

August 19, 2018
Solemnity of Saint Helena



Isn't it amazing to think of St. Helena who lived between the years 250 to 330AD? In 312, when she was about 60, she came to believe in Jesus. It was a time when it was dangerous to be a Christian. At any moment, the Roman Empire might begin another violent persecution, putting Christians to death in horrible ways. Helena had been cast aside by her husband Constantius, because he was ambitious to become the Emperor of Rome. Fortunately her son, Constantine, was faithful to her. Helena must have shared her faith in Jesus and the mystery of His Cross with Constantine.

In the same year Helena became a Christian, Constantine made his move and won the Battle at the Milvian Bridge, defeating his rival and becoming the new Roman Emperor. Before the battle, Constantine claimed to have seen the vision of the Cross and heard: "By this sign you will conquer." Constantine did not become baptized until he was on his deathbed many years later. But the son of St. Helena is considered the first Christian Emperor and ended the persecution of Christians. In 324 when he had defeated his rivals in the eastern part of the Empire, Helena was able to go to the Holy Land to find and honor the holy places where Jesus lived and especially where He died and rose. Tradition says she and her aides were able to find the Holy Cross of Jesus. She died soon after. St. Helena drew the strength of her faith from the same Holy Eucharist you and I have. She found in the celebration of the Mass the love of Jesus that changed her life. She loved the Holy Cross as the way to real life and peace.

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER: Our Second Collection this weekend is for the maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral. Please be as generous as you can. For more info about the Cathedral, please visit the website: www.cathedralofsaintpeter.com.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 8/5 was \$7,037.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,977.50 for a total of \$9,014.50

Thank you!

St. Helena's Parish Expenses

In July we paid \$32,289.83 in bills. We were required to install a new fire suppression system in Masci Hall kitchen to comply with new fire code; cost \$2,402.50. This was in addition to Annual Fire Protection inspection of \$1,387.68. The water bill for all buildings was a cost of \$333.39. Our monthly Delmarva bill was \$2,655.44. Health insurance for lay employees was \$4,771. \$945 was paid for four priests who help celebrate Masses in our parish.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will not be meeting during August, 2018. We will resume our usual schedule in September by meeting on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. **If anyone needs** information, please call Dolly at 302-764-3465 or Carmela at 302-762-9057.

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Anne Ambagis, Ruth Bower, Charles Brumbaugh, Joan Callaghan, Joseph Campanella, Jean Capodanno, Tony Cutrona, Patricia Darmanin, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Shirley Kosek, James Lafferty, Sue McLaughlin, Edward Mebs, Gay Meriggi, Dan Moley, Dora Pacitti, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Joseph Sacher, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, William Thomas, Catherine Thomson, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Jacqueline Childs, Mary Gabel

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 18

5:00pm (WK) Elmer "Skip" Potts

Sunday, August 19

7:00 am (JR) Gerald Moyer

9:00 am (WK)

11:00 am (JR) Nicolas Brodoway

Monday, August 20

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (WK) Bob Conte

Tuesday, August 21

7:00am (DV) Justina Masters

9:00am (WK) Joyce Remedio

Wednesday, August 22

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (WK)

Thursday, August 23

7:00am (DV)

9:00am (WK) John Fedena, Sr.

Friday, August 24

7:00am (Cap) Thomas Reaney

9:00am (WK)

Saturday, August 25

9:00 am (WK)

5:00pm (DV) Erin Lawes

Sunday, August 26

7:00 am (DV) The People of the Parish

9:00 am (SR) William Schmidt

11:00 am (SR) Douglas E. Schauer

BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm

Games begin at 7:00pm

Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!

YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart's monthly meetings will resume on **Monday evening, 7pm, Sept 17, in Masci Hall**. Please plan on joining our club for fun and fellowship. We need new members with new ideas. Yearly dues are \$18.00 and due at that time.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catechists and aides are asked to attend a meeting this **MONDAY, August 20**, at 7pm in Masci Hall. We will be going over the upcoming school year and would like your input with things needed. Please email Ms. Hummy if you are **NOT** able to attend.

Religious Education registration forms have been emailed to parents. If you have not yet received yours, please call the office at 762-4280 or email Ms. Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org. Our first night of classes will be **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**, at 6:30 pm in Masci Hall. This meeting is for both the **STUDENT(s)** and one **PARENT**

Would you like to be a FIRST GRADE CATECHIST in our Religious Education Program? We are presently looking for someone who enjoys young children and would love to share their faith. No experience needed - just a love of God and small children. Mr. Damian has decided to finally "be promoted" and will now be team teaching 7th and 8th graders. We have a wonderful veteran who has helped in first grade all of last year, but she cannot commit to fulltime teaching. If you would like to "team teach" that would be wonderful too - there are a total of 24 class nights and only 12 if you wanted to team teach. Just give Ms. Hummy a call at 762-4280 or email her at hpennell@sainthelenas.org.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 19

2nd Collection: Cathedral of Saint Peter

Monday, August 20

Produce Day-Dougherty Hall

6:30pm Catechist Mtg- REO

Thursday, August 23

5:30pm Bingo-Masci Hall

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Attention United Healthcare Members: On Monday, August 20 from 8am to 11pm, there will be a representative from United Healthcare in Dougherty Hall. You are invited to come and learn about the additional benefits from United Healthcare. The benefits are of no cost to you. For information please call Parish Social Ministry at 302-764-0325 x104.



Are you curious about what happens in the Outreach office?

You are invited to come and sit with us.

This would be any time Monday-Thursday 9am-noon. Please call Dorothy Medeiros at 302-764-7545

ST. HELENA'S ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC is coming



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018 (RAIN or SHINE) from NOON – 3PM. Come and join fellow parishioners for FREE FOOD provided by the Knights of Columbus and the members of Parish Council, Finance Council, Parish Life and Christian Formation. Our own “YOUNG at HEART” members provide delectable desserts to satisfy your sweet tooth! It is a wonderful time to reconnect with friends that you know and also to meet new parishioners in a fun and laid back atmosphere.

MUSIC RECITAL

There will be a free Voice Recital on Sunday, August 26th at 4pm in our beautiful sanctuary. Come see our very own Joe Loudon accompanying a former student of his from Ursuline Academy. Casey Morris is pursuing her Bachelor Degree in Music Education and Music Performance in Voice. She will be singing songs by Hoiby, Schubert, Bizet, Delibes, and Mechem. This promises to be an amazing concert. Don't miss it.

CHOIR NEWS!

Looking for something different to do in the fall? Used to sing in a college choir and have the desire to make fine choral music once again? St. Helena's is the place to come for just that! St. Helena's Choir has been making incredible music for over 25 years under the direction of Joe Loudon. Now is the time to come back home to a church that does it right. If you know someone that loves to sing and is looking for a choir, don't hesitate to pass on this information.

Adult Choir begins on Thursday, September 13th at 7PM in the church. Youth Choir for grades 3-8 begins on Monday, September 10th at 5:45pm-6:30pm in the church.

Saint Mark's High School Important Admissions Dates:

- **8th Grade HSPT Prep Course** on Saturday, October 13th and November 10th
- **Fall Open House** on Sunday, October 28th from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- **Spartan for a Day** for 8th Grade students, beginning October 2nd and offered Tuesday-Friday.
- **8th Grade HSPT at Saint Mark's**, December 1st at 8:30 a.m. or December 2nd at 12:00 p.m. **For a full list of admissions dates or to register for an event, visit the Saint Mark's Admissions web-page at www.stmarkshs.net/Admissions**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

For many years we have exposed the Blessed Sacrament on the altar on each First Friday at the end of 9am Mass. We presently conclude the period of adoration at 11am. If you would like a private contemplation and reflection (outside of First Friday) between 10am and 11am please call the Rectory at 302-764-0325.

PADRE PIO FESTIVAL



St. Bede the Venerable Parish in Holland, PA (Southampton, PA) invites you to join them for their Third Annual Padre Pio Festival. We have moved the date for our festival to the weekend of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 14, 15, 16, 2018, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the death of St. Pio of Pietrelcina. Special Masses will be held on Saturday evening, September 15, and again on Sunday, September 16. A street procession and healing service, with confessions and blessing with relics, will follow the Sunday Mass. Buses welcome. Plenty of free parking, food vendors, live free entertainment, tents and tables. Visit padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com for more details, or simply call 215-357-5720.

THE SECULAR DISCALCED CARMELITES (OCDS)

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 Dan (302-252-8784) or Laurie (410-378-0010).

11TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S WELLNESS WEEKEND

The Sisters of St. Joseph Development Office will host the 11th Annual Women's Wellness Weekend at St. Mary's by-the-Sea in beautiful Cape May Point, New Jersey on Sept. 7-9, 2018. Included in the \$375 price, are meals, accommodations. Email development@ssjphila.org or call 1-800-482-6510 with any questions.

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The *12th Annual Nun Run 5K* (it's a walk too!) is being held 9am Saturday, 9/15/18 This 5K walk/race begins and ends on the grounds of [Jeanne Jugan Residence](#) in Newark, and the Little Sisters join us for the run and all the fun! This is one of our major fundraisers and we are seeking your support. Last year, over 400 people came together to make our Nun Run a huge success!



Upcoming Events at Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center

Quiet Day of Reflection, Saturday August 25, 10-3pm: Come to Jesus House for a day of spiritual refreshment! Start the morning with gathering prayer and spend the day reflection, contemplating, meditating, and exploring the spacious grounds or just relaxing in one of the many air-conditioned rooms. We will provide you with everything you need for the day: snacks, lunch, music, writing material, some art supplies and suggestions for activities. Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808. 302-995-6554. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Visit our website jesushousecenter.org. or call our office for more info or to register.

CAPE COD BUS EXCURSION

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary St. Josephine Bakhita Court 383 is sponsoring a 5 day/4 night bus excursion to Cape Cod, September 10-14, 2018. Please consider vacationing with friends from the Diocese. It's an all-inclusive trip with a total cost of \$800. You can reserve your seat for \$200. Contact Deborah Robinson, 302-494-5709 or St. Joseph's Church, 302-658-4535 for more detail and to make your reservation.