

November 12, 2017

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Note From the Pastor...

The Lord reminds us in this week's parable to be ready when He comes again in glory at the end of our lives. How horrible it is when a person who has died hears the Lord say: *"I do not know you."* As St. Paul reminds us in the second reading the dead *"have fallen asleep."* The Greek meaning of the word "cemetery" means a "sleeping place". Christian people realize in faith, the Lord is coming – the goal of our lives and of all human history. We need to be ready when He comes. We are the people who live in hope of the Risen Lord and His Eternal Kingdom of life and joy!

THANK YOU to all who have worked so hard and contributed so much to our Christmas Bazaar!

LECTORS! Please pick up your 2018 workbook for the coming liturgical year in the sacristy.

THE CHILDREN OF PUERTO RICO

Thank you to all who contributed to the collection to help the children of Puerto Rico still feeling the effects of Hurricane Maria. Your generous response has been overwhelming. May God bless you for your compassion.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



If you have taken a Thanksgiving Food Drive bag, the food will be collected after the Masses THIS WEEKEND, November 11th and 12th in the church vestibule.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes resume TONIGHT, November 13 at 6:30pm. I hope you ALL enjoyed last Monday night off.

First Reconciliation Child ONLY Meeting TODAY, Sunday at 12:15pm in the Second grade classroom.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED...

This year the Cluster of Churches will NOT be participating in an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service. Because this time of year is the perfect time to come together to thank God for everything we have been blessed to have...Family, Food, Work, Health, etc., Father and Ms. Hummy would love to have you join our Religious Education Parents and children for our own Prayer Service...



*The Parish and Religious Education Family
Thanksgiving Prayer Service
Monday, November 20, 2017
6:30pm ~ In Church*

*Please bring a canned good to help stock our
Social Ministry Pantry*

*Let us all come together on November 20th to
ring in the Thanksgiving Season!*

BULLETIN DEADLINES

11/19 Bulletin is due 11/13

11/26 Bulletin is due 11/15

(due to Thanksgiving Holiday)

12/3 Bulletin is due 11/27

12/10 Bulletin is due 12/4

If you have any questions or concerns please email: kquinn@sainthelenas.org or phone: 764-0325 Ext. 106. Thank you!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 11

5:00 pm(SR) John Muldowney, Sr.
Jackie Muldowney

Sunday, November 12

7:00 am(WR) Deceased Members of the
Lutcavage and Blaska Families

9:00 am(WK) People of the Parish

11:00 am(SR) All Souls

Monday, November 13

7:00 am(WR) All Souls

9:00 am(SR) Stanley and Adelaide Russell

Tuesday, November 14

7:00 am(WR) Jimmy Schmitt

9:00 am(SR) All Souls

Wednesday, November 15

7:00am (WR) All Souls

9:00 am(SR) Josephine DeStafano

Thursday, November 16

7:00 am(SR) John Schultz

9:00 am(WK) All Souls

Friday, November 17

7:00 am(Cap) John L. Schultz, 1st Anniversary

9:00 am(SR) All Souls

Saturday, November 18

9:00 am(SR) All Souls

5:00 pm(SR) Mary Ann and Leonard Kelleher

Sunday, November 19

7:00 am(SR) People of the Parish

9:00 am(SR) In Thanksgiving and for the
Living Intentions of the Mark Tuani Family

11:00 am(SR) All Souls

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Anne Ambagis, Rita Biddle, Dorothy Blaschke, Ruth Bower, Joseph Campanella, Jean Capodanno, Debbie Cole, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Ashlyn, Levi & Ellie Jernigan, Ella Kirksey, James Lafferty, Sue McLaughlin, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dan Moley, Alfred Moyer, Dora Pacitti, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Joseph Sacher, Kathleen Schaubert, Charlie Sheyog, Irma Shock, Frank Sullivan, George Theiss, Catherine Thomson, Lindsay Vick, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych.

YOUNG AT HEART

At our September 18th General Meeting, members and guests were greatly entertained by the "Joseph Loudon Group": Joseph, his children Margaret, William and Daniel. It was their first recital and it was exceptional. Their performance included classical and modern music on piano, violin, trumpet and trombone accompanied by their father. We thank them for their professional performance.

Our next general meeting will be held on Monday evening, November 20th in Masci Hall at 7:00pm. Please plan to join us for Father Russell showing pictures of his recent trip from Budapest to Amsterdam! Come and enjoy Father's interesting experiences abroad. Bring friends and family! Refreshments will be served! See you there.

Please plan to visit our Craft/Raffle Table in Masci Hall at our Christmas Bazaar TODAY, Sunday, November 12th. Our lovely crafts are perfect for early Christmas shopping. Our raffle baskets overflow with goodies. Our featured items are a luxurious Fontanini Crèche and a \$150.00 Money Tree. Stop by! See you there!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The next November Prayer Shawl Meeting will be the fifth Wednesday, November 29th, due to Thanksgiving. Please mark your November calendars! We are in the Convent. You are invited to join us from 7-9pm. The evening begins with the Rosary. We will be teaching anyone interested how to crochet and knit shawls of comfort to those in need. Materials are provided free of charge. For more information, call Carmela, 762-9057.

The Offertory collection for the weekend of 11/5 was \$6,744.00 and the on-line offertory was \$2,074.50 for a total of \$8,818.50. Thank you for your support!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

O Love Your Neighbor as Yourself...

We share excerpts from two Pastoral Letters on *The Racial Divide in the U. S.*, and on *The Catholic Church and Black Lives Matter*, by His Excellency, Most Rev. Edward K. Braxton, Bishop of Belleville, IL, published in 2015 and 2016. The choice of excerpts is determined by their ability to promote conversation and possible consideration of our own actions and beliefs as Catholics and followers of Jesus Christ. You can download: nbccongress.org.

Excerpt:

"The Racial Divide..." Part IV, *"What We Have Seen and Heard"*, #50 & 51. On this World Day of Peace 2015, as we ponder the Bishop of Rome's reminder that we are no longer slaves but brothers and sisters, we are forced to acknowledge that by her own admissions the Catholic Church in the U.S. has a flawed history...of racial equality. Many young students of history are surprised, even shocked, to learn that Catholic institutions and religious communities "owned" human beings from West Africa as enslaved workers on their plantations. They are amazed that the Catholic Bishops did not forcefully condemn human bondage as contrary to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is difficult for them to believe that some Catholic authors wrote tracts in defense of the slave trade and that the Church did not vigorously oppose apartheid-like Jim Crow laws in the south...it is a revelation to them to learn that when Bishop Joseph A. Francis, SVD, late auxiliary bishop of Newark, New Jersey was asked why there were so few African American Catholics, his response was, "If you had seen and heard what I have seen and heard, you would not be amazed that there were so few, you would be amazed that there are so many..." These same young students are equally surprised at the efforts that many in the Church have made to move beyond this painful, flawed legacy...

(In December we will explore some of these efforts).

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Lazarus Ministry is inviting you to consider becoming a Greeter for funerals. This is an opportunity for you to reach out with care and compassion during a funeral. Call Dorothy Medeiros for more information at 764-0325 Ext. 104. Blessings upon you!

12th Annual Gingerbread House Contest



Claymont Stone School
Saturday, December 2, 2017
(After the Claymont Christmas Parade)

New this year
The first, second and third place winners
will be chosen by the public!

Award Ceremony around 11:45pm

Houses need to arrive at the Claymont
Stone School by Friday, 12/1

Between 6:00-8:00pm

This event is free to the public and there
is no entrance for houses

Call 792-2023 for more information

Jesus' parable this week emphasizes that one must be prepared. We may not know the day or the hour of His return, but we should be ready for it at all times. Imagine all the preparation needed before you go on a vacation. Reservations need to be made, bags packed and finances set aside. Are you making the same effort in preparing to meet Jesus? What must you do in order to be ready? Are you preparing yourself now, or do you find yourself procrastinating? Heed the warning this parable provides, do not wait any longer, and prepare yourself now. Christ is waiting to receive each of us with open arms.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 18

5:00pm - Chernekoff

Sunday, November 19

7:00am - Star

9:00am - Maria

11:00am - Molly, Seamus

BINGO

Are you looking for a way to become more involved at St. Helena's? We need people to serve food, sell Bingo materials and monitor games. Or...try your hand at playing Bingo! Don't know anything about Bingo? That's ok. There are lots of friendly folks to show you how.

To volunteer or for more information, please call 764-0325. To play Bingo, just show up (18 or older). Doors open to Masci Hall on Thursdays at 5:30pm for food and social time. Games begin at 7pm. STOP BY!!!

The Lost and Found Box is located near the Handicapped Restroom in the Front Vestibule of Church.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 12

2nd Collection: Annual Fuel Offering

All Masses: Thanksgiving Food Returned

8:00am Christmas Bazaar-Masci Hall

11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

12:15pm 1st Reconciliation Meeting-Masci

Monday, November 13

5:30pm Youth Choir-Church

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Rel. Ed.

7:00 pm Young at Heart Crafts-Convent

Tuesday, November 14

7:00pm Finance Council-Rectory

Wednesday, November 15

7:00pm Parish Council Exe. Mtg-Rectory

Thursday, November 16

5:30 pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30 pm Adult Choir-Church

ST. HELENA'S PARISH

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

WEEKEND IS HERE!



Food Court takeout will be available until sold out!!!

*Don't forget the
Second Sunday Breakfast Buffet
from 8:00am to 12:45pm*

*All prizes will be drawn on
Sunday at 1:00pm*

*Clean-up begins immediately
following, so if you are able to
help, please stop by!*

*Many thanks to everyone who
worked so hard to make this
year's Christmas Bazaar a success
and to all who came out to enjoy
such a great parish event!*

