

October 18, 2020

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In the first reading from the second part of Isaiah, we hear the Lord speaking to Cyrus, the king of the Persians who had conquered the Babylonians. The Lord used Cyrus to let His People go from their exile in Babylon back to Jerusalem and their homeland.

In the Gospel we hear Jesus say "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." Yes our God uses even the political persons and events in our world fit into His plan for us.

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE

<https://www.sainthelenas.org>

Coronavirus News Important Update!

Friday Reflections with Msgr. Russell

Friday Reflections 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. You can even arrange for YouTube to let you know every time we add a new video!

Reminder! We'll be broadcasting Mass on YouTube afterward for you to watch.

You were wondering why you could not get the first part of the Mass on YouTube on Sun. Oct 4th?

Apparently, the censors at YouTube were very busy that day when many American Catholic priests were preaching on Respect for Life! Msgr. Russell spoke of the evil of abortion leading to so many other acts of disrespect for the sacredness of human life especially in recent violence, rioting, shootings and killing of many people in the US. Apparently the "censors" had many sermons to review before ours was allowed to be seen about 3pm!!!

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal - Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others

To date, \$53,179.00 has been received representing 84.41% of our parish's \$63,000 goal. THANK YOU! If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal, go to www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal. **Your generosity is deeply appreciated.**

ST. HELENA 2020-2021 CONCERT SERIES

October 18th at 4pm on the green behind the church. Bring a chair.

Our very own Bob McEvoy and his bluegrass band, Acoustic Turnpike, is a regional band that has gained a reputation for their lively performances, harmony singing and ability to entertain audiences. Acoustic Turnpike performs regularly at venues and events in the Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania region.

HOORAY, BINGO IS BACK!

Yes, BINGO is back at St. Helena's!

We are making every effort to make it safe in compliance with the regulations (temperature checks, wearing face masks, keeping social distancing, use of hand sanitizer, etc.)

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

Food will NOT be provided (but players can bring food)

Sodas and water will be sold (but no cups or straws will be provided)

Participation will be limited according to State Requirements

Saving seats will NOT be permitted.

Bingo games begin at 7pm or Thursday evening in our Masci Hall.

PLEASE NOTE

Because we need to follow procedures to help maintain a safe situation for all:

- No one can enter the Church if you are sick or have been exposed to someone with the virus within the last 14 days. Or if you will not wear a mask.
- Every other pew will be roped off to help social distancing.
- All MUST WEAR A MASK except children under 2.
- Please use hand sanitizer.

For daily Mass at 7am (Tues, Thurs and Fri) or 9am. Please enter church by the side doors near the altar area. The Church will remain open for private prayer after the 9am daily Mass until 10:00am.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Because of the uptick of virus cases, we are **choosing to cancel our Trunk or Treat** scheduled at the end of the month.

I have seen where communities are disallowing trick or treaters and other Halloween activities, so following in the Steps of caution, we feel it is better to be safe than sorry.

If you have dropped off candy on the rectory, please feel free to pick it up! Thanks for your understanding. Ms Hummy & Youth Group

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 18

2nd Collection: All Souls Day

4:00pm Outdoor Concert

Monday, October 19

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School

6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Zoom

Tuesday, October 20

7:00pm Parish Council Mtg- Zoom

Wednesday, October 21

10:30am Ursuline Academy Ring Mass-Church

Thursday, October 22

5:30 pm Bingo-Masci Hall

Sunday, October 25

2nd Collection: World Mission Sunday

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, Vaughn Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyrawski, Mary Gabel, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Ray Altamuro, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Francis Medeiros, Friends at the Kutz Home Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinson, Fr. Charles Dillingham, Tony Cutrona, Sande Richardson, Geri Crockett, Jim Fedena, Sr, Carly Fedena, Susan Watkins, Sister DeLourdes

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Oct 17

5:00pm (SR) Joe Bower

Sunday, Oct 18

7:00am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00am (SR) Nick Amoroso

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

Monday, Oct 19

9:00pm (SR) Jane Verbanc

Tuesday, Oct 20

7:00am (EF) Jacqueline Gracias

9:00am (SR) Gertrude Loftus

Wednesday, Oct 21

9:00am (SR) Conversion of Joe Biden

Thursday, Oct 22

7:00am (SR) Mike Moore

9:00am (EF) Burgess Allen

Friday, Oct 23

7:00am (EF) William Doherty, Sr.

9:00am (SR) Paul O. Knight

Saturday, Oct 24

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

5:00pm (SR) Special Living Intention

Sunday, Oct 25

7:00am (SR) People of the Parish

9:00am (EF) Samuel & Marie Emmi

11:00am (SR) Cathy Northey

ATTIC TREASURES IS NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS

Your 2020 Attic Treasures Team is already hard at work for the November 7th Event. Many thanks to those who have dropped off donations. This year, we will also be open on Saturday, November 14! So, we have lots of space to fill and need items for our tables and shelves. Bring us your new or gently used items: Books, Movies, Household Goods, Holiday Ornaments and Decorations, Decorative items, Small Furniture, Accessories, Appliances/Electronics*, Jewelry and Accent Pieces.....

Please leave your donations in closet off the Convent Porch. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, October 25. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Cobb (302-598-8685) or e-mail us at NatiesMom@me.com

Collection of New Never Worn Coats Starts

Now and continues until we distribute to the kids at the end of November or sooner if weather dictates. Coat Collection will take place in the entrances at Holy Rosary Church and St Helens Church. Please put coats in provided bins. Donate so kids don't go cold. And if you know a family or child in need let me know.

The goal of the Coats for Kids program is to ensure that no child in our community goes without a coat during the winter season. Last year, Christopher Council donated 146 coats to provide warmth for children in need during the cold winter months.

We would like to double this number in 2020. We need your help. Donations are needed this year more than ever. With the pandemic, more children are in need, and our fundraising efforts have been impeded. *A monetary donation can be made at <https://coats-for-kids-3182.cheddarup.com> or make checks payable to K of C 3182 and mailed to 135 Princeton Ave. Claymont, DE 19703*

NEW cold weather gear (coats, hats, gloves/mittens, scarfs) can be dropped off at Holy Rosary or St. Helena churches.

Any Question or info on families in need **Contact: Knight Tom**

Cassidy.... thomasfcassidy@gmail.com
302.543.3076



BINGO

Thursday Evening

In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm

Games begin at 7:00pm

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Time together!! Do you think that the lockdown has taught you some new things about your spouse? It is possible to get to know the person you married in an even more loving and compassionate way! Learn how on our next Marriage Encounter weekend which is November 6-8, 2020 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information visit our website at www.wwme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

BIRTH RIGHT'S ANNUAL BOTTLES FOR BABIES FUNDRAISER "RESPECT LIFE MONTH"

These uncertain times are causing anxiety for everyone. The Mothers we serve have faced so many challenges when the world turned upside down. As anxiety grows, the need for our services become even greater and our office has remained open to serve the needs of our Mommies who come to us. With that being said, WE WILL BE HOSTING THE BOTTLES FOR BABIES FUNDRAISER!

Due to the Pandemic, there will be a few ways you can participate, and that is, you can mail your Personal Checks directly to us or you can drop your donation off! Receiving Bottles is still an option, if you want them, as well!

Our address is: Birthright of DE
1311 North Scott Street
Wilmington, DE 19806.

Please be sure to mark the Memo section of your check, with your parish name, for Credit and tax purposes. We have extended the time frame, so you can return donations to us the whole month of October, November and December due to the Pandemic. Proceeds benefit pregnant women and their babies. And we graciously THANK YOU! If you have any questions, Please contact me, Tinisha Brown, at 302-660-1087 (c) or 302-656-7080 (o)

WIN A LENOVO SMART TABLET

Please support the Knights of Columbus Christopher Council charitable works by entering to win a Lenovo Smart Tab P10 10.1" Tablet with Amazon Alexa, retail value \$275. Drawing will be held, Thursday, November 19, 2020, just in time for Christmas. Visit <https://KC3182-raffle-tablet.cheddarup.com> to purchase your entries; cash, checks and credit cards accepted. Or mail a check to Knights of Columbus #3182, 135 Princeton Ave, Claymont, DE 19703 -- 1 entry \$2, 3/\$5, 10/\$10, 25/\$20.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

"Am I my brother's keeper" (Gen 4:9)

As St. John Paul II stated on the occasion of the Eighth World Youth Day, "with time the threats against life have not grown weaker. They are taking on vast proportions. They are not only threats coming from the outside; no, they are scientifically and systematically programmed threats. The twentieth century will have been an era of massive attacks on life, a continual taking of innocent human life.

Decisions that go against life sometimes arise from difficult or even tragic situations of profound suffering. Precisely in an age when the inviolable rights of the person are solemnly proclaimed and the value of life is publicly affirmed, the very right to life is being denied or trampled upon, especially at the more significant moments of existence: the moment of birth and the moment of death. Human life and death are thus in the hands of God, in his power: "In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind", exclaims Job (12:10).

The **unconditional choice for life** reaches its full religious and moral meaning when it flows from, is formed from and nourished by faith in Christ. Nothing helps us so much to face positively the conflict between death and life, in which we are engaged, as faith in the Son of God who became man and dwelt among men so "that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10). From Evangelism Vitae, on the Value and Inviolability of Human Life

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.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

NAME _____

PARISHIONER ID/ENVELOPE #

DONATION _____

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 31**

