

**April 21, 2024**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



Each year on the **fourth Sunday of Easter** we celebrate the Risen Lord in the image of the Good Shepherd. The ancient world knew the difference between good and bad shepherds. Bad shepherds worked for pay and did not really care about the sheep. But a good shepherd knew each of the sheep entrusted to his care. He was even willing to sleep out in the fields with the sheep to protect them. Jesus says, as a Good Shepherd, He knows us and cares for us and even was willing to lay down His life for the sheep. He continues all through the centuries to care for the sheep: the Latin word “pastor” means a “shepherd”!

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

***Nominate this weekend!***

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

This weekend, 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.

**FAITH AND CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL:**  
**“ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT IN CHRIST”**  
**COMMITMENT WEEKEND**



Join us in the spirit of unity and love as we launch our Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal under the theme 'One Body, One Spirit in Christ.' Inspired by the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we are reminded that we are all part of one flock. Our Appeal is an opportunity to strengthen the bonds of our community and deepen our relationship with Christ. This Appeal is not just a call for financial support; it is an invitation to actively participate in the shared journey of faith. Each contribution, big or small, is a meaningful step towards building a more connected and vibrant community. As we come together in generosity, let us embody the essence of being one body and one spirit in Christ. Help our parish to show a good level of active participation. We are all invited to follow the Good Shepherd's example and support one another on this sacred journey. One Body, One Spirit in Christ. An invitation to participate as a community in the 2024 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Please respond by pledging a sacrificial gift to this important campaign. To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org); click “Giving” then “Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal,” or simply scan this QR code with your cell phone.

Our goal is \$67,933.00. So far \$23,628.39 has been given. We are at 34.78% of our goal, with \$44,304.61 to go. Thank you for your generosity!



## WEEKLY INTENTION

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

5:00 pm (SR) People of the Parish

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

7:00 am (SR) Harry & Jennie Brake

9:00 am (SP) Bernadette Gallagher

11:00 am (SR) Kelly Crawford

### Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 am (SR) The Holy Spirit  
to Guide our Church

### Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Inez L. Knight Lapp

### Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Samuel & Marie Emmi

### Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Richard Dorsey

### Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) George & Artie Blevins

### Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Mary Ann Vari

5:00 pm (SR) Isabelle & John Krupa

### Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am (SP) Catherine Wood

9:00 am (SR) People of the Parish

11:00 am (RB) Kelly Crawford

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Social Ministry**

11:00 am Youth Mass (Church)

12:15 pm First Eucharist Meeting (Masci Hall)

Parish Council Nominations

Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend

### Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 am EDR Casserole Drop-Off

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)

### Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

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

### Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, April 25<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 27<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am Youth Mass (Church)

12:30 pm Baptisms (Church)

1:00-6:00 pm Designer Bag Bingo (Masci Hall)

2:00 pm Rosary Rally (Grounds)

### *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, Susan Watkins, John Fitzpatrick, Dorothy Medeiros, & our friends at the Kutz Home.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



*Ms. Hummy Pennell:*

[hpennell@sainthelenas.org](mailto:hpennell@sainthelenas.org)

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

Our final class listed as tomorrow, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is cancelled and replaced with our closing Mass.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Offertory collection for the weekend of March 31, 2024 was \$8,158.00 and the online collection was \$1,797.00. The Easter collection was \$7,585.00 and the Easter online collection was \$200.00. A grand total of \$17,740.00.

**Thank you!**

### PRAYER/ROSARY RALLY FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR CHILDREN

*but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."*

*- Matthew 19:14*

Where: Saint Helena's Catholic Church

When: Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm

Please gather at the Blessed Mother Statue  
(outside)

Questions? Contact parishioner Stephanie at  
**302-559-1275**

### 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. Enter through church door marked with a yard sign. Ask for Laura when you arrive.

### 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.

### 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).



### 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.



## WHY NO CARNIVAL?

Last year we spent more than ever on security for our Carnival. Our security detail did a great job! But on the last night some young people from Wilmington climbed over the fence. They were out immediately but ran up Philadelphia Pike. We understand Wawa was urged to close, but they did not. These young people trashed WaWa even throwing bottles and cans at cars passing by.

When our Committee reviewed everything, all were disturbed by these incidents. Many felt we came very close to having a major incident at the Carnival grounds. The safety of the people attending and our neighbors is our primary concern. Most of the key people who have organized the Carnival felt they had to resign. We regret this was necessary because so many children, teens, and families have enjoyed the Carnival. We regret our society has become so violent. Pray for our Nation!

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



50/50 & RAFFLES

FOOD FOR PURCHASE

All proceeds benefit our Social Ministry Outreach

No one under 18 will be admitted