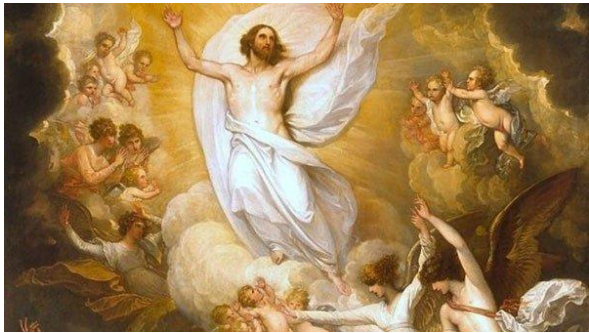


May 12, 2024
7th Sunday of Easter
The Ascension of the Lord



We rejoice in the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord into the glory of heaven. Our human nature which had fallen in sin is now raised up to heaven exalted at the right hand of the Father. We celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ over all evil. Our glorious King calls us to follow Him and share His glory, His victory. **Before Jesus** ascended to the Father in heaven, He told His apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the coming of the Holy Spirit. These days from Ascension to Pentecost became the first “Novena” of the Church. The Church calls us to make these days one of special prayer for the Spirit to come in a new Pentecost.

***Happy Mother's Day to all Moms
in our community of faith!***



This weekend, we will have our traditional May Procession at the end of each Mass. If you wish to have your mother remembered in the Novena of Masses we celebrate, please return her name on an envelope you received in the mail or envelopes are available at the Church exits. Please drop off envelopes through the mail slot at the Rectory FRONT door. Thank you!



Our goal is **\$67,933.00**. So far, we have received pledges of **\$33,183.39**. We are at **49%** of our goal with **\$34,749.61** 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.

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



ST. HELENA'S OPEN PRAYER

TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS
May 2nd – 30th | 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.

WEEKLY INTENTION

Saturday, May 11th

5:00 pm (SR) People of the Parish

Sunday, May 12th - MOTHER'S DAY

ASCENSION SUNDAY

7:00 am (SR) The Carmelino Family

9:00 am (RB) Mother's Day Novena

11:00 am (SR) Dorothy Rich

Monday, May 13th

9:00 am (SR) Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday, May 14th

9:00 am (SR) Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday, May 15th

9:00 am (SR) Mother's Day Novena

Thursday, May 16th

9:00 am (SR) Mother's Day Novena

Friday, May 17th

9:00 am (SR) Rita Brancati

Saturday, May 18th

9:00 am (SR) Mother's Day Novena

5:00 pm (SR) People of the Parish

Sunday, May 19th - PENTECOST

7:00 am (SR) Rose Picollelli

9:00 am (SR) Santana & Veronica Gracias

Living Intention

11:00 am (RB) Mother's Day

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 12th - MOTHER'S DAY

2nd Collection - Feast of the Ascension

8:00 am Breakfast Buffet (Masci Hall)

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

Mother's Day Rose Sale after all Masses

Monday, May 13th

7:30 pm Liturgy Meeting (Rectory)

Tuesday, May 14th

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

7:00 pm Young-At-Heart Crafters (Convent)

7:00 pm Finance Council (Rectory)

Wednesday, May 15th

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

7:00 pm P.C. Executive Council (Rectory)

Thursday, May 16th

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

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

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Saturday, May 18th

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

Sunday, May 19th - PENTECOST

2nd Collection - Social Ministry

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

12:15 pm Confirmation Meeting (Masci Hall)

2:00-7:30 pm Concert Rehearsal (Church)

7:30-9:00 pm Concert (Church)

Parish Council Elections

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Congratulations

to our **FIRST COMMUNICANTS** who celebrated the Sacrament yesterday with their families. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Adeline Aherne

Eloise Dunn

Madelyn Fischer

Blakely Maxfield

Adriana Pace

Kaelyn Schofield

Aubrie Coco

Dean Fath

Avery Laskey

Maren Olivere

Lorraine Robinson

Madeline Spinelli

CONFIRMATION Meeting for Candidates and Sponsors (or a parent) is next Sunday, May 19th at 12:15 pm in Masci Hall.

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The offertory collection for the weekend of April 21, 2024 was \$3,535.00 and the online collection was \$1,847.00 for a total of \$5,382.00.

Thank you!

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS ARE NEXT WEEKEND!

Next weekend at all Masses, you are invited to cast a ballot for those who will represent you on our Parish Council. We will elect **three** of these six candidates:

Samantha Brown
Zach Crafton
Kathy Quinn
Christopher Phillips
Trishia Julian
Janice Tigani

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE



Birthright of Delaware's **Annual Mother's Day Rose Sale** is this weekend! Please support Birthright's pregnancy services by purchasing roses after Masses this weekend.

Roses cost:
\$3/one Rose
\$5/three Roses
\$20/dozen Roses
\$45/Twenty-five Roses (Bouquet)

Your help will truly make a difference! Thank you! We deeply appreciate your support!! In lieu of roses, you can also make a donation to Birthright of DE. Our address is: 1311 North Scott Street Wilmington, DE 19806.

PRIEST ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

This is the time of year when many priests celebrate the Anniversary of their Ordination.

Monsignor Russell will celebrate his 63rd Anniversary of Ordination on May 27th

Please pray that more will accept the Lord's call to serve His people as a priest.

YOUNG-AT-HEART MAY MEETING



The upcoming Young-at-Heart Group's May meeting will be our Potluck Dinner On Monday, May 20th at 6:00 pm in Masci Hall. All members are invited and asked to bring their favorite dish to share. If possible, please let Adele Williams (arwilliams47@gmail.com) know what you are bringing. The doors will open at 5:30 pm and we will gather for dinner at 6:00 pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone there for an evening of camaraderie and relaxation. Happy Spring!!

JUST ONE WEEK AWAY!

Join St. Helena's Music Ministry for "*You'll Never Walk Alone: A Musical Offering of Hope and Healing*" on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 7:30 pm. Together with the choirs of Ursuline, Padua, and Salesianum and a professional orchestra, we celebrate Mary, our mother, and true beacon of light in challenging times. During this event, we will come together as a larger community to especially support those in need of comfort and support. Mary is our ultimate role model and we celebrate her example of faith in this moving tribute to lift us all up in difficult times.

If you have questions, email Laura at hullinger@mac.com.

Mother's Day Breakfast

Today, May 12th, in Masci Hall

8:00 am to 1:00 pm

\$15 for Adults | \$5 for Kids under 12

Happy Mother's Day!

Come celebrate Mom at our expanded "All You Care to Eat" Breakfast Buffet. We'll have our usual array of breakfast fare along with brunch dishes and a complimentary Mimosa for Moms. Reservations for groups of 6 or more are strongly recommended.

For questions, please call or text us at 302-598-8685.



SPARTAN SUMMER CAMPS AT SAINT MARK'S HIGH SCHOOL

Looking for a fun activity for your kids this summer? We've got you covered! Spartan Summer Camps begin June 10th. Camp will be held on the beautiful campus of Saint Mark's High School in Pike Creek. Full day and half day camps are available. We offer morning and afternoon extended camp options. All campers receive a t-shirt! For more information and to register, visit www.stmarkshs.net/news--events/spartan-summer-camps. See you this summer!

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held August 9th-11th, 2024 and again on October 4th-6th at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.