

Aug 9, 2020

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time



The prophet Elijah experienced the presence of God-- not in a great wind or earthquake or fire but in a "tiny whispering sound."

But in today's Gospel the disciples of Jesus are seen trying to cross the lake in a boat but they encounter strong winds and waves that terrified them. In the midst of the storm, they see Jesus walking on the water. Peter asks Jesus to let him walk on the water. Peter does but begins to sink. Jesus asked him "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind died down. Jesus is with us too in the quiet moments and in the stormy moments of life. We too need to have strong faith in Jesus, the Son of God and our Savior.

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into the glory of heaven. Since this year Aug 15th falls on a Saturday, it is not a holy day of obligation. However, we will have a Noon Mass in addition to the 9am Mass.

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE
<https://www.sainthelenas.org>

Coronavirus News Important Update!

Friday Reflections with Msgr. Russell

Friday Reflections is a weekly check-in video with Msgr. Russell. Please visit our YouTube Channel to watch this week's video, and be sure to SUBSCRIBE to our channel. You can even arrange for YouTube to let you know every time we add a new video!

Reminder! We'll be broadcasting Mass on YouTube afterward for you to watch.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Letters have been mailed this week to all families currently enrolled in our Religious Education Program. Please email Ms Hummy your intentions for returning to classes in September. We are trying to strategize on what to expect when classes resume and need your commitment. Keeping you all in my prayers for good health and a return to normalcy!

AIDES needed for Religious Education Program which will be starting in September. Our program meets on Monday nights from 6:30p to 7:45p. If you have an hour to share along with your faith, please email Ms Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org. No experience needed - just a love of children!

Parish Social Ministry

Blessings upon Saint Helena's parishioners for their ongoing support of Saint Helena's Parish Social Ministry.

During these challenging times, office volunteers and staff are meeting the needs of families in the parish and community. The office is has been open to receive requests.

Emmanuel Dining Room update: On June 22, 2020, volunteers prepared 25 casseroles for the dining room. If you are interested in being a volunteer to prepare a casserole, please call Cynthia Whisker at 302-764-0325.

Please Pray For Our Sick Parishioners

Ruth Bower, Jayne Davenport, Bob Davis, Julia Davis, Gerri Episcopo, Sara Garrison, Sarah Hess, Ella Kirksey, Fr. Roy Pollard, Terri Reed, Dorothy Rich, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schaubert, Irma Shock, Caitlin Soper, Frank Sullivan, Catherine Thomson, James Whisker, Ann Wilson, Cindy Zych, Anita Tyrawski, Mary Gabel, Alline Da Grossa, Toni Di Lezio, Sister Dorothy Prettyman, Janet Szubieolski, Catalina Weddle, Ray Altamuro, Marie Spinden, Jane Parsons, Francis Medeiros, Friends at the Kutz Home Nicolas Childs, Alfred Palmer, Bridget Robinson, Fr. Charles Dillingham, Tony Cutrona, Sande Richardson, Geri Crockett, Antoinette Medeiros, Patti Grimes, Jim Fedena, Sr, Carly Fedena

PLEASE NOTE

Those helping with the reopening of our Church will be entering Church by the priest's sacristy entrance beforehand. Please maintain 6 ft. distance from non-family members while waiting. When you enter there will be a parishioner standing at a table inviting you to use the hand sanitizer on the table and take a copy of instructions.

All MUST WEAR A MASK except children under 13. If you do not have a mask, you can receive one from the person who greets you. Thank you to the parishioners who are helping us to reopen our church for our celebration of Mass.

Because we need to follow procedures to help maintain a safe situation for all:

- No one can enter the Church if you are sick or have been exposed to someone with the virus within the last 14 days. Or if you will not wear a mask.
- Every other pew will be roped off to help social distancing.

For daily Mass at 7am (Tues, Thurs and Fri) or 9am. Please enter church by the side doors near the altar area. The Church will remain open for private prayer after the 9am daily Mass until 10:00am.

If you need to come to the Rectory we ask that you please call 302-764-0325 THANK YOU!

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, August 9

The 2nd Collection: Parish Social Ministry

7:00pm Youth Group-Religious Ed Office

Saturday, August 15

Feast of Assumption of Mary

Masses 9am, Noon

Sunday, August 16

The 2nd Collection: Cathedral of St. Peter

12:30pm Baptism-Church

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 8

5pm (EF) Paul O. Knight

Sunday, August 9

7:00am (SR) Helen Chlada

9:00am (ER) People of the Parish

11:00am(SR) Timothy Castiglione

Monday, August 10

5:00pm (SR) Marcella Jacobs

Tuesday, August 11

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (SR) Michael Dalto (Living)

Wednesday, August 12

9:00am (SR) Dominic F. Roggero
(56th Anniversary)

Thursday, August 13

7:00am (SR) Stanley J. Russell, Sr.

9:00am (EF) Special Living Intention for Carly

Friday, August 14

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (SR) John & Ruth Fedena

Saturday, August 15 Assumption of Mary

9:00am (EF) Jim Fedena, Sr. (Living)

12:00pm (SR) Living Prayer of Thanksgiving

5:00pm (SR) Helen Santora

Sunday, August 16

7:00am (EF)

9:00am (SR) Joseph Bower

11:00am(SR) People of the Parish



The Offertory Collections for the weekend 7/26 was \$3,192.00 and the on-line collection was \$1,872.00 for a total of \$5,064.00. Thank you.

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal - Seeing Christ in the Faces of Others

To date, \$50,969 has been received representing 80.90% of our parish's \$63,000 goal. THANK YOU! If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal, go to www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal. **Your generosity is deeply appreciated.**

PLEASE HELP OUR CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER in Wilmington by your generous donation during the special collection being taken in all Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore **the weekend August 15/16**. Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, Bishop Malooly has been live-streaming weekend Masses from our Cathedral. You can view the Masses at [YouTube.com/DioceseOfWilm](https://www.youtube.com/DioceseOfWilm). Your financial support will help us upgrade our live-streaming equipment and keep the effort going strong. If you would like to give a one-time or ongoing gift directly to the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Wilmington, please visit cathedralofstpeter.com.... We thank you for your support.

RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins **the weekend of August 14-16** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION,
Monday to Friday
9:30am to 4:00pm

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
4701Weldin Road
Wilmington, 19803.
All are welcome.

Beginning Friday, Aug. 14, The Dialog will once again be publishing and delivering to parishes its regular print edition. It's the first in-print version of the newspaper since mid-March as restrictions were put in place to limit the spread of coronavirus. As with other "reopen" efforts, we are taking a cautious approach to this restart. We had already been in the process of a circulation audit, asking parishes to provide a most accurate number of newspapers needed at your parish. We will be reducing the number of papers sent to you based on the audit and on what we know about the number of people who have returned to church in-person. Also, we are aware that parishes may not be able to hand out copies of the newspaper. We would ask only that you try to stack the newspapers in a prominent place near exits and alert churchgoers to their presence beginning the weekend of Aug. 15-16. Our online efforts at thediolog.org have proven very popular during this difficult time as our web traffic has increased three- and four-fold. We are grateful for the chance to help keep people informed over the web - and we will continue to do so. But we are also very happy to return to print. **Aug. 14 will be a keepsake edition.** It will include the graduation section that we typically publish with the newspaper in June. It will also include a "look back" at all the news and developments that occurred during the heaviest span of the coronavirus pandemic.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Time together!! Do you think that the lockdown has taught you some new things about your spouse? It is possible to get to know the person you married in an even more loving and compassionate way! Learn how on our next Marriage Encounter weekend which is November 6-8, 2020 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.

*Prayer to Mary Immaculate
Patroness of the United States*

Blessed Mother Mary, we turn to you in prayer for all the people in these United States. We again place ourselves in your care, in the gentle hands that cradled the Child Jesus.

We ask you to make us more alive in your faith, more generous in your love, more trusting in your hope. Teach us to imitate Jesus, as you did, and always to follow him with your courage.

Mother Mary, help us to become a people who hunger for justice and who burn with compassion for those who suffer in our midst. Make us a people who cherish and defend the dignity of every human person. Free us from all selfishness and self-interest, that we truly might be the builders of the Kingdom of God.

Immaculate Mary, help us to stand among the family of nations as a people of compassion, generosity, and peace. Make us a people of vision and courage, who will gift this world with new life, new hope, and the unity for which your Son died.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who turn with confidence to you today. Amen.

Mary, Patroness of The United States

