

September 5, 2021
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Through the prophet, Isaiah, the Lord said: “Be strong, fear not! Here is your God... he comes to save you.” God was promising a Messiah. He would open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf.

In the Gospel we see the promise fulfilled. Jesus cures the man who was deaf and could not speak. But Jesus told those who saw the miracle not to tell anyone because He knew they thought the Messiah would be a military, political leader. He had not come to reestablish the kingdom of Israel but the eternal Kingdom of God.

CARNIVAL NEWS UPDATE

With the resurgence of the Covid virus (Delta variant) and the uncertainties about what will have to be done to promote safe health conditions, we have decided to cancel plans for a mini-carnival in September. We thank all who have indicated their willingness to help us.

Please Note

We are having a contractor clean and repaint the walls of our church. This work will have to continue for a few weeks; working around our schedule of liturgical services

We appreciate your patience! We know that two chandeliers toward the rear of church have not been lit for some weeks. The part that we need to fix the control panel has been on order for weeks. As soon as it arrives, we will be able to fix the problem.

20TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT OF 9-11 at St. Helena’s Catholic Church on Sunday, September 12th at 4PM. At 602 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, DE 19806. Professional Orchestra, choir, and exceptional soloists come together to remember the lives of those lost and “honors the triumph of the human spirit.” Tickets for the event are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students and can be purchased at requiem911tickets.org

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.

**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.**

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, Vaughn Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyrawski, Mary Gabel, Alline Da Grossa, 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



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 5

The 2nd Collection: Maintenance & Repair
1:30pm 9-11 remembrance performance rehearsal-Church

Monday, September 6 Labor Day

Rectory Closed/Re-opens on Tuesday, 9/7

Wednesday, September 8

7:00pm Parish Council Exe. Mtg-Rectory
6:45pm 9-11 Remembrance rehearsal - Church

Thursday, September 9

1:00pm Parish Social Ministry Mtg-Rectory
5:30 pm Bingo-Masci Hall

Saturday, September 11

6:30pm Raskob Foundation Celebration Mass with the Bishop (open to the public) - Church

Sunday, September 12

2:30pm 9-11 Remembrance Performance -Church



Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sept 4

5:00pm (SR) Jane Verbanc

Sunday, Sept 5

7:00am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) Jane Verbanc

11:00am (SR) John Louden

Monday, Sept 6

9:00am (SR) Adelaide C Russell

Tuesday, Sept 7

7:00am (EF) Harold Robinson

9:00am (SR) Theresa Brown

Wednesday, Sept 8

9:00am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Thursday, Sept 9

7:00am (EF) Joseph R. Meriggi

9:00am (SR) Alexander Pisciella

Friday, Sept 10

7:00am (EF) Nancy McFadden

9:00am (SR) Jean Capodanno

Saturday, Sept 11

9:00 am (SR) Joan Hare

5:00pm (SR) Gus Lotsis

Sunday, Sept 12

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (EF) Betty O' Connor

11:00am (SR) C. Natalie Meriggi
(34th Anniversary)



PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

Both Sunday Mass and Friday Reflections can be viewed at <https://www.sainthelenas.org/> 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 8/22 was \$3,765.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,262.00 for a total of \$6,027.00. Thank You!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We will begin the school year with a PARENT ONLY meeting on Monday, September 13th, at 6:30pm in Masci Hall. This is a very important meeting so please have one parent present. If you have not yet received your registration form in the mail, then you can fill one out at the meeting. Please email Ms Hummy, however, with the name and grade of the children being enrolled so we can prepare our class lists. Thank you.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Copies of the current "Advance Directives" may be obtained at the Parish Social Ministry office which is located in the rectory. To reserve a copy, please call 302-598-4262.

FOOD CLOSET is open Monday-Friday 9AM-Noon. If you or someone you know need food, then please call 302-764-7545.

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.

YOUNG AT HEART

A pleasant hello to our YAH and Parish members. It's been an unusual time since last year and we hope everyone is doing well and getting back to normal.

Good News! The YAH group will be starting up again. Our general meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning **Sept. 14th at 1pm in Masci Hall**. We will be collecting the annual dues of \$18.

We are planning on programs for each month, the Christmas Bazaar and our craft group. We will continue the Rosary devotion with time and dates to be discussed. Prayer Shawls are always available to those in need. So please contact Dawn Williams at 302-290-6613. Hope to see you there!

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON MARIAN PILGRIMAGE



With Bishop William Koenig at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

September 25, 2021, 10AM-4PM

We Walk By Faith with Bishop William Koenig and Priests of the Diocese of Wilmington on pilgrimage to the nation's spiritual capital and Shrine of the Patroness of the United States, The Blessed Virgin Mary of The Immaculate Conception.

**Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage
Basilica of The Blessed Virgin Mary of The
Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC**

Saturday, September 25, 2021

IHM will have a bus depart at 7am

Cost \$35 (payable to IHM).

Make Reservation by Sept 15th.

For more information, contact
Kathy Dunworth at 302-383-6452

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.

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.



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

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.

