

June 2, 2024  
Corpus Christi



**“This is the blood of the covenant...”** We hear these words from Moses in our first reading from the Book of Exodus. And we hear the same words from Jesus in our Gospel reading from the Last Supper. Moses was intent on having sacrifice offered to the God of Israel. He sprinkled the blood of the sacrificed animals on the people and the altar representing God: they are bound together by blood. Jesus was celebrating the Passover meal with His disciples. It was a sign of the sacrifice He would offer on the Cross. The Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews speaks of Jesus, our High Priest: “...he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption...how much more will the blood of Christ... cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.”

**If you are interested in becoming a parishioner of St. Helena Church, please complete the form linked to this QR code.**



**Our goal is \$67,933.00.** So far, we have received pledges of **\$46,333.39**. We are at **68%** of our goal with **\$21,599.61** 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.

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**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, June 1<sup>st</sup>

5:00 pm (SR) Gloria Dumont

### Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - CORPUS CHRISTI

7:00 am (SR) Dolores Sammaritano

9:00 am (SR) Mary L. Scott

11:00 am (RB) People of the Parish

### Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Domenic Brancati

### Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Victor Capodanno

### Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Joan McLaughlin

### Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Frances & John Danchak

### Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Edwin Blevins

### Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Pauline & Walter Pochmara

5:00 pm (SR) People of the Parish

### Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

7:00 am (SP) Mary Louise Monghan  
Living Intention

9:00 am (SR) Anita Tyrawski

11:00 am (SR) Sally Doll

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - CORPUS CHRISTI

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Maintenance & Repair**

6:00 pm U of D Concert (Church)

Food Collection - All Masses

### Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

2:00 pm Parish Social Ministry (Rectory)

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

7:00 pm Christian Formation Committee

\*Last Meeting until Sept. (Religious Ed Office)

### Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

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

6:30 pm Confirmation Rehearsal/Confession  
(Church)

### Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

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

### Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - FIRST FRIDAY

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9:30 am Adoration (Church)

### Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>

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

5:00 pm Confirmation (Church)

Confirmation Reception (Masci Hall)

### Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Social Ministry**

8:00 am Breakfast Buffet (Masci Hall)

Boys of Summer - Phillies

### 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, & our friends at the Kutz Home.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Confirmation** for our young adults will take place at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. A reception will follow immediately in Masci Hall.

**Rehearsal for Confirmation** will be Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm in Church for candidates and sponsors/or parent if sponsor is not available.

**Youth Group** meets tonight (Sunday) at 7:00 pm in the Religious Ed Office.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The offertory collection for the weekend of May 12, 2024 was \$4,017.00 and the online collection was \$2,892.00 for a total of \$6,909.00.

**Thank you!**

## PARISH LIFE MEETING

The next Parish Life Meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in Masci Hall**. The heads off all parish committees are expected to attend this meeting. If a committee head is unable to attend, please make every effort to have the committee represented by another member. The meeting is open to all parishioners. Recent and upcoming parish activities will be discussed, as well as some upcoming changes within the parish. Please feel free to attend, and let your voice be heard!!

## ST. HELENA'S OPEN PRAYER

*Open Prayer*

**TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS**

**June 4<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> | 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. JOHN THE BELOVED CARNIVAL



**Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**

Rides, music, food. Benefits the parish athletic association and the parish itself. Rides, games, food and live entertainment. Scheduled bands are Teenage Satellites, The Everafter, Love Seed Mama Jump, Decade80, Helixx and Electric Blue Concept. Advance ride tickets will be sold after Masses the weekends of May 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> except for the last Mass on Sunday. Ticket strips are \$20, a 20% discount, and family night bracelets will be \$25. People are invited to buy tickets to donate back to the parish for distribution to those less fortunate. The carnival is open each night from 6:00-10:00 pm. There is no admission fee. More information: [www.facebook.com/StJohntheBelovedCarnival](http://www.facebook.com/StJohntheBelovedCarnival).

## ST. ANTHONY'S ITALIAN FESTIVAL



**Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**

The hours are: Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 4:00-10:30 pm. Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00-10:30 pm. Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 4:00-10:30 pm. Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 2:00-6:00 pm. Includes options for Italian and carnival food, live music, traditional dances, rides and games. **It is almost exclusively cashless.** The event accepts all major credit cards, and gift cards and entry passes are available in advance and also on-site. Parking for the event is available at the gravel lot across 18<sup>th</sup> Street from Salesianum School, with a shuttle operating each day from 30 minutes before the opening until 30 minutes after closing. For more information, go to [sapde.org/italianfestival](http://sapde.org/italianfestival).

On Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, Monsignor Russell will cease to be the Pastor of St. Helena's Church and will enter retirement at his home in Bellefonte that he inherited from his parents. He had submitted his letter of resignation in 2011 as required by church law at the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. Bishop Malooly asked in view of the clergy shortage if he could stay a bit longer - which turned out to be 13 years!

Father Chris Hanley, ordained 15 years and serving in Newark parishes, will be appointed Administrator. (The Diocese has been appointing new men with this title until it is clear that everything is working out and then the title 'Pastor' is given.)

### APRIL PARISH EXPENSES

In April our parish paid 69 bills totaling \$58,836.82, including:

<u>Repair work in Priest's Sacristy from a winter snow storm</u>	<u>\$1,803.00</u>
<u>Palms for Palm Sunday</u>	<u>\$329.25</u>
<u>Last repair of church doors</u>	<u>\$1,620.00</u>
<u>Delmarva Power</u>	<u>\$5,589.91</u>
<u>Diocese Clergy Health Insurance and 'head tax'</u>	<u>\$8,291.00</u>
<u>Replacement of roof on storage building near the School</u>	<u>\$5,627.93</u>
<u>HVAC Service contract and repair School boiler</u>	<u>\$3,814.50</u>
<u>Church candles</u>	<u>\$591.40</u>
<u>Last of 4 payments on property/liability insurance</u>	<u>\$6,044.00</u>
<u>Waste removal</u>	<u>\$508.40</u>

In addition the parish paid \$30,229.07 in payroll costs.