

September 26, 2021
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus knew how to wake people up during His sermons, "If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off..." Jesus challenged people then and now to follow Him with undivided minds and hearts. Let nothing distract you or cause you to compromise your loyalty to Jesus.

This week we enter the month of October - the month of the Holy Rosary and Respect for Life month.

Thank You to the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities.

We recently had the Ayala Painting Company clean the walls of the church and repaint them. We received a check from the Raskob Foundation for \$20,000 to cover the cost. In the 1920's John and Helena Raskob established the Catholic Diocese Foundation to help with the establishment of Catholic churches and schools. Bishop Fizm Maurice wrote to them on their wedding anniversary saying he would name the first parish to be established with their help in honor of her patron saint, St. Helena.

2021 Share in the Spirit Tuition Assistance Collection

Today's second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. If you are not prepared to contribute today, then you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in next week's collection basket. For further information and on-line giving options, visit the *Share in the Spirit* website at www.cdow.org/sharespirit.html.

The Offertory Collection

For the weekend of 9/12 was \$3,736.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,682.00 for a total of \$6,418.00. Thank You!

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.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal. **Your generosity is deeply appreciated.**

CLEANING HOUSE?

Your 2021 Attic Treasures Team is already hard at work for the November 6th Christmas Bazaar. Many thanks to those who have dropped off donations. However, we have lots of space to fill for our Attic Treasures Market and need items to fill our tables and shelves. 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.

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.

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, Marie Luzzo, Charlie Lafferty, Stephanie Bidwell, Dawn Williams, Janice Tigani, Helen Rupnicki, William Lytle, Msgr. Joseph Rebman, Dolly Albanese, Sande Richardson, Morgan Medeiros

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sept 25

5:00pm (SR) Pauline & Ken Lauer (Living)
(60th Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, Sept 26

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish
9:00am (EF) Baby Catherine Deeney
11:00am (SR) John Louden

Monday, Sept 27

9:00am (SR) Alfred Palmer

Tuesday, Sept 28

7:00am (EF) Patrick Deely
9:00am (SR) Frances Bleistine

Wednesday, Sept 29

9:00am (SR) Fredrick J. Konitzer

Thursday, Sept 30

7:00am (EF) Catherine Dalto
9:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Friday, Oct 1

7:00am (EF) Poor Souls in Purgatory
9:00am (SR) John Coen

Saturday, Oct 2

9:00 am (SR) Dale Austin
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

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, September 26

2nd Collection: Share in the Spirit

Monday, September 27

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes –School
6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Rel. Ed. Office

Thursday, September 30

5:30 pm Bingo-Masci Hall

Friday, October 1 First Friday

9:30am Adoration-Church

Saturday, October 2

10:00am Blessing of Animals –Rectory Driveway
Baby Bottles – hand out-Church

Sunday, October 3

2nd Collection: Maintenance & Repairs

11:00am Children’s Lit/Word – Church
12:30pm Baptism-Church

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



Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes for students in FIRST thru EIGHTH grade begin tomorrow night (Monday) from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Please have children brought in thru Masci Hall. MASKS are required of students and teachers. Children may bring their own water bottles. If you have not yet registered, then Ms Hummy will be in Masci Hall with forms.

YOUTH GROUP INVITATION

ATTENTION- all 7th graders thru High School Students. YOUTH GROUP is having a TACO INFORMATION NIGHT next Sunday, October 3, from 7pm – 8:30pm in Masci Hall. This is NOT mandatory, but it is a wonderful opportunity for teens to come together for FUN and SERVICE. Youth Group is where teens put their faith into action. We invite you to come and give it a try! Please email Ms Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org if you are planning to attend so we can prepare enough food for everyone.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD returns at the 11 am Mass NEXT SUNDAY, October 3 after an 18 month Covid hiatus. If you have a child 3 years to 10 years of age and would like 22 minutes of peace and quiet during Mass, send your child up when the priest calls children forward after the Opening Prayer. Ms Hummy will be taking the children to the back Sacristy where she will break open the readings and Gospel in children's terms so they understand. The children return to you before the collection. Children are asked to wear a mask since they are not yet eligible to be vaccinated. This is a wonderful way to introduce Mass to the children. If your child is shy, then feel free to come along. The more the merrier!

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

An opportunity to reach out with care and compassion to individuals and families who have many needs. Please consider volunteering to the Parish Outreach office with flexible schedule. Interviews are being conducted by phone only.

Join Bishop William E. Koenig The Annual Blue Mass to honor those who serve our community in the public safety sector (police, fire, EMS, and military), will be held on **Friday, October 1, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Church**, Cedar and Clayton Streets, in Wilmington. Current and retired first responders, military, and their families are invited to attend. The Mass will also be live-streamed on the Diocese of Wilmington's YouTube Channel- [YouTube.com/DioceseofWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseofWilm). Bishop William E. Koenig will preside at the Mass and will give the homily. More information is available at cdow.org/bluemass

FOOTPRINTS MINISTRY-The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington has announced a new ministry called Footprints, which is designed to assist families by providing resources after the loss of their unborn child(ren), whether it was very recent or many years ago. Footprints will launch with a special **Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Mass on October 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm at St. Elizabeth Church in Wilmington, Delaware.** Grieving families are invited to gather together, celebrate Mass, and surround themselves with family and friends' loving support to remember their little one(s). A light reception will follow the Mass. **Reservations are required by September 30, 2021.** Questions may be referred to the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 302-295-0657 or by emailing Eileen Gaus, Coordinator, at egaus@cdow.org.

COATS For Kids 2021 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.

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Bishop William E. Koenig 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, October 17, 2021** 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 Koenig, 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 September 30th.** This year, you can register by clicking on <https://cdow.coursetorm.com/course/annual-wedding-anniversary-mass> or 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

If you are interested in attending Msgr Russell's 60th Anniversary Dinner on October 9, **THEN PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY AT 302-764-0325 EXT 100 OR 106** and let them know. We have got to send in the head count for the dinner by September 30th.

St. Helena's Parish
Cordially invites you to the
60th Anniversary of Ordination to the
Priesthood
of Msgr. Stanley Russell
At 6:30pm on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9,**
2021
In Masci Hall
\$30 per person
Wine and Beer included with dinner
(Cash bar available)
RSVP by September 27, 2021
Reservations required – seating is
limited

If you would like to attend, please fill in the form below and return it with your check to the rectory no later than September 27, 2021. If you have any questions, please email Ms Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org
Or call the rectory at 302-764-0325 ext. 106.

Msgr Russell's 60th Anniversary Dinner
Please respond by September 27, 2021

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_____ will attend @ \$30 per person

Please make checks payable to St. Helena's and drop off at the Rectory or call Ms Hummy at 302-598-1011.

