

September 23, 2018
25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus knew what His disciples were talking about as they walked along. When He asked the disciples they were too embarrassed to tell Him. They were discussing who among them was “the greatest.” They were talking and thinking in very human ways. Jesus made it clear this was not the way God sees things. “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Jesus came to serve, not to be served. His followers also seek to serve not to be served.

**ST. HELENA’S ANNUAL PARISH
PICNIC TODAY**

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 9/9 was \$5,811.00 and the on-line collection was \$2,793.50 for a total of \$8,604.50.

Thank you!

CATECHIST/AIDE needed for THIRD GRADE Religious Education.

Ms Arianna needs time off while she pursues her Master’s Degree. An UNBELIEVABLE lesson plan is in place for the next teacher. No experience needed – just a love of CHILDREN and your FAITH. Please email Ms Hummy if you are interested at

hpennell@sainthelenas.org or call 762-4280. God will reward you 100 fold!

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.

DIOCESAN MERIT AWARD 2018

Today the Diocesan Medal of Merit award will be presented by Bishop Malooly in St. Joseph’s Church in Middletown. St. Helena’s recipients this year are **Kathryn and John Randy Quinn**. We thank them for their dedicated service to our parish. Over the years the following parishioners have received this award: *Sue & Doug Garrett, Bob Conte, John Schultz, Mike & Mary Friel, Ellen Fitzgerald, Ruth & Joe Bower, Phyllis Robinson, Walter Smigel, Larry Gladnick, James McFadden, Mary DeCostanza, Joan McLaughlin, Maurice Kelly, Kathleen DiCamilla, and Tony Cutrona*

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

**Ahah Webb, Transitional Counselor
Child Inc.-Domestic Violence Program**

Tuesday, October 2, 6:30pm @ St. Helena’s Masci Hall. For more information call PSM office 302-764-0325 ext.104

- Learn about Domestic Violence
- What it is and the types of Domestic Violence
- The Cycle of Abuse and the Power and Control of Domestic Violence
- How to keep yourself safe
- Community Resources available

Please Note: The St. Helena’s Food Truck Festival for October 6th, 11-3pm has been cancelled due to food trucks having prior commitments.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 22

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

Monday, September 24

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (SR) Joan Callaghan

Tuesday, September 25

7:00am (SR) Deceased Members of Russell
and Sullivan Family

9:00am (WK)

Wednesday, September 26

No 7:00 am Mass

9:00am (SR) Baby Catherine Deeney

Thursday, September 27

7:00am (SR)

9:00am (WK) Donald Sedivec

Friday, September 28

7:00am (Cap)

9:00am (SR) Patrick Deely

Saturday, September 29

9:00am (SR) Frederick J. Konitzer

5:00pm (SR) John Muldowney and
Jackie Muldowney

Sunday, September 30

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

9:00 am (WK) Gerald Moyer

11:00 am (SR) Mary Fiorentino

BINGO

Every Thursday Evening
In Masci Hall

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

Cookie Jar, Door Prizes, Food!



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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 23

Second Collection: Sharing the Spirit

12-3pm St. Helena's Parish Picnic

Monday, September 24

6:00pm Youth Choir-C

6:30pm Religious Ed Class-S

6:30pm Script Study-REO

7:00pm YAH Crafts-CV

Wednesday, September 26

7:00pm Prayer Shawl-CV

Thursday, September 20

5:30 pm Bingo-Masci Hall

7:30 pm Adult Choir-C

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

CONFIRMATION MEETING FOR NEW 8TH GRADERS.....

Information Night for our NEW eighth graders and a parent will be on WED, SEPTEMBER 26, AT 7PM. We will be meeting in the upstairs 7th and 8th grade classroom. If you have an 8th grader who is attending a Catholic School OR a Public School student who is enrolled in Religious Education on Monday nights, please attend this meeting. Any questions please email Ms Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our SECOND YOUTH GROUP "TRUNK or TREAT" which will take place on Sunday, October 28. RAIN or SHINE - festivities begin in Masci Hall. Prize awarded for the "best TRUNK"! More information to follow.....

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

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>

**Catholic Diocese of Wilmington
Annual Marian Pilgrimage**



Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace
Holy Spirit Parish, New Castle, DE
October 6, 2018 9 am Mass, 2 Panel discussions, Lunch, (bring bag lunch)
Concert of Marian chants, Living Rosary, Adoration, Mass at 4pm, 5Pm Litany of Loreto, blessing, and dismissal

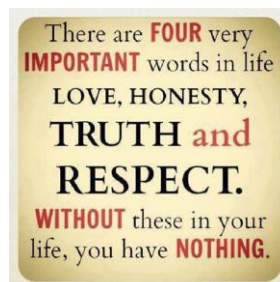
2018 Share in the Spirit Tuition Assistance Collection

Today's second collection is taken in support of the diocesan tuition assistance program. Monies raised through this collection coupled with the diocese's tuition assistance endowment provides financial assistance to hundreds of deserving families who seek a Catholic education for their children but who cannot afford the full cost of tuition. If you are not prepared to contribute today, you may drop your contribution off at the parish office or place it in the next week's collection basket. For further information visit the diocesan website at www.cdown.org/sharespirit.html.

Due to **Convocation 150** at the Ocean City Convention Center, there will be no Diocese of Wilmington 150th Anniversary Historic Church Tours on Saturday, November 3, 2018. Tours of most historic churches will resume on Saturday, December 1, 2018. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. For details, visit www.cdown.org/150th

RESPECT FOR LIFE

On Wed., Sep. 26th at 8 AM, Bishop Malooly will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral (at 500 N. West St.) to launch the 8th annual 40 Days for Life Campaign. Following the Mass all are invited to participate in our kickoff event. Come hear Fr. Brian Lewis, Pastor Joyce Cofield, and Deacon Bob Cousar speak on the importance of standing for life beginning at 9 AM in front of Planned Parenthood at 625 N. Shipley St. in downtown Wilmington. Please join us as we undertake yet another 40 day vigil for the cause of the unborn!



**ST. HELENA PARISH
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR LAST FISCAL YEAR - 2018
AND THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR - 2019**

	ACTUAL FY 2018	BUDGET FY 2019
<u>OPERATING RESULTS</u>		
<u>OPERATING INCOME:</u>		
1 Offertory Collections - Sundays, Holy Days, Christmas and Easter	\$ 422,812	\$ 421,422
2 Special Collections - Building & Maintenance	23,862	22,000
3 Stipends; Non-restricted Memorials and Bequests	40,898	34,527
4 Income from Candles, Flowers, Etc., less related expenses	17,688	17,924
5 Income from Parish Fundraising Activities, less related expenses (Note 1)	190,413	146,763
Total Church Operating Income	\$ 695,673	\$ 642,636
6 School, Modular Building and Hall Income	\$ 85,718	\$ 81,783
7 Religious Education Income (Note 2)	7,485	6,600
8 Outreach/Social Ministry Income (Note 2)	32,405	30,200
9 Income from St. Helena's Early Learning Center, less related expenses (Note 3)	13,266	-
10 Convent Income (Note 4)	456	-
Total Parish Operating Income	\$ 835,003	\$ 761,219
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES:</u>		
11 Clergy and Rectory Expenses	\$ 110,696	\$ 111,211
12 Parish Administrative Expenses	119,462	113,314
13 Church and Dougherty Hall	138,410	154,037
14 Liturgy Expenses (Supplies, Musicians, etc.)	49,126	48,941
15 Parish Insurance and Payroll Taxes	101,361	101,002
16 Diocesan Assessment	73,000	73,000
Total Church Operating Expenses	\$ 592,055	\$ 601,505
17 School & Modular Building Expenses	\$ 69,601	\$ 59,366
18 Religious Education Expense (Note 2)	67,405	72,713
19 Outreach/Social Ministry Expense (Note 2)	63,961	62,327
20 Convent Expenses (Note 4)	24,658	27,924
Total Parish Operating Expenses	\$ 817,680	\$ 823,835
21 Capital Expenses	27,750	-
Net Income /(Deficit)	\$ (10,427)	\$ (62,616)

Note 1: The reason for the FY19 budget decrease in Fundraising results is that we are always very cautious in predicting what income we can expect from the Carnival, etc., because of the possible negative impact of bad weather. This past year's Carnival was a record setting event.

Note 2: In fiscal year 2018, the Parish provided funding for Religious Education and the Outreach/Social Ministry Program as follows:

Outreach/Social Ministry	\$ 32,127
Religious Education	\$ 66,113

Note 3: The ELC had provided a substantial income stream for many years. We will be very dependent on our Offertory in the coming years as we adjust to a reduced cash flow.

Note 4: The Sisters of St. Joseph vacated our Convent on June 30, 2016. However, we continue to incur costs due to maintenance and repairs of an aging building.

Note 5: The Parish fiscal year begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th.