

October 25, 2020

30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

In the first reading from Exodus we hear the Lord commanding the people of Israel to show their love for Him in their love for others. Jesus in the Gospel was asked which of the commandments is the greatest (many rabbis liked to debate which of the 613 commandments was the greatest) Jesus summed up all the commands of God in two: love of God and of our neighbor.

Holy Day of Obligation

This year is celebrated next week



Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints.

Masses will be at:  
7am, 9am, 11am



Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is a day of special devotion as we pray for All Souls

Masses will be at:  
7am, 9am, Noon



If you wish to have your beloved deceased remembered in our Masses of November, please return their names on one of the special envelopes.

Envelopes are also available on the enclosed side porch of the Rectory.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend 10/4 was \$5,816.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,107.00 for a total of \$7,923.00.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 10/11 was \$6,554.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,757.00 for a total of \$9,311.00. Thank You!

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.

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

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.

Daylight Savings Time

**Remember to set your clock back**

**1 hour next Sunday, November 1.**



### 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.**

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Sunday, October 25

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: World Mission Sunday  
12:15pm First Reconciliation Parent/Child Mtg-  
Masci Hall**

#### Monday, October 26

6:30pm Religious Ed Classes-School  
6:30pm Adult Scripture Study-Zoom

#### Thursday, October 22

5:30 pm Bingo-Masci Hall

#### Sunday, November 1 All Saints Day

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: All Saints Day**

Masses: 7am, 9am and 11am

Thanksgiving Food Drive envelopes due

11:00am Mass of Remembrance-Church



**BINGO**

**Thursday Evening  
In Masci Hall**

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

### 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.cdown.org/annualcatholicappeal](http://www.cdown.org/annualcatholicappeal). **Your generosity is deeply appreciated.**

### 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

### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, Oct 24

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

#### Monday, Oct 26

9:00pm (SR) James LaSalvia

#### Tuesday, Oct 27

7:00am (EF) Bridget McKinney

9:00am (SR) Jane Verbanc

#### Wednesday, Oct 28

9:00am (SR) Helen Chlada

#### Thursday, Oct 29

7:00am (SR) Harry Brake

9:00am (EF) Steve Hirshout

#### Friday, Oct 30

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (SR) Antonio Luzzo

#### Saturday, Oct 31

9:00am (SR) Salvadore Ferraro

5:00pm (SR) John S. Olenik, Sr.

#### Sunday, Nov 1

7:00am (EF) All Souls

9:00am (SR) People of the Parish

11:00am (SR) Paul O. Knight

### CHANDLER FUNERAL HOMES is sponsoring

**a FREE with NO CONTACT** community document shredding event on Sunday November 8, 2020 from 11 am to 2 pm at their 2506 Concord Pike location in Wilmington.

Gloved and masked staff will retrieve boxes from vehicles.

## ATTIC TREASURES IS NOW ACCEPTING DONATIONS

Your 2020 Attic Treasures Team is already hard at work for the November 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:thomasfcassidy@gmail.com) .... 302.543.3076**



## **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

This week's Respect Life issue is a tough one. There is no question that abortion, the taking of a pre-born life, is a sin. Few would argue that a life well lived, devoutly and with a lifetime's worth of good works, should be tossed aside and permitted to end over quality of life issues. Victims of human trafficking are caught in an endless spiral of dependence, shame and debt that most are powerless to escape.

In years past you might've seen a number of bullet points arguing against the death penalty: that it is unevenly applied; that it is irreversible; that it harms those who must carry it out; that it is not a deterrent; that it is more expensive than a lifetime in prison; that it allows no chance for the perpetrator to make restitution to his victim and reconciliation in his soul. These facts haven't changed.

But setting all that aside, the death penalty is a state-sanctioned killing. This is abhorrent to Jesus. It breaks a commandment just as much as an abortion and euthanasia. In the eyes of Jesus, EVERY human life is sacred. Jesus makes no distinction among lives – he loves us all. He came and offered his life as ransom for ALL sinners. If the laws of Man do not reflect this cornerstone of Christian faith, it falls to us, his disciples, to work to change such laws.

### 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**

