

Wednesday at 11am

Thursday at 2am

Thursday at 5am

Thursday at 11pm

Friday at 5am

Friday at 1pm

Kathy Dunworth, Coordinator

302-383-6452, kdunworth@verizon.net

Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers

By Susan Vogt



Marriage Moments: "Screens" (TV, computers, cell phones...) can give us a lot of helpful information. BUT, they can also crowd out relationship time. Although this is often directed to children, it starts with you and your beloved. Can you spend a day without using a screen this week? What will you substitute?

Parenting Pointers: If your child is old enough for school, they've probably spent a lot of class time on computer screens during Covid. Weather permitting, offer them a Nature Break this week - or at least some indoor art, craft, or board game alternatives.

