



St. Helena Church

6161 N. 5th Street
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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

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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 23, 2020
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week of
Feb. 23 to Mar. 1, 2020



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
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Camille Figueroa	Lucia Zavala	Ryan Cichon
Emanuel Abiegom	Monica Peltz Yondura	

We Remember in Prayer our Deceased

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 dispersos 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 cản thần nguy 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. 23, 2020	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Lv 19: 1-2, 17-18	1 Cor 3: 16-23	Mt 5: 38-48
MONDAY (24)	Jas 3: 13-18	Mk 9: 14-29
TUESDAY (25)	Jas 4: 1-10	Mk 9: 30-37
WEDNESDAY (26)	Jl 2: 12-18	2 Cor 5: 20-6: 2
	Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18	
THURSDAY (27)	Dt 30: 15-20	Lk 9: 22-25
FRIDAY (28)	Is 58: 1-9A	Mt 9: 14-15
SATURDAY (29)	Is 58: 9B-14	Lk 5: 27-32

SATURDAY, February 22, 2020
 4:30PM Joseph Murray

SUNDAY, February 23, 2020 *7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
 8:00AM Peter & Anna Van Nguyen
 9:30AM Personal Intention
 11:15AM Frankie Bauza, Jr.
 12:30PM Gloria M. Maldonado

MONDAY, February 24, 2020
 8:00AM Maria To Tuu
 7:00PM St. Helena Parishioners

TUESDAY, February 25, 2020
 8:00AM John Than Tran

WEDNESDAY, February 26, 2020 *Ash Wednesday*
 8:00AM Maria Pham Thi Ly
 9:00AM Jose Saludez
 7:00PM Anton Nguyen Phao

THURSDAY, February 27, 2020
 8:00AM Dominic & Anna

FRIDAY, February 28, 2020
 8:00AM Joseph CHiet & All the Souls

SATURDAY, February 29, 2020
 8:00AM Joseph Xung Vu
 4:30PM Frank & Julia Schaller

SUNDAY, March 1, 2020 *1st Sunday of Lent*
 8:00AM Teresa Guong Nguyen (Thanksgiving)
 9:30AM Personal Intention
 11:15AM Mary Gable
 12:30PM Rodrigo A. Flores



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 96 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
Sharon Smith	Carol Henson	Jean Berry
Anne Bercaw	Joan Teel	Rich Teel
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David Nguyen	Suzette Ellison	Jim Pokorny
Yomayra Garcia	Maria Schaller	Mary Nguyen
Carolyn Onibalusi	Dong Van Nguyen	Kelvin Garcia
Sr. Maryanne	Dung Nguyen	Josephine Rodriguez
Monica Rodriguez Victoria	Blanca Torres-Kelmedi	

March 21, 2020

Saint Helena RCIA
Christian Formation Process

**Class topic for Feb. 27
Lent, Rite of Election
Stations of the Cross**

**Happenings at St. Helena Parish
February 23 to 29, 2020**

Sunday Feb. 23	VIETNAMESE TET at Aspira School English PREP 9:00am to 10:30am (Hall) Spanish Choir 11:00am to 12:15am (UC Mtg Rm) Spanish RCIA 10:30am to 12:00Noon (Library)
Monday Feb. 24	Confessions 6:30pm and after Mass Mass 7:00pm (LC) Spanish Charismatic Choir 7:30pm (LC)
Tuesday Feb. 25	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)
Wednesday Feb. 26	Masses 8:00am, 9:00am, 7:00pm Tri-lingual Spanish Bible Study 9:30am to 12:00Noon (RB) Spanish Charismatics 6:00pm to 9:30pm (LC)
Thursday Feb. 27	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. 28	English Stations 12:00Noon (Chapel) English Spiritual Book Club 1:00pm (RMR) Spanish Stations 7:00pm (Chapel) Vietnamese Stations 7:00pm (LC) VN Children's Choir 7:00pm to 8:00pm (LC) VN Adult Choir 8:30pm to 10:30pm (LC)
Saturday Feb. 29	MM Devotion 7:50am (LC) OLLV Devotion 8:30am to 9:30am (LC) Viet Language Class 9:30am to 11:30am (Hall) RCIA Rite of Election 11:00am (Cathedral)

Queen Esther is Calling YOU



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.

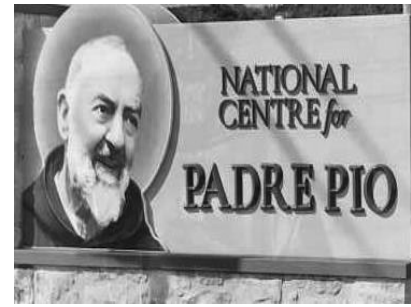
Final payment \$57.50 due by April 25th

To sign up: See Sister Sophie

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Flyers are next to the Bulletins

You are invited to a St. Helena Outreach Center
 Trip to the Padre Pio Shrine
 When: Friday, March 13, 2019
 Leave St. Helena: 9:00am Return: 3:00pm
 11:30 Stations of the Cross and Rosary
 Cost: \$25.00 Please register by March 1, 2020
 Call S. Maryanne at 267-437-4929



St. Helena Parish Monthly Financial Report January 31, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$23,963.00
Maintenance, Stole Fee, Convent & Others	\$7,550.80
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	\$4,130.75
Total January Income	\$35,644.55
Operating Expenses	\$32,640.80
Bills from AOP	\$9,876.54
Assessment, Benefits, & Insurance	
Total Operating Expenditures and Assessment bills	\$42,517.34
Total Income or (Loss)	\$(6,872.79)

TURN AWAY
 from sin and
BE FAITHFUL
 to the Gospel.



Ash Wednesday, February 26th

The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 26, 2020) and ends with the Celebration of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (April 9, 2020). Lent is a 40-day period of preparation for Easter Sunday and one of the major liturgical seasons of the Catholic Church. Signifying the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert after His baptism, it is a penitential season marked by prayer, fasting and abstinence, and almsgiving. Lent is not necessarily about "giving something up" for 40 days only to return to it on day 41 or afterward, but is a period of **ongoing conversion** so that we may draw closer to Jesus. When we **repent** for our sins and then make a permanent- rather than temporary- **change** in our lifestyle, a **spiritual transformation** can take place. At the heart of repentance lies the call to conversion. "Repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15)!

English Stations - Fridays at 12:00 Noon in the Chapel
Spanish Stations - Fridays at 7:00pm in the Chapel
Vietnamese Stations - Fridays at 7:00pm in the Lower Church



Transform your life by a fresh look at the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To participate in the home program...Go to FORMED.org and click on Sign Up. Next, select "I Belong To A Parish or Organization", enter the name and address of the parish, select it from the drop down, and enter your name and email.

OR

To participate in the DVD program...Join us on Fridays during Lent in the Rectory 1st Floor Meeting Room after the Stations of the Cross

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 February 16, 2020 \$6,426.00

Tithing Income February 17, 2019 \$6,687.00

Tithing Income February 18, 2018 \$7,119.35



Stewardship Report for February 16, 2020
(Regular Collection).....\$ 6,426.00 (283 Envelopes)

Mass	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	\$230.00	\$259.00	\$489.00	22
8:00am	\$344.00	\$742.00	\$1,086.00	41
9:30am	\$638.00	\$1,585.00	\$2,223.00	112
11:15am	\$260.00	\$817.00	\$1,077.00	44
12:30pm	\$561.00	\$453.00	\$1,014.00	46
Drop Off	\$0.00	\$537.00	\$537.00	18
Total	\$2,033.00	\$3,856.00	\$6,426.00	283

*You make the difference! Thank you for growing in holiness and striving to be a good steward.
 Don't forget to wrap your weekly gift to God in an envelope with your name on the front.*



Last But Not Least



This Sunday, we celebrate the **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Jesus uses extremely strong language in today's Gospel. He is talking with his disciples and he hits them right where they live. He instructs his disciples that they are to love their enemies. Jesus is being completely countercultural. The culture that Jesus lived in was extremely violent. Today Jesus is telling us that we are to love everyone — not just the people who love us. The reality is that we won't like everyone every day of the week. Nor will others like us on some days. However, this condition doesn't mean that this destroys our love and care for the other. The love that Jesus is speaking about has the ability to supersede the daily irritations, disagreements, petty arguments, etc. Love enables us to focus much better.

Don't forget that Tithing is giving to God what belongs to God. I thank those who are using their church envelopes. **At Christmas, we wrap gifts for our family and friends. We are children of God. Consider wrapping your gift to God by putting your weekly contribution in an envelope with your name on the front.**

Finally, **this Sunday, will be the last Sunday in Ordinary time before Lent.** Lent is a special season in our Catholic Faith that calls us to repent, ask forgiveness, pray and give alms. During this week, I invite you to prepare your hearts for the holy season of Lent and consider what spiritual activity you will be part of during Lent. February 26th is Ash Wednesday and ashes will be distributed at the 8:00am, 9:00am and 7:00pm tri-lingual Mass. The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that **all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.** Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

If you need a tax letter for your contributions, please contact the rectory. Thanks for reading and have a great week!

Your Brother and Shepherd,
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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#WHATSMYNAME

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