

July 7, 2024

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Ezekiel heard the Lord sending him to be a prophet for His people. Whether “they heed or resist”- they shall know a prophet has been among them. But in the Gospel we see Jesus returning to “his native people.” But when He began to teach in the synagogue, people questioned: “Where did this man get all this?” They found Him too ordinary. They could not put faith in Him.



*St. Helena's Parish welcomes
Father Chris Hanley and wishes him
success!*



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.



Our goal is \$67,933.00. So far, we have received pledges of \$51,733.39. We are at **76%** of our goal with **\$16,199.61** 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.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Thank you to our generous parishioners who have participated in the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Your contributions are not just financial; they are the building blocks of our vibrant community, making a significant impact on the lives of many.

If you haven't yet donated, we urge you to consider participating. Whether it's your first time or a renewal of your past generosity, your support is crucial in helping us increase participation and strengthen our parish's commitment to serving others. Together, as a united community, we can reflect our vibrant community's values and ensure a bright future for all. Your participation is a crucial part of this collective effort.

WEEKLY INTENTION

Saturday, July 6th

5:00 pm (CH) Jen Burke

Sunday, July 7th - 14th SUNDAY/ORDINARY TIME

7:00 am (CH) Catherine Kozak

9:00 am (CH) People of the Parish

11:00 am (CH) Brian Hopkins

Monday, July 8th

9:00 am (CH) Paul O. Knight

Tuesday, July 9th

9:00 am (CH) William Dutton

Wednesday, July 10th

9:00 am (SR) Deanna Finocchiaro
Living Intention

Thursday, July 11th

9:00 am (CH) Mary Ann & Joseph Vari

Friday, July 12th - FIRST FRIDAY

9:00 am (CH) Mary Rochelle

Saturday, July 13th

9:00 am (CH) Nancy & Ron Colombo

5:00 pm (CH) Barry Friel

Sunday, July 14th - 15th SUNDAY/ORDINARY TIME

7:00 am (CH) Catherine Kozak

9:00 am (CH) Deceased Members of
The Amoroso Family

11:00 am (CH) People of the Parish

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 7th - 14th SUNDAY/ORDINARY TIME

2nd Collection - Maintenance & Repair

Food Collection - All Masses

Monday, July 8th

6:30 pm Weekly Walk (School Parking Lot)

Tuesday, July 9th

NO Finance Council

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

Wednesday, July 10th

NO Parish Board Exec.

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

Thursday, July 11th

NO Bingo

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

Saturday, July 13th

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

Sunday, July 14th - 15th SUNDAY/ORDINARY TIME

2nd Collection - Works of the Holy Father

8:00 am Breakfast Buffet (Masci Hall)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Interested in enrolling your children in Religious Education? Please contact Ms. Hummy Pennell, Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry at **302-762-4280** or by email hpennell@sainthelenas.org.

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, John Fitzpatrick, Dorothy Medeiros, Juliann Congo, Catherine Williams, Janice Tigani & our friends at the Kutz Home.



OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The offertory collection for the weekend of June 16, 2024 was \$3,954.00 and the online collection was \$1,907.00 for a total of \$5,861.00.

Thank you!

See You
Next
Thursday

There is **NO** Bingo this Thursday, July 11th. Bingo will resume next Thursday, July 18th. Thank you for your support!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Delaware is closer than ever to legalizing assisted suicide! It is an affront to our Catholic faith that calls for respect for life from conception to natural death! We need to help and support the elderly and physically and mentally ill in our community, not assist them in taking their own lives. We ask all Delaware Catholics to contact their Delaware State Senator to not support HB 140. For more information, and to send an email to your Senator, visit cdow.org/StopAssistedS. If you have already sent an email, please consider phoning them.

This could be our last chance to help preserve the sanctity of life and the dignity of all people in Delaware!

ST. HELENA'S 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.



Social Ministry
donations needed

Social Ministry requests donations of **juice, small pasta sauce, large jelly and pancake mix**. Please **NO PASTA** or **CANNED GOODS**. Thank you.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD CATHOLIC RETREAT



Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat will be held the weekend of September 20th-22nd. This retreat offers emotional and spiritual healing for anyone who has struggled with grief and loss from abortion. Whether you are post-abortive or know someone who is, freedom awaits. Contact Nan Bernardo-Freeman at **302-463-7711** (call or text) or lucyminn929@gmail.com by September 6th.

WEEKLY WALKS!

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



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OCT. 5, 2024 OCEAN CITY, MD

Saturday, October 5, 2024

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."