

October 29, 2023
30th Sunday of Ordinary Time



In the first reading from Exodus we hear the Lord commanding the people of Israel to show their love for Him in their love for others. Jesus in the Gospel was asked which of the commandments is the greatest (many rabbis liked to debate which of the 613 commandments was the greatest.) Jesus summed up all the commands of God in two: love of God and of our neighbor.

Holy Day of Obligation

Wednesday, November 1st

We celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints.

Masses will be at:

7:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:00 pm, & 7:30 pm



Thursday, November 2nd

A day of special devotion as we pray for All Souls.

Masses will be at:

7 am & 9 am

If you wish to have your beloved deceased remembered in our Masses of November, please return their names on one of the special envelopes. Envelopes are also available on the enclosed side porch of the Rectory.

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 included in this bulletin OR you can complete the form online OR you can participate in a small group discussion in our Hall on Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 pm.

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

www.surveymonkey.com/r/M67K2GQ



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.

WEEKLY INTENTION

Saturday, October 28th

5:00 pm (SR) Joseph & Yvette Dumont

Sunday, October 29th

7:00 am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00 am (SR) Joan McLaughlin

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

Monday, October 30th

9:00 am (SR) Vaugh & Elizabeth Whisker
(Living Intention)

Tuesday, October 31st

7:00 am (EF) Vaugh Whisker (Living Intention)

9:00 am (SR) Sal Ferraro

Wednesday, November 1st - ALL SAINTS

7:00 am (EF) Paul O. Knight

9:00 am (BISHOP) Joan P. Smitheman

12:00 pm (SR) People of the Parish

7:30 pm (SR) John Lynch

Thursday, November 2nd - ALL SOULS

7:00 am (EF) Jennie Brake

9:00 am (SR) Joseph Kelleher

Friday, November 3rd - FIRST FRIDAY

7:00 am (EF) All Souls

9:00 am (SR) Mary & Amy Immediata

Saturday, November 4th

9:00 am (SR) All Souls

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

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 & our friends at the Kutz Home.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 29th

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

6:00 pm Trunk-or-Treat (Masci Hall)

Monday, October 30th

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)

6:30 pm Religious Ed. (School)

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

Wednesday, November 1st

2nd Collection - All Saints Day

Thursday, November 2nd

NO BINGO

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Friday, November 3rd

9:30 am Adoration (Church)

Saturday, November 4th

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

7:00 am-9:00 am Attic Treasures Early Bird
(Convent/Modular Building/Dougherty Hall)

9:00 am-7:00 pm Regular Shopping
(Dougherty Hall/Masci Hall/Tents)

Baby Bottles Returned

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

There will be **NO Bingo** this Thursday, November 2nd due to the Bazaar set up. Bingo will resume on November 9th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Helena's Parish

TRUNK OR TREAT

TODAY!

Sunday, October 29th at 6:00 pm

Masci Hall & School Parking Lot

Come out for a spooky, good time!



Christmas Bazaar

2023

Saturday, November 4th
&
Sunday, November 5th

On Saturday, "Early Birds" can shop Attic Treasures in the Convent, the Modular Building and Dougherty Hall for a \$5 entry fee beginning at 7 am. (The best bargains are worth the price of admission!) The entire Bazaar opens by 9 am.

In addition to the Attic Treasures, Bazaar 2023 hosts the Bake Table full of yummy treats to enjoy now or freeze for later, the Book Nook stocked with books for all ages and the Young-At-Heart Club's stunning array of gift baskets and crafts. This year, we will also have a table full of gifts for the caregiver, teacher, hostess, or neighbor.

While you are in Masci Hall, take a chance on a variety of prizes for a mere \$3. This year we have a Sleigh of Cheer handcrafted by Bill Doll, a Kitchen Aid Mixer, a Quilt handcrafted by Beth Masci, an All-Clad set of cookware, and a 55" T.V. for watching those Holiday classics. We will also have our \$500 CASH raffle.

Our annual Giving Tree will be set up so that you may purchase gift cards to help our neighbors who are struggling during this Christmas Season.

Since you can't enjoy a Bazaar without sustenance, our Food Court will be open for Breakfast (8:00 am to 11:00 am) and Lunch (11:30 am to 2:00 pm). Stay or head back for a festive Italian Dinner from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Questions? Please call or text Nancy Cobb at
302-598-8685.



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 rrebmann@SaintHelenas.org (Rick)

HELP NEEDED TODAY!

We need your help moving items for St. Helena's Christmas Bazaar into Dougherty Hall today, **Sunday, October 29th** between 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Please come to the convent for directions. ANY AMOUNT OF YOUR TIME IS HELPFUL. Thank you for your help.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SCHEDULE

Saturday, 11/4

7 am Early Bird shopping open for Attic Treasures (Convent, Modular Building, Dougherty Hall, Outdoor Tent)

9 am Bazaar opens for general admission

11 am Food Court closes for changeover to lunch menu (drinks and snacks available)

11:30 am Food Court opens for lunch

2 pm Food Court closes (drinks & snacks available)

5 pm Italian Dinner served

7 pm Bazaar closes for the evening

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 to 12 pm Attic Treasures Clearance Sale

Sunday, 11/12

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

SEPTEMBER PARISH EXPENSES:

In the month of September our parish paid 64 bills totaling \$53,535.33.

Included were:

Installation of new condenser fan assembly for Church HVAC unit	\$2,558.74
Partial Payment for repair of Church doors	\$2,650.00
Comcast Internet/Cable	\$340.54
Delaware Power	\$3,412.30
3 rd Quarter Diocesan/National Collection	\$23,018.00
Church Votive Candles	\$866.86
Clean out of downspouts/drains	\$1,025.00
Verizon Telephone Service	\$486.19
Parish Trash	\$450.00

In addition the parish paid \$12,103.03 in payroll expenses.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of October 8, 2023, was \$3,691.00 and the online collection was \$3,152.00 for a total of \$6,843.00.

Thank you!

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.



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.

BOTTLES FOR BABIES IN SUPPORT OF BIRTHRIGHT

The entire month of October is dedicated as "Respect Life Month." Throughout the month, baby bottles will be available at each exit. We ask that you take a bottle and fill it with loose change or cash. You can also write a check if you prefer. Please read the insert and fill it out if you would like to receive a tax credit. Containers for collection are available at each entrance and in the main vestibule. **All bottles should be returned no later than Nov 4/5.** Questions? 302-383-0708. Thank you for your generous support of pregnant women and their babies!