

January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's first reading from the Old Testament Book of Jonah (which is a story, a parable teaching a lesson) God teaches His People: If I gave to those non-believers what I have given you, they would have listened to me and repented!

As we begin this year's readings from the Gospel of Mark, we hear Jesus at the beginning of His public ministry proclaiming: "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel."



**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.

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:

rrebmann@sainthelenas.org

or 302-764-0625 x-102

WEEKLY INTENTION

Saturday, January 20th

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

Monday, January 22nd

9:00 am (SR) Mary Louise Monaghan
Living Intention

Tuesday, January 23rd

7:00 am (SP) Brian Sharkey

9:00 am (SR) Adelaide C. Russell

Wednesday, January 24th

9:00 am (SR) Fr. William Keech

Thursday, January 25th

7:00 am (VK) Paul Christopher Moshette

9:00 am (SR) Deceased Members of
The Sullivan-Russell Family

Friday, January 26th

7:00 am (VK) Mary Louise Monaghan
Living Intention

9:00 am (SR) Lena Stirparo

Saturday, January 27th

9:00 am (SR) Paul David Sargent III "Gus"

5:00 pm (SR) Betty Rae Quinn
26th Anniversary

Sunday, January 28th

7:00 am (SR) Mary Louise Monaghan
Living Intention

9:00 am (RB) People of the Parish

11:00 am (SP) Patty Boyd

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 21st

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

12:15 pm Confirmation Meeting (Masci Hall)

Monday, January 22nd

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)

6:30 pm Religious Ed Classes (School)

6:30 pm Scripture Study (Religious Ed Office)

Tuesday, January 23rd

7:00 pm Parish Life Meeting (Masci Hall)

Thursday, January 25th

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Sunday, January 28th

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Ms. Hummy Pennell:

hpennell@sainthelenas.org

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

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.

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.

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

The diocese will commemorate **World Day of Consecrated Life** on Saturday February 3, 2024 at 5:00 pm Mass at Holy Family Parish, 15 Gender Road, Newark, Delaware. Bishop Koenig will preside at the parish liturgy where the Religious will renew their vowed commitments to a life of prayer and service. Laity are invited to liturgy. This experience is a witness to the people of the parish of their dedication to their vocations.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of December 31, 2023 was \$3,919.00 and the online collection was \$1,727.00 for a total of \$5,646.00.

Thank you!

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH (MIDDLETOWN) PRESENTS "WAY OF THE CROSS"



The Music Ministry of St. Joseph Parish will present a Cantata, "Way of the Cross," on Sunday, February 18, 2024, 4:00 pm, featuring the Parish Choir, Cantors, and orchestra. The work will feature John Sposato as reader and Vy. Rev. Mark Kelleher as presider/cantor. It will be conducted by Rosemary Hadland, Director of Music Ministry. An optional Lenten supper in the Parish Hall will follow immediately after the performance. "Way of the Cross" is composed by Vince Ambrosetti, renowned Catholic publisher, composer, and artist. A gorgeous musical setting based on St. Alphonsus Ligouri's prayerful Stations of the Cross; the cantata will allow those in attendance to participate in the sung responses for each station. The performance will highlight the newly restored Stations of the Cross featured in the nave of the St. Joseph Church. "Way of the Cross" is approximately one hour long. It will be followed by a simple Lenten soup and bread supper in St. Joseph Hall, provided by the Columbiettes Old Bohemia Auxiliary. The concert and dinner are free of charge; however, because of limited space, reservations are required for the dinner. To reserve a seat for dinner, please contact the Parish Office at **302-378-5800** no later than February 9, 2024.

PARISH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



SOCIAL MINISTRY

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*

BINGO

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.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop William E. Koenig invites all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, wedding anniversary, or any anniversary beyond 50th, to the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass being held on World Marriage Sunday**, February 11, 2024, at 1:00PM at St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, DE. Reservations are required by February 2, 2024. Bishop Koenig will be available for photos with interested couples beginning at 12:00 pm and again after the Mass. If you would like to have a photo taken with Bishop Koenig, please arrive at 12:00 pm or plan to stay after Mass. Questions may be referred to the Office for Marriage and Family Life at 302-295-0657 or by emailing OMFL@cdow.org. Registration can be completed by using the following link: <https://cdowcym.wufoo.com/forms/k1uxe9k20m649mn/>



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!

