

November 26, 2023
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe



In the ancient world, shepherds and sheep were an ordinary part of life. The Lord uses that image in the reading from Ezekiel - the prophet and the Gospel. Six centuries before Christ, the Lord said: "I myself will look after and tend my sheep...I will rescue them... I myself will pasture my sheep..." The leaders of Israel failed to be good shepherds but their God would not fail them. In the Gospel parable the Lord separates the sheep and the goats on the basis of how they (we) have cared for one another.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of November 5, 2023, was \$4,735.00 and the online collection was \$2,352.00 for a total of \$7,087.00.

Thank you!

COME, ADORE THE LORD,
PRESENT IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST

This Friday, the first of December, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration and prayer on our altar from the end of the 9:00 am Mass until 6:00 pm. This is in response to the Bishop's request that a time for adoration be made in every parish this week. **COME, PRAY!**

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a part of
our Flock!



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Flocknote's mission is to build a more connected Church. They've spent 13 years working with 9,000 churches and 220,000 church and ministry leaders. You can even include polls, videos, event RSVPs, smart buttons, attachments, and more! They don't do online advertising or social media; they take privacy very seriously. Managing communications within groups and committees will become much easier, and will allow more transparency to the wider church so people can more easily hear about our efforts and become involved. We'll be able to distribute polls and sign-ups for volunteer events, to make sure we're fully staffed and hopefully not overloading our regular, extremely generous volunteers. The experience is completely opt-in, you can choose which methods of contact you prefer, and there's no account needed - for those worried about security. Other parishes in the area and our Knights of Columbus have adopted it, and they all have found it to be a great benefit. Thank you all for your help in keeping our parish vibrant and unified.

WEEKLY INTENTION

Saturday, November 25th

5:00 pm (SR) Deceased Members of
The Russell-Sullivan Family

Sunday, November 26th

7:00 am (SR) People of the Parish
9:00 am (EF) Albert Minuti, Sr.
11:00 am (SP) All Souls

Monday, November 27th

9:00 am (SR) All Souls

Tuesday, November 28th

7:00 am (EF) Deceased Friends & Relations of
The Deely & Kelleher Families
9:00 am (SR) All Souls

Wednesday, November 29th

9:00 am (SR) All Souls

Thursday, November 30th

7:00 am (EF) All Souls
9:00 am (SR) Rita & Charles McGovern

Friday, December 1st - FIRST FRIDAY

7:00 am (EF) Michael Piccollelli
9:00 am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Saturday, December 2nd

9:00 am (SR) Jane Steele
5:00 pm (SR) Christopher duMont Lauer

Sunday, December 3rd - 1st SUNDAY/ADVENT

7:00 am (EF) People of the Parish
9:00 am (SR) Renee Muscolino
11:00 am (SP) Deceased Members of
The Fedena Family

*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
Schauber, 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, Gerri
Fedena & our friends at the Kutz Home.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 26th

2nd Collection - Fuel Offering
11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

Monday, November 27th

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)
6:30 pm Religious Ed Classes (School)
6:30 pm Scripture Study (Religious Ed Office)

Wednesday, November 29th

1:00-3:00 pm Msgr Russell
St. Joseph Holy Hour

Thursday, November 30th

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)
7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Friday, December 1st

9:30 am-6:00 pm Adoration (Church)

Saturday, December 2nd

10:30 am First Penance (Church)
Followed by Ice Cream Social (Masci Hall)

Sunday, December 3rd

2nd Collection - Maintenance & Repair

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)
12:15 pm Confirmation Meeting (Masci Hall)
12:30 pm Baptism (Church)
Food Collection - All Masses

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Ms. Hummy Pennell

hpennell@sainthelenas.org

Youth Group meets tonight, Sunday at 7:00 pm.

Religious Education and Adult Scripture
returns tomorrow night, Monday at 6:30 pm.

Confirmation Meeting for Candidates and
Sponsors (and/or parent) meets NEXT Sunday,
December 3rd, at 12:15 pm in Masci Hall.

CHOIR NEWS

Calling all youth! We are getting ready to begin our rehearsals for the annual Christmas Spectacular which includes the children retelling the birth of Jesus in "tableau." They do not have to sing. This is for any children up till 8th grade-preferably children that can stay focused for around 50 minutes or so. **REHEARSALS are Monday nights starting tomorrow, November 27th from 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm in the church.** Rehearsals will be December 4th, December 11th, December 18th and the performance is on Thursday, December 21st at 7:30 pm in the church.

HELP NEEDED: HYMNAL BOOK EXCHANGE

Are you able to help on **Saturday, December 2nd** from **Noon - 2:00 pm** to replace the old Hymnals from the pews with the new books? This is a great way for kids to participate! We will meet in the Church. Call Sue Dunn, **302-893-1057**.

PRAYER/ROSARY RALLY



**In support of families and
keeping Christ in Christmas**

Saturday, December 9th at 12 pm

St. Helena's Church near the Blessed Mother
Statue on the church grounds.

May the Lord grant strength to his people.

May the Lord bless his people with peace.

Psalm 29:11

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie
Bilinski talk or text **302-559-1275**.

YOUNG-AT-HEART'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Young-At-Heart Group's Christmas Luncheon will be on Monday, December 4th at the Seasons Pizza Restaurant on Concord Pike at 12 noon. If you are interested in participating in the Gift Exchange at the Luncheon, please bring a \$10.00 gift. If you would like to come to the Luncheon, please let Beth Miller (angolabeth@gmail.com) know so that she can let the restaurant know the final count. We look forward to seeing everyone!

2023 ANGEL GIVING TREE



Thank you to those who have already contributed to the 2023 Angel Giving Tree. Donations are still needed to assist those families in our community who are in need of food and gift assistance during the Christmas season. If you can contribute, please place your check or gift card donation in an envelope and **mark it "Angel Tree."** You can drop it in the collection basket at Mass or stop by the rectory office and our staff can assist with your preferred form of payment. Checks should be made payable to St. Helena's Church. Parish Social Ministry thanks you on behalf of our neighbors.

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:

www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated.



20th Annual

Keeping Christ in Christmas Nativity Display

Saturday, December 9th, 12-6 p.m.
Sunday, December 10th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Church of the Ascension on Philadelphia Pike in Claymont Delaware offers a Christmas display not readily available anywhere else in the area. "Keep Christ in Christmas" features more than 100 Nativities, from many countries and cultures, created from the materials available, and reflecting the traditions of Christian faiths around the world.

Donations of non-perishable foods for the Claymont Food Closet are welcome.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
A Member of the Brandywine Collaborative Ministries
3717 Philadelphia, Pike, Claymont, DE 19703
(302) 798-8868 - www.bcmde.org/ascension



Christopher Council KofC #3182 is Celebrating our 75th Birthday !



As you know we have been serving this parish and community since our humble beginnings in 1948. Just look around, we have been an integral part of all carnivals, parish picnics, pancake/ buffet breakfasts, Fish Fry's and food distributions. We also make large annual donations to Coats for Kids, our food closets, Parish general fund and much, much more.....

We hope that you will be a part of our celebration by becoming a benefactor in our Ad Book. The proceeds will help fund our special anniversary projects as well as help defray costs for our celebration on January 20th, 2024.

Please consider becoming a benefactor in our Ad Book for a donation of \$10 or more by December 31, 2023. Supporting us has never been easier.

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