

September 16, 2018

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In the second part of the Book of Isaiah the prophet, there are four passages that made no sense to the Jews. They speak of God accomplishing His plan of salvation by the sufferings of His servant. How could God win by apparently losing?

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus asking the disciples what are people saying about Him. When Peter says "You are the Christ" he was saying "You are the one we are waiting for- the Messiah!" But Jesus knew what Peter was thinking. Like most Jews he expected the Messiah would be a victorious political or military leader. Jesus immediately tried to help Peter understand the Messiah would have to suffer. He would fulfill the four Songs of the Suffering Servant in the Book of Isaiah. Not only would Jesus suffer. He calls all who follow Him to take up our cross and follow Him.

ST. HELENA'S ANNUAL PARISH
PICNIC



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.

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of 9/2 was \$7,639.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,632.50 for a total of \$9,271.50

Thank you!

St. Helena's Parish Expenses

During August we paid a total of \$53,037.71 in bills. Here are a few examples:
\$1,307 to repair water meters in the church and rectory.

\$1803.68 to repair rooftop fans on our church air conditioning system.

\$18,250 for our quarterly payment of our diocesan assessment

\$4,895 for healthcare coverage of our lay employees for the month of July.

\$2,270 for four visiting clergy to celebrate Masses at the parish.

DIOCESE 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Our Diocese is celebrating this year the 150th anniversary of our establishment by Blessed Pope Pius IX on Saturday, Nov 3, in Ocean City, Md. To celebrate this event each parish is expected to send a delegation of 25 persons. If you would be able to participate, please call the rectory. There will be presentations and seminars held beginning at 9:15am and concluding with the Bishop leading the celebration of Mass at 5pm.

Announcing the First Annual St. Helena's Food Truck Festival.

Saturday, October 6th, 11-3pm

Come on out and celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi and grab some lunch at the same time. This festival will take place on our beautiful green space located behind the church. Multiple food trucks will be serving delicious edibles representing various cultures. Pets are welcome, as Monsignor Russell will begin the festival with a special blessing of the animals at 11am sharp in the center of the field. Bring the whole family to this wonderful community event. \$5.00 per adult/\$15 per whole family!!

Those interested in helping out are urged to contact the rectory office for more information. Volunteers are welcome!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 15

5:00pm (SR) Patricia De Cusatis

Sunday, September 16

7:00 am (SR) Special Intention (Living)

9:00 am (WK) The People of the Parish

11:00 am (SR) Mary Van Veen

Monday, September 17

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (SR) Catherine Dalto

Tuesday, September 18

7:00am (SR)

9:00am (WK) Judith Roberts

Wednesday, September 19

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (SR) Teresa Ann Wiley

Thursday, September 20

7:00am (SR)

9:00am (WK) Barbara J. Cann

Friday, September 21

7:00am (Cap)

9:00am (SR) John Roe

Saturday, September 22

9:00am (SR)

5:00pm (SR) Joseph Luzzo (7th Anniversary)

Sunday, September 23

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

9:00 am (WK) Gerald Moyer

11:00 am (SR) Steve Fedena

BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

Doors open at 5:30pm

Games begin at 7:00pm

Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our members and guests now meet in Masci Hall, using the left entrance down the steps. Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm to 9pm. Please call Dolly at 302-764-3465 or Carmela at 302-762-9057 for information or questions.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 16

Second Collection: Social Ministry

7:00pm Youth Group-REO

Monday, September 17

Produce Day -DH

6:00pm Youth Choir-C

6:30pm Religious Ed Class-S

6:30pm Script Study-REO

7:00pm YAH Mtg-MH

Tuesday, September 18

7:00pm Parish Council Mtg-R

Wednesday, September 19

7:00pm Bazaar Comm. Mtg -MH

Thursday, September 20

5:30 pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30 pm Adult Choir-C

YOUNG AT HEART

YAH members and parishioners and guests are invited to come to our first general meeting on Mon. evening, Sept. 17, 7pm in Masci Hall. Our lively group will discuss upcoming events followed by fellowship and refreshments. Dues are \$18.00. New members welcomed!

Subject: Pumpkin and Mum sale

St. Thomas the Apostle Columbiettes

Pumpkin & Mum Sale

Saturday, October 6th 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Sunday, October 7th 7:30 AM - Noon

Pumpkin Patch Outside Family Center

St. Joseph on the Brandywine Church

Old Church Rd., Greenville, DE

Get your Fall Pumpkins & Mums at GREAT PRICES while supporting the Columbiettes.

Contact: Margaret

Wallace mmwallace1017@gmail.com



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, Chris Molitor, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Items for collection for **Syrian refugees at Silverside Church:**

Items needed: bedding, school supplies, educational toys, easy to read books, new socks and underwear, heavy duty shoes, first aid supplies, sewing machines and sewing supplies.

Please leave items inside the front door of the church.

Monday-Friday from 8:30-3:30pm, September 17-23.

Sundays from 9:00am-12:00pm, September 16 and 23.

For information please call Parish Social Ministry Office at 302-764-0325 x104. Thank you for your kindness and compassion for the Syrian refugees.



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

Upcoming Events at Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center

Presentation: What is Spiritual Direction? Tuesday, September 18 7:00pm-8:00pm or Wednesday, September 19, 10:00am-11am.

Have you heard of Spiritual Direction but wondered what it is? Come to Jesus House and learn about this ancient ministry of the Christian community Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808. 302-995-6554. Visit our website jesushousecenter.org. or call our office for more info or to register.

Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles: Six week session starting Tuesday, September 25, 2018.

Morning and Evening sessions. If you've ever wondered what Acts is really about, how the Early Church relates to our Church today or about your role in the Kingdom of God, then join us for Part 1, Acts Chapter 1-5. This is a video presentation by Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer led by Deacon Dennis Wuebbels. Jesus House Prayer and Renewal Center 2501 Milltown Rd, Wilmington, DE 19808. 302-995-6554. Visit our website jesushousecenter.org. or call our office for more info or to register

2018 Share in the Spirit Tuition Assistance Collection

Next week's second collection will support the diocesan tuition assistance program. Parishioners throughout the diocese will be asked to help make the dream of Catholic education a reality for struggling Catholic families. To learn more about the *Share in the Spirit* collection, please consult this week's edition of *The Dialog* or the diocesan website at www.cdown.org/giving/development-share-in-the-spirit.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be November 2-4, 2018 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information, visit our website at www.wvme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

BISHOP'S 5K WILL BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES OUTREACH

Please join Catholic Charities for the 3rd Bishop's 5K Run/Walk from 9 am to 11 am on Saturday, November 10, 2018, at Glasgow Regional Park, 2275 Pulaski Highway, Newark, DE 19702. The totally adaptive Run/Walk will step off at 10 am. Pre-register for the event by visiting Bishops5K.com. Registration is \$20 plus an event fee of \$2.50. Day of registration will be \$25 plus event fee. All registered runners/walkers will receive a t-shirt, and be in the running for prizes. All proceeds will benefit Catholic Charities outreach efforts. Call Catholic Charities at 302-655-9624 with any questions about the Bishop's 5K.

Father Richard Jasper will present a four-part series: The Mass, on Mondays, September 17, 24, October 1, and October 15 at 6:30 pm in St. Ann's Church, Wilmington. You do not need to register, and you can attend one or all of the programs.

1. What is the Mass? Why do we celebrate Mass?
2. Parts of the Mass: Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word.
3. Liturgy of the Eucharist explored
4. Living the Mass in the world

St. Francis Hospital- Volunteers Wanted

You are invited! The Junior Board of St. Francis Hospital is hosting a "Meet and Greet" on September 25 for interested new members. Please come to the hospital lobby (Clayton Street) at 11 a.m. for a presentation and luncheon to follow. Parking is available in the hospital garage. We are looking for new members to support the hospital's mission and its patients through fundraising and by working as volunteers in the Gift Shop and patient service areas. Established in 1924, the Junior Board has a long and honored tradition of service that has helped make possible the purchase of hospital equipment and furnishings. RSVP to Vice President Regina Abbott at (302) 463-5211.

Leidy's Lancer Dash 5K Run/Walk

Join us on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at 5pm for a twilight run through the scenic communities of Arden and Ardentown. All levels of runners and walkers are welcome to join us with the course starting and ending on our Saint Edmond's campus. Sponsorship opportunities are available with all proceeds from our event benefiting the George Leidy Fund, supporting athletic initiatives at Saint Edmond's Academy. For more information: <https://www.stedmondsacademy.org/lancer-dash-5k>

MARRIAGE MOMENTS by Susan Vogt

Research studies show that men who kiss their wives before leaving in the morning live 5 years longer than those who don't. Although I haven't done the research, I suppose this works in the reverse too (wives kissing their husbands before leaving).

PARENTING POINTERS by Susan Vogt

School is in full swing for most families. Even if your child is too young for school remember this maxim: It's not what the teacher says, but what the student hears, that matters. This applies to parents and children too.