

AUGUST 25, 2024

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The noise you hear in the back of your heads, in your subconscious is meeting bells. Soon the parish committees will be getting together to begin planning for activities throughout the fall and into the new year. I am told that we have some committees or groups that dissolved after covid or were simply not restarted. Our "Lazarus" committee, the group of people that assist a family at the funeral masses, needs members, please call and get involved as our charity to others will be remember and God's grace shall assist us, and we help those in need of compassion, care, and prayers.

Continuing in that same train of thought, I want to form or re-form two committees. First, I would like to have an environmental committee. This group of people, men and women will be helping the church; by looking at our environment on the inside and determining what the church needs to enhance our liturgies. This will be accomplished by organizing and implementing seasonal and special liturgical celebrations - from planning, to set up and take down. We have a beautiful church; the environment committee will help us to build on what already exists.

The second committee that I want to form is a buildings and grounds committee. Again, men and women willing to look at each of our buildings and the campus itself and suggest and implement ideas that will reflect on the outside the greatness of what is happening on the inside. From clean-up, to getting job estimates, and everything in-between. This is not a committee that talks about ideas only, this committee will actively implement what has been planned. Again, we have a solid foundation, the focus for this group will be to make things happen. We will take pride in how our church looks, plan it, organize it and do it.

When we share the gifts, God has given each of us for the parish, his blessings are abundant. As we worship as one and glorify God as one let us also work together as one to illuminate our home.

As I bring this note to a close, I want to thank everyone that assisted during the St. Helena Novena. From setting up for adoration and benedictions, to assisting at the Eucharistic celebrations and social on Sunday night, the light of Christ enlightened everything. I want to thank in a special way, Amarylis Castellones, for allowing us to use her monstrance and providing the large host used in it. The novena was well attended, and I look forward to planning next year's novena. As we will again, celebrating the life, courage, and conviction of our patroness. May her light and intercession continue to grow our beloved church and be an example for each of us.

Fr. Hanley

Offertory Collection

The offertory collection for the weekend of **August 4, 2024** was \$5,056.00 and the online collection was \$2,222.00 for a total of \$7,278.00.

Thank You!

2025 Mass Book Opens for the month at noon.

8/26 - April 2025

9/3 - May 2025

9/9 - June 2025

9/16 - July 2025

9/23 - August 2025

9/30 - September 2025

10/7 - October 2025

11/4 - November 2025

12/2 - December 2025



Please be advised that Fr. Hanley will **NEVER** send an email or text requesting funds or gift cards, nor will any person on the staff. Please share this information with anyone that you feel may be vulnerable.

Weekly Intention

Saturday, August 24th

5:00 pm (CH) John T. Fedena
Anniversary

Sunday, August 25th - 21st SUNDAY/ORDINARY TIME

7:00 am (CH) William Spillan, Sr.
9:00 am (RW) William & Peggy Schmidt
11:00 am (CH) People of the Parish

Monday, August 26th

9:00 am (CH) Joaquim Gracias

Tuesday, August 27th

9:00 am (CH) Edwin Blevins

Wednesday, August 28th

9:00 am (SR) Patrick Coggins

Thursday, August 29th

9:00 am (SR) Mr. John Carrucci

Friday, August 30th

9:00 am (SR) Rose Picollelli

Saturday, August 31st

9:00 am (CH) Elwood Steele
5:00 pm (RB) People of the Parish

Sunday, September 1st - 22nd SUNDAY/ ORDINARY TIME

7:00 am (CH) Andrew & Jacinta Hollinger
Living Intention

9:00 am (CH) Albert Minuti, Sr.

11:00 am (CH) Dawn Bradley

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 25th - 21st SUNDAY/ORDINARY TIME

No 2nd Collection

Monday, August 26th

6:30 pm Weekly Walk (School Parking Lot)

Tuesday, August 27th

6:30-7:30 pm Open Prayer (Church)
St. Monica Teardrop Mass - 6:30 pm Rosary
7:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, August 28th

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

Thursday, August 29th

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)
6:30-7:30 pm Open Prayer (Church)

Saturday, August 31st

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

Sunday, September 1st - 22nd SUNDAY/
ORDINARY TIME
2nd Collection - Maintenance & Repair



Rectory Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am - noon

Please Pray for our Sick Parishioners



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, 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, Dorothy Medeiros, Juliann Congo, Catherine Williams, Janice Tigani, Staci McCoy, Carrie Spurlock, Dawn Williams, Tom Cassidy & our friends at the Kutz Home.



St. Helena's goal is \$67,933.00

Please consider a donation to help us reach this goal using the envelopes in the pews or by donating online at www.cdow.org. Thank you!

St. Helena's Annual Parish Picnic



**Sunday, September 22nd
12:00 Noon - 3:00 pm**

Come and join other parishioners as we take this opportunity to welcome Father Chris Hanley to St. Helena's. Enjoy picnic fare generously provided and cooked to perfection by the Knights of Columbus and other parish groups. Bounce House etc. for the kids. Dine inside or out under the tents. Please email Ms. Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org if you would like to help.

Look What's Coming...

Ms. Hummy's Children's Liturgy of the Word will be relocating to the cry room at the 11:00 am Mass beginning Sunday, October 6th through May 18th. This will allow us to create more space in the back sacristy and give our children a more inviting and safer environment to learn. This will also allow us to be compliant with Diocesan Safe guidelines. The cry room will be available for use at all other times. Thank you for your understanding.

Job Opportunity

The Little Sisters of the Poor in Delaware are hiring employees several full-time and part-time Certified Nursing Assistants and several open shifts for Licensed Practical Nurses to assist us in taking care of God's Elderly Poor. For more information on how your nursing skills can contribute to our Mission, please call Jerry Walker, Director of HR at 302-368-5886 or email at HRSnewark@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

Open Prayer

TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS

August 1st - 29th | 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.

St. Helena's Walking Club

A group will be walking each Monday evening at 6:30 pm this summer! **Join our growing group whenever you'd like!** All are welcome! We will determine a route(s) each evening depending on walkers' abilities. Lots of routes are possible in Bellefonte! - varying from just once around the block to longer routes on flat side streets to even more challenging hills! Meet in the St. Helena's parking lot by the school.

Religious Education

Religious Education will begin on Monday, September 9th with a Parent Meeting at 6:30 pm in Masci Hall. Classes for children begin on the 16th.

THERE IS POWER IN PRAYER!



St. Monica Teardrops

Praying for our loved ones who have fallen away from the church

Join us on Tuesday, August 27, 2024

St. Helena Church

602 Philadelphia Pike

Wilmington, DE 19809

6:30 pm Rosary

7:00 pm Teardrops of St. Monica Devotional Mass

Celebrant Father Christopher Hanley

This special Mass is celebrated each year to beg St. Monica's intercession to touch the hearts of loved ones, who are away from their Catholic faith.

We look for God's graces to welcome our loved ones home to a life with the Lord! Teardrop cards filled out at the entrance of the church with the name/names of those dear to us! Devotional prayers and the rosary will be prayed.

Join us in daily prayer for all of the Teardrops that we are collecting.