

October 24, 2021

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Through the prophet Jeremiah, the God of Israel spoke to His people in their time of exile in Babylon: "I will lead them back...I will gather from the ends of the world with the blind and the lame in their mist..." In Our Gospel, we hear Jesus responding to the plea of Bartimaeus: "Master, I want to see." Jesus delivered him from blindness. In Jesus, our God delivers us from evil.

PLEASE NOTE: On Sunday, Nov 7th, our new Bishop will come to celebrate the 11am Mass (planned by the diocesan office for Black Catholics each year around the feast of St. Martin de Porres). They have the celebration each year in a different parish. They chose St. Helena's this year in honor of Jackie Wilson, our parishioner, who died this past year. As a result will we have our special parish remembrance of those who have died in the past year on Nov 13th-14th.

ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls Day is Nov 2nd. If you wish to have your beloved dead remembered in the Masses we celebrate throughout November then please return their names as soon as possible.

Please let us know

If someone is in the hospital, then we will not know unless you tell us. In the interest of respecting the law of privacy, the hospitals no longer inform us of parishioners in their facility.

St. Helena's Parish Expenses

In the month of September our parish paid 71 bills totaling \$83,596.58.

Included was

Delmarva Power bill for \$2,972.93

Parish offering envelopes \$195.58

Church votive candles \$721.71

Children's Rel Ed books \$1,426.10

Suez Water bill \$354.42

Verizon bill \$431.42

Parish trash collection \$534.64

Diocesan Assessment (1st quarter) \$17,000

Health Insurance \$3,759.20

Cleaning and painting of church walls \$19,326.50

In addition monthly payroll \$25,266.70

CHRISTOPHER COUNCIL'S
ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST PARTY
OCTOBER 23RD



Enjoy an amazing night of fun entertainment from 6:00pm -11:00 pm (doors open at 5:30pm). Authentic German Band will play traditional German music with German dancers in Oktoberfest costumes, Swiss horns and all of the Oktoberfest fun! Later in the evening there will be 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) included. There is a cash bar for alcoholic beverages and our famous "Schnapps Bar". Raffle baskets and silent auction items. Tickets are \$35 per person. Contact Raymond Cobb for tickets at (302) 547-6931 or at raymondcobb3182@gmail.com credit cards also accepted via phone.

St. Helena's Christmas Bazaar 2021!!

November 6th&7th

9:00 a.m.* to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday

Our annual Christmas Bazaar will be November 6th and 7th. Come join in the "back to normal" fun with:

BAKE TABLE

BOOK NOOK

ATTIC TREASURES

RAFFLES CRAFTS

THE FOOD COURT

GIFT BASKETS

MUSIC

For questions or to volunteer- please call or text Nancy Cobb at 302-598-8685.

*Early Birds can shop Attic Treasures from 7 am to 9 am with a \$5 entry fee.

Please see flyers for details.

Christmas
Bazaar

Bottles for babies in support of Birthright

The entire month of October is dedicated as "Respect Life Month." Throughout the month, baby bottles will be available at each exit. We ask that you take a bottle and fill it with loose change or cash. You can also write a check if you prefer. Please read the insert and fill it out if you would like to receive a tax credit. A large container will be available in the main vestibule to deposit your filled bottle. **All bottles should be returned no later than Nov 6th/7th.** Questions? Please contact Carol Ann Plunkett at 302-383-0708. Thank you for your generous support of pregnant women and their babies!

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Susan Denis, Dorothy Rich, Kathleen Schaubert, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, Vaughn Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Mary Gabel, Toni Di Lezio, Sr., Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Friends at the Kutz Home, Nicolas Childs, Bridget Robinson, Geri Crockett, Jim Fedena, Sr., Carly Fedena, Judy Wilbank, Aliyah Miller, Theresa Kelleher Cassidy, Karen Cheeseman, Sara Murphy, Antoinette Medeiros, Rose Marie Turcol, Charlie Lafferty, Stephanie Bidwell, Dawn Williams, Janice Tigani, Helen Rupnicki, William Lytle, Dolly Albanese, Sande Richardson, Morgan Medeiros, Thomas Leo.

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

Both Sunday Mass and Friday Reflections can be viewed at <https://www.sainthelenas.org/> and ALSO Friday **Reflections with Msgr. Russell** 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.

BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm
Games begin at 7:00pm

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 24

2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday

11:00am Children's Lit/Word - Church

12:15pm Parent/Child meeting for
Reconciliation-Masci Hall

6:00pm Religious Ed-Trunk or Treat-Masci Hall

Monday, October 25

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes -School

6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Rectory

Thursday, October 28

5:30 pm Bingo-Masci Hall

Sunday, October 31

11:00am Children's Lit/Word - Church

Thanksgiving Food Drive-Return

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Oct 23

5:00pm (SR) People of the Parish

Sunday, Oct 24

7:00am (SR) Frances & John Danchak

9:00am (EF) Alfred Palmer

11:00am (SR) Brian Hopkins

Monday, Oct 25

9:00am (SR) Deceased Members of the
Russell and Sullivan Families

Tuesday, Oct 26

7:00am (EF) Samuel & Marie Emmi

9:00am (WK) Antonio Luzzo

Wednesday, Oct 27

9:00am (WK) Barbara Flynn

Thursday, Oct 28

7:00am (EF) Harry Brake

9:00am (WK) Susan Delfino

Friday, Oct 29

7:00am (EF) Frances & John Danchak

9:00am (SR) Joseph & Yvette Dumont

Saturday, Oct 30

9:00 am (SR) Brian Hopkins

5:00pm (SR) Cathy Northey

Sunday, Oct 31

7:00am (EF) Vaughn Whisker (Living)

9:00am (SR) Sal Ferraro

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION meeting for PARENT(s) and CHILD will be TODAY Sunday, October 24th at 12:15pm in Masci Hall. All children in 2nd grade and above who have NOT received their First Reconciliation/First Eucharist are to attend with a parent.

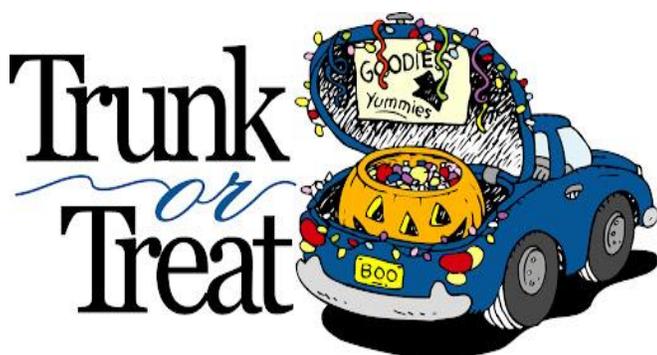
ST. HELENA'S TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 24, 2021

6:30pm

School Parking Lot

All children thru 6th Grade are invited to come dressed in costumes. Prizes given for "best" decorated TRUNK, most Original costume, Scariest costume and Prettiest costume. Because of Covid Restrictions, this will be an outside event unless it rains and then we will move inside Masci Hall. Please wear a mask to be safe!



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Blessings upon the Sewing group.. 96 dresses and 11 boy's outfits will be mailed to Haiti. Saint Philomena's Parish in Delaware County, PA has a Haitian Ministry and contacts in Haiti. The group kindly offered to send the box of items to Haiti. If you are interested in the Sewing Group: Please call Pauline Lauer or Dorothy Medeiros at 302-764-7545

ADULT DRIVER NEEDED: Driver needed for elderly North Wilmington man would like to get out during midday to go to local stores approximately 2 hours per day, twice a week. Driver would need own vehicle and be able to push a transport chair through store aisles. Proof of car insurance and COVID vaccination required. Pay \$25 / hour. If interested, please call or text Elaine at [302-540-9331](tel:302-540-9331). Thank you.

COATS For Kids 2021



The goal of the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program is to ensure that no child in our community goes without a warm coat during the winter season. Last year, with the assistance of our fellow parishioners, Christopher Council donated 350 warm winter coats to children in need. We would like to surpass this number in 2021. We need your help. Donations are needed this year more than ever as we recover from the pandemic, more children are in need, and our fundraising efforts are just starting to get back on track. A monetary donation can be made online at <https://2021-coats4kids-christopher-council-3182.cheddarup.com> Or mail a check to Knights of Columbus #3182 c/o Coats for Kids, 135 Princeton Ave, Claymont, DE 19703. You may also donate NEW cold weather gear (coats, hats, gloves/mittens, scarfs) that can be dropped off at Holy Rosary or St. Helena Churches. Any questions please contact Tom Cassidy at 302-543-3076 or Neal Potts at 302-632-8436.



**Remember to set your clock back
1 hour Next Sunday, November 7th.**

The Offertory Collection

For the weekend of 10/10 was \$5,234.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,787.00 for a total of \$8,021.00. Thank You!

Listen to the Catholic Forum radio program/podcast each week. Next Saturday, October 30th, tune in to learn about the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker Farm when Dr. Larry Chapp is the guest. Catholic Forum airs on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640. You can listen online anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum, or by searching “Catholic Forum” on Apple, Spotify, iHeartRadio, or Amazon Music podcasts. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, “Like” Catholic Forum on Facebook at facebook.com/CatholicForum.



Please pray for our nation in this very difficult time. Prayer card is available at church entrances.

*O Blessed Mother, Pray for the USA
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception,
Patroness of the United States of America,
please help our country.*

Help us to return to what is decent, right, and proper.

Help us to return to respect for ourselves and others, to truth in dealing with ourselves and others, to self-control and self-discipline, and especially, to a deep love for your Son and his teachings.

Protect us from those who would destroy us from within.

*Our Lady, we place ourselves and our country under your mantel, Pray for us and help us.
Amen.*

Is God calling you to a deeper prayer life and relationship with Him? The Secular Discalced Carmelites (OCDS) may be for you. We are a Catholic lay order of men and women undertaking to live an evangelical life of fraternity and contemplative prayer, according to the Carmelite Saints. We meet in NEWARK, DE on the 3rd Saturday of each month. To learn more, please contact Diane at ThirdOrderCarmelitesofDE@yahoo.com.

Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers
By Susan Vogt

Marriage Moments: Got an anniversary, a birthday, or another gift-giving occasion coming up. Try a free, but heartfelt gift - a list of things you love about your spouse. Fancy it up by putting the compliments on brightly colored papers and put in a glass jar for daily reading.

Parenting Pointers: Not easy for humankind to live peacefully together. There are 193 nations in the world. Invite family members to Google a country that you don't know much about and share an interesting tidbit.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

St. Helena's Social Ministry will still hold our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, but it will look a little different this year. We will be collection monetary contributions instead of food stuff. Our needy families will be given grocery store gift cards to purchase food for their Thanksgiving Dinner. To participate, simply fill out the attached voucher, and place it in an envelope marked "THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE" along with your donation. Please put it in the rectory front door mail slot. This year has been very difficult for many of our clients, and they really appreciate your generosity. Thank you for supporting our food drive. Checks can be made out to "St. Helena's Parish".

Please write "Thanksgiving Food Drive" on the outside of the envelope. **Please return by October 31st**



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE NAME

PARISHIONER ID/ENVELOPE #

DONATION _____
