

JULY 21, 2024

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the ancient world of the Scriptures, shepherds had a very intimate relationship with their sheep. (Much like the relationship of many today with their dog or cat).

They knew the strengths and weaknesses of each of their sheep. They slept in the fields with them. The Lord used that image of the shepherd in today's first reading from Jeremiah the prophet. He reprimanded the false shepherds who failed God's people and now they were suffering in exile in Babylon. But God assured His people He had not abandoned them. He would care for them, gather them from exile and give them another descendant of King David to reign over them (the Messiah.)

We see Jesus in today's Gospel calling His apostles away from the crowds to a "deserted place" to be refreshed. But Jesus saw the crowds who followed them as "sheep without a shepherd." Jesus, the Good Shepherd, continues to care for us and show us His love and mercy.

Offertory Collection

The offertory collection for the weekend of June 30, 2024 was \$3,230.00 and the online collection was \$1,662.00 for a total of \$4,892.00.

Thank You!



A daily novena for St. Helena will be starting on Saturday, August 10th and ending on Sunday, August 18th with an evening Mass and Adoration at 7:00 pm.

Dear parishioners and friends of St. Helena,

This is a call for help to spruce up our property. All skills are needed – such as, trimming and edging the grounds, helping with yard work or gardening, cleaning, organizing spaces and closets, etc. If you **enjoy** any of these tasks and have time to help, please contact the rectory.

In the vestibule are many books directly from Monsignor Russell's personal collection. Please feel free to take a book or as many as you wish at no charge. The books will be available until Monday, July 22nd.

Would you like to become a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher, and Greeter for our Masses? Training will be held in August and be announced in the bulletin and Flock Notes updates. Interested? Contact Annie Duncan at the rectory Ext 106 or aduncan@sainthelenas.org.

Weekly Intention

Saturday, July 20th

5:00 pm (CH) Sharen Muldowney

Sunday, July 21st - 16th SUNDAY/ORDINARY TIME

7:00 am (CH) Jacinta Gracias

9:00 am (CH) John Deeney, Sr.

11:00 am (CH) Mark Gracias

11:00 am (CH) People of the Parish

Monday, July 22nd

9:00 am (CH) Joseph Meriggi

Tuesday, July 23rd

9:00 am (CH) Janice Westman

Wednesday, July 24th

9:00 am (SR) Gertrude Talarowski

Thursday, July 25th

9:00 am (CH) Edwin Blevins

Friday, July 26th

9:00 am (CH) Fr. Mark Beard

Saturday, July 27th

9:00 am (CH) Carrie Konitzer

5:00 pm (CH) People of the Parish

Sunday, July 28th - 17th SUNDAY/ORDINARY TIME

7:00 am (CH) Catherine Kozak

9:00 am (CH) Michael Charles Duke

11:00 am (CH) Donald Sedivec

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 21st - 16th SUNDAY/ORDINARY TIME

2nd Collection - Church in Africa/Eastern Europe

Monday, July 22nd

6:30 pm Weekly Walk (School Parking Lot)

Tuesday, July 23rd

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

Wednesday, July 24th

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

Thursday, July 25th

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

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

Saturday, July 27th

After 9:00 am Mass - Pray the Miraculous

Medal Novena

Sunday, July 28th - 17th SUNDAY/ORDINARY TIME

2nd Collection - Social Ministry

Rectory Hours

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8 am - 2 pm

Friday 8 am - noon

Social Ministry Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9 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 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, 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, Catherine Williams, Janice Tigani, Staci McCoy, Carrie Spurlock & our friends at the Kutz Home.

To request an addition to our sick parishioners list, please contact the rectory with the name of sick parishioners who have approved their name being published in the bulletin. Be aware that names are not put on this list without the permission of the person being prayed for. Please let us know if you are well and are no longer in need of prayers so your fellow parishioners will not worry.



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!

Religious Education

Registration for this coming year for Religious Education will be sent out in the new few weeks. Please fill out and send back as soon as possible so we can plan for the coming school year. If you have a first or second grader starting please email Ms. Hummy ASAP. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Thank You from Monsignor Russell

Msgr. Russell wishes to thank everyone who made his retirement celebration so special. Thanks to Hummy Pennell and all who helped in the planning and the celebration. Thanks to Ray and Nancy Cobb and their cooking and serving crew. God Bless you all!

Catholic Forum on Relevant Radio

Listen to Catholic Forum on Saturday afternoons at 1:30 on Relevant Radio 640 or listen anytime at cdow.org/CatholicForum or search Catholic Forum on Apple, Spotify, Amazon Music or iHeartRadio podcasts. Select interviews are available at

www.YouTube.com/DioceesofWilm.

Become a Parishioner

If you are interested in becoming a parishioner of St. Helena Church, please complete the form linked to this QR code. You may also register on our website <http://www.sainthelenas.org>. Click on 'How Do I' in the top menu or call the rectory office at 302-764-0325 Monday through Thursday, 9 am-2 pm, Friday 9 am-12 pm.



Open Prayer

TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS

July 2nd - 25th | 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 starting 6/10! **Join our growing group whenever you'd like!** We went from 1 walker to 6 to 13! All are welcome! - all ages, parishioners and non-parishioners! 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 at 6:30 pm!

Diocesan July Legacy Giving



Catholic Diocese
of Wilmington

Religious freedom benefits both individuals and communities. Religious freedom is the foremost right of all peoples because it protects what makes us human, inspiring respect for human rights. When people of faith come together, they help solve the problems in their communities by donating their time to local charitable or social organizations. Making a legacy gift to your parish or the ministries of the Diocese of Wilmington ensures that your commitment will benefit future generations. For more information, visit cdow.giftlegacy.com/

Have you considered leaving a legacy gift to St. Helena's Church?

Save the Date 2024 Eucharistic Congress



2024 EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
OCT. 5, 2024 OCEAN CITY, MD

**Join us for the Diocese of Wilmington's Eucharistic Congress,
which will take place on October 5, 2024, at the Ocean City Convention Center.**

The theme, "The Eucharist: The Source and Summit," invites us to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist. The day will include a keynote address by Bishop Richard Henning of the Diocese of Providence, faith-based vendors, a ministry fair, and breakout sessions tailored to various interests and age groups. There will also be opportunities for Adoration and Reconciliation. Mark your calendars for this spiritually enriching event! More details will follow. We look forward to seeing you there! For additional information, visit cdow.org/EucharisticCongress.

Eucharistic Congress Invitation from Bishop Koenig:

"Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I cordially invite you to join me and your fellow Catholics at the Eucharistic Congress on October 5, 2024. Let's explore and celebrate the Eucharist, which sustains and empowers our spiritual lives. Gather with us at the Ocean City Convention Center for a transformative experience of fellowship and prayer."