

January 28, 2024
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In our first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses is depicted saying to God's people "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you, from among your own kin; to him you shall listen."

In our Gospel reading from Mark, we see that prophecy fulfilled. Jesus speaks and acts with authority. The people in the synagogue recognized the authority of Jesus and spread the word to others. Unfortunately a lot of people do not recognize the authority of Jesus and do not believe in Him.

Today's Psalm response says: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." We believe in Jesus continuing to teach with authority in His Church. We must not harden our hearts. We listen and we live by Jesus' words.



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 priest to help us. Please check the bulletin for updates and Mass times.

Monsignor Russell

St. Blaise

Blessing of the Throats



Join us on Saturday, February 3rd, after all Masses, as we celebrate the traditional Blessing of Throats in honor of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr: and we ask God's healing mercy upon all the sick.

PARISH JOB OPPORTUNITY

We're hiring!

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, January 27th

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

Monday, January 29th

9:00 am (SR) Marge Grove

Tuesday, January 30th

7:00 am (SP) Bernadette Noronha

9:00 am (SR) Charles Schmidt, Jr.

Wednesday, January 31st

9:00 am (SR) Carl Irey

Thursday, February 1st

7:00 am (VK)

9:00 am (SR) Frances & John Danchak

Friday, February 2nd - FIRST FRIDAY

7:00 am (VK)

9:00 am (SR) Walter Kudiz

Saturday, February 3rd

9:00 am (SR) Patricia Darmanin

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 28th

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

Monday, January 29th

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)

6:30 pm Religious Ed Classes (School)

6:30 pm Scripture Study (Religious Ed Office)

Wednesday, January 31st

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

Thursday, February 1st

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Friday, February 2nd

9:30 am Adoration (Church)

Saturday, February 3rd

After 9:00 am Mass - Pray the Miraculous
Medal Novina

St. Blaise Blessing - All Masses

Sunday, February 4th

11:00 am Youth Mass (Church)

Food Collection - All Masses

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

Snowman for sale needs
repairs \$25



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

Saturday, February 3rd at 5:00 pm

The diocese will commemorate **World Day of Consecrated Life 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 January 7, 2024 was \$4,803.00 and the online collection was \$3,072.00 for a total of \$7,875.00.

Thank you!

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



Sunday, February 18th at 4:00 pm

The Music Ministry of St. Joseph Parish will present a Cantata, "Way of the Cross," 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.

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). 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.

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.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday, February 11th at 1:00 pm

St. Margaret of Scotland Church in Newark, DE

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**. 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!

