

# SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In high school, Gardiner Area High School to be specific, I was a manager for the football team. A new coach had arrived on the scene a year earlier, and he had some different ways of approaching coaching and teaching the game. During my sophomore year, he sat us down as a team and asked us to elect captains. We thought the seniors on the team would be the captains. My recollection was that “coach” told us to elect captains that would be a leader on and off the field and would build up the football program and the high school.

He wanted us to elect a person that saw the bigger picture. We did and surprised everyone. Two underclassmen, led by example, they helped players struggling with their homework, and they helped the managers pick up the field after practice. They regularly picked up trash on the grounds of the school when they thought no one was watching. Yes, they made mistakes, but they admitted when they were wrong and took responsibility. They taught us humility. They inspired everyone around them by caring for the team and not being selfish or self-centered. That year and two years later the team went to the state championship and won it.

When Jesus is talking to his disciples, he is telling them the same thing. Don't worry about being the greatest, but make sure that everyone is treated with love and respect no matter who they are or where they are from. That very challenge exists for us today. Men and women, many diverse groups make up our church and community – they need us, and we need them. Some need financial help, but more need to be listened to and loved for who they are, and they want our prayers, not our pity. Today, both rich and poor alike, die of broken hearts and loneliness. Some of the richest people I have met in this world dress like poor people, they volunteer in thrift stores and at food banks and distribution centers. And they are happy, not because they have all the money they need, but because they get to make a difference. Why do you think the tv show, “undercover boss was so

popular,” the boss saw and helped his employees and the community.

Everyone matters to God, even those of you that think you don't – you do! Look at His Son, he was born in a barn, laid in a food trough, and labored as a boy and later as a man with his father Joseph as a carpenter. He prayed to His father daily and took his advice to heart. He did as his father instructed him. He practiced what he learned growing up and led by example. He spoke as his father told him and yes, when it came to making the ultimate sacrifice for us, He made it. Dear God, we pray, Help us to lift up all your children, Oh God. Help us build your divine Kingdom here on earth, Oh God. Help us to see your face in everyone, Oh God. Help us to be a light in the darkness, Oh God. Show us how to forgive and how to forgive ourselves, Oh God. Protect us from evil, Oh God. Teach us how to love others in new and sometimes unconventional ways, Oh God. You have blessed us with your Kingdom Oh God, help us to make your Kingdom come here on earth. May God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be praised and glorified forever

*Father Hanley*

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### Offertory Collection

The offertory collection for the weekend of **September 1, 2024** was \$4,252.00 and the online collection was \$1,597.00 for a total of \$5,849.00.

**Thank You!**

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### 2025 MASS BOOK

**opens for the month at noon.**

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 5<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Koenig in his May 29<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>.**

## Weekly Intention

### Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

5:00 pm (CH) People of the Parish

### Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY/

ORDINARY TIME

7:00 am (CH) Dolly Albanese

9:00 am (CH) Joe Luzzo

11:00 am (RB) Sharen Muldowney

### Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 am (CH) Ken & Pauline Lauer

63<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary

(Living Intention)

### Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (CH) Baby Catherine Deeney

### Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Carmen Rodriguez

### Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (CH) Sharen Muldowney

### Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (CH) Edwin Blevins

### Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (CH) Patrick Deely

5:00 pm (CH) Sean Locke

### Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY/

ORDINARY TIME

7:00 am (RW) Joseph Ahh Do

Living Intention

9:00 am (CH) Frederick J. Konitzer

11:00 am (CH) People of the Parish

4:00 pm (CH) KOC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY/

ORDINARY TIME

### No 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

12:00 pm Parish Picnic (Grounds)

### Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

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)

### Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

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

7:00 pm Parish Life (Masci Hall)

### Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

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

6:30 pm Sacristan Training (Church)

### Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

### Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

After 9:00 am Mass - Altar Server Training

with Fr. Hanley (Church)

### Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY/

ORDINARY TIME

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Share in the Spirit

12:15 pm Confirmation Meeting

for Students & Parents (School)

7:00 pm Youth Group (Masci Hall)

## 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, Paul Gildea, Thomas Trojak, Linda Lotsis & our friends at the Kutz Home.

## Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal

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

Thank you!

## Share in the Spirit 2024

Please visit [cdow.org/catholic-dioc](http://cdow.org/catholic-dioc) to view the **SITS campaign collaterals** or scan the QR code below to make a donation.



## Religious Education



**Religious Education Classes** have started for the year, but it is NOT too late to sign your child up if he/she is attending a public or private school. Please email Ms Hummy at [hpennell@sainthelenas.org](mailto:hpennell@sainthelenas.org) if you have any questions.

**Adult Scripture Study** has also started. We meet in the Religious Ed Office from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm on Monday evenings when classes are in session. All study materials are provided.

**CONFIRMATION Meeting** for candidates and sponsors (and or a parent) will be in Masci Hall NEXT Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 12:15 pm.

**YOUTH GROUP** is having a **TACO dinner** NEXT Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in Masci Hall. All high school teens are invited to come (bring a friend if you want) to learn about Youth Group and see if you would like to join. We meet 2x a month on Sundays from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Religious Education Office.

## Knights of Columbus 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass



Please join the Knights of Columbus, Christopher Council #3182 in celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at St. Helena at a Mass on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 pm (that Mass counts as your Sunday obligation). Christopher Council was founded in this Parish 75 years ago and has been helping the Parish and its priests, as well as performing works of charity and service since that time. There is a wine and cheese reception following the event at Masci Hall and all are invited. This is a perfect opportunity to say "Thanks" to the Knights of Columbus for all they do and have done for our Parish, our Church, and the community.

- † A **Parish Life Meeting** will be held this Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- † **ALTAR CANDLES:** Please do not blow out the candles on the Altar. The Altar Clothes have become stained by the oils in the candles. Please use the Candle Snuffers located in the Sacristy.
- † **OPEN PRAYER:** Tuesdays only from 6:30-7:30 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.

**For more information,  
please check out our website.**



**PARISH PICNIC (Rain or Shine) is TODAY from 12:00 Noon – 3:00 pm**

The picnic is our way to say THANK YOU to our parishioners for their continued support throughout the year. Bring your kids and grandkids too. Delicious food bought and cooked by the Knights of Columbus (Christopher Council). Parish committees are providing salads and desserts.

**This year is “special” because we are officially welcoming FR HANLEY to St. Helena’s Parish. Come and wish Fr Hanley well as he navigates the jungle of Parish Life!**

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

There is a pattern and instructions on their website, [www.stockingsforsoldiers.org](http://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 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>. 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.

