

October 4, 2020

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

A vineyard is expected to bear good fruit. But Isaiah the prophet and Jesus in today's Gospel speak to us. They remind us God has given us His grace. He has 'planted' us and cared for us. He expects us to produce the fruit of holiness: the good life that flows from his grace.

SHARE IN THE SPIRIT COLLECTION

For those of you who have not yet participated, you may still contribute to the *Share in the Spirit* collection for tuition assistance. Please drop your envelope in the collection basket or at the parish office or go to the *Share in the Spirit* website at www.cdown.org/sharespirit.html and click on "Ways to Give." This important collection supports the mission and ministry of our Catholic schools by assisting parents who seek a Catholic education for their children but who struggle to afford the full cost of tuition. Your support is gratefully appreciated.

The Offertory Collections for the weekend 9/20 was \$4,027.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,292.00 for a total of \$6,319.00. Thank you.

INTRODUCING FAITH STORIES!

We all have stories about our faith - what our faith means to each of us, a favorite religious song that has a special meaning, a time when faith saw you through life's challenges, a moment when something happened that felt like a miracle, and the list goes on! Are you interested in telling a story about your faith? It doesn't matter how you'd like to tell it - write it down, tell it aloud to other parishioners, record yourself telling it, etc. - we want to hear it! To learn more, send an email to Laura at hullinger@mac.com or call 302-791-0112 (a landline so texting will not work) and leave a voice message for Laura.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (in School and Home School) begin tomorrow, Monday, October 5. Seventh and eighth graders will report to Masci Hall for class. **Please wear your masks** ALL STUDENT will report from 6:30p - 7:30p. Parents, please wait outside for your children to be dismissed. 3rd, 4th and 6th graders will be dismissed from the farthest door at the end of the building. Seventh and Eighth graders will dismiss from Ms Hummy's door (down the steps). Temperatures will be taken at the Tower Door so please do not leave your child until they have had their temperature check. Thanks to everyone for your patience and cooperation as we try to restart our classes for the school year. Bless all of our teachers for their dedication!

ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY resumes via "ZOOM". The group will be studying "Isaiah" and going remotely until further notice. Why not join the group this year to find some inspiration while we try to navigate the pandemic! If you would be interested in spending an hour on a Monday evening, please email Paul Soper the facilitator at papasoper@gmail.com.



LOOK WHAT'S COMING..... Youth Group is planning a "TRUNK OR TREAT" for SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, in the parking lot by the school building. More information next week! We are desperately looking (begging) for wrapped candy if anyone would like to contribute. This will be a wonderful way for the children to enjoy some aspect of Halloween during a Pandemic!!!

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. **Your generosity is deeply appreciated.**

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.

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.

If you need to come to the Rectory we ask that you please call 302-764-0325 THANK YOU!

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, October 4

2nd Collection: Maintenance and Repair

Sunday, October 11

2nd Collection: Parish Social Ministry

7:00pm Youth Group-Religious Ed Office

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, Allison DiMauro Sheldon, Susan Watkins

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Oct 3

5:00pm (SR) Yvette & Joe Dumont

Sunday, Oct 4

7:00am (EF) Julia McCrory

9:00am (SR) People of the Parish

11:00am (SR) Nancy Hart

Monday, Oct 5

9:00pm (SR) Helen Chlada

Tuesday, Oct 6

7:00am (EF) Jim Fedena, Sr.

9:00am (SR) Adelaide C. Russell

Wednesday, Oct 7

9:00am (SR) Mary Ann & Leonard Kelleher

Thursday, Oct 8

7:00am (SR) Paul O. Knight

9:00am (EF) Dianne Erase

Friday, Oct 9

7:00am (EF) William Hufnell

9:00am (SR) Stephen Hirshout

Saturday, Oct 10

9:00am (SR) Linda & Jim Deeney (Living)
60th Wedding Anniversary

5:00pm (SR) John R. Quinn, Sr.

Sunday, Oct 11

7:00am (SR) Mary Foster

9:00am (EF) Joseph Bower

11:00am (SR) People of the Parish

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.



Parish Social Ministry

Are you newly retired? Is your work schedule suddenly much more flexible? Have you ever considered being a driver for Meals on Wheels? Our parish program needs a team for Wednesdays. The time commitment is one day a month. Food pickup takes place at the rear of the Silverside Church. You will receive on-the-job-training with me. The route is in our neighborhood, usually 12-14 stops. Duration is usually 11 a.m. until 12:30, depending on the number of meals delivered. Covid -19 restrictions are in place and are very stringent. This is a very fulfilling ministry, providing daily bread to our neighbors and allowing them to stay in their own homes. I tell people I've been doing it for more than 30 years because I hope it's still around when I need it! For more information, please call Bridget Kirk at (302)562-1048.

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)

Please Help the Food Closet



The food closet is in need of bottled juice, pasta sauce; jelly **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**



OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you... (Jeremiah 1:5)*

The United States Bishops have listed abortion in the US as “our preeminent priority” on human life.

Abortion denies our inherent, God-given dignity as human beings and it brings violence and death into the family.

The pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute estimated that there were 862,000 abortions in the US in 2017.

Delaware Right to Life figures for abortions in this state for 2018 was:

1740 abortions, 40% - repeat abortions, 45% - African American women, 52% - surgical,
47.8 - abortion pill, 15% - out of state, and majority of abortions at 9-10 weeks for women between
ages of 20-24.

The unborn baby must be protected. Nearly **1 million lives** are taken each year by abortions.

*And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold,
you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and shall call his name Jesus.” (Luke1:30-31)*

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Gospel of *Life* | RESPECT
LIFE
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