

October 22, 2023
29th Sunday of Ordinary Time



In the first reading from the second part of **Isaiah**, we hear the Lord speaking to Cyrus, the king of the Persians who had conquered the Babylonians. The Lord used Cyrus to let His People go from their exile in Babylon back to Jerusalem and their homeland.

In the Gospel we hear Jesus say "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." Yes our God uses even the political persons and events in our world fit into His plan for us.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Offertory Collection for the weekend of October 1, 2023, was \$5,275.00 and the online collection was \$1,747.00 for a total of \$7,022.00.

Thank you!



Father William Keech

For many years, Father William Keech of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales has celebrated Masses here at St. Helena's. The Funeral for Father Keech will be at St. Anthony's Church in Wilmington on Tuesday, October 24th. Visitation will begin at 9:00 am; Mass will be at 11:00 am.

Please remember him in your prayers.

2023 FAITH AND CHARITY
CATHOLIC APPEAL:
SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST



To date, **\$60,993.29** has been received representing **92.03%** of our Parish's **\$66,276.00** goal. THANK YOU!

If you would like more information about the Annual Catholic Appeal, please visit **www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal**. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

PARISHIONERS ARE
DESPERATELY NEEDED

We need your help moving items for St. Helena's Christmas Bazaar into Dougherty Hall on **Sunday, October 29th** between 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Please come to the convent for directions. ANY AMOUNT OF YOUR TIME IS HELPFUL. Thank you for your help. Questions: call or text Trish Horne at **302-528-0556**.

PARISH JOB OPPORTUNITY

The parish is seeking a part-time Receptionist who will exhibit strong people skills, attention to detail, and a desire to minister to all. Their responsibilities will include maintaining the parishioner database and reconciling parishioner donations. They will work with volunteers and report to the Parish Business Manager. Requires comfort level with computers including experience with Word, Excel, and Outlook. Flexible hours (10 am - 2 pm, Monday thru Thursday would be ideal.) Learn more about this great opportunity by contacting us at **302-764-0325 x102** or **rrebmann@SaintHelenas.org** (Rick)

WEEKLY INTENTION

Saturday, October 21st

5:00 pm (SR) People of the Parish

Sunday, October 22nd

7:00 am (EF) Mike Moore

9:00 am (BISHOP) Jerry & Al Moyer

11:00 am (RB) Mary Ann Vari

Monday, October 23rd

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

Tuesday, October 24th

7:00 am (EF) Samuel & Marie Emmi

9:00 am (SR) Earl Girardi

Wednesday, October 25th

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

Thursday, October 26th

7:00 am (EF) Marvin & Alice F. Hill
John & Rella Flood

9:00 am (SR) Frances & John Danchak

Friday, October 27th

7:00 am (EF) Harry Brake

9:00 am (SR) Susan Delfino

Saturday, October 28th

9:00 am (SR) Brian Hopkins

5:00 pm (SR) Joseph & Yvette Dumont

Sunday, October 29th

7:00 am (EF) People of the Parish

9:00 am (SR) Joan McLaughlin

11:00 am (SR) Deceased Members of
The Fedena Family

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 22nd

2nd Collection - World Mission/
Human Development

9:00 am EDR Casserole Drop Off

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

Monday, October 23rd

6:00 pm Youth Choir (Church)

6:30 pm Religious Ed. (School)

6:30 pm Scripture Study (Religious Ed. Office)

Wednesday, October 25th

7:00 pm K of C Silver Rose Prayer Service (Church)

Thursday, October 26th

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Saturday, October 28th

6:00-11:00 pm Oktoberfest (Masci Hall)

6:30-9:30 pm University of Delaware
Choral Ensemble (Church)

Sunday, October 29th

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church)

6:00 pm Trunk-or-Treat (Masci Hall)

UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE CHORAL ENSEMBLE



Saturday, October 28th from 6:30 - 9:30 pm
St. Helena's Church

We cordially invite you to spend a night of choral excellence with the University of Delaware at St. Helena's! Join University Singers and the UD Chorale as they perform music from the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries. From Francis Poulenc and William H. Harris, to Thomas LaVoy and Billie Eilish, University of Delaware choirs present a diverse breadth of repertoire that is sure to captivate and delight any-and-everyone! If you are a member of the parish, simply say St. Helena for free admission.

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, Dorothy Rich, Bridget Robinson, Helen Rupnicki, Kathleen Schauber, 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 & our friends at the Kutz Home.



Christmas Bazaar

2023

Saturday, November 4th
&
Sunday, November 5th

On Saturday, "Early Birds" can shop Attic Treasures in the Convent, the Modular Building and Dougherty Hall for a \$5 entry fee beginning at 7 am. (The best bargains are worth the price of admission!) The entire Bazaar opens by 9 am.

In addition to the Attic Treasures, Bazaar 2023 hosts the Bake Table full of yummy treats to enjoy now or freeze for later, the Book Nook stocked with books for all ages and the Young At Heart Club's stunning array of gift baskets and crafts. This year, we will also have a table full of gifts for the caregiver, teacher, hostess, or neighbor.

While you are in Masci Hall, take a chance on a variety of prizes for a mere \$3. This year we have a Sleigh of Cheer handcrafted by Bill Doll, a Kitchen Aid Mixer, a Quilt handcrafted by Beth Masci, an All-Clad set of cookware, and a 55" T.V. for watching those Holiday classics. We will also have our \$500 CASH raffle.

Our annual Giving Tree will be set up so that you may purchase gift cards to help our neighbors who are struggling during this Christmas Season.

Since you can't enjoy a Bazaar without sustenance, our Food Court will be open for Breakfast (8:00 am to 11:00 am) and Lunch (11:30 am to 2:00 pm). Stay or head back for a festive Italian Dinner from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Questions? Please call or text Nancy Cobb at 302-598-8685.



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 Nov 4/5.** 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!

CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY AT SAINT MARK'S HIGH SCHOOL

Wednesday, November 8th at 7:30 am

Saint Mark's High School will be hosting Veterans Day celebrations and all activities are open to the public. The day will begin with the annual Veterans Day Breakfast from 7:30 am until 9:00 am. Veterans and active military members, and their families, are invited to attend. The family-style breakfast is free. Donations are welcome to support the Corporal Stephen M. McGowan Fund. Stephen McGowan was a 1996 graduate of Saint Mark's who was killed in Iraq in 2005 while serving in the Army. The fund provides tuition assistance for the children of active-duty military and veterans attending Saint Mark's. At 10:00 am, Saint Mark's will host the Corporal Stephen M. McGowan 20K Challenge. This 20K trek will be held on the school track and will raise money for the McGowan Fund. All are invited to participate. To register, visit www.stmarkshs.net/news--events/veterans-day-2023.

SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATE!

Phone calls fielded:

January-May approximately 140 per month

June-204, July-203, August-305

As you can see there has been a substantial increase in phone calls to the office from people looking for assistance with rent and utilities. In addition, the numbers accessing our food bank have increased from about 12-15 families per month to 22-25 families. We do our best to answer all phone calls and give comfort and referral even if we can't provide financial assistance. I am continually humbled by your generosity to Social Ministry whether it is financial assistance, food, prayers, volunteer time or a combination of all four. Any assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated. Thank you so very much for your continued support!

Carol Ann



THANKSGIVING PROGRAM



Once again, Saint Helena's Social Ministry will be collecting monetary contributions for our annual Thanksgiving Program. Our needy families will be given grocery store gift cards to purchase food for their Thanksgiving dinner. Everyone is aware of the rising food prices, and many of our clients are really having a difficult time feeding their families. To participate, we ask that you complete the attached voucher, place it in an envelope marked "THANKSGIVING PROGRAM" along with your donation, and put it in the rectory mailbox. On behalf of the many clients we serve, thank you for your continued generosity.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

DONATION _____

Thank you for your donation to our Thanksgiving program. Checks can be made out to "St. Helena Parish". Please write "Thanksgiving Program" on the outside of the envelope, and return it by OCTOBER 31st.

St. Helena's Parish Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 28th from 6:00 - 11:00 pm

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Enjoy an evening filled with Traditional Oktoberfest Music (complete with the long horns and men in Lederhosen,) German Folk Dancing (participation encouraged but not required,) a Buffet Dinner (including appetizer, soup and salad, German themed main courses and an array of desserts) and Oktoberfest Beer and Wine. Dancing to the hits of yesterday and today will round out the night!

Admission - \$40 per person

\$500 Keg of Cash Raffle - \$5 a ticket

or 6 tickets for \$25

Need Not Be Present To Win

For information, please contact Raymond

Cobb: 302-547-6931

RaymondCobb3182@gmail.com

St. Helena's Parish

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 29th at 6:00 pm

Masci Hall & School Parking Lot

Youth Group is sponsoring our Annual Trunk or Treat! Bring your decorated cars to the school parking lot for your chance to win 4 Tickets to our Second Sunday Breakfast in November. We will have games and crafts for the children. Prizes will be given for various age groups for Most Original, Scariest or Cutest costumes.

Come out for a spooky, good time!