

**April 14, 2024**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**



As we continue to rejoice in the Easter mystery, we hear of Jesus' appearance to His apostles. They are described as "startled and terrified", "still incredulous for joy" and "amazed" and "troubled". But Jesus said "Touch me and see because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have". And He ate in front of them. The evidence was great for them to believe. Jesus then explained that it had been written in scripture that the Christ- Messiah- had to suffer and rise from the dead. The Apostles- and we- are "witnesses of the Risen Lord."



*Is there someone you know:* in your family, a neighbor or friend, whom you can encourage to come home? Someone may be waiting for the invitation to come and find peace. The Lord needs **YOU** to extend the invitation.

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**LOST & FOUND**

A small cloth change purse with a picture of a bird on it was found in the church on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. It is being kept in the receptionists' office - anyone claiming it can call **302 764-0325 Ext. 100**.

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

On the third Sunday of May each year, we hold elections for our Parish Council.

On April 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, we will ask you to **nominate candidates for the election.**

A Candidate must be 18 years of age and a member of our parish. Three candidates are elected for a three-year term. The purpose of the Council is to advise the Pastor on decisions and stimulate and coordinate parish activities.

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**ST. HELENA'S OPEN PRAYER**

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**  
**April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> | 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

Options - rosary, quiet prayer, music ministry, and more.

Uncomfortable about coming? Come anyway - ask for Laura when you arrive.

Enter through church door marked with a yard sign.

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**CORPORATE MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM**

Many employers sponsor Matching Gift programs and will match charitable contributions made by their employees. Some companies also match charitable gifts made by retirees and/or spouses. If your company has a Matching Gift program, please request the URL or QR code to link to their Matching Gift page. Follow the instructions to complete and submit the information. If you have questions, please contact your Company's HR Department or call the Rectory at **302-764-0325 x100**. Matching Gift funds directly support our Parish. Please get started by contacting your Company's HR Department.

## WEEKLY INTENTION

### Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm (SR) Samuel & Marie Emmi

### Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am (SR) Joseph Ennis

9:00 am (RB) People of the Parish

11:00 am (SP) Joan McLaughlin

### Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Kelly Crawford

### Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Renee Muscolino

### Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Frances & John Danchak

### Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Eric Lowe

### Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Michael Mazzoni

### Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Lisa Waterfield

Anniversary

5:00 pm (SR) People of the Parish

### Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

7:00 am (SR) Harry & Jenny Brake

9:00 am (SP) Bernadette Gallagher

11:00 am (SR) Kellie Crawford

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am-12:45 pm Breakfast Buffet (Masci Hall)

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

12:30 pm Baptisms (Church)

### Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)

6:30 pm Religious Ed (School)

6:30 pm Scripture Study (Religious Ed Office)

7:00 pm Young-At-Heart Meeting (Masci Hall)

### Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am Staff Meeting (Rectory)

6:30-7:30 pm Open Prayer (Church)

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting (Masci Hall)

7:00 pm Young-At-Heart Crafters (Convent)

### Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

After 9:00 am Mass - Stay to Pray the Rosary

### Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

6:30-7:30 pm Open Prayer (Church)

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

### Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

After 9:00 am Mass - Pray the Miraculous  
Medal Novena

### Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

11:00 am Youth Mass (Church)

12:15 pm First Eucharist Meeting (Masci Hall)

Parish Council Nominations

Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Youth Group** meets tonight, Sunday, at 7:00 pm in the Religious Education Office.

**Religious Education Parents:** We will be celebrating a closing Mass on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am. WE would like ALL families to participate at this Youth Mass. Our current 8<sup>th</sup> graders who are aging out of Religious Ed will be Lectors, Collection takers, Bringing up Gifts, Servers etc. and would love your support. **Our final class listed as Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is cancelled and replaced with our closing Mass.**

**First Eucharist** children will have their last CHILD ONLY meeting next Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:15 pm in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom.

### *Please Pray for Our Sick Parishioners*

Dolly Albanese, Ruth Bower, Geri Crockett, Julia Davis, Toni Di Lezio, Sr., Susan Denis, Carly Fedena, Jim Fedena Sr., Paul Farren, Sr., Mary Gabel, Regina Gemignani, Michael Giberson, Patti Grimes, Felicia Hallahan, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Charlie Lafferty, Leila Lahan, Thomas Leo, Joseph Lichota, Aliyah Miller, Sara Murphy, Alex Newton, Dave Pacitti, Jane Parsons, Fr. Roy Pollard, Bridget Robinson, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schauber, Irma & Wally Schock, Eva Smith, Frank Sullivan, Janet Szubieolski, Mary Tabler, Catherine Thomson, Rose Marie Turcol, Catalina Weddle, Vaughn Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Kathy Hope, Denise Lopes, Donna Dougherty, Gerri Fedena, Joseph Coen, Mary Smith, Peter Lauer, Robert Pagenkemper, Evelyn Deeney, Chuck Williams, Eve Archangelo, Kay Volk, Gay Meriggi, Pamela Grow, Danielle Glasow, Walter Thomas, Abigail Cushing, Francis Salvatore, Susan Watkins, John Fitzpatrick & our friends at the Kutz Home.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of March 24, 2024 was \$5,493.00 and the online collection was \$1,987.00 for a total of \$7,480.00.

**Thank you!**

### YOUNG-AT-HEART APRIL MEETING

Hello Everyone and Happy Spring! The Young-at-Heart Social Group's April meeting will be tomorrow, Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> in Masci Hall. The doors will open at 6:30 pm. and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. The entertainment will be Bingo and there will be light refreshments after the meeting. Come join the fun!

### BINGO HELP NEEDED

Ms. Hummy is wondering if any parishioners would like to wrap Ball Games tickets in packs of 5 at home. Ms. Hummy will drop off the boxes and rubber bands. With only 2 people selling tickets this would help immensely in getting the tickets out quicker to the players. Thursday night bingo is a very lucrative funding source for our Parish. Just email Ms. Hummy at [hpennell@sainthelenas.org](mailto:hpennell@sainthelenas.org) if you would like to help! Thanking you ALL in advance for your kindness.

### ST. THOMAS MORE SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

The St. Thomas More Society Annual Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the Wilmington Country Club. Honorees for this year's Dinner are Judges Thomas L. Ambro and Kent A. Jordan of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Tickets to the Dinner may be purchased at [stms-wilmington.org](http://stms-wilmington.org).

### YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE: A MUSICAL OFFERING OF HOPE & HEALING

Join St. Helena's Music Ministry for "You'll Never Walk Alone: A Musical Offering of Hope and Healing" on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 7:30 pm. Together with the choirs of Ursuline, Padua, and Salesianum and a professional orchestra, we celebrate Mary, our mother, and true beacon of light in challenging times. During this event, we will come together as a larger community to especially support those in need of comfort and support. Mary is our ultimate role model and we celebrate her example of faith in this moving tribute to lift us all up in difficult times. To have the name or picture of a deceased loved one included in this no-cost event, complete the form linked to this QR code. If you have questions, email Laura at [hullinger@mac.com](mailto:hullinger@mac.com).



### 11TH ANNUAL SZCZERBA 5K

WALK, RUN, SUPPORT!



HONORING THE LIFE OF LT. JOSEPH  
SZCZERBA '85 AND SUPPORTING THE  
SCHOLARSHIP IN HIS NAME AT SALESIANUM.

25 APRIL  
2024

5:30 PM  
ABESSINIO  
STADIUM  
WILMINGTON, DE

REGISTER HERE!





Looking for something fun to do and for a good cause?

Please join St. Helena's for our first

# DESIGNER BAG BINGO

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Doors open at 1:00 pm | Bingo starts at 2:00 pm

\$35 presale | \$40 at the door

Located in St. Helena's Masci Hall

For tickets, contact Hummy at 302-598-1011

or Stefanie at 610-357-4885



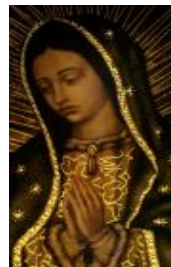
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FOOD FOR PURCHASE

All proceeds benefit our Social Ministry Outreach

No one under 18 will be admitted

## FR. CHRIS ALAR TO HOST RETREAT AT MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE



Malvern Retreat House is pleased to announce a Co-Ed Retreat Honoring Our Blessed Mother hosted by Retreat Director Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, on May 10 to May 12, 2024. Fr. Alar is a celebrated author, host of the EWTN show "Living Divine Mercy," and author / producer of the YouTube series "Explaining the Faith." Catholic Evangelist, Mary Bea Damico, will speak about Blessed Carlo Acutis. Music will include Anna Nuzzo, acclaimed International Catholic Singer. Space is limited for this Co-Ed Retreat. Sign up at [www.malvernretreat.com/events/fr-chris-alar-marian-retreat-2024/](http://www.malvernretreat.com/events/fr-chris-alar-marian-retreat-2024/)