



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 9, 2020

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Giamarco	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

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 sấp 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. 9, 2020	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Is 58: 7-10	1 Cor 2: 1-5	Mt 5: 13-16
MONDAY (10)	1 Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13	Mk 6: 53-56
TUESDAY (11)	1 Kgs 8: 22-23, 27-30	Mk 7: 1-13
WEDNESDAY (12)	1 Kgs 10: 1-10	Mk 7: 14-23
THURSDAY (13)	1 Kgs 11: 4-13	Mk 7: 24-30
FRIDAY (14)	1 Kgs 11: 29-32; 12:19	Mk 7: 31-37
SATURDAY (15)	1 Kgs 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34	Mk 8: 1-10

Masses for the Week of Feb. 9 to 16, 2020



BE THESE
Matthew 5:13-16

SATURDAY, February 8, 2020
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)

MONDAY, February 10, 2020 St. Scholastica

8:00AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
7:00PM St. Helena Parishioners

TUESDAY, February 11, 2020 Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00AM Julia Schaller

WEDNESDAY, February 12, 2020

8:00AM Guise Vu Van Lap

THURSDAY, February 13, 2020

8:00AM Peter Tam Vu

FRIDAY, February 14, 2020 St. Cyril, St. Valentine

8:00AM James Owens Birthday Memorial

SATURDAY, February 15, 2020

8:00AM Fernando Feliciano
4:30PM Robert Patrick

SUNDAY, February 16, 2020 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Joseph & Maria Hau Do
9:30AM Personal Intention
11:15AM Mary Gable
12:30PM Jose Ovalles Cumpleanos

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
Sharon Smith	Carol Henson	Jean Berry
Anne Bercau	Joan Teel	Rich Teel
Gloria Jones	Herminio Rosa	Sam Ashie
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	

**Happenings at St. Helena Parish
February 9 to 15, 2020**

Sunday Feb. 9	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)
Monday Feb. 10	Confessions 6:30pm and after 7:00pm Mass Mass 7:00pm (LC) Spanish Charismatic Choir 7:30pm (LC)
Tuesday Feb. 11	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. 12	Spanish Bible Study 9:30am to 12:00Noon (RB) Spanish Charismatics 6:00pm to 9:30pm (LC) Vietnamese Council 7:00pm (RMR)
Thursday Feb. 13	55+ Club Meeting 12:00Noon to 3:00pm (RB) ESL Class 7:00pm to 8:30pm (OC)
Friday Feb. 14	VN Children's Choir 7:00pm to 8:00pm (LC) OLLV Devotion 8:00pm to 8:30pm (Chapel) VN Adult Choir 8:30pm to 10:30pm (LC)
Saturday Feb. 15	MM Devotion 7:50am (LC) OLLV Devotion 8:30am to 9:30am (LC) Viet. Language Class 9:30am to 11:30am (Hall)



NO Class Feb. 13

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.

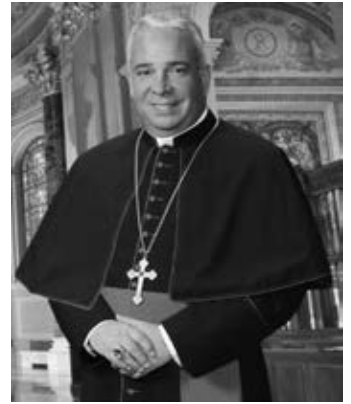
Final payment \$57.50 due by April 25th

To sign up: See Sister Sophie

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Flyers are next to the Bulletins

**The Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Welcomes
Archbishop Nelson J. Perez
Watch the Mass of Installation Live
on the Archdiocesan Website
(www.archphila.org)
Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 2:00pm**



**Celebrating Mary's 'Yes'!
Rosary Rally for Vocations
Wednesday, March 25th, 7:00-8:15 PM
Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**



Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are invited to be part of the Culture of Vocations by participating in a **ROSARY RALLY!!** Seven locations throughout the Archdiocese will simultaneously pray the rosary and participate in a discussion on a new vocation initiative with Serra International. On the Feast of her profound YES, we will honor Our Blessed Mother and ask for her protection and intercession as we pray for vocations!

Gather close to us: Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter & Paul St. Raymond of Penafort Parish



Congratulations to our Parish High School Students



We received notification from Archbishop Ryan High School that Vivian Pham '21 received First Honors and Florence Han '21 received Second Honors for the 2nd Quarter and Christine Schleicher from St. Basil Academy achieved High Honors for the 2nd Quarter.



Who was St. Valentine, and why do we celebrate him on February 14?

Saint Valentine was a clergyman – either a priest or a bishop – in the Roman Empire who ministered to persecuted Christians. Valentine was tortured throughout his stay in prison and, on February 14th, was killed and beheaded at the hands of Emperor Claudius. The day he died he wrote a letter to the jailer's daughter and signed it "*Your Valentine.*" He was canonized by Pope Gelasius I in 496, and the day of his death was marked as a feast day that became associated with romantic love. His body was buried at a Christian cemetery on the Via Flaminia close to the Ponte Milvio to the north of Rome, on February 14, which has been observed as the Feast of Saint Valentine (Saint Valentine's Day) since 496 AD.

Dear St. Valentine, you are truly a saint and glorious martyr, teach us to love unselfishly and to find great joy in giving. Enable all true lovers to bring out the best in each other. Let them love each other in God and God in each other.

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 2, 2020 \$6,030.00

Tithing Income February 3, 2019 \$6,528.00

Tithing Income February 4, 2018 \$6,010.50



Stewardship Report for February 2, 2020
(Regular Collection).....\$ 6,030.00 (305 Envelopes)

Mass	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	\$148.00	\$333.00	\$481.00	20
8:00am	\$235.00	\$703.00	\$938.00	48
9:30am	\$618.00	\$1,376.00	\$1,994.00	118
11:15am	\$149.00	\$1,096.00	\$1,245.00	49
12:30pm	\$197.00	\$711.00	\$908.00	38
Drop Off	\$0.00	\$464.00	\$464.00	32
Total	\$1,347.00	\$4,219.00	\$6,030.00	305

Maintenance Collection.....\$1,945.00



Last But Not Least



This Sunday, we celebrate the **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. In today's gospel, Jesus addresses two short parables to his disciples in the presence of the crowds. The crowds as well as the disciples hear what he has to say. Parables were intended to tease their hearers, inviting them to see things differently or from a new perspective, to see themselves in a new light. Jesus is telling his hearers, disciples and crowds, that they are the salt of the earth. They do not have to become the salt of the earth; they are the salt of the earth. In short, he is affirming their worth. In today's gospel, Jesus addresses two short parables to his disciples in the presence of the crowds. The crowds as well as the disciples hear what he has to say. Parables were intended to tease their hearers, inviting them to see things differently or from a new perspective, to see themselves in a new light.

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

FYI: After reviewing the Time & Talent Commitment survey, we realized there was some misunderstanding. **Revised Time and Talent Commitment survey can be found on the table in the gathering space next to the brown Time and Talent Commitment Box. I ask that you take some time to fill out this important survey and drop it in the box next week.**

On Tuesday, May 12, 2020, we have booked 44 tickets for Sight and Sound Theaters Show **"Queen Esther"**. Information can be found on page 2 of this bulletin and on the flyers next to the bulletin. Please consider treating yourself to a day with other parishioners and possibly develop a new friendship with someone.

Friday is Valentine's Day. On page 3 you will read some information about this special Saint that maybe you didn't know. Consider wishing someone special to you a Happy Valentine's Day. **[Husbands treat your wife to flowers.]**

Finally, 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.** Thanks for reading and have a great week!

Your Brother and Shepherd,
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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The #WHATSMYNAME Movement asks everyone to simply ask drivers "What's my name?" before entering their vehicle to make sure it is the car they are supposed to enter.
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