

January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Church calendar says it is the “Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. But the Scripture we hear today are not “ordinary.” We hear the story of the calling by God of Samuel – the last of the Old Testament “judges” or leaders of God’s people. His response, “Speak, for your servant is listening” is still true of every believer in God. In the Gospel we hear Jesus being “manifested” by John the Baptist: “Behold the Lamb of God.” The first of the disciples have listened to the voice of God and responded, following Jesus, the Lord and Savior.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts January 18th (the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul). All Christians are invited to pray together that full unity may be restored to the Church of Christ. Pray that all may be one in the Church of Christ.

2024 TRUSTEES

Paul Soper and John Mousley were elected Parish Lay Trustees for the year at the official Parish Corporation Meeting last Sunday.

Congratulations and thanks to those who participated in the meeting.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

We pray, O gracious Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ.

As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will.

Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PARISH JOB OPPORTUNITY



Saint Helena’s seeks a **Maintenance Supervisor** to manage Parish facilities to support the ministries of the Church and the needs of tenants. Responsible for maintaining electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems. Requires knowledge and experience with building systems. Full-time (35 hrs/wk) w/Benefits. Part-time **Maintenance Helper** also needed w/some experience. Part-time (10-20 hrs/wk).

Contact Business Manager:

rrebmman@sainthelenas.org

or 302-764-0625 x-102

WEEKLY INTENTION

Saturday, January 13th

5:00 pm (SR) People of the Parish

Sunday, January 14th

7:00 am (EM) Donna Socorso Roehsler

9:00 am (RB) Henry C. Lynch, Jr.

11:00 am (SR) Nicholas Cekine

Monday, January 15th

9:00 am (SR) Domenic Currado

Tuesday, January 16th

7:00 am (SP) Mary Louise Monaghan

Living Intention

9:00 am (SR) Albert Minuti, Sr.

Wednesday, January 17th

9:00 am (SR) Bernadette C. Gallagher

Thursday, January 18th

7:00 am (VK) Mary Louise Monaghan

Living Intention

9:00 am (SR) Frances & John Danchak

Friday, January 19th

7:00 am (VK) Harold Robinson & Anita Tyrawski

9:00 am (SR) Patricia Darmain

Saturday, January 20th

9:00 am (SP) Patty Boyd

5:00 pm (SP) Marlene Nickerson

Sunday, January 21st

7:00 am (DV) Betty Dorsey & Family

Living Intention

9:00 am (SR) People of the Parish

11:00 am (RB) William McLaughlin

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 14th

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

7:00 pm Youth Group (Religious Ed Office)

Monday, January 15th - MLK DAY

NO Religious Ed Class or Scripture Study

RECTORY CLOSED

Tuesday, January 16th

10:00 am Staff Meeting (Rectory)

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting (Masci Hall)

Wednesday, January 17th

7:00 pm Finance Council (Rectory)

Thursday, January 18th

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Sunday, January 21st

12:15 pm Confirmation Meeting (Masci Hall)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

NO Classes or Adult Scripture tomorrow night, Monday, so families can observe Martin Luther King Day. We return on Monday, January 22nd at 6:30 pm.

Confirmation Meeting is next Sunday, January 21st at 12:15 pm in Masci Hall. This is for Candidates and Sponsors.

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 Mass

Sunday, February 4, 2024

11:00 am Mass

All Religious Education Families are invited to attend our Youth Mass at 11:00 am on February 4th. Come and see our older students participate as altar servers, Lectors, Bringing up the gifts, Taking up the collections and participating in the choir. Coffee and donuts will be served in the gathering space after Mass by our students.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of December 25, 2023, was \$6,292.00 and the online collection was \$2,367.00 for a total of \$8,659.00.

Thank you!

BINGO: HELP NEEDED

We are looking for 2 or 3 people to help in the kitchen at BINGO one or two times a month. The time would be from 4:45 pm - 7:30 pm on Thursday nights. We presently have 2 faithful parishioners who would enjoy cutting back to 2 nights a month. Someone would be available to show a newcomer the ropes. Please email Ms. Hummy at hpennell@sainthelenas.org if you are interested. Bingo is a very lucrative event which brings in much needed funds to the parish. Any help would be most appreciated. Thanking you in advance for your kindness and consideration.

RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE



Friday, February 16th - Sunday, February 18th

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties, or crises. *The next program will be held February 16 - 18, 2024 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.* For more information, or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATE!

Phone calls fielded in November - 183
Food Pantry assistance - 49 families in November and 50 families in December. This total includes the 28 families provided food assistance for Thanksgiving and again for Christmas. Those on our Thanksgiving List and Christmas Angel Tree were provided food, as well as some gift cards for the grocery store. Angel Tree - In addition to the food assistance, families were given \$50.00 in gift cards so they could purchase presents for their children. A total of 71 children received Christmas gifts because of your kindheartedness! Birthright Bottle for Babies - St. Helena's raised \$1,024.00 so far. Thank you so much for your generous donations to assist pregnant women and their babies! We could not do any of it without you and we thank you so much for your continued financial support and your prayers! We are always in need of volunteers in our Social Ministry Office. Could you spare one or two mornings a month? If so, please contact me on ext. 104. Thank you! *Carol Ann*

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.

DECEMBER PARISH EXPENSES

In December, our parish paid 71 bills for a total of \$57,797.42. In addition payroll expenses were \$11,523.13. Among the bills were:

Delmarva Power	\$ 5,220.14
Diocesan Assessment, 2nd Quarter	\$ 19,500.00
Gift card donations for the Angel Tree	\$ 5,348.69
Contract payment on copier	\$ 595.64
Veolia water	\$ 269.30
Verizon telephone	\$ 478.82
Waste removal	\$ 640.00



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 click on 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!

