

# SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Back home in Maine, Labor Day weekend was the beginning of bringing in the wood for the winter, harvesting what crops remained, buying school clothes, and the Windsor Fair. I have fond memories of these days in my childhood. But today as I reflect, the blessing God bestowed on our family then are still present here in our parish today.

My father would say, "There is not a tombstone you can find that says: This man died from a hard day's work." And since I haven't seen it yet, I think he is correct. There is such honor and dignity in work. Wages are reasonable and the men and women that make a living providing our grocery stores with supplies work hard to make it happen.

God's blessings and abundance are everywhere. Whether or not you are still working to provide for yourselves or your families, or you are retired after many years of hard work - God should be praised and glorified for the gift of employment. Some of you may not like the work that you are doing to provide for your families, such is our love and sacrifice for others. The blessing is being able to work and earn a living. May God be praised. If you enjoy your work, you're in a small percentage of the work force, but still - may God be praised. When you look in your cupboards and refrigerators there is something in them to eat - May God be praised.

I thank God for each and everyone one of you that call this parish community home. As your steward and your servant, I am blessed to have you here and doubly blessed by your contributions to the work and services provided here by our staff.

There is not a day that goes by that I cannot find something to give God praise and glorify him as

our Provider. Let's make sure we take the time in the days ahead to thank the men and women that make our lives possible, make our days possible - from the least to the greatest, every laborer should be praised, and God should be glorified for the gifts they share with us daily.

May God bless "the laborer" and all those that labored before them, and those that will labor for us in the future. We are blessed by God with abundance, and we share that abundance by word and deed. Enjoy your Labor Day holiday.

May God be praised now and forever,

*Fr. Hanley*

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## Offertory Collection

The offertory collection for the weekend of **August 11, 2024** was \$5,297.00 and the online collection was \$2,747.00 for a total of \$8,044.00.

**Thank You!**

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## 2025 Mass Book Opens for the month at noon.

9/3 - May 2025  
9/9 - June 2025  
9/16 - July 2025  
9/23 - August 2025  
9/30 - September 2025  
10/7 - October 2025  
11/4 - November 2025  
12/2 - December 2025

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Please be advised that Fr. Hanley will **NEVER** send an email or text requesting funds or gift cards, nor will any person on the staff. Please share this information with anyone that you feel may be vulnerable.

## Weekly Intention

### Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

5:00 pm (CH) People of the Parish

### Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY/

ORDINARY TIME

7:00 am (CH) Andrew & Jacinta Hollinger

Living Intention

9:00 am (CH) Albert Minuti, Sr.

11:00 am (CH) Dawn Bradley

### Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> - LABOR DAY

9:00 am (CH) Jacob & Olivia Hollinger

Living Intention

### Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 am (CH) E.G. Scott

### Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Ginny Blaine

### Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (CH) Margie Schmidt

### Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> - FIRST FRIDAY

9:00 am (CH) Tom Neary

### Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (CH) Ms. Marge Grove

5:00 pm (CH) Anna Muldowney

### Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY/

ORDINARY TIME

7:00 am (CH) Catherine Kozak

9:00 am (RB) People of the Parish

11:00 am (CH) Brian Hopkins

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY/

ORDINARY TIME

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Maintenance & Repair

Food Collection - All Masses

### Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> - LABOR DAY

RECTORY CLOSED

### Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

2:00 Parish Social Ministry (Religious Ed Office)

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

### Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

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

### Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

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

### Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> - FIRST FRIDAY

9:30 am Adoration (Church)

### Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

After 9:00 am Mass - Pray the Miraculous

Medal Novena

### Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY/

ORDINARY TIME

No 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

8:00 am-12:45 pm Breakfast Buffet (Masci Hall)

### **Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal**

St. Helena's goal is \$67,933.00

Please consider a donation to help us reach this goal using the envelopes in the pews or by donating online at [www.cdow.org](http://www.cdow.org). Thank you!

## Please Pray for our Sick Parishioners

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, Dorothy Medeiros, Juliann Congo, Catherine Williams, Janice Tigani, Staci McCoy, Carrie Spurlock, Dawn Williams, Tom Cassidy, Florence Morales & our friends at the Kutz Home.

## St. Helena's Annual Parish Picnic



Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
12:00 Noon - 3:00 pm

Come and join other parishioners as we take this opportunity to welcome Father Chris Hanley to St. Helena's. Enjoy picnic fare generously provided and cooked to perfection by the Knights of Columbus and other parish groups. Bounce House etc. for the kids. Dine inside or out under the tents. Please email Ms. Hummy at [hpennell@sainthelenas.org](mailto:hpennell@sainthelenas.org) if you would like to help.

## MUSIC CORNER NEWS



### Calling all musicians!

Looking for choir members of all ages and musicians of any kind. We have a place for you in our music ministry.

**Adult Choir** begins on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the church at the piano. Come and make some incredible music praising our God and get to know some wonderful people along the way.

**Youth Choir** begins on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 6:30 pm in the church at the piano. All students in grade 3-8 are welcome.

**Cantors:** Are you interested in becoming a cantor? Reach out to Joe, our Director of Music, at the organ after mass or email him [jlouden@ursuline.org](mailto:jlouden@ursuline.org).

## Religious Education

Religious Education will begin on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> with a Parent Meeting at 6:30 pm in Masci Hall. Classes for children begin on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Open Prayer



**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**  
from now until September 5<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**TUESDAYS ONLY**  
from September 5<sup>th</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Options - rosary, quiet prayer, and more. Uncomfortable about coming? Come anyway. Ask for Laura when you arrive. Enter through church door marked with a yard sign.

## St. Helena's Walking Club



We will continue our weekly walks into the fall! Join our growing group whenever you'd like! All are welcome! We will determine a route(s) each evening depending on walkers' abilities. Lots of routes are possible in Bellefonte! - varying from just once around the block to longer routes on flat side streets to even more challenging hills! Meet in the St. Helena's parking lot by the school. **We will NOT have the walk on Labor Day (Monday, 9/2). On Monday, 9/9, a walk will be offered after the Religious Education parent meeting.**



**Second Sunday Breakfast Buffet**  
**September 8, 2024**  
***FLY EAGLES FLY!!!***

Ready for Some Football? You can't watch on an empty stomach! Come on out and join your fellow parishioners and friends for the monthly Second Sunday Breakfast Buffet. We'll do the cooking for you so you can enjoy an all you care to eat Buffet featuring breakfast standards along with our monthly special features. The doors open at 7:30 for juice and coffee and the Buffet is served from 8:00 am to 12:45 pm.

\$12 Adults | \$5 Children under 12

For questions or to reserve a table for 6 or more,  
please call or text Nancy at **302-598-8685**.

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*Attic Treasures 2024 is Accepting Donations*

Our 2024 Bazaar preparation is underway! Your Attic Treasures Team is busy getting ready for the November 2<sup>nd</sup> event. We're taking donations of new or gently used items: Decorative items, Kitchen Goods, Household Goods, Holiday Decorations, Small Furniture, Movies Appliances/Small Electronics, Accessories, Jewelry, etc.

Please leave your donations in the closet outside the Convent Porch. For questions, please contact Nancy at **302-598-8685** or Barbara at **302-535-2725**. *We are accepting donations through October 1<sup>st</sup>.*