

May 5, 2024
6th Sunday of Easter



As we continue to rejoice in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, we realize our God in raising Christ has poured forth His love into our world.

Jesus in today's Gospel (from His words at the Last Supper) calls us to "remain in my love." Jesus also says "This I command you: love one another." Jesus speaks of an intimate bond between those who believe in Jesus and the Lord Himself – no longer 'slaves' but 'friends.'



Our goal is **\$67,933.00**. So far, we have received pledges of **\$32,028.39**. We are at **47%** of our goal with **\$35,904.61** 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.

May is the month of Mary



May has always been a month dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Pray her rosary.

*Next weekend, we observe
Mother's Day.*

Next 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!

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 4th

5:00 pm (SR) George Bader, Sr.

Sunday, May 5th

7:00 am (SR) Martha Blair

9:00 am (SR) John & Anna Fedena

& son, Joseph

11:00 am (RB) People of the Parish

Monday, May 6th

9:00 am (SR) Jimmy Steele

Tuesday, May 7th

9:00 am (SR) James McGuire

Wednesday, May 8th

9:00 am (SR) Dorothy Rich

Thursday, May 9th - ASCENSION

9:00 am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Friday, May 10th

9:00 am (SR) Harry Brake

Saturday, May 11th

9:00 am (SR) Caroline Short

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 5th

2nd Collection - Maintenance & Repair

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

Food Collection - All Masses

Monday, May 6th

6:30 pm First Eucharist Rehearsal - Family (Masci)

Tuesday, May 7th

2:00 pm Parish Social Ministry (Rectory)

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

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

Wednesday, May 8th

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

6:00 pm First Eucharist Rehearsal - Kids (Masci)

Thursday, May 9th

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

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

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Saturday, May 11th

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

10:30 am First Eucharist (Church)

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

What do you say when *Thank You* just isn't enough? To all of the following men and women who happily share their faith every Monday night with our children and adults - May God bless you ALL in a very special way!

Second Grade	Jonathan Macconi & Sandy Salvatore
Third Grade	Eileen Duke & Diane Giardinelli
Fourth Grade	Samantha Brown Ryan & Dylan Brown
Fifth Grade	Larry & Judy Gladnick
Sixth Grade	George & JoAnn Brancati
Seventh/Eighth Grade	Damian Ponzio & Donna McDonough
Very Special Substitute	Sue Dunn
Adult Scripture	Paul Soper
Sacramental Prep	Donna McDonough

First Eucharist Rehearsal for next weekend's celebration will be on Wednesday, night May 8th, at 6:00 pm in Church. A PARENT and CHILD must attend.

Please Pray for Our Sick Parishioners

Dolly Albanese, 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 14, 2024 was \$3,653.00 and the online collection was \$2,537.00 for a total of \$6,190.00.

Thank you!

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE



Birthright of Delaware will host its **Annual Mother's Day Rose Sale** at our parish. Please support Birthright's pregnancy services by purchasing roses after Masses on Mother's Day weekend which is next weekend May 11th - 12th.

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.



Social Ministry donations needed

Social Ministry is seeking donations of **tea bags, coffee, and toilet paper**. Only these items are needed at this time. Thank you for your generosity.

YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE: A MUSICAL OFFERING OF HOPE & HEALING

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. To have the name or picture of a deceased loved one included in this no-cost event, complete the form linked to this QR code. If you have questions, email Laura at hullinger@mac.com.



CORPORATE MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM

Many employers sponsor Matching Gift programs and will match charitable contributions made by their employees. Some companies also match charitable gifts made by retirees and/or spouses. If your company has a Matching Gift program, please request the URL or QR code to link to their Matching Gift page. Follow the instructions to complete and submit the information. If you have questions, please contact your Company's HR Department or call the Rectory at 302-764-0325 x100. Matching Gift funds directly support our Parish. Please get started by contacting your Company's HR Department.

Mother's Day Breakfast

Sunday, 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.



The Diocese of Wilmington

invites you to celebrate the
Ordination to the Diaconate of

Dennis Stameza

Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

St. John the Beloved Church
907 Milltown Road
Wilmington, Delaware
and the

Ordination to the Priesthood of

James Gebhart

Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Peter
500 West Street
Wilmington, Delaware

