

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A week of remembering. Let me start by saying I remember the day when my mother came home with my new sister Andrea, it was the 19th, four days after Andrea was born. She was so small and fragile. This week on Saturday, services were held at Holy Child to remember the unborn. The two contrast each other, because one is so joyful and the other so tragic. Bring life into the world and take life out of the world. Do we know couples that have had abortions? Yes, we do. Don't judge them. Pray for them. When life is taken, no one forgets.

And no one alive at the time of 911 will ever forget it either. It was a day that could have torn our country apart, but instead we as a country united and watched over and prayed for each other. One thing that did happen was that people returned quickly to Church, and to God. You couldn't find a seat in any church and the confession lines were long and steady. Instantly, lives were changed.

People were having that moment that many of us have not had yet, the moment when we realize how precious life is. We experienced it then and again during Covid. But the responses were totally opposite. This virus, meant for killing, got lost and changed the whole world, not just America. But the churches did not fill, they were empty. We were locked out.

Sadly, when the doors of the church were reopened, many turned away from God, away from receiving Holy Eucharist and ultimately away from eternal life. To think that one evil act caused such pain and suffering is beyond understanding – but so was thinking that the twin towers would crumble. What is it going to take to turn things around? It is going to take us working in union with God. By now many of you have tried everything in the book to get your family and friends to come back to the church. We collectively forgot something, the power and authority of GOD!

I think it was St. Francis that told his followers to go out and preach the gospel, but he added **use words if you have too**. You have tried everything, the nagging, prodding, and shaming did not work. Some of you still think today that you need to pester God, you don't, He hears you and sees you – let Him do the work and let's get out of His way. The past three years we as church have been concentrating on the Eucharist. We know it has power beyond all human understanding. Offer the grace of Eucharist for your loved ones and friends, God will give you more, your cup will overflow with His grace. Share your Eucharistic grace with everyone. 911 was for many a moment when the words, "Don't give up / Don't give in" came to life. Let's apply this to our church, our families, our friends, and our nation **with God**. Let's watch and see God work, with us, through us and around us. May God be praised now and forever.

Father Hanley

Offertory Collection

The offertory collection for the weekend of **August 25, 2024** was \$3,960.00 and the online collection was \$2,052.00 for a total of \$6,012.00.

Thank You!

2025 MASS BOOK

opens for the month at noon.

9/16 - July 2025

9/23 - August 2025

9/30 - September 2025

10/7 - October 2025

11/4 - November 2025

12/2 - December 2025

Due to the Eucharistic Congress in Ocean City, MD on October 5th, Bishop Koenig in his May 29th letter to priests, has asked us to cancel all Saturday evening Masses in the parishes. **There will be no 5:00 pm mass held on October 5th.**

Weekly Intention

Saturday, September 14th

5:00 pm (CH) Rose & Francis Talarowski

Sunday, September 15th - 24th SUNDAY/

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7:00 am (CH) People of the Parish

9:00 am (RW) Bill & Sue McLaughlin

11:00 am (CH) Rita Biddle

Monday, September 16th

9:00 am (CH) Pat McNeal

Living Intention

Tuesday, September 17th

9:00 am (CH) Mr. Joseph Kunitsky

Wednesday, September 18th

9:00 am (SR) George Bader, Sr.

Thursday, September 19th

9:00 am (CH) Tina Reach

Friday, September 20th

9:00 am (CH) Edwin Blevins

Saturday, September 21st

9:00 am (CH) Alice Witterholt

5:00 pm (CH) People of the Parish

Sunday, September 22nd - 25th SUNDAY/

ORDINARY TIME

7:00 am (CH) Dolly Albanese

9:00 am (CH) Joe Luzzo

11:00 am (RB) Sharen Muldowney

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 15th - 24th SUNDAY/

ORDINARY TIME

2nd Collection - Social Ministry

Opening of Religious Education

Monday, September 16th

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)

6:30 pm Religious Ed. Classes (School)

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

6:30 pm Weekly Walk (School Parking Lot)

7:00 pm Young-At-Heart Meeting (Masci Hall)

Tuesday, September 17th

10:00 am Staff Meeting (Rectory)

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

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting (Masci Hall)

Wednesday, September 18th

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

Thursday, September 19th

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Saturday, September 21st

After 9:00 am Mass - Pray the Miraculous

Medal Novena

Sunday, September 22nd - 25th SUNDAY/

ORDINARY TIME

No 2nd Collection

12:30 pm Parish Picnic (Grounds)

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 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, 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, Paul Gildea & our friends at the Kutz Home.

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.

Thank you!

Religious Education

Religious Education classes for students begin tomorrow, Monday (9/16) at 6:30 pm. Students are to report to Masci Hall to wait for their teachers before going to their classrooms. Adult Scripture Study begins tomorrow, Monday (9/16) at 6:30 pm in Ms. Hummy's Office (Religious Education Office).

Look what's coming... **YOUTH GROUP INFORMATION NIGHT** and **TACO DINNER** will be held on Sunday, September 29th, in Masci Hall at 7:00 pm. All High School teens are invited to attend and see if Youth Group is something you would like to join.

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 began on Thursday, September 12th 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 tomorrow, Monday, September 16th 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 at jlouden@ursuline.org.

† A **Parish Life Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, September 24th, at 7:00 pm in Masci Hall.

† 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.

Open Prayer

TUESDAYS ONLY

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.

Young-At-Heart First General Meeting

The **Young-at-Heart Group** will be having their first general meeting of the 2024-2025 season tomorrow, Monday, September 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm in Masci Hall. The doors will open at 6:30 pm and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be covering the plans for this upcoming season including our participation in the Parish's Picnic and Christmas Bazaar. Hope to see everyone there. Happy Autumn!

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.



One Week Away!
Sunday, September 22nd
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 if you would like to help.

Parish Social Ministry needs sewers to sew for Stockings for Soldiers.

There is a pattern and instructions on their website, www.stockingsforsoldiers.org or you can contact us. All stockings should be dropped off to the rectory porch on or before the weekend of October 5th/6th. Thank you!



Times are still difficult for many in the Claymont and surrounding area. The goal of the **Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program** is to ensure that no child in our community goes without a warm coat during the winter season. Last year, with the assistance of our fellow parishioners, Christopher Council donated well over 300 winter coats to children in need. We would like to surpass this number this year. With your help we can achieve this goal. You may donate NEW cold weather coats, hats, gloves/mittens, or scarfs at one of our donation boxes at Holy Rosary or St. Helena churches. Or a monetary donation can be made online at <https://2024-coats-for-kids-christopher-council-3182.cheddarup.com> or scan the QR code. Thank you for considering this request.

