

April 28, 2024
5th Sunday of Easter



"I am the vine, you are the branches..." So Jesus speaks of our close identity with Him 5 times in today's Gospel we hear Jesus use the word "remain." "Remain in me, as I remain in you." Jesus, the Risen Lord, calls us in faith to be with Him - to share His life and the beginning of eternal life.

FAITH AND CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL:
"ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT IN CHRIST"
FOLLOW-UP WEEKEND



Embracing the gospel message, "I am the vine: you the branches - he that abide in me and I in him, the same bears much fruit. For without me you can do nothing. I am the way, and the truth and the life. No man cometh to the Father but by me." Let us come together as one Body and one Spirit in Christ for our Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Just as the branches bear much fruit when connected to the vine, our collective generosity will bring forth abundant blessings for our community. Your giving is not only a response to the call of Christ but a tangible expression of our interconnectedness. Let us unite in giving; knowing that without each other and without Christ, we can do nothing. Join the Appeal and be a vital part of the fruitful journey we share in faith and charity. Thank you to everyone who pledged to the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Your participation strengthens our community. If you have not yet participated, please consider doing so today. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of thousands of individuals and families who reside within our 12-county diocese. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and can be placed in the offertory basket. Thank you for your generosity and support. To learn more about the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, visit 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, we have received pledges of **\$29,013.00**. We are at **43%** of our goal with **\$38,920.00** to go. Pledge cards are available at all exits of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Participants in the 2024 Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal can expect to receive their first payment reminder on or about May 31st. Additional reminders will continue through December. **Please mail all payments in the self-addressed, return envelope provided with your mailing.** Do not submit payments to the parish office or through the Offertory collection.

WEEKLY INTENTION

Saturday, April 27th

5:00 pm (SR) Isabelle & John Krupa

Sunday, April 28th

7:00 am (SP) Catherine Wood

9:00 am (RB) People of the Parish

11:00 am (SR) Kelly Crawford

Monday, April 29th

9:00 am (SR) Dorothy Rich

Tuesday, April 30th

9:00 am (SR) Paul O. Knight

Wednesday, May 1st

9:00 am (SR) Joseph Kelleher

Thursday, May 2nd

9:00 am (SR) Frances & John Danchak

Friday, May 3rd - FIRST FRIDAY

9:00 am (SR) David Alford

Saturday, May 4th

9:00 am (SR) Battista Turcol

5:00 pm (SR) George Bader, Sr.

Sunday, May 5th

7:00 am (SR) Martha Blair

9:00 am (SR) John & Anna Fedena
& son, Joseph

11:00 am (RB) People of the Parish

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 28th

No 2nd Collection

12:30 pm Baptisms (Church)

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

2:00 pm Rosary Rally (Grounds)

Monday, April 29th

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)

Tuesday, April 30th

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

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

Wednesday, May 1st

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

Thursday, May 2nd

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Friday, May 3rd

9:30 am Adoration (Church)

Saturday, May 4th

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

Sunday, May 5th

2nd Collection – Maintenance & Repair

Food Collection – All Masses

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 Schaubert, 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, Walter Thomas, Abigail Cushing, Susan Watkins, John Fitzpatrick, Dorothy Medeiros, Juliann Congo, & our friends at the Kutz Home.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Thank you & God bless you!

Religious Education Classes have ended for the year. Thanks to all of our families for their support in continuing their child/children's faith formation. Registrations for the 2024/2025 year will go out in July. If you have a child attending a public or private school, you should have your child in a Religious Education program from 1st thru 8th grades. Please email Ms. Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org. You can also call 302-762-4280. Adult Scripture has also ended for the year.

Many thanks to all the parishioners who offered to wrap tickets for bingo games. You are all so wonderful for offering your time!!!!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The offertory collection for the weekend of April 7, 2024 was \$4,583.00 and the online collection was \$3,067.00 for a total of \$7,650.00.

Thank you!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW MAINTENANCE TEAM

Welcome

We are excited to introduce you to our new Maintenance team. Many of you already know Anthony Coco who heads up the team. He has been with us since late January and is doing an outstanding job getting up to speed on all the issues with operating a property this size (he also volunteers as a caller for Bingo, something Hummy is very thankful for). Patrick Lomascolo started in March and has been a great help as well. If you get the opportunity, please say hello, and give them both a very warm welcome.

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.



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 28th at 2:00 pm

Please gather at the Blessed Mother Statue
(outside)

Questions? Contact parishioner Stephanie at
302-559-1275

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.

MARCH PARISH EXPENSES

In March our parish paid 64 bills totaling \$80,616.04, including:

Repair work in Rectory basement	\$1,400.00
Repair of leaking steam pipe in school building	\$3,637.00
Removal of asbestos found in Dougherty Hall	\$7,350.00
Repair of interior church doors	\$1,620.00
Delmarva Power	\$7,508.02
Diocese Clergy 'head tax'	\$4,971.00
1st Quarter Diocesan Assessment	\$20,750.00
Deposit to replace the roof on the storage building	\$5,271.94
Contract payment on copier	\$6,000.00

In addition the parish paid \$28,185.65 for payroll.

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

Please join St. Helena's for our first

DESIGNER BAG BINGO

TODAY! 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