

October 3, 2021

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the United States, our Catholic Bishops have set aside October as Respect for Life month. It happens that today's scriptures speak of marriage and children whom Jesus embraced. We believe, as these scriptures teach, that our God created marriage – the union of a man and wife and their love bears fruit in a child to be raised in their bond of love. We live in a time when many people in our society think they know more than God! We are challenged to be faithful to our God and the Truth about life and marriage. We believe every human life is sacred, born and nourished by the love of father and mother.

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 6/7. Questions? Please contact Carol Ann Plunkett at 302-383-0708. Thank you for your generous support of pregnant women and their babies!

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.

The Offertory Collection

For the weekend of 9/19 was \$4,461.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,172.00 for a total of \$6,633.00. Thank You!

2021 Share in the Spirit Tuition Assistance Collection

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the diocesan *Share in the Spirit* tuition assistance collection last week. For those of you who have not yet participated, you may still contribute to the *Share in the Spirit* collection for tuition assistance. Please drop your envelope in the collection basket or parish office or, visit the *Share in the Spirit* website at www.cdown.org/sharespirit.html and click on "Ways to Give." Your support is gratefully appreciated.

CLEANING HOUSE?

Your 2021 Attic Treasures Team is already hard at work for the November 6th Christmas Bazaar. Bring us your new or gently used items: Books, Household Goods, Kitchen and Garden items, Holiday Ornaments and Decorations, Decorative items, Small Furniture, Appliances/Electronics*, Accessories, Jewelry and Accent Pieces**.....

Please leave your donations in the closet next to the porch door of the convent. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, October 17th, but it really helps if you drop them off early. If you have large items or questions, then please contact Nancy Cobb (598-8685) or e-mail us at NatiesMom@me.com.

***Unfortunately**, we cannot accept televisions unless they are flat screens.

**Please no clothing or exercise equipment. Leather goods, handbags, accessories and jewelry are welcome.

2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, WITNESSES OF HOPE \$59,336.21 has been received representing 94.18% of our parish's goal of our goal of \$63,000.00. For your convenience Appeal envelopes are available at all the exits of church. If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal, then go to www.cdown.org/annualcatholicappeal. **Your generosity is deeply appreciated.**

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, Irma Shock, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, Vaughn Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyrawski, 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, Msgr. Joseph Rebman, Dolly Albanese, Sande Richardson, Morgan Medeiros

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 3

2nd Collection: Maintenance & Repairs

11:00am Children’s Lit/Word – Church

12:30pm Baptism-Church

Baby Bottles – Church

7:00 pm-Youth Group-Masci Hall

Monday, October 4

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes –School

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

Thursday, October 7

2:00pm-PSM meeting-Rectory

5:30 pm Bingo-Masci Hall

Saturday, October 9

6:30pm-Msgr Russell’s 60th Anniversary Dinner-Masci Hall

Sunday, October 10

2nd Collection: Parish Social Ministry

11:00am Children’s Lit/Word – Church

7:00pm – Confirmation Meeting-Parents/Candidate-Masci Hall



Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Oct 2

5:00pm (SR) John Quinn, Sr.

Sunday, Oct 3

7:00am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) John Louden

11:00am (SR) Allison DiMauro Sheldon

Monday, Oct 4

9:00am (SR) Jennifer Marie Holmwood

Tuesday, Oct 5

7:00am (EF) Antoinette Battaglia

9:00am (SR) Thomas Finnegan

Wednesday, Oct 6

9:00am (SR) Adelaide C. Russell

Thursday, Oct 7

7:00am (EF) Mary Ann & Leonard Kelleher

9:00am (SR) William Becker

Friday, Oct 8

7:00am (EF) Frances & John Danchak

9:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Saturday, Oct 9

9:00 am (SR) Brian Hopkins

5:00pm (SR) Eva & Anthony Vignola

Sunday, Oct 10

7:00am (SR) Nancy McFadden

9:00am (EF) People of the Parish

11:00am (SR) Anthony Boccella (Living)

St. Helena’s Seeks a Director of Social Ministry to support Parish values and goals. The successful candidate will start in the fall working flexible part-time hours (about 20 hrs. /wk.). Responsibilities include: Supervision of all Social Ministry activities and their volunteers; active participation in the analysis and decisions regarding support to parish and local families and interaction with other support services in the area. **Requirements:** Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, proven ability to take charge in a compassionately caring way, experience coordinating multiple priorities, and background with computers (Email, Word, and preferably some Excel). Contact: Business Manager (302) 764-0325 x-102

Respect Life Sunday

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother."
----*St. Therese of the Child Jesus*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES began Monday night for our students. If you have a child attending a PRIVATE or PUBLIC SCHOOL, they must attend Religious Education Classes in order to receive their Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Our classes meet on Monday evenings from 6:30pm – 7:30pm in the school building. Please enter by way of Masci Hall. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ms Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org.

YOUTH GROUP is sponsoring a TACO DINNER INFORMATION NIGHT (TONIGHT – SUNDAY) in Masci Hall from 7pm – 8:30pm. All students in 7th grade thru High School are invited to come and see if this is something you would like to do two Sunday nights a month. It is NOT a mandatory session, but a fun and laid-back way of meeting other teens, having fun and putting your FAITH into action by service to your parish. We sponsor events throughout the year (Halloween Trunk or Treat, Santa's Elves (Christmastime babysitting) and an Easter Egg Hunt. Please email Ms Hummy if you plan to attend at hpennell@sainthelenas.org.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD begins TODAY at the 11 am Mass. All children 3 yrs and above are invited to come up after the Opening Prayer where we are blessed and go back to the Sacristy where we break out the readings and Gospel so children understand. If you have children that attend the 9am Mass and might be interested in children's Liturgy of the Word, please email Ms Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org.

ADULT SCRIPTURE will begin on Monday, October 11th, from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. This year the class will be held in the RECTORY LIVING ROOM. Please enter by way of the rectory side porch. The door will be open. Living Room is on the left as you enter. Any questions please give Paul Soper or Ms Hummy call at 302-762-4280 or email her at hpennell@sainthelenas.org. This year we will be studying St. Mark and books are provided.

Msgr Stanley Russell's 60th Anniversary to the Priesthood dinner is next Saturday, October 9th, at 6:30pm in Masci Hall. Thanks to everyone who signed up. If you missed the cutoff and would still like to attend, please email Ms Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org as soon as possible. Msgr Russell will be celebrating this milestone at the 5pm Mass next Saturday evening. Please reach out to extend your thanks and congratulations for his 60 years as a priest.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

An aide is requested by one of Saint Helena's parishioners: **Schedule:** one hour in the morning at 9:30 a.m. Assist the person with dressing and preparation for the day. One hour in the evening at 6:30 p.m. assist with preparation for bed time. Prefer: A person who lives in the area. If interested, please call Saint Helena's Parish Outreach at 302-764-7545.

Join the 2021 Public Square Rosary Crusade Today!

Where: Planned Parenthood
625 N. Shipley St. Wilmington, DE

When: October 16, 2021 at Noon

For more information, Contact Joan Buono
302-563-6755

Christopher Council's Annual Oktoberfest Party October 2nd

Enjoy an amazing night of fun entertainment from 6:00 -11:00 PM (doors open at 5:30). Authentic German Band 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 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 round out the night of fun. Tickets are \$35 per person. Contact Raymond Cobb for tickets at (302) 547-6931 or at raymondcobb3182@gmail.com credit cards accepted and tickets may be purchased over the telephone.

THE COLUMBIETTES FALL MUM & PUMPKIN HARVEST SALE

Saturday, October 9th 2:00 pm until 6:30 pm
Sunday, October 10th 7:30 am until noon
Held at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic
Church 7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE

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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.



Please pray for our nation in this very difficult time. The following is a prayer you may wish to use:

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.***

Congratulations Announcement

Congratulations to **Amanda Carthcart** who recently accepted a position at the Dialog as an Advertising/Sale Representative (302-295-0635). Amanda has been a life time member of St. Helena's Parish and graduated from St. Helena's School in 2007. Best of Luck!



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 _____
