



St. Helena Church

6161 N. 5th Street
(Fifth Street and Godfrey Avenue)
Philadelphia, PA 19120-1497

St. Helena Church is a Tithing & Evangelizing Parish Mission Statement

We, the Parish of St. Helena, are rooted in Jesus Christ and nourished by Eucharist. We are aware of our present diversity and the changes that enrich us. We strive with all that God has given us to live and to share the Gospel of love by creating a welcoming and united community. We seek to integrate actively people of all ages, races, and cultures into every area of life.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Joseph T. Trinh	<i>Pastor</i>
Rev. Edward A. Pelczar	<i>(Retired) In Residence</i>
Rev. Peter J. Welsh	<i>Parochial Vicar</i>
Rev. Albert Gardy Villarsen, OMI	<i>In Residence</i>
Deacon Victor I. Seda	<i>Parish Deacon</i>
Deacon Huan C. Tran	<i>Parish Deacon</i>
Deacon Victor Pomales	<i>Parish Deacon</i>
Sr. Sophie Yondura, ssj., D. Min.	<i>Parish Services, DRE, RCIA</i>
Elena Asencio	<i>Parish Secretary</i>
Tram Ton Nu	<i>Business Manager</i>
Genevieve Black	<i>Music Director</i>
Sr. Maryanne Zakreski, ssj	<i>Outreach Center</i>
Sr. Anna Marie Lesutis, RSM, RN	<i>Health Promotion</i>
Ann Farley, MSN	<i>Health Promotion</i>
Sr. Lan Nguyen, OP	<i>Parish Ministry</i>

Rectory	6161 N. 5th Street	215-424-1300 (1301)
Convent	6127 N. 5th Street	215-924-2770
School	6101 N. 5th Street	215-549-2947
Rectory Fax Number		215-424-9152
Health Promotion Office		215-384-6540
Food Bank		267-900-5935
St. Helena Parish Outreach Center		267-437-4929

Web-site www.sainthelenaparish.net

St. Helena Church Office Hours (closed 12Noon-1:00pm)

Monday-Thursday	9:00am to 8:00pm
Friday	9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am to 2:00pm



St. Helena-Incarnation Independent Mission School

6101 N. 5th Street 215-549-2947

St. Helena Food Bank

Is serving clients in the 19111, 19120 and 19126 zip codes once a month. Bring photo I.D. and a current bill showing your name and zip code. Hours of Service: Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00am-12:30pm. Senior Boxes – 3rd Thursday of each month from 9:00am-12:30pm.



MASSES

Saturday Vigil – 4:30PM Mass in English
 Sunday – 8:00AM Mass in English
 9:30AM Mass in Vietnamese 11:15AM Mass in English
 12:30PM Mass in Spanish
 Monday through Saturday 8:00AM
 Obligatory Holy Days – (except Jan. 1 & Christmas)
 8:00AM, 9:00AM, 7:00PM Tri-lingual
 First Fridays – 8:00AM (and 9:00AM during School Year)

SACRAMENTS

Confession

Saturdays 4:00-4:30PM 15 minutes after Mass



Preparation Class in English is held the 1st Sunday of each month. Please call the rectory to set up an interview with Sr. Sophie Yondura, ssj. D. Min. before planning for the baptism.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If interested in completing your Sacraments For information, contact Sr. Sophie Yondura, ssj., D. Min. (215-424-1300).



Religion classes for Public School students held every Sunday beginning in September. Classes are at 9:15AM in the School Hall. For information, contact Sr. Sophie Yondura, ssj., D. Min. 215-424-1300).



The Church must be contacted at least 6 months in advance to make arrangements.

DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration
Daily Rosary
MM Devotion
OLLV Devotion

Every Thursday in Chapel
 8:30AM-5:00PM (Evening Prayer)
 Monday – Friday after 8:00AM Mass
 Saturday – 7:45AM (Lower Church)
 Friday – 8:00PM (Chapel)



Viet. Divine Mercy Grupo
Carismático

Saturday – 8:30AM (Lower Church)
 Sunday – 2:30pm (Lower Church)
 Tenemos circulo de oración en español todos los miercoles a las 6:00PM-9:00PM en la iglesia de abajo. Estan todos invitados

SERVICE MINISTRY

55+ Club
Boys Scouts
Aid for Friends
Outreach Center
Sick Calls

2nd & 4th Thursday 12:00 (Rectory Basement)
 Every Wednesday 7:00PM-9:00PM (Hall)
 Contact Sister Sophie Yondura, ssj. D. Min.
 Sr. Maryanne Zakreski, ssj (267-437-4929)
 Please call the rectory to schedule a home visit for Communion or in the Hospital.

Rehabilitation & Nursing Home

Laurel Square, York, Cheltenham
Contact Father Peter Welsh

Meetings

Parish Council	Alternating 2 nd Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)
Finance Committee	Alternating 2 nd Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)
Alumni Meeting	Monthly at 10:00am in the Convent

February 2, 2020 Presentation of the Lord

We Remember in Prayer our Sick

Luke Tynan	Frances Clark	Duong Thi Tham
Carmen Lebron	Lindsay H.	Francis Germanovich
Carmen Torres	Joseph Henson	Carmen Jimenez
Jeff Boka	Teresa Merrigan	Trisha Kern
Thanh Boka	Nathaniel Lopez	Emilio Rosario
Luis Ortiz	Harry Berge	Beth Ann Sellers
Rosaura Caraballo	Carmen Giamarcho	Dan Shead
Francis Hernandez	Isabel Phayre	Louise Liebel
Victoria Marin	Ignacio Ortolaza	Hipolita Delgado
Camille Figueroa	Lucia Zavala	Ryan Cichon
Emanuel Abiegom	Monica Peltz Yondura	

We Remember in Prayer our Deceased

Peg McBride

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen!

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y asechanzas del demonio. Reprimale Dios, pedimos suplicantes, y tú Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial, arroja al infierno con el divino poder a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malignos que andan isperses por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amén.

Lạy Tổng Lãnh Thiên Thần Micae, xin hãy bênh vực che chở cho chúng con trong chốn chiến trường, cùng nên như thành lũy vững bền cho chúng con trông cậy và chống trả các chước sâu độc ma quỷ. Chúng con sắp mình xuống xin Đức Chúa Trời ngăn cấm thần ngụy ấy. Lạy Tổng Lãnh Thiên Thần Micae là tướng quân cai quản cơ binh trên trời kia satan và thần dữ đang rảo khắp thiên hạ hòng làm hư loài người chúng con, xin người lấy phép Đức Chúa Trời mà xua đuổi chúng xuống hỏa ngục đời đời. Amen

Scripture Readings for the Week

SUNDAY, Feb. 2, 2020 <i>Presentation of the Lord</i>		
Mal 3: 1-4	Heb. 2: 14-18	Luke 2: 22-40
MONDAY (03)		
	2 Sm 15: 13-14, 30; 16: 5-13	Mk 5: 1-20
TUESDAY (04)		
	2 Sm 18: 9-10, 14b, 24-25a	Mk 5: 21-43
WEDNESDAY (05)		
2 Sm 24: 2, 9-17		Mk 6: 1-6
THURSDAY (06)		
1 Kgs 2: 1-4, 10-12		Mk 6: 7-13
FRIDAY (07)		
Sir 47: 2-11		Mk 6: 14-22
SATURDAY (08)		
1 Kgs 3: 4-13		Mk 6: 30-34

Masses for the Week of Feb. 2 to 9, 2020



SATURDAY, February 1, 2020
4:30PM Mary Magalski

SUNDAY, February 2, 2020 *Presentation of the Lord*
8:00AM Father Edmond Speitel
9:30AM Personal Intention
11:15AM Mary Gable
12:30PM Salud de Carmen Rios

MONDAY, February 3, 2020 *St. Blaise*
8:00AM Dec. Members of the David Speicer Family
7:00PM St. Helena Parishioners

TUESDAY, February 4, 2020
8:00AM Maria Mai Lam

WEDNESDAY, February 5, 2020 *St. Agatha*
8:00AM Maria Ty

THURSDAY, February 6, 2020 *St. Paul Miki & Companions*
8:00AM Maria Pham Chi

FRIDAY, February 7, 2020
8:00AM All Souls in Purgatory
9:00AM St. Helena Parishioners
8:00PM Father Edmond Speitel

SATURDAY, February 8, 2020 *St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita*
8:00AM Peter Cham Le
4:30PM Joseph Chiet Doan

SUNDAY, February 9, 2020 *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00AM Anna Hong Dinh
9:30AM Personal Intention
11:15AM Father Edmond Speitel
12:30PM Tomas Figueroa (1st Anniversary)

100 Years
Celebrating God's Faithfulness

Gracious God we give thanks as we anticipate celebrating the 100th anniversary of St. Helena Church and the journey that started so many years ago, and so many plans ago, and so many dreams ago. We celebrate all the joys that have been birthed in these 95 years. We celebrate all the happy times, all the accomplishments, and all the triumphs. Thank You, Lord, for blessing our parish. We acknowledge that there have been, and will continue to be, struggles and heartaches. Yet we have travelled together under Your protection and love for the past 95 years. Thank You, Lord, for being with us in good times and bad. We give thanks for those who founded our church 95 years ago and for their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities. We give thanks for all who have been members of this congregation, those who have given freely of their time and money, and for those whose wisdom guided our Church. We give thanks for all who have preached and taught here and for all who today lead in worship, witness, and service in our parish. We ask, Lord, that You would continue to protect us, guide us and sustain us as we anticipate our 100th anniversary celebration in 2024. Amen

**Save the date and Join us
Theme for St. Helena
100th Anniversary 2024**



From many countries and cultures, Saint Helena Parish Family celebrates God's faithfulness by encountering Christ through Scripture, the Sacraments and Community

Committee Members

Chairperson: Norajean Glenn

Assistant Chairperson: Fred Rosso

Andrea Santiago	Anita Repsch	Maria Repsch
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Carolyn Onibalusi	Dong Van Nguyen	Kelvin Garcia
Sr. Maryanne	Dung Nguyen	Josephine Rodriguez
Monica Rodriguez Victoria	Blanca Torres-Kelmedi	

Next Meeting – February 8, 2020

Saint Helena RCIA
Christian Formation Process

Class topic for Feb. 6

**The Eucharist: Source and Summit of the Christian Life
Thursdays 7:00pm to 8:30pm**

**Happenings at St. Helena Parish
February 2 to 8, 2020**

Sunday Feb. 2	English PREP 9:00am to 10:30am (Hall) VN Elder Choir 11:00am to 2:00pm (RB) VN TNTT Group 11:00am to 12:30pm (Hall) Vietnamese RCIA 11:00am to 12:00Noon (Rectory) Spanish Choir 11:00am to 12:15am (UC Mtg Rm) Vietnamese PREP 12:30pm to 1:30pm (LS) Spanish RCIA 10:30am to 12:00Noon (Library) Spanish Baptism Class 2:00pm (Adoration Chapel) VN Divine Mercy Group 2:30pm to 3:30pm (LC) Sp. Charismatic Assembly 4:00pm to 7:00pm (LC)
Blessing of Throats after all Masses	
Monday Feb. 3	Mass 7:00pm (LC) Spanish Charismatic Choir 7:30pm (LC)
Tuesday Feb. 4	Morning Social 9:00am to 11:00am (OC) Spanish Legion of Mary 9:30am to 11:30am (LC) English Choir 6:30pm to 8:00pm (LC) ESL Class 7:00pm to 8:30pm (OC) Staff Meeting 3:30pm (RMR) Parish Council Meeting 7:00pm (RMR)
Wednesday Feb. 5	Spanish Bible Study 9:30am to 12:00Noon (RB) Spanish Charismatics 6:00pm to 9:30pm (LC) Vietnamese Council 7:00pm (RMR)
Thursday Feb. 6	55+ Club Meeting 12:00Noon to 3:00pm (RB) ESL Class 7:00pm to 8:30pm (OC) English RCIA 7:00pm to 8:30pm (RMR)
Friday Feb. 7	VN Children's Choir 7:00pm to 8:00pm (LC) OLLV Devotion 8:00pm to 8:30pm (Adoration Chapel) VN Adult Choir 8:30pm to 10:30pm (LC)
Saturday Feb. 8	MM Devotion 7:50am (LC) OLLV Devotion 8:30am to 9:30am (LC) Viet. Language Class 9:30am to 11:30am (Hall)

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church. **We thank Fr. Gardy, Sr. Joan, Sr. Sophie, Sr. Lan, Sr. Loan, Sr. Anna Marie, and Sr. Maryanne who have responded to the call to the consecrated life.** May they be faithful witnesses of God's love! May others be inspired to live their baptismal commitment by professing the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience!

Join St. Helena Church Trip to "Queen Esther" in Lancaster followed by dinner at Miller's on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 (Depart 8:00am, Return 6:00pm)

Cost of Trip \$115.00 pp includes 11:00am show ticket, 2:30pm dinner ticket, bus seat and bus driver tip. Deposit of \$57.50 due to reserve your seat by March 1st.

Final payment \$57.50 due by April 25th - To sign up: See Sister Sophie

Flyers are next to the Bulletins

Time and Talent Revised Ministry Commitment Card (January 2020)

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Mass you normally attend? Saturday: 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:00AM 9:30 AM 11:15 AM 12:30 PM

Please respond YES/NO and X if you are involved/want to be involved	YES	NO	Involved	Want to help
1. Would like to be a cantor				
2. Would like to join the choir				
3. Would like to be an usher/greeter				
4. Would your son or daughter like to be an altar server				
5. Would like to be a lector				
6. Would like to be a church cleaner on Fridays after Mass				
7. Would like to help with decorating the church seasonally				
8. Would like to be a member of the Parish Council				
9. Would like to be a member of the Parish Finance Committee (with background in Finances)				
10. Would like to be a member of the 100 th Anniversary Committee				
11. Would like to join the St. Joseph the Worker Group on Saturdays				
12. Would like to be a helper/teacher for CCD/PREP classes				
13. Would like to help with RCIA				
14. Would like to be a sacristan for Weekday Masses				
15. Would like to be a sacristan for Weekend Masses				
16. Would like to participate in Eucharistic Adoration				
17. Would like to participate/lead Rosary after Weekday Masses				
18. Would like to participate in devotion to Our Lady of La Vang				
19. Would like to participate in Vietnamese Divine Mercy				
20. Would like to participate in Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group				
21. Would like to participate in Spanish Legion of Mary				
22. Would like to participate in Adult Bible Study				
23. Would like to help in the Food Bank office				
24. Would like to carry food/unload food for the Food Bank				
25. Would like to teach ESL Class				
26. Would like to be an aid/translate for ESL Class				
27. Would like to send cards/bulletin to homebound				
28. Would like to participate in 55+ Club				
29. Would like to be a member of Vietnamese Knights of Columbus				
30. Would like to be a join the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Group				
31. Would like to visit home bound parishioners				
32. Would like to participate in Rehabilitation/Nursing Home Ministry				
33. I am homebound and would like a monthly visitation/Communion				

Biblically a tithe means 10%. All are asked to consider returning 10% of our income to the Lord (5% to the parish, 5% to God's other charities: e.g. St. Helena Outreach Center, Food Bank) in gratitude. The spiritual practice of tithing disposes us to make God first in every area of our lives! The aim is to secure not the tithe, but the tither, not the gift, but the giver—for God!



Tithing Income January 26, 2020 \$5,102.80
 Tithing Income January 27, 2019 \$6,013.00
 Tithing Income January 28, 2018 \$5,251.00

Stewardship Report for January 26, 2020
(Regular Collection).....\$5,102.80 (269 Envelopes)



Mass	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	\$126.00	\$240.00	\$366.00	20
8:00am	\$236.00	\$841.80	\$1,077.80	46
9:30am	\$671.00	\$1,641.00	\$2,312.00	110
11:15am	\$165.00	\$942.00	\$1,107.00	48
12:30pm	\$263.00	\$436.00	\$699.00	33
Drop Off	\$0.00	\$541.00	\$541.00	12
Total	\$1,461.00	\$4,100.80	\$5,292.00	269

Special Collection for the Us-Perez Family.....\$5,150.00



Last But Not Least



This Sunday, we celebrate the **Presentation of the Lord**. This feast commemorates how Jesus, as a baby, was presented to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. **The Gospel** describes how Joseph, as the head of the Holy Family of Nazareth, presented Mary and the baby Jesus in the Temple of God for the mother's purification and the Child's "redemption." It also describes the Holy Family's encounter with the old prophet Simeon and the holy old widow Anna. In his prophecy, Simeon extols the divine blessings which the Messiah is bringing to Israel and to all men and predicts that Mary will play a crucial and sacrificial role in her Son's redemptive work by sharing in her Son's sufferings.

After reviewing the Time & Talent Commitment survey, we realized there was some misunderstanding. A reminder that **on page 3 you will find a revised commitment survey. I ask that you take some time to fill out this important survey and return it next week.**

The blessing of throats couldn't come at a better time as Catholics and Protestants alike cough their way through the winter months. But soon they will have a chance at healing. On the feast day of St. Blaise, many churches will hold the annual blessing to protect people against and heal them from throat ailments. Many adults have fond memories of this ceremony, when the priest places two blessed candles joined in the shape of a cross at each person's throat and says a prayer for their health. **In honor of the feast of St. Blaise, blessing of the throats will take place after at all the Masses this weekend.**

If you would like a 2019 tax letter, please contact the rectory and give your name and phone number to Elena.

Today we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. **We thank Fr. Gardy, Sr. Joan, Sr. Sophie, Sr. Lan, Sr. Loan, Sr. Anna Marie, and Sr. Maryanne who have responded to the call to the consecrated life.** May they be faithful witnesses of God's love! May others be inspired to live their baptismal commitment by professing the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience!

Finally, through our Baptism, we are all members of the same family. This statement took on flesh last weekend when you our parishioners cared for a family in need. **I would like to thank all parishioners for their generosity to the 2nd collection last weekend for the Us-Perez Family.** Thanks for reading and have a great week!

Your Brother and Shepherd,
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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