

October 15, 2023
28th Sunday of Ordinary Time



The Book of Isaiah the Prophet and today's Gospel speak of a feast on a mountain prepared by our God. He calls us to rejoice with Him. He calls us to follow the way to His feast. We can refuse to live by His commands but we will regret it.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of September 24, 2023, was \$3,960.00 and the online collection was \$2,082.00 for a total of \$6,042.00.

Thank you!

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? Please contact Carol Ann Plunkett at 302-383-0708 or at the parish outreach office. Thank you for your generous support of pregnant women and their babies!

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.

PARISHIONERS ARE DESPERATELY
NEEDED

We need your help moving items for St. Helena's Christmas Bazaar into Dougherty Hall on 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. Questions: call or text Trish Horne at 302-528-0556.

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)

WEEKLY INTENTION

Saturday, October 14th

5:00 pm (SR) John R. Quinn, Sr.
46th Anniversary

Sunday, October 15th

7:00 am (EF) People of the Parish
9:00 am (SR) Mary Ann Vari
11:00 am (BISHOP) Deceased Members of
The Fedena Family

Monday, October 16th

9:00 am (SR) Brian Hopkins

Tuesday, October 17th

7:00 am (EF) Mary Louise Monaghan (Living Intention)
9:00 am (SR) Edwin Blevins

Wednesday, October 18th

9:00 am (SR) Anthony Boccella (Living Intention)

Thursday, October 19th

7:00 am (EF) Mary Louise Monaghan (Living Intention)
9:00 am (SR) Charles Schmidt, Sr.

Friday, October 20th

7:00 am (EF) Paul O. Knight
9:00 am (SR) Jacqueline Gracias

Saturday, October 21st

9:00 am (SR) Anthony "Tony" Cella
5:00 pm (SR) People of the Parish

Sunday, October 22nd

7:00 am (EF) Mike Moore
9:00 am (BISHOP) Jerry & Al Moyer
11:00 am (RB) Mary Ann Vari

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 15th

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)
12:15 pm Recon. Parent/Child Mtg. (Masci Hall)

Monday, October 16th

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)
6:30 pm Religious Ed. (School)
6:30 pm Scripture Study (Religious Ed. Office)
7:00 pm Young-At-Heart Meeting (Masci Hall)

Tuesday, October 17th

10:00 am Staff Meeting (Rectory)
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting (Masci Hall)

Thursday, October 19th

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)
7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Saturday, October 21st

6:00-10:00 pm K of C Comedy Night (Masci Hall)

Sunday, October 22nd

**2nd Collection - World Mission/
Human Development**
9:00 am EDR Casserole Drop Off
11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Bazaar

2023

November 4th + 5th

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Ms. Hummy Pennell:

hpennell@sainthelenas.org

*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.

**VETERAN'S DAY
CLOTHING COLLECTION**

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Mardaga Assembly is requesting assistance from our fellow parishioners to help hospitalized and nursing home veterans. We are collecting white t-shirts, white boxer briefs, white crew socks, and sleep pants in various sizes, as well as shaving cream and disposable razors. NEW items can be dropped off in the collection box at the entrance of the church. We will be delivering the items just prior to Veteran's Day. **The collection begins Sunday, October 15th, and ends Sunday, November 5th.** A credit card monetary donation can be made instead of an item donation by scanning the QR code below or go to:

<https://clothing-for-veterans-2023-copy.cheddarup.com>

A donation by check, payable to Bishop Mardaga Assembly, can be mailed to K of C Bishop Mardaga Assembly #2014 c/o Clothing for Vets, 135 Princeton Ave, Claymont, DE 19703. Any questions please contact Neal Potts at 302-632-8436 or npotts823@gmail.com. Thank you for your consideration.



COATS FOR KIDS

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 over 300 warm winter coats to children in need. We would like to surpass this number this year. With the help of our fellow parishioners, we can achieve this goal. You may donate **NEW** cold weather gear (coats, hats, gloves/mittens, and scarves) at one of our donation boxes at Holy Rosary or St. Helena churches. Or a monetary donation can be made online at <https://2023-coats-for-kids-christopher-council-3182.cheddarup.com> or scan the QR code below. Cash / Checks can be mailed to:

**Knights of Columbus #3182 c/o Coats for Kids
135 Princeton Ave, Claymont, DE 19703**



Please have your donation in by Sunday, October 29th. Any questions please contact Tom Cassidy at 302-543-3076 or Neal Potts at 302-632-8436.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Friday, November 3rd – Sunday, November 5th
Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage!!! No group sharing required. The next weekend will be in November at the Brighton Suites in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. For information or to register visit our website <http://www.wwme.org> or call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

YOUNG-AT-HEART OCTOBER MEETING

The Young-At-Heart Social Group will be holding their October monthly meeting on Monday, October 16th in Masci Hall. The doors will open at 6:30 pm. and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served after the business meeting. The entertainment for the evening will be Bingo. We hope to see everyone there. Happy Fall!!

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.

St. Helena's Parish TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 29th at 6:00 pm
Masci Hall & School Parking Lot

Youth Group is sponsoring our Annual Trunk or Treat! Bring your decorated cars to the school parking lot for your chance to win 4 Tickets to our Second Sunday Breakfast in November. We will have games and crafts for the children. Prizes will be given for various age groups for Most Original, Scariest or Cutest costumes.

Come out for a spooky, good time!

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

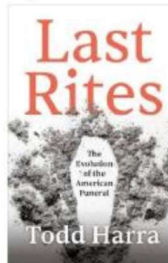
invites you to
join us as Todd Harra discusses his book and takes us on a fascinating exploration of American funeral practices.

Why do we embalm?

Why send flowers to a funeral?

The rise of the hearse.

Cremation's beginnings in America & the future of funerals.



THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 2, 2023
7:00 PM
Multipurpose Room

To register or for questions, please contact
Rita McDowell @ rmcdowell@ihm.org

SAVE THE DATE

Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 28th from 6:00 - 11:00 pm

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Enjoy an evening filled with Traditional Oktoberfest Music (complete with the long horns and men in Lederhosen,) German Folk Dancing (participation encouraged but not required,) a Buffet Dinner (including appetizer, soup and salad, German themed main courses and an array of desserts) and Oktoberfest Beer and Wine. Dancing to the hits of yesterday and today will round out the night!

Admission - \$40 per person

\$500 Keg of Cash Raffle - \$5 a ticket
or 6 tickets for \$25

Need Not Be Present To Win

For information, please contact Raymond

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