

# SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



September the 8<sup>th</sup> marks the end of summer and the beginning of fall. And this year it is the beginning of Week 1 in the NFL. As much as these two notations may be important to some, it means something different for us as Catholics. This is the day we celebrate the birth of Our Blessed Mother Mary. We celebrate her birth, as she is our Mama, and the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Mother of God.

Our blessed Mother, said 'Yes' to the Angel Gabriel after he relayed the message of God to her. She became the vessel for our salvation and was humbled by the request from our creator and merciful God. God so loved the world that through Mary's fiat the world would be forever changed.

If you do not have a relationship with our Mama, it is time to try. It is time for each of us to place our heads in her lap and hear her heartbeat. When we slow down, we will hear more, her telling us that everything will be OK. She will remind each of us that her son, our Lord Jesus, is loving, kind and compassionate. Knowing her Son, she will reinforce the truth about Him in Holy Eucharist and ask each of us not only to receive Him with a clean heart but to turn to Him for forgiveness of our sins. When we develop this relationship, she will help us see her Son in everything and everyone.

When we live in this relationship, Mama will consistently pour forth her love into our heart, and that love, just like the grace of Holy Eucharist will not be containable, it will pour out of us. That pouring out is what you experience daily when you face the challenges of this life with confidence and love.

Sometimes our ego or pride get the best of us, but Mama and her Son do not abandon us, they invite us to return to them and to forgive others and ask to be forgiven by others. There is another part - Mama will also encourage you to forgive yourselves. It is the three-part act of forgiveness. Pray; Oh, Blessed Mother Mary, watch over us, protect us from evil and intercede for us always with your Son our Lord Jesus Christ today. Yes, it is a simple prayer, but sometimes that is all we need, something simple. May God watch over and bless us all,

*Fr. Hanley*

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### Offertory Collection

The offertory collection for the weekend of **August 18, 2024** was \$3,833.00 and the online collection was \$1,997.00 for a total of \$5,830.00.

**Thank You!**

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### 2025 MASS BOOK opens for the month at noon.

- 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



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, September 7<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm (CH) Anna Muldowney

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

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7:00 am (CH) Catherine Kozak

9:00 am (RB) People of the Parish

11:00 am (CH) Brian Hopkins

### Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (CH) Alice Witterholt

### Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (CH) Jean Capodanno

### Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (SR) Gus Lotsis

5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (CH) Mary & Bernard Fiore

### Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (CH) Dolores Albanese

### Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am (CH) Alice Witterholt

5:00 pm (CH) Rose & Francis Talarowski

### Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> 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

## Weekly Calendar

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

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

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

### Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm Religious Ed/Parents Only (School)

6:30 pm Weekly Walk (School Parking Lot)

7:30 pm Liturgical Meeting (Rectory)

### Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

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

7:00 pm Finance Council (Rectory)

### Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

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

7:00 pm P.C. Executive Meeting (Rectory)

### Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

### Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>

After 9:00 am Mass - Pray the Miraculous

Medal Novena

### Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY/

ORDINARY TIME

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Social Ministry

Opening of Religious Education

## 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.

## 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!

## Religious Education

Religious Education will begin tomorrow, Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> with a Parent Meeting at 6:30 pm in Masci Hall. Classes for children begin on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. **Please use the QR code below to begin registration.** If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Ms. Hummy at [hpennell@sainthelenas.org](mailto:hpennell@sainthelenas.org).



## 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 at [jlouden@ursuline.org](mailto:jlouden@ursuline.org).

## Open Prayer



TUESDAYS ONLY

September 10<sup>th</sup> to December 17<sup>th</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.

## Young-At-Heart First General Meeting

The **Young-at-Heart Group** will be having their first general meeting of the 2024-2025 season on 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



### Walking into Fall

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. **On Monday, 9/9, a walk will be offered after the Religious Education parent meeting.**



*Coming up soon!*

**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.

## **Stockings for Soldiers**



*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!

## **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>.**