



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

Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Joseph T. Trinh Rev. Edward A. Pelczar Rev. Peter J. Welsh Rev. Albert Gardy Villarson, OMI **Deacon Victor I. Seda** Deacon Huan C. Tran **Deacon Victor Pomales** Sr. Sophie Yondura, ssj., D. Min. Elena Asencio Tram Ton Nu Genevieve Black Sr. Maryanne Zakreski, ssj Sr. Anna Marie Lesutis, RSM, RN Ann Farley, MSN Sr. Lan Nguyen, OP

Rectory 6161 N. 5th Street Convent 6127 N. 5th Street School 6101 N. 5th Street Rectory Fax Number **Health Promotion Office** Food Bank St. Helena Parish Outreach Center 267-437-4929

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

Monday-Thursday Friday Saturday

9:00am to 8:00pm 9:00am to 5:00pm 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.







Welcome to

Our Church

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



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.

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



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



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OLLV Devotion

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Adoration

Grupo

Religion classes for Public School students held every Sunday beginning in September. Classes are at 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

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)



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

SERVICE MINISTRY

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

Rehabilitation

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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.

Laurel Square, York, Cheltenham & Nursing Home Contact Father Peter Welsh

Meetings

h Council	Alternating 2 nd Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)
nce Committee	Alternating 2 nd Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)
ni Meeting	Monthly at 10:00am in the Convent

March 15, 2020 **3rd Sunday of Lent**

We Remember in Prayer our Sick

Luke Tynan Carmen Lebron Lucia Zavala Carmen Torres Jeff Boka Thanh Boka Luis Ortiz Rosaura Caraballo Francis Hernandez Camille Figueroa Monica Peltz Yondura

Frances Clark Victoria Marin Ryan Cichon Joseph Henson Teresa Merrigan Nathaniel Lopez Harry Berge Carmen Giamarco Dan Shead Isabel Phayre Ignacio Ortolaza

Duong Thi Tham Jacqueline Williams Francis Germanovich **Carmen Jimenez** Trisha Kern Emilio Rosario **Beth Ann Sellers** Louise Liebel Hipolita Delgado

We Remember in Prayer our Deceased Lydia E. Castro & Emanuel Abiegom 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. Reprímale Dios, pedimos suplicantes, y tú Príncipe de la Milicia Celestial, arroja al infierno con el divino poder a Satanás v a los otros espíritus malignos que andan dispersos por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amén.

Lấy Tổng Lãnh Thiên Thần Micae, xin hãy bênh vực che chở cho chúng còn trong chốn chiến trường, cùng nên như thành lũy vững bền cho chúng con trông cậy và chống trả các chước sâu độc ma qủy. Chúng con sấp mình xuống xin Đức Chúa Trời ngăn cấm thần ngụy ấy. Lạy Tống Lãnh Thiên Thần Micae là tướng quân cai quản cơ binh trên trời kìa 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, March 15,	2020 3rd Sunday of	of Lent
Ex 17: 3-7	Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8	Jn 4: 5-42
MONDAY (16)	2 Kas 5: 1-15	Lk 4: 24-30
TUESDAY (17)	Dn 3: 25, 34-43	Mt 18: 21-35
WEDNESDAY (18)	Dt 4: 1, 5-9	Mt 5: 17-19
THURSDAY (19)	2 Sm 7: 4-5, 27, 29	
	Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22	
	Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24	
FRIDAY (20)	Hos 14: 2-10	Mk 12: 28-34
SATURDAY (21)	Hos 6: 1-6	Lk 18: 9-14

Masses for the Week of March 15 to 22, 2020



SATURDAY, March 14, 2020

4:30PM	Maria Pham T	hi Hong
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SUNDAY,	March 15, 2020 3rd Sunday of Lent
8:00AM	Father Edmond Speitel
9:30AM	Personal Intention
11:15AM	Joan Schaller
12:30PM	Maria Ovalles Cumpleanos

MONDAY, March 16, 2020

8:00AM	Father Thomas Gaynard (18th Anniversary)
7:00PM	St. Helena Parishioners

TUESDAY, March 17, 2020 St. Patrick

8:00AM Maria Mai Lam

WEDNESDAY, March 18, 2020 St. Cyril of Jerusalem 8:00AM Guise Vu Can Lap

THURSDAY, March 19, 2020 St. Joseph

8:00AM Martina Cynthia Thao Nguyen

FRIDAY, March 20, 2020

8:00AM	Thi Nguyet Tran
12:00Noon	English Stations (Chapel)
7:00PM	Spanish Stations (Chapel)
7:00PM	Vietnamese Stations (LC)

SATURDAY, March 21, 2020

8:00AM	Martin Vo Dai Hai
4:30PM	Joseph Murray

SUNDAY, March 22, 2020 4th Sunday of Lent

8:00AM	Rev. Anthony Do
9:30AM	Personal Intention
11:15AM	Bill Cassidy
12·30PM	Jorge Well Paez

Gracious God we give thanks as we anticipate celebrating the 100th anniversary of St. Helena Church and the journey that started so many Coldwaring Guid Raidfalware 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

<u>Chairperson:</u> Norajean Glenn <u>Assistant Chairperson:</u> Fred Rosso

Andrea Santiago	Anita Repsch	Maria Repsch
Sharon Smith	Carol Henson	Jean Berry
Anne Bercaw	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 Josep	hine Rodriguez
Monica Rodriguez Vic	toria Blanca Torres-	Kelmedi

March 21, 2020 9:00am (RB)



No Class March 19 Feast of St. Joseph

St. Helena Parish Monthly Financial Report February 29, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$24,092.50
Maintenance, Stole Fee, Convent & Others	\$6,475.00
Total February Income	\$30,567.50
Operating Expenses	\$29,230.15
Bills from AOP	\$9,665.62
Assessment, Benefits, & Insurance	
Total Operating Expenditures and	\$38,895.77
Assessment bills	
Total Income or (Loss)	\$(8,328.27)
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Happenings at St. Helena Parish March 15 to 21, 2020

Sundav	English PREP 9:00am to 10:30am (Hall)
March 15	VN Elder Choir 11:00am to 2:00pm (RB)
	VN TNTT Group 11:00am to 12:30pm (UC)
	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)
	VN Divine Mercy Group 2:30pm to 3:30pm (LC)
Monday	Adoration after 8:00am Mass
Wonday	Confessions 12:15pm to1:00pm, 6:30pm to 7:00pm
March 16	and after 7:00pm Mass
	Mass 7:00pm (LC)
	Spanish Charismatic Choir 7:30pm (LC)
Tuesday	Morning Social 9:00am to 11:00am (OC)
Tuesuay	Spanish Legion of Mary 9:30am to 11:30am (LC)
March 17	English Choir 6:30pm to 8:00pm (LC)
	ESL Class 7:00pm to 8:30pm (OC)
Wednesday	Spanish Bible Study 9:30am to 12:00Noon (RB)
weunesuay	Spanish Charismatics 6:00pm to 9:30pm (LC)
March 18	
Thursday	ESL Class 7:00pm to 8:30pm (OC)
March 19	Happy Feast Day to our Sisters of St. Joseph
Friday	VN Children's Choir 7:00pm to 8:00pm (LC)
March 20	OLLV Devotion 8:00pm to 8:30pm (Chapel)
	English Stations 12:00Noon (Chapel_
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First	VN Adult Choir 8:30pm to 10:30pm (LC)
Day	Spanish Stations 7:00pm (Chapel)
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spring	Vietnamese Stations 7:00pm (LC)
Saturdav	MM Devotion 7:50am (LC)
March 04	OLLV Devotion 8:30am to 9:30am (LC)
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March 21	100 th Anniversary Meeting 9:00am (RB)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:00am Mass until the 7:00pm Mass Please sign up for an adoration time on the chart in the gathering space

Angelus 12:00Noon Benediction 12:15pm Confessions 12:15-1:00pm 6:30pm-7:00pm Mass 7:00pm





St. Helena Church English Parish Mission March 29, 30, 31 (Save these dates) Theme: Forgiveness Father Rayford Emmons



Coronavirus Course "102" for YOU

How COVID-19 Spreads

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person. Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet). Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

Can someone spread the virus without being sick?

People are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic (the sickest). Some spread might be possible before people show symptoms; there have been reports of this occurring with this new coronavirus, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

Spread from contact with contaminated surfaces or objects

It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

- 1. Wash your hands often with soap and water or hand sanitizer that contains alcohol for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. Here are some suggestions to keep you healthy...
- 2. Sneeze and cough into tissues or the crook of your elbow.
- 3. Avoid close contact with people who are sick, especially people exhibiting respiratory symptoms and fever.
- 4. Stay home when you're sick.
- 5. Regularly and thoroughly clean surfaces, such as counter tops and doorknobs, with a disinfectant.
- 6. Drink plenty of water often...at least 4 ounces every half-hour to help wash toxins from your body.

Coronavirus Prevention at St. Helena Church

- 1. Wash your hands with hand sanitizer when you come into church.
- 2. During the sign of peace, avoid shaking hands...bow or wave to the person.
- 3. Receive Holy Communion in your hand, please.
- 4. If you use tissues in church, please do not leave them in the pews or in the book holder.
- 5. We are suspending the chalice to Lectors and Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
- 6. Thank you and pray for the victims of COVID-19 and the safety of all of us.

Lenten Gospel Reading & Reflection

Mar. 15, 2020	3 rd Sunday of Lent ~ John 4: 5-42 "Jesus said, Give me a drink." Consider asking God for the
	grace to become living water for someone today.
Mar. 16, 2020	Monday 3 rd week of Lent ~ Luke 4: 24-30 "No prophet is accepted in his own native place." When
	have you spoken God's words and not been accepted?
Mar. 17, 2020	Tuesday Feast of St. Patrick ~ Matthew 18: 21-35 "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must
	<i>I forgive him?</i> " Forgive those who have repeatedly offended you just as Christ forgives.
Mar. 18, 2020	Wednesday 3 rd week of Lent ~ Matthew 5: 17-19 "I have come not to abolish the law but to fulfill it."
	What "smallest" letter of the law do you find most confining?
Mar. 19, 2020	Thursday Feast of St. Joseph ~ Luke 16: 19-31 "Did you now know that I must be in my Father's
	house." How much time do you spend in "your Father's" house?
Mar. 20, 2020	Friday 3 rd week of Lent ~ Mark 12, 28-34 "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your
	soul, all your mind, and all your strength." Is Christ the foundation of your life?
Mar. 21, 2020	Saturday 3 rd week of Lent ~ Luke 18: 9-14 "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one
	who humbles himself will be exalted." When have you humbled yourself?



CORONAVIRUS

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 March 7, 2020 \$6,963.00 Tithing Income March 10, 2019 \$6,441.00 Tithing Income March 11, 2018 \$6,073.36



Stewardship Report for March 7, 2020 (Regular Collection)......\$ 6,963.00 (301 Envelopes)

Mass	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	\$208.00	\$319.00	\$527.00	25
8:00am	\$259.00	\$1,004.00	\$1,263.00	47
9:30am	\$863.00	\$1,660.00	\$2,523.00	121
11:15am	\$166.00	\$553.00	\$719.00	38
12:30pm	\$346.00	\$647.00	\$993.00	32
Drop Off	\$0.00	\$938.00	\$938.00	38
Total	\$1,842.00	\$5,121.00	\$6.963.00	301

Military Service Collection.....\$1,478.00

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 3rd Sunday of Lent. On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle. In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public.

Don't forget that on **Mondays during Lent, we will have adoration after the 8:00am Mass until the 7:00pm Mass.** I invite you to consider signing up for a period of adoration on the chart in the gathering space. Jesus loves us without limit and offers Himself to us in the **Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.** Can we not give Jesus a few minutes of love and **adoration** in return?

I remind you that we are taking precautions here regarding the Coronavirus and therefore ask you during the sign of peace to avoid shaking hands...bow or wave to the person, receive communion in your hand, and if you use tissues in church, please do not leave them in the pews or in the book holder.

Father Rayford Emmons will be leading our English Parish Mission on March 29, 30, &31st. Please save these dates and I encourage you to attend the Lenten Parish Mission.

In anticipation of our 100th Anniversary in 2024, we would like to display the flags of the different ethnic groups within our parish. If the flag of your ethnicity is in the Upper Church, please let us know. If you wish to donate the flag of your ethnicity, we would be most appreciative.

Finally, **Tuesday is St. Patrick's Day...Happy St. Patrick's Day to all of Irish descent. Thursday is the Feast of St. Joseph! We wish our Sisters of St. Joseph and all named Joseph a Happy Feast Day!** Thanks for reading, have a great week and don't forget to wrap up Your Gift to God!

Your Brother and Shepherd,

Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh



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