

February 4, 2024
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In the Old Testament it is clear the Jews thought in this world, good people are blessed in every way- they are healthy and prosperous.

Evil people suffer- they are sick, poor, etc. Some unknown writer was inspired by the Holy Spirit to raise question about that theory. He took the story of Job and split it in two. It is at the beginning and end of the Book of Job. It is the story of a good man who had everything and then lost everything but because he kept faith, he got everything back again and lived happily ever after.

The biblical author raises question about that theory. In the biblical story Job agonizes: "Why am I suffering?" His friends try to comfort him but nothing satisfies him. In the chapters of the book- there is a great deal of repetition. It is the Hebrew way of making a point. Finally, near the end, the Lord appears and says to Job in effect: "Who are you to question my ways? Submit and suffer!"

Jesus, as we see in today's Gospel, healed those who were suffering. It was a sign that the Kingdom of God is here. Jesus Himself would accept the Cross of suffering and death and invite each of us to take up our Cross and follow Him. The Cross is for us too, the way to eternal life and glory.

Each Lent, we have Monday through Friday 7:00 am daily Mass, as well our 9:00 am Mass. We will try to keep this tradition this year if we have two visiting priests to help us. Please check the bulletin for updates and Mass times.

Monsignor Russell

"SOUPER" BOWL FOOD DRIVE
STARTS THIS WEEKEND

The Knights of Columbus will hand out bags after all the Masses this weekend. Please take a bag home and return the filled bag next Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity.

Mardi Gras
Second Sunday Breakfast



Join us on Sunday, February 11th for a Mardi Gras-themed breakfast! Located in Masci Hall from 8:00 am to 12:45 pm. For reservations or questions, contact Nancy at 302-598-8685 or Natiesmom@me.com.

PARISH JOB OPPORTUNITY

Saint Helena's seeks a **Maintenance Helper** to support the ministries of the Church and the needs of tenants. Major responsibilities include maintaining Parish facilities, grounds, and custodial duties. Some experience with building systems helpful. Part-time (10-20 hrs./wk). For details, contact Business Manager at rebmann@sainthelenas.org or 302-764-0325 x-102.

WEEKLY INTENTION

Saturday, February 3rd

5:00 pm (SR) Ronnie Joe Dumont

Sunday, February 4th

7:00 am (DV) Justin Bader

9:00 am (SR) Mary & Danny Paiano

11:00 am (RB) People of the Parish

Monday, February 5th

9:00 am (SR) Joan Kelly

Tuesday, February 6th

7:00 am (VK)

9:00 am (SP) Adelaide C. Russell

Wednesday, February 7th

7:00 am (VK)

9:00 am (SP) Francis Emory

Thursday, February 8th

7:00 am (VK)

9:00 am (SP) Mary & Bernard Fiore

Friday, February 9th

7:00 am (VK)

9:00 am (SR) Paul O. Knight

Anniversary

Saturday, February 10th

9:00 am (SR) Mary Lou Seichepine

5:00 pm (SR) Isabelle M. Krupa

Sunday, February 11th

7:00 am (SR) Dorothy Rich

9:00 am (RB) People of the Parish

11:00 am (SR) Mary Stipo

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 4th

11:00 am Youth Mass (Church)

St. Blaise Blessing – All Masses

Food Collection – All Masses

Monday, February 5th

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)

6:30 pm Religious Ed Classes (School)

6:30 pm Scripture Study (Religious Ed Office)

7:30 pm Liturgy Meeting (Rectory)

Tuesday, February 6th

2:00 pm Parish Social Ministry (Rectory)

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

7:00 pm CFC Meeting (Religious Ed Office)

Thursday, February 8th

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Sunday, February 11th

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

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



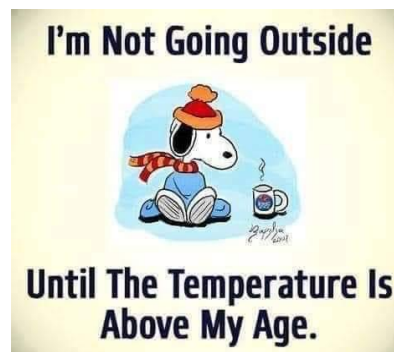
Ms. Hummy Pennell:

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, 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, Donna Dougherty, Gerri Fedena, Joseph Coen, & our friends at the Kutz Home.

Youth Group meets tonight, Sunday, at 7:00 pm.



LIFE'S HARD - WANT TO PRAY?

TOGETHER - 
LET US PRAY ...

St. Helena's Church will be open for prayer on:

TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
from February 6th through March 21st

Options - rosary, quiet prayer, music ministry,
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 FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting for the Young-At-Heart Social Group will be Monday, February 19th in Masci Hall. The doors will open at 6:30 pm and the meeting will start promptly at 7:00 pm. The Entertainment for the evening will be Msgr. Stanley Russell who will be speaking about Lent. There will be light refreshments immediately following the meeting. We welcome you to join in.

2023 FAITH AND CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL:

SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

To date, **\$62,308.64** has been received
representing 97.32% of our Parish's **\$66,276.00**
goal. **THANK YOU!** If you would like more
information about the Annual Catholic

Appeal:

www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal.

Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

FEBRUARY 
 BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of January 14, 2024 was \$6,007.00 and the online collection was \$2,492.00 for a total of \$8,499.00.

Thank you!

2024 "SOUPER BOWL" FOOD DRIVE



In support of St. Helena's Food Closet, the Knights of Columbus, Christopher Council are collecting nonperishable food. Please pick up a grocery bag after Mass and return it Sunday, February 11th, Super Bowl Sunday. The food closet particularly needs nonperishable food such as canned fruit & vegetables, spaghetti sauce, pasta, baked beans, elbow macaroni, pancake mix, pancake syrup and apple juice, chili, stew, canned chicken, tuna, cereal, rice, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, soup, and macaroni & cheese. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please scan the QR code below or follow the link: <https://2024-souper-bowl-food-drive-copy-copy.cheddarup.com>. For checks please make payable to Christopher Council 3182, mail to 135 Princeton Ave. Claymont, DE 19702. Thank you for your support!





FISH FRY FRIDAYS DURING LENT 2024

FEBRUARY 16, 23

5:00 p.m. to

MARCH 1, 8, 15, 22

7:00 p.m.

**Hosted by the Knights of Columbus,
Christopher Council (#3182), in
St. Helena's Masci Hall**

THE "FOUR STAR*" FISH FRY RETURNS!!!

On the six Fridays during Lent, the Christopher Council of the Knights of Columbus will host a Fish Fry in St. Helena's Masci Hall. (Please note that there is no Fish Fry on Good Friday).

Dinner service is from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Takeout is available.

The menu includes platters of fried fish, baked fish, fried shrimp, crab cakes or a seafood entrée special accompanied by a variety of side dishes.

In addition, we'll be serving up hot soup, salads and desserts. Children's platters are available for those under 12 and Beer and Wine are available for those over 21.

The proceeds from these dinners will go to support the charitable programs of Christopher Council, including the Outreach Program at St. Helena's and Holy Rosary.

For questions or to volunteer, please contact Raymond at 302-547-6931 (phone or text) or RaymondCobb3182@gmail.com or Nancy at 302-598-8685 (phone or text) or Natiesmom@me.com

*The Dialog's Dashing Diner, March 11, 2022