

OCTOBER 6, 2024

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The "Spirit of America." There is something special about living in this country of ours and so often people do not get a chance to see it. I am writing this note for the bulletin as late as I possibly can because I got one of those "Holy Spirit Nudges." As I am typing, four different cars have pulled up to drop off disaster relief supplies for the people of North Carolina. You have seen the images on the television or on your phones. We have heard the heart-breaking stories of our fellow Americans suffering. There is neither rich nor poor when a natural disaster strikes. Loss of life and property feels the same for everyone. A ten-thousand-dollar home or a multimillion-dollar home, it does not matter, they still give way to water, fire, and wind the same way. It not about the disaster that I write, it is about how you/we answer God's call for us to love. Three years we have been talking about Eucharist, and three years have taught us one simple truth you will hear this weekend at our Diocesan Eucharistic Congress - Eucharist is dynamic and those who receive Christ become dynamic because they have received the Son of God - the Body of Christ.

"The Body of Christ" does not sit idle within us and it is more powerful than any one person. Jesus said to his disciples that they would "see even greater things" than his healing and other miracles; He was right. You are the proof. The porch is now half full of relief supplies. Everyone has a story about the goodness of God and the kindness of the people of God. So often the media and other sources of lies wants us to believe God is dead, God has turned his back on us, but it is through your words and deeds that all can see the power of God. The love of God. The strength of God. The determination and patience of God. All because of you and your "FIAT," your "yes" to work in union with our Father on heaven.

Finally, it's one thing to give away a favorite shirt or jacket to a good cause, or to put the

money of a family night out into a check for relief. But you can do more, and I encourage you to do more. Pray for the families that lost loved ones, lost material objects of sentimental value, lost gathering space in their communities. Pray for everyone - pray for those who volunteer and those that feed and house the volunteers. A couple of weeks from now another natural disaster will happen. When a hurricane hit Kentucky a few years back, somewhere in the news it was written, "Don't forget Kentucky." I say to all of us, let us always be mindful of our blessings - give glory to God for His many gifts to us, and always remember - God was with us at our conception and despite what things look like today - God has not and will not ever abandon us. May God be praised both now and forever, *Fr. Hanley.*

None of them think, they just are. And the wreckage is visible. I want all of us to go beyond what we have seen and think about the unseen. Within the human heart lies such an abundant capacity to love, yet we hold on, guard, and protect ourselves. A broken heart due to loss takes a long time to mend. In a natural disaster we cannot truly blame anyone - so we blame God. God - the ultimate lover of all humanity gave us the beautiful planet we live on. He gave us free will to make decisions that impact our planet and impact our weather patterns.

Offertory Collection

The offertory collection for the weekend of **September 15, 2024** was \$4,888.00 and the online collection was \$2,467.00 for a total of \$7,355.00.

Thank You!

**2025 MASS BOOK
opens for the month at noon.**

10/7 - October 2025

11/4 - November 2025

12/2 - December 2025

Weekly Intention

Saturday, October 5th

9:00 am (CH) Paul O. Knight

Sunday, October 6th - 27th SUNDAY/

ORDINARY TIME

7:00 am (CH) William Becker

9:00 am (RB) Dianne Wolf

11:00 am (CH) People of the Parish

Monday, October 7th

9:00 am (CH) Michael John Duke

Tuesday, October 8th

9:00 am (CH) Anna Muldowney

Wednesday, October 9th

9:00 am (SR) Anna Muldowney

Thursday, October 10th

9:00 am (CH) Bart & Natalie Meriggi

Friday, October 11th

9:00 am (CH) Edwin Blevins

Saturday, October 12th

9:00 am (CH) Dolores Albanese

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

47 Year Anniversary

Sunday, October 13th - 28th SUNDAY/

ORDINARY TIME

7:00 am (CH) Dominic & Mary Roggero

9:00 am (CH) People of the Parish

11:00 am (RW) Mary Elizabeth Dillon Kirk

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 6th - 27th SUNDAY/

ORDINARY TIME

2nd Collection - Maintenance & Repair

11:00 am Children's Liturgy (Church Crying Room)

Food Collection/Baby Bottle Distribution

-All Masses

Monday, October 7th

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)

7:00 pm Liturgy Meeting (Rectory)

Tuesday, October 8th

6:30-7:30 pm Open Prayer (Church)

7:00 pm Finance Council (Rectory)

Wednesday, October 9th

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

7:00 pm P.C. Executive Council (Rectory)

Thursday, October 10th

5:30 pm Bingo (Masci Hall)

7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Saturday, October 12th

12:00 pm Rosary Rally (Church Grounds)

Sunday, October 13th - 28th SUNDAY/

ORDINARY TIME

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)

Please Pray for our Sick Parishioners

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, Leila Lahan, Thomas Leo, Joseph Lichota, Aliyah Miller, Sara Murphy, Alex Newton, Dave Pacitti, Jane Parsons, Fr. Roy Pollard, 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, 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.

Faith & Charity Catholic Appeal

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

Thank you!

The Rectory will be **closed** on
Monday, October 14th for Columbus Day.



Religious Education

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

Youth Group Pizza Party for new high school teens meets NEXT 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.

Look What's Coming to St. Helena's

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".

Prayer/Rosary Rally



Saturday, October 12th at 12:00 pm
at St. Helena's Church near the Blessed Mother
Statue on the church grounds.
*In Celebration of the Witnessing of the Miracle
of the Sun and Protection of our Precious
Children.*

If you have questions, please contact
Stephanie Bilinski, talk or text, **302-559-1275**.

From Our Parish

- † Please be advised that Fr. Hanley will **NEVER** send an email or text requesting funds or gift cards, nor will any person on the staff. Please share this information with anyone that you feel may be vulnerable.
- † **ALTAR CANDLES:** Please do not blow out the candles on the Altar. The Altar Clothes have become stained by the oils in the candles. Please use the Candle Snuffers located in the Sacristy.
- † **OPEN PRAYER:** Tuesdays only from 6:30-7:30 pm. Options - rosary, quiet prayer, and more. Uncomfortable about coming? Come anyway. Ask for Laura when you arrive. Enter through church door marked with a yard sign.
- † **RECTORY HOURS** are Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 2:00 pm and Friday 8:30 am - noon.

**For more information and recent updates,
please check out our website or Facebook page.
(St. Helena's Parish)**

Share in the Spirit 2024



Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the diocesan Share in the Spirit tuition assistance collection. For those of you who have not yet participated, you may still contribute to the Share in the Spirit collection for tuition assistance. Please drop your envelope in the collection basket or parish office, visit the Share in the Spirit website at <https://www.cdow.org/share-in-the-spirit> and click on “Ways to Give”, or scan the QR code below. This important collection supports the mission and ministry of our Catholic schools by assisting parents who seek a Catholic education for their children but who struggle to afford the full cost of tuition. Your support is gratefully appreciated.



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!

Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids

Times are still difficult for many in the Claymont and surrounding area. The goal of the **Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program** is to ensure that no child in our community goes without a warm coat during the winter season. Last year, with the assistance of our fellow parishioners, Christopher Council donated well over 300 winter coats to children in need. We would like to surpass this number this year. With your help we can achieve this goal. You may donate NEW cold weather coats, hats, gloves/mittens, or scarves at one of our donation boxes at Holy Rosary or St. Helena churches. Or a monetary donation can be made online at <https://2024-coats-for-kids-christopher-council-3182.cheddarup.com> or scan the QR code. Thank you for considering this request.

