

October 6, 2019

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We hear the prophet, Habakkuk complaining to God because apparently He is not responding to the prayers of the prophet. What is the prophet upset about? "Violence!... ruin... misery..." We might feel like the prophet today for we too see so much VIOLENCE and suffering in our society. So many senseless killings! So many people grieving the loss of loved ones! And all because so many folks turn away from the Lord and refuse to obey His commands. He calls us to RESPECT every human life He has created. But many in our society tell our youth "It's ok to kill an innocent baby in the womb." Movies and video games expose our people to so much violence.

Approval of abortion has now led to many wanting to approve the killing of the elderly; New York and New Jersey have even passed laws allowing the killing of a baby already born! Once someone is allowed to decide who lives and who dies, all human life is endangered. We are servants of the Lord and challenged to witness to the truth of God: every human life is sacred and to be protected by law!

BLESSING OF NEWLY BAPTIZED CHILDREN

Today we are inviting all families who have had a child baptized in our church in the past year to come to one of our Masses and receive a special blessing during the Mass for the child.

Next weekend we celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (at all Masses) for the senior and ill members of our parish family. When a member of the family suffers all the members support and care for them. We believe the Lord Jesus continues to suffer in the sick members of His Body. Please call the Rectory and let us know which Mass you will attend.

BOTTLES FOR BABIES

Birthright Bottles for Babies are available

If you would like to help support Birthright, please take a bottle, which will be available at each exit, and fill with loose change, cash, or a check. Envelopes will also be available if preferred for checks. A large container will be made available in the vestibule to deposit your filled bottle. All bottles and envelopes should be returned not later than Nov 2nd/3rd. Thank you for your support.



October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

INVITATION TO PRAY THE ROSARY

On Saturday, Oct 12 folks across the nation will be gathering to pray the Rosary for our nation. You are invited to join in praying the Rosary at the outdoor Shrine of Our Lady on Philadelphia Pike **at noon**.

Each October in every Catholic Church, we count the members of folks participating in Mass.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

8:00AM TO 12:45PM

Next Sunday October 13

\$9/Adults ~ \$4/Children under 12

Leave the cooking to our Breakfast Crew for an all you care to eat Buffet on the 2nd Sunday of the month (except August). Each month we cook up a full buffet of breakfast faire, add a special dish or two and serve it up in a warm and festive atmosphere. For questions/reserve a table for 6 or more, please contact Nancy Cobb [302-598-8685 or Natiesmom@me.com].

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 9/22 was \$3,499.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,610.00 for a total of \$5,109.00. Thank You.

Christopher Council's Annual Oktoberfest

Party October 19: Enjoy an amazing night of fun entertainment from 6:00 -11:00 PM (doors open at 5:30) -- you will think you are in Munich! Authentic German Band and Dancers will open the evening and play traditional German music complemented with German dancers in Oktoberfest costumes, Swiss horns and all of the Oktoberfest fun! Later in the evening a DJ play a wide selection of modern dance music for your dancing pleasure. Enjoy a German themed buffet with Oktoberfest beer and wine (and there is even "light beer" if you prefer). There is a cash bar for alcoholic beverages and our famous "Schnapps Bar". Tickets are \$35. Contact Raymond Cobb for tickets at (302) 547-6931 or at raymondcobb3182@gmail.com

YOUNG AT HEART

YAH members have their delightful bake and craft sale in the church foyer today:

Please stop by and purchase our goodies and crafts. Thanks to all who help make this event a big success.

Our next general meeting will be held on Monday, Oct 21 at 7pm in Masci Hall. A travel show, on video, will be presented by Manny Velez. Manny will talk about his recent trip to Russia. Please plan to join us and bring your friends. Tasty refreshments will be served. See you there!

YAH members enjoyed our parish picnic in Masci Hall. Thank you to KOC, Parish Life and YAH members for hosting this great event.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our next meeting is Oct 9, at 7pm. We begin our evening with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy or the Rosary. Members and friends donate home-made items for those in need of prayers and comfort. Material is available at no cost and many members create items conveniently at home. You are invited to join our group. Anyone interested in learning to knit and crochet can join our program. Call Dolly, 302-764-3465 or Carmela, 302-762-9057 for further information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.....

To all of the parishioners of St. Helena's who contributed to the YOUTH GROUP BAHAMAS FUND we want to thank you for your generosity. Our Total collected during September was \$ 1,181.0 which we are giving to the American Red Cross Bahamas Relief.

A special thank you to Msgr Russell for promoting this endeavor after Masses this past weekend and to Kathleen DiCamilla for being an honorary member of Youth Group for helping after the 7 am Mass.

Bless all of you for your kindness and support to such a worthy cause. Isabella Damasceno, Noah Chernenkoff, Margaret Loudon, Molly Clark, Daniella Chernenkoff, Nate Hullinger, Will Loudon, Seamus Clark, Dan Loudon, Anna Wagner, Rheanna Asiyo.

ADULT SCRIPTURE

Our Bible Study group will be starting the book of Isaiah on November 4. It meets the same time as Religious Education, 6:30 to 7:45 Mondays. All materials are provided without charge, and no Bible experience is necessary! If you would like to participate, please let the Religious Education Office know so we can order a book for you.



BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm

Games begin at 7:00pm

Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Shirley Kosek, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dora Pacitti, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyrawski, Mary Gabel, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Sharon Dean, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Ray Altamuro, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Bill Hufnell, Antoinette Medeiros, Friends at the Kutz Home, Amy Jo Schosie-Jones, Nicolas Childs



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 6

2nd Collection: Maintenance & Repairs

Food Collection- All Masses

Young at Heart -Bake Sale-Church

Blessing of the Babies-Church

Monday, October 7

6:00pm Youth Choir-Church

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes -School

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

7:00pm Young at Heart Crafts-Convent

Tuesday, October 8

7:00pm Finance Council-Rectory

7:00pm Bazaar Meeting-Masci Hall

Wednesday, October 9

7:00pm Parish Council Exe. Mtg-Rectory

7:00pm Prayer Shawl Mtg.-Convent

Thursday, October 10

5:30 pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30pm Adult Choir-Church

Saturday, October 12

Anointing of the Sick-Church

Sunday, October 13

2nd Collection: Parish Social Ministry

8:00am Second Sunday Breakfast-Masci Hall

Anointing of the Sick-Church

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 5

5:00pm (SR) Karl Otto

Sunday, October 6

7:00am (DV) Lutcavage/Blaska Family

9:00am (SR) People of the Parish

11:00am (SR) Sue McLaughlin

Monday, October 7

9:00pm (SR) Mary Ann & Leonard Kelleher

Tuesday, October 8

7:00am (DV)

9:00am (SR)

Wednesday, October 9

9:00am (SR)

Thursday, October 10

7:00am (SR)

9:00am (WK)

Friday, October 11

7:00am (CAP)

9:00am (SR)

Saturday, October 12

9:00am (SR) Joseph Marini

5:00pm (SR) John R. Quinn, Sr. (42nd Anniversary)

Sunday, October 13

7:00am (SR) Stanley & Adelaide Russell

9:00am (WK) Lorraine B. Johnson

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING (AGAIN)!

St. Helena's will once again host the Russian choir LYRA in concert at 7:00 on Thursday, October 17, 2019. LYRA is a small choir from St. Petersburg, Russia, which travels to the US each year to tour and perform. They sing music from the Russian Orthodox Church and Russian folk music. Anyone who has heard them in prior visits will mark your calendars to hear them again. Those who have missed this great group in prior years should treat yourselves to a special night of music and international fellowship. Bring your friends and neighbors! There is no charge but a free will collection will be taken to help defray travel expenses. For information call (302) 753-5312.



Boy Scout Religious Awards

Any scout who is interested in earning their Catholic religious award should contact the Diocese of Wilmington's Catholic Committee on Scouting. Our committee can help get the process started and will supply the award, once earned. Each year the Bishop will present the awards to the scouts of our Diocese at our annual Scout Mass. The Scout Awards Mass will be held in June. For further information please contact either Bob Murray, Committee Chair at (302) 993-6290 or Deacon Tommy Watts, Boy Scout Chaplain (302) 218-1415.

TRAVEL TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

Please join the Diocesan Vocations Guild and Father Christopher Coffey on October 12, 2019 as we travel to The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pa. There will be a tour of the Shrine by one of the Pauline Fathers, a fifteen minute movie about the Shrine, and time on your own to explore the grounds and visit the gift shop, etc. The cost of the pilgrimage is \$30.00 per person for the bus and \$15.00 for lunch. Or, you may brown bag your lunch. Please contact Mary Gaworski @ 302-438-6969 after 3 p.m. or email: mares7963@aol.com for more information.

Our Lady of Fatima is having a Designer Bag Bingo on Sunday, October 20, 2019 beginning at 2PM in the Msgr. Dwyer Hall. Cost is \$25.00 per player with many prizes for those bringing a table of 8. Please check out the website www.olfnewcastle.com; for the information sheet and to sign up. For more information you may also contact Rachel Pompetti at 302-824-4285 or call the parish directly at 302-328-3431.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Francis Malooly invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at **2:00 PM on Sunday, November 3, 2019** at St. Joseph's, Middletown, at 371 E. Main Street, Middletown, DE 19709. The Bishop will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 1:00 pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Malooly, please arrive at 1:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. There is no cost to you, however **reservations are required**. Please make your **reservations by October 7th** by filling out the information below and returning it to the Office for Marriage and Family Life, 1626 N. Union Street, Wilmington, DE 19806, or by emailing ljackson@cdow.org.



Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass (Please print clearly)

Last Name: _____

Husband's First Name: _____

Wife's First Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone # () _____

Email Address: _____

Number of Years Married: 5 ___ 10 ___ 15 ___ 20 ___
25 ___ 30 ___ 35 ___ 40 ___ 45 ___ 50 ___ More than 50?
____ Years

Parish: _____

Total number of persons attending (include guests): _____

Mail to: The Office for Marriage & Family Life
(Anniversary Mass) 1626 N. Union Street,
Wilmington, DE 19806

Or Email: ljackson@cdow.org

Deadline for registration is October 7, 2019.