

November 5, 2023
31st Sunday of Ordinary Time



Both our readings from the prophet Malachi and our Gospel speak of the Lord reminding His spiritual leaders of His People to practice what they preach. In the Second Reading, we hear St. Paul speaking of his own ministry to his people – describing himself “as a nursing mother” caring for her children. He speaks of sharing his very self with them. It is this ideal of the close bond between a good shepherd and his flock.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of October 15, 2023, was \$3,674.00 and the online collection was \$2,522.00 for a total of \$6,196.00.

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**. 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 OR you can participate in a **small group discussion in our Hall this Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 pm.**

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

www.surveymonkey.com/r/M67K2GQ



WEEKLY INTENTION

Saturday, November 4th

5:00 pm (SR) People of the Parish

Sunday, November 5th

7:00 am (EF) Frances & John Danchak

9:00 am (SR) Jean Capodanno (5-Year Anniversary)

11:00 am (SR) All Souls

Monday, November 6th

9:00 am (SR) All Souls

Tuesday, November 7th

7:00 am (EF) Mary Philomena McCarrick

9:00 am (SR) All Souls

Wednesday, November 8th

9:00 am (SR) All Souls

Thursday, November 9th

7:00 am (EF) Joan Trietley

9:00 am (SR) All Souls

Friday, November 10th

7:00 am (EF) All Souls

9:00 am (SR) Artie & George Blevins

Saturday, November 11th

9:00 am (SR) All Souls

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

Sunday, November 12th

7:00 am (SR) All Souls

9:00 am (EF) People of the Parish

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 5th

2nd Collection - Maintenance & Repair

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

11:00 am Remembrance Mass (Church)

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

Food Collection - All Masses

Baby Bottles Returned

Monday, November 6th

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)

6:30 pm Religious Ed. (School)

6:30 pm Scripture Study (Religious Ed. Office)

7:00 pm Liturgy Meeting (Rectory)

Tuesday, November 7th

2:00 pm Parish Social Ministry (Rectory)

7:00 pm Listening Session (Masci Hall)

Thursday, November 9th

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Sunday, November 12th

2nd 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)

12:15 pm Baptism (Church)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to all of the families who participated in our TRUNK or TREAT last Sunday night. It was a wonderful time enjoyed by ALL. Thanks to our Youth Group members (Hannah, Anna, Paige, Sofia and Anthony) for their hard work making it a fun night for all the kids! Our BEST TRUNK belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Coco who won 4 tickets to the November 2nd Sunday Breakfast. Thanks to God for the unseasonal weather!



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 & our friends at the Kutz Home.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SCHEDULE

Sunday, 11/5

9 am Bazaar opens all locations

Food Court open

12 pm Bazaar closes

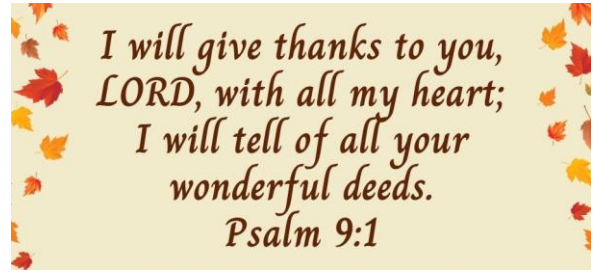
12:15 pm Raffle and Gift basket winners drawn

Saturday, 11/11

9 am - 12 pm Attic Treasures Clearance Sale

Sunday, 11/12

8 am - 1 pm Second Sunday Breakfast Buffet
(Masci Hall)



HOLIDAY HOPE EVENT

Sunday, November 12th from 1:00 - 3:30 pm
Christiana Hilton, Newark

As a service to the community, Doherty Funeral Homes is pleased to host a complimentary bereavement event designed to support and guide those coping with grief this holiday season. "Holiday Hope" will take place at the Christiana Hilton (100 Continental Drive, Newark, DE 19713). Refreshments will be provided. For more information and to register please visit www.dohertyfh.com or call 302-999-8277 by Thursday, November 9th.

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 rrebbmann@SaintHelenas.org (Rick)

WORSHIP, ADORATION, SURRENDER, & PERSONAL PRAYER MINISTRY

Saturday, November 18th 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@holyanngels.net or 302-731-2219.

PRAYER / ROSARY RALLY

To honor the work of all public safety personnel

Saturday, November 11th at 12 pm

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

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

John 15:12-13

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

BISHOP'S 5K WALK/RUN



Dear friends in the Diocese of Wilmington,

The Bishop's 5K walk/run is scheduled for Saturday, November 18th at 9:00 am at St. Mark's High School in Wilmington, to support Catholic Charities. **This year's race is dedicated in memory of Andrea Rotsch, a valued diocesan colleague and community leader who passed away suddenly this year.** Andrea devoted her life to meeting the needs of many throughout our diocese, and we are grateful for her work on behalf of Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities assists more than 83,000 people by providing basic needs, residential options, and behavioral health services. Over the past two years, the needs have risen exponentially.

If you would like to contribute:

runsignup.com/Race/Donate/DE/Wilmington/TheBishops5K

To participate and receive a t-shirt:

runsignup.com/Race/DE/Wilmington/TheBishops5K

SAVE THE DATE!



Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Monday, November 20th, St. Helena's Parish, will have a **Thanksgiving Prayer Service** at 7 pm ending with Eucharistic Adoration. Please mark your calendars for this opportunity to come together to thank God for everything you have been given and receive the special graces of Adoration. Join our families from Religious Education for a wonderful way to begin our holiday season! More information to follow.

FROM OUR SOCIAL MINISTRY:

Phone calls fielded:

January-May approximately 140 per month

June-204, July-203, August-305

As you can see there has been a substantial increase in phone calls to the office from people looking for assistance with rent and utilities. In addition, the numbers accessing our food bank have increased from about 12-15 families per month to 22-25 families. We do our best to answer all phone calls and give comfort and referral even if we can't provide financial assistance. I am continually humbled by your generosity to Social Ministry whether it is financial assistance, food, prayers, volunteer time or a combination of all four. Any assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated. Thank you so very much for your continued support!

Carol Ann



THANKSGIVING PROGRAM



Once again, Saint Helena's Social Ministry will be collecting monetary contributions for our annual Thanksgiving Program. Our needy families will be given grocery store gift cards to purchase food for their Thanksgiving dinner. Everyone is aware of the rising food prices, and many of our clients are really having a difficult time feeding their families. To participate, we ask that you complete the attached voucher, place it in an envelope marked "THANKSGIVING PROGRAM" along with your donation, and put it in the rectory mailbox. On behalf of the many clients we serve, thank you for your continued generosity.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

DONATION _____

Thank you for your donation to our Thanksgiving program. Checks can be made out to "St. Helena Parish". Please write "Thanksgiving Program" on the outside of the envelope, and return it by OCTOBER 31st.