

November 26, 2017
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe



We rejoice in the Feast of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe. Today's Scriptures present Jesus the Shepherd-King. Like David, the ideal king of Israel, who was a shepherd before becoming a king, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who has laid down His life on the Cross for us, His sheep.

St. Paul in the second reading reminds us Jesus is the new "Adam" the new head of a "redeemed" human race. The Gospel presents our Shepherd-King as the merciful just Judge who will separate the sheep from the goats.

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

NEXT Sunday, will mark the beginning of the Holy Season of Advent

2017 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



The 2017 Christmas Bazaar would like to thank-

Peco's Liquors-Who donated the Tub of Cheer
Beth Masci-Who quilted and donated the Christmas Quilt

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Ed Classes begin at 6:30pm in the School classrooms.

Adult Scripture Study is held in the Religious Education Office at 6:30pm. All are welcome!

Youth Group will be bowling at First State Lanes TONIGHT at 7pm.



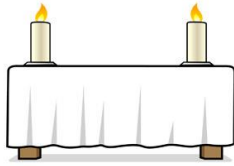
FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION -

The Celebration will be held **THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 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.

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 **NEXT** weekend, December 2nd & 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!



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 Schauber, Charlie Sheyog, Irma Shock, Frank Sullivan, George Theiss, Catherine Thomson, Lindsay Vick, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych

Saturday, November 25

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.

Monday, November 27

7:00 am(WR)
9:00 am(SR) All Souls

Tuesday, November 28

7:00 am(WR) All Souls
9:00 am(SR) Lucie Woodall

Wednesday, November 29

7:00am (WR) All Souls
9:00 am(SR) Charles F. Seitz

Thursday, November 30

7:00am(SR) All Souls
9:00 am(SR) Jane Trietley and Joseph Kelleher

Friday, December 1-First Friday

7:00am(Cap) Paul O. Knight
9:00 am(SR) Margaret & George Seitz

Saturday, December 2

9:00 am(SR) Jane Steele
5:00 pm(SR) John Muldowney, Sr.
Jackie Muldowney

Sunday, December 3

7:00 am(SR) Deceased Members of the Lutcavage and Blaska Families
9:00 am(WK) People of the Parish
11:00 am(SR) Deceased Members of the Lotsis and Pochmara Families

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

You are invited to join us from 7-9pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. 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



Many thanks to our parishioners – Your generosity to our needy families at Thanksgiving was overwhelming. Because of you, 28 families enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. May God bless your holidays!

A heartfelt “Thank You” to the managers and employees of Food Lion – they have constructed a new Food Closet for Saint Helena’s Parish Social Ministry!

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!!!

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, November 26

2nd Collection: Parish Social Ministry
11:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, November 27

5:30pm Youth Choir-Church
6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School
6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Rel. Ed. Office

Thursday, November 30

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall
7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

Friday, December 1-First Friday

9:30am Adoration-Church

Saturday, December 2

10:30am First Reconciliation-Church
Ice Cream Social follows
immediately in Masci Hall

PARENTING POINTERS

By Susan Vogt

Discuss with your family one new habit each of you would like to develop between now and Christmas. Let lighting a candle on your Advent wreath be time to remind you of your resolve to begin again to be a better person.

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!

BRING IT HOME...

"Whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers of mine, you did for me." This verse, is one that we should all strive to remember and take to heart. It is a call to action, a call to serve our community and provide charitable actions to those in need. Jesus reminds us that our actions, or lack of them are important. As followers of Christ we should not overlook the needs of those around us. The Corporal Works of Mercy allow us to express our faith, and show it to others through our deeds. As we move into the Advent Season, and begin to prepare for Christmas, take a moment to remember those in need. This time of year the needs of others are great, but so are our opportunities to provide for these needs. How can you show your faith through your actions this holiday season.

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

Reflection

by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Some years ago the TV magazine "Sixty Minutes" did a piece on the financial disaster visited upon people who let their credit card debt pile up to an overwhelming degree. I remember specifically the lament of a young wife and mother who admitted that she forgot that a bill comes in the mail at the end of the month for all those who pay "with plastic", as the saying goes. That last was unforgettable.

If you have already perused the Readings for this weekend's Liturgy you likely know where I'm headed. Just as some people forget that there will be an accounting for our spending, so there will be one for our sinning.

Not the most pleasant of thoughts is it for Thanksgiving weekend? But sometimes there will be clashes between the Church, or Liturgical calendar and the one hanging in your kitchen or the one on your cell phone. Today in the Church could actually be subtitled "New Year's Eve." It is the last Sunday of the current liturgical year, and the Church wants us to be mindful of that stupendous day when this world will end. That day will feature, according to St. Paul, a general judgement of us all by the Supreme Judge, God Himself.

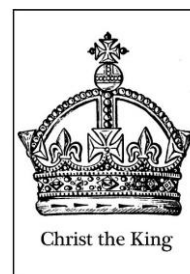
With these Readings, especially the Gospel from Matthew, the Church wants us to step back from all the things we're doing that have a way of absorbing all our energies, physical and spiritual. Then we forget that the main thing is still the main thing: our relationship with God. Our love and obedience to what He demands of us as our Creator.

The way Matthew describes the scene is powerful, because it presents a simple line of demarcation, namely service of others. That one line goes to the heart of the matter: "I say to you, what you did/did not do for others you did/did not do for

me." All the selfishness and entitlement that our present culture urges us to bring to the bargaining table of life suddenly sounds like the ugly thing it is. Especially when just outside our scope of vision lie the needy of the world.

Just last Thursday we gathered with our families around the table groaning with goodies in the food department and prayed gratefully for that food and the countless blessings we enjoy as Americans, so on this Sunday of Christ the King we call to mind our need not to squander them. In addition, we can pray sincerely for those who have less than we do of this world's goods. And before we dare compose our Christmas list of what more we're wanting, we can resolve to use the coming Advent season as a time for giving to others.

Not just at the end of this short Advent month, but at the end of time there will be recorded next to our name a grand total of credit. And the Supreme Judge will smile.



1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

God will be the Good Shepherd caring for the weak. He will also separate the bad from the good sheep as Judge.

2nd Reading: I Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Christ is the new Adam, who restores what the old Adam lost. He will also destroy all the evil powers which have held us hostage.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

This famous passage describes the General Judgement of all the nations at the end of the world. It is also the grand finale of the public ministry of Jesus as recorded by Matthew.