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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00am

DAILY MASSES

Monday through Saturday: 9:00am

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

After First Friday 9am Mass
After Saturday 9am Mass
Saturdays - 3:30-4:45pm

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS:

Call the Rectory to register



October 13th, 2024

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 13, 2024

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I hope you're enjoying your three-day weekend and that each of you get some rest or take a break from work and have some fun. Here at your home - Saint Helena - we need your help throughout October and into November.

When the advertiser says that fall is for planting, they are correct. This is that time of year we can dig up tulips and daffodils and separate them. Perennials can also be split without damaging them, and you can tame any wildness that may have happened during the summer. I am planting three Hosta beds, and I want to have Canna in all the beds throughout the campus - if you have them, we will take them. If you drop them off, please indicate the color.

During this month if you don't want to play in the dirt, we could use your skills in **Attic Treasures** and in setting up an amazing **Christmas Bazaar** on **November the 2nd**. It is the bazaar season that officially kicks off the Christmas season for me. No matter when your holiday season begins, our bazaar leaders need you! And don't say you can't do anything until you call and volunteer. Make the call, make a difference! Work with a bunch of people that know what they're doing and enjoy doing it. Hard work is not hard when it is done with friends.

Back to our campus, there are nine projects that I would like to see complete before the 11th of November. Seven different gardens need to be built and planted. If you have skills and can take some instruction beginning on October the 15th, at 1:00 pm, I will be outside the office working on our landscaping. We can plan for evening work also. If you have a group that can only do weekend work - let me know - we can do a Saturday Work Team Weekend.

More info on this can be found on our website, www.sainthelenas.org. No Sundays, even God took one day off.

The Fall landscaping and Spring bulbs are available, if you can't shovel or plant - you can contribute. I am confident that you will like what you see in the spring and that you will like what the campus looks like even in the next few weeks. There will be some messes that will be temporary, but there will be beauty in the end.

Let us fill the month of October with one small success after another. Call the office and let me know you are coming to help. Wednesday is my day off (no outside work.) I know we have talented people in our parish - your administrator has a plan, so please don't prune, cut or disbud any of the scrubs or flowers. The **lack of rain** is having a bad impact on our plants - pruning or cutting this fall should be limited - so please just call the office to volunteer - plan the work - work the plan - enjoy the results. May God be praised now and forever.

- Fr. Hanley

Offertory Collection

The offertory collection for the weekend of **September 22, 2024** was \$4,403.00 and the online collection was \$2,202.00 for a total of \$6,605.00.

Thank You!

2025 MASS BOOK opens for the month at noon.

11/4 - November 2025

12/2 - December 2025

Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal

St. Helena's goal is \$67,933.00

Thank you!

Weekly Intention

Saturday, October 12th

5:00 pm (CH) John R. Quinn, Sr.
47 Year Anniversary

Sunday, October 13th - 28th SUNDAY/ORDINARY

7:00 am (CH) Dominic & Mary Roggero
9:00 am (CH) People of the Parish
11:00 am (RW) Mary Elizabeth Dillon Kirk

Monday, October 14th

9:00 am (CH) Fr. William Keech, OSFS

Tuesday, October 15th

9:00 am (CH) Nicholas & Alexander Dorsey

Wednesday, October 16th

9:00 am (SR) Victorine & Bill Bullen

Thursday, October 17th

9:00 am (CH) Kathryn Jones
Living Intention

Friday, October 18th

9:00 am (CH) Gertrude Aiken Blackwelder

Saturday, October 19th

9:00 am (CH) Charles Schmidt, Sr.
5:00 pm (CH) Anthony Boccella
Living Intention

Sunday, October 20th - 29th SUNDAY/ORDINARY

7:00 am (CH) Jacqueline Gracias
9:00 am (RB) People of the Parish
11:00 am (CH) Jacob Schmitt

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 13th - 28th SUNDAY/ORDINARY

2nd Collection - Social Ministry

8:00 am Breakfast Buffet (Masci Hall)
11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church Crying Room)
12:15 pm First Reconciliation Prep Class
(RE Office)

7:00 pm Youth Group Pizza Party (RE Office)

Monday, October 14th - COLUMBUS DAY

RECTORY CLOSED

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)
6:30 pm Religious Ed. Classes (School)
6:30 pm Scripture Study (RE Office)
6:30 pm Weekly Walk (School Parking Lot)

Tuesday, October 15th

10:00 am Staff Meeting (Rectory)
6:30-7:30 pm Open Prayer (Church)
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting (Rectory)

Wednesday, October 16th

After 9:00 am Mass - Stay to Pray the Rosary
6:30 pm Reconciliation Meeting
for Students & Parents (Masci Hall)

Thursday, October 17th

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

Saturday, October 19th

6:00-10:00 pm KOC Comedy Night (Masci Hall)

Sunday, October 20th - 29th SUNDAY/ORDINARY

2nd Collection - World Mission

Human Development

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church Crying Room)
12:15 pm Confirmation Kids & Sponsors
(Masci Hall)

Please Pray for our Sick Parishioners

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, 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, Donna Dougherty, Gerri Fedena, Joseph Coen, Mary Smith, Peter Lauer, Robert Pagenkemper, Evelyn Deeney, Chuck Williams, Eve Archangelo, Kay Volk, Gay Meriggi, Pamela Grow, Walter Thomas, Abigail Cushing, Susan Watkins, Dorothy Medeiros, Juliann Congo, Catherine Williams, Janice Tigani, Staci McCoy, Carrie Spurlock, Dawn Williams, Tom Cassidy, Florence Morales, Paul Gildea, Thomas Trojak, Linda Lotsis & our friends at the Kutz Home.

Religious Education

First Reconciliation Preparation Class is TODAY, Sunday, October 13th, at 12:15 pm in the Religious Education Office.

Youth Group Pizza Party for new high school teens meets TODAY, Sunday, October 13th, at 7:00 pm in the Religious Education Office. Come and see if you might like to join. Feel free to bring a friend.

Veteran's Clothing Collection

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Mardaga Assembly is requesting assistance from our fellow parishioners to help hospitalized and nursing home veterans in need. We are collecting white t-shirts, white boxer briefs, white crew socks, and sleep pants, all in various sizes. We are also collecting shaving cream, disposable razors, and toiletries. We will be delivering the items on Veteran's Day. The collection begins Sunday, October 6th, and ends the week of October 29th.

Items can be dropped off in the box at the entrance of the church during this time. If you would prefer, a monetary donation can be made online by scanning the QR code below or go to <https://clothing-for-veterans-2024-11653.cheddarup.com>. Checks, made payable to Bishop Mardaga Assembly, can also 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 Bryan Gallagher at 856-896-5636 or briangallagher713@gmail.com.



Young-At-Heart October Meeting

The Young-At-Heart's October meeting will be held on Monday, October 21st 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 Bingo along with light refreshments. Hope to see everyone there. Enjoy the beautiful sights and delicious smells of autumn!

Our parish Youth Group is sponsoring a Trunk or Treat



Sunday, October 27th at 6:00 pm
Masci Hall

Come and enjoy games, crafts, and a Parade of Halloween costumes. Moms and Dads come with a decorated TRUNK for a chance to win FAMILY TICKETS FOR OUR "Second Sunday Breakfast".

Craft Donations Needed for Christmas Bazaar

The Young-At-Heart Group members are the main crafters selling items for the St. Helena's Christmas Bazaar. We are reaching out to the Parish members and asking if there are parishioners who are also crafters and would be willing to donate an item or two to the group to sell at the upcoming Christmas Bazaar. The Bazaar will be one day only, Saturday, November 2nd and any and all homemade craft items would be appreciated. If you are interested in donating, please email Kathleen at kafinocchiaro@gmail.com to let her know. For your convenience, the items could be placed on the Rectory Porch with the Young-At-Heart's name on them once you have contacted Kathleen. Thank you in advance for your help.

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 November 2nd/3rd.

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!

ST. HELENA'S CHURCH

Christmas BAZAAR

& Attic Treasures!

SATURDAY, NOV. 2ND

9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

\$5.00 EARLY ADMISSION (7:00AM - 9:00 AM)
FREE ADMISSION AT 9:00AM

*Raffles, Gift Baskets, Crafts,
Book Nook, Bake Table,
Giving Tree and more!*

BREAKFAST - 7:00 AM-11:00 AM
LUNCH - 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
**ITALIAN DINNER BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**



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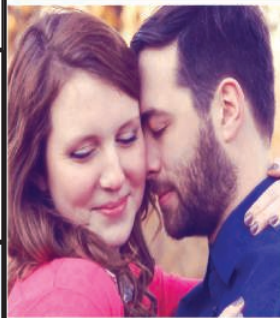
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