

November 19, 2017

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord reminds us He has given each one of us "talents" – gifts to use wisely. When He comes again in glory, we will give an account to the Lord of how we spent and used our gifts, our talents. The first reading from the Old Testament reminds us that it is in the ordinary events of family life that the Lord is working through us.

Today's Second Collection, the Campaign for Human Development is a national effort of the Catholic Church to help the poor and needy to help themselves break the cycle of poverty. Please be generous!

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS
GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD OUR GOD!

We gather as one family of faith to thank the Lord who is the source of all blessings! Join us for Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00am on 11/23 here at St. Helena's. Thanksgiving bread will be blessed and handed out at the end of Mass, courtesy of the Knights of Columbus. Please bring an offering of a canned food item for our Outreach Program.

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.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 25

5:00pm – Connor, Isabella

Sunday, November 26

7:00am – Star

9:00am – Grace, John Paul

11:00am – Maria, Alex

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Thanksgiving Prayer Service is tomorrow night (Monday) in Church at 6:30 pm. This is for all family members so please do NOT just drop off your children at Church. This is a short service but a wonderful way for our parishioners to come together to thank God for all the gifts we have received. Classes are asked to bring the designated food item with them on Monday so we can help re-stock the Outreach Food Closet for those less fortunate among us. I thank you all in advance for your generosity.

*Religious Education Classes and
Adult Scripture Study will reconvene
NEXT Monday, December 4th!*

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION -

The Celebration will be held SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd, at 10:30 am in Church. Our present second graders and any older children will be receiving their First Penance. An ICE CREAM SOCIAL will follow in Masci Hall. Families are asked to sit together in Church for the Prayer Service. Many thanks go to Donna McDonough and Sandy Salvatore for their help preparing the children for reception of the Sacrament.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED-This year the Cluster of Churches will NOT be participating in an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service. This is the perfect time of year to gather together to thank God for everything we have been blessed to have, 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 20th ~ 6:30 pm ~ In Church
Please bring a canned good to help stock our
Social Ministry Food Closet Let us all gather
together on November 20th!* Page 1-311

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 18

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

Monday, November 20

7:00 am(WR)Stanley and Justina Masters

9:00 am(SR) All Souls

Tuesday, November 21

7:00 am(WR)Helen Cadman

9:00 am(SR) All Souls

Wednesday, November 22

7:00am (WR)All Souls

9:00 am(SR) Christopher Lauer

Thursday, November 23-Thanksgiving Day

No 7:00am Mass Today

9:00 am(SR)All Souls

Friday, November 24

No 7:00am Mass Today

9:00 am(SR) All Souls

Saturday, November 25

9:00 am(SR) All Souls

5:00 pm(SR) Deceased Members of the
Russell and Sullivan Families

Sunday, November 26

7:00 am(WR) All Souls

9:00 am(SR) People of the Parish

11:00 am(KN)Albert Minuti, Sr.

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

The Craft/Basket Raffle Tables at our fantastic Bazaar on November 11 & 12 were well attended by our parishioners and so many others! Thank you to all who prepared the crafts and baskets for our tables; all who worked so happily for our success and to those who visited our booths. It was a big success!

Our next general meeting will be held tomorrow night, 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.

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.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

12/3 Bulletin is due 11/27

12/10 Bulletin is due 12/4

12/17 Bulletin is due 12/11

12/24 Bulletin is due 12/15

12/31 Bulletin is due 12/20

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



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

ANGEL TREE GIFTS

Please purchase **ONLY** what is on the ornament. If you would like to do more, consider selecting an additional angel or provide cash to purchase items taken from the tree but not returned. Gifts are carefully selected to maintain a similar price range and the same number of gifts per family member. It is hard for parents to explain how Santa gave more to Suzy than to Joey. Please return all gifts the weekend of 12/2nd and 3rd. Timing is important as items must be inventoried and any missing gifts must be purchased before the delivery date of 12/17. Thank you for your continued generosity!

"Thank You" to Kathleen DiCamilla who organized the Afternoon of Remembrance on November 5th and to the volunteers who assisted with the program: Cynthia Whisker, Jackie Wilson, Patti Grimes, Judy Wilbank and Mary Ann Sedivec. The Choir under the direction of Joe Loudon was heavenly. All of us are grateful for Monsignor Russell's support and encouragement.

To All St. Helena's Parishioners—Your generous response to the Thanksgiving Food Collection was beyond all expectations! May God bless everyone with Peace, Hope, Joy and Love! The Thanksgiving effort was coordinated by Linda and Jim Deeney. **THANK YOU!!**



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 call the **Victims Assistance Coordinator** by telephone (302) 656-0651 and report the incident to the **Delaware State Attorney General's Office** (302) 577-8310.

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 Offertory collection for the weekend of 11/12 was \$5,753.00 and the on-line offertory was \$2,449.50 for a total of \$8,202.50. Thank you for your support!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 19

2nd Collect.: Campaign/Human Development
11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, November 20

5:30pm Youth Choir-Church
6:30pm Religious Ed & Parish Thanksgiving
Prayer Service - Church

7:00 pm Young at Heart Meeting-Masci Hall

Tuesday, November 21

7:00pm Parish Council-Masci Hall

Thursday, November 23

Happy Thanksgiving!

No 7:00am Mass Today-9:00am Mass Only
Rectory Closed

Friday, November 24

No 7:00am Mass Today-9:00am Mass Only
Rectory Closed-Rectory will re-open, 11/27

Christmas Tree Sale

Lion's Club Christmas Tree Sale!
Claymont Fire Company Substation
Located on the corner
of Marsh and Naaman's Roads
Sale begins 11/24
and continues until sold out!

All proceeds benefit the Community!

2017 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WINNERS

\$500 Cash Prize

Liz D'Angelo

Christmas Quilt

Christy Gleason

Bucket of Cheer

Betty O'Connor

Air Fryer

Judi MacBride

Young At Heart Basket Raffles

Irish Basket ~ Judi MacBride
Woman's Basket ~ Renee Muscolino
Wine Basket ~ Ellen Fitzgerald
Tastefully Simple Basket ~ Tom O'Shea
Cancer Basket ~ Mom and Renee
Jewelry Basket ~ Karen Topal
Italian Basket ~ Helen Welsh
Eagles Basket ~ JoAnn Dougherty
Money Tree ~ Amy Wilson
Vera Bradley ~ Ashley Salvatore
Fontanini Nativity ~ Annette Bovoso

**THANK YOU to all
who have worked so hard
and contributed so much to
the success of
our Christmas Bazaar!**
We are also grateful
to all who stopped by to support
this wonderful parish event
by shopping!



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