

**November 12, 2023**  
**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**



As we draw closer to the end of our liturgical year cycle, our attention is focused on the coming of the Lord in glory. Jesus, in the Gospel parable, calls us to “stay awake” and be ready for His Coming.

The Coming of Christ is not to be feared rather, as St. Paul says to the Thessalonians we Christians are people of HOPE! We can look beyond the troubles of the present to the eternal kingdom of eternal life, joy and peace.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of October 22, 2023, was \$4,111.00 and the online collection was \$1,937.00 for a total of \$6,048.00.

**Thank you!**

**2023 FAITH AND CHARITY**  
**CATHOLIC APPEAL:**  
**SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

To date, **\$60,993.29** has been received representing **92.03%** of our Parish’s **\$66,276.00** goal. THANK YOU!

If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal, please visit **[www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal](http://www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal)**. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

**THE BISHOP WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

The Bishop has begun a process of long range planning beginning with hearing from the “grass roots.” All parishes, gathered together in their deaneries, are invited to participate. One of the realities our Diocese must face is the declining number of clergy to serve our parishes. In 2007 we had 93 priests in parish ministry. In 2015 the number was 81; in 2023 we have only 69! Ten of these priests could retire but continue to serve; in 5 years, 10 more priests will reach retirement age. If all in seminary continue to ordination, we can look forward to only 5 new priests. The number of people participating in Sunday Mass has also decreased 42% from 2007. One of the questions we have to face is whether neighboring parishes can share together some ministries or services. You may participate in this effort by filling out the form available at church exits OR you can complete the form online.

**Brandywine Hundred Deanery Survey for Spanish Speakers: Link & QR Code**

**[www.surveymonkey.com/r/M67K2GO](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M67K2GO)**



**Second Sunday Breakfast**



**TODAY, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
Large assortment of hot foods, baked goods, fresh waffles, omelets, beverages and more. \$12 for adults and kids 12+/\$4 for kids under 12. For more information or reservations, contact Nancy, 302-598-8685 or **[Natiesmom@me.com](mailto:Natiesmom@me.com)**.

## WEEKLY INTENTION

### Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm (SR) John Deeney, Jr.

### Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am (SR) All Souls

9:00 am (EF) People of the Parish

11:00 am (SP) Deceased Members of  
The Fedena Family

### Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) All Souls

### Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am (EF) All Souls

9:00 am (SR) Stanley Russell, Jr.

### Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) All Souls

### Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am (EF) Nancy McFadden

9:00 am (SR) All Souls

### Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am (EF) John Schultz

9:00 am (SR) Artie & George Blevins

### Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) All Souls

5:00 pm (SR) Deceased Members of

The D'Amato & Marchione Families

### Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am (EF) All Souls

9:00 am (RB) Cecilia Duke

11:00 am (SR) People of the Parish

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Military Services Collection**

8:00 am Breakfast Buffet (Masci Hall)

9:00 am-12:00 pm Attic Treasures (Dougherty Hall)

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

### Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)

### Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm Finance Council (Rectory)

### Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

### Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

12:00-5:00 pm Confirmation Retreat (Masci Hall)

Thanksgiving Gift Card Pick Up

### Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

12:15 pm Reconciliation/Child (Masci Hall)

12:30 pm Baptisms (Church)

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



There are NO classes or Adult Scripture tomorrow night, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**YOUTH GROUP** meets TONIGHT (Sunday) at 7 pm in the Religious Education Office. All 8<sup>th</sup> graders and above are invited.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** child ONLY meeting is next Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm in the second grade classroom. All children preparing are required to attend.

NEXT MONDAY, November 20<sup>th</sup> is our **FAMILY Thanksgiving Prayer Service** which is being open to the entire parish. The time is now 7 pm. The students were all assigned something to bring for the Outreach Pantry. Do NOT just drop your children off at church and leave. This is our Family Service.

### 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, James Lafferty, Leila Lahan, Thomas Leo, Joseph Lichota, Aliyah Miller, Sara Murphy, Alex Newton, Dave Pacitti, Jane Parsons, Fr. Roy Pollard, Dorothy Rich, 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, Denise Lopes, Donna Dougherty, & our friends at the Kutz Home.



## Thanksgiving Prayer Service

The Bishop has asked ALL parishes in the Diocese to offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the end of November, 2023. St. Helena's is giving our parishioners a bonus - by offering **Adoration at the end of the Parish Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** Please join our Religious Education families and receive the special grace of Adoration. What a beautiful way to come together as a small community of faith to not only thank God for all that he has given to us, but to also take part in the sacred tradition of Adoration. During the Prayer Service the students will come forward with the following items for our Outreach Pantry: Jelly, Tuna, Bar Soap, Spam, Stews/Canned meat product, Peanut Butter, and Washing Machine Detergent. There will be boxes in the middle aisle if you would like to contribute to a very worthy cause.

### PARISH JOB OPPORTUNITY

The parish is seeking a part-time Receptionist who will exhibit strong people skills, attention to detail, and a desire to minister to all. Their responsibilities will include maintaining the parishioner database and reconciling parishioner donations. They will work with volunteers and report to the Parish Business Manager. Requires comfort level with computers including experience with Word, Excel, and Outlook. Flexible hours (10 am - 2 pm, Monday thru Thursday would be ideal.) Learn more about this great opportunity by contacting us at **302-764-0325 x102** or [rrebm@SaintHelenas.org](mailto:rrebm@SaintHelenas.org) (Rick)

### WORSHIP, ADORATION, SURRENDER, & PERSONAL PRAYER MINISTRY

**Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**  
**Holy Angels Church, Newark**

As we pray that love and peace will prevail in our country, we also ask for prayer for God's protection over ourselves and our families. Join us as we dedicate time to worship through music, prayer, and adoration, giving all glory and honor to God. Pray with us that the Lord will meet all of our needs so that we can reflect the love of Christ and be that light in the middle of darkness. There will also be an opportunity for personal prayer from our parish healing team members. This event will be in English. For more information, contact the parish office at [apress@holyangels.net](mailto:apress@holyangels.net) or **302-731-2219**.

### COATS FOR KIDS HANDOUT

Christopher Council will be handing out warm winter coats to children of struggling families on **Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm** after Mass in Holy Rosary's Church Hall. Multiple sizes are available from toddler to teen. Children must be present to receive a coat. Any questions please contact [thomasfcassidy@gmail.com](mailto:thomasfcassidy@gmail.com), **302-543-3076** or Neal Potts [npotts823@gmail.com](mailto:npotts823@gmail.com), **302-632-8436**.

### THANK YOU FROM KOC

Thank you, fellow parishioners for making this year's Veterans Clothing drive a successful event. With your help the Knights of Columbus Bishop Mardaga Assembly has collected over 1,229 pieces of under clothing, pajama pants, and 6 boxes of toiletries for our veterans that are hospitalized or living in nursing homes in Delaware and Pennsylvania. May God bless you all.

# *Christmas Bazaar 2023*

## **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**

As we put the finishing touches on this year's Christmas Bazaar, we can only say that we have been once again astounded by the energy, enthusiasm and sheer dedication (really, adrenaline) of all of our volunteers. None of it would be possible without you!

We thank each and every one of you who volunteered your time & your talents to make our Bazaar a resounding success. Thanks also to those whose donations help us to fill up the Bazaar stalls and offset costs. Special thanks to all who patronized the Bazaar by purchasing raffle chances, crafts, baked goods, books, or some of the "treasures."

### **Congratulations to all our lucky winners:**

\$500 Cash Prize	Keith Clouser
Sleigh of Cheer	Diane L.
All Clad Cookware	Paul Duke
Handmade Quilt	Brooks
Kitchen Aid Mixer	Paul Mahoney
LG Smart T.V.	Theresa Nichols
Money Tree	Paulette Sacher
Oktoberfest Basket	Annie Duncan
Nativity	Mary Alice Grimes
Breakfast for a year	Louise Moyer
Winterthur visits	Julio
Wine Basket	Carol Broadway
Kitchen Basket	Francine Dwyer
Main Event Family Fun	Jamie Pierce
Vera Bradley	Christine Keenan
Baby Basket	Keith Clouser
Eagles Basket	Cecelia Miranda

Congratulations to all!! While our Bazaar is so much more than a Fundraiser, we do expect that the Parish will see a respectable net return. We will have more details and some final numbers shortly.