



# St. Helena Church

6161 N. 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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

Web-site [www.sainthelenaparish.net](http://www.sainthelenaparish.net)

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

<b>Monday-Thursday</b>	<b>9:00am to 8:00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00am to 5:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00am to 2:00pm</b>



## 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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)  
Saturday – 8:30AM (Lower Church)



**Viet. Divine Mercy Grupo**  
**Carismático**

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**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**Finance Committee**  
**Alumni Meeting**

Alternating 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)  
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Monthly at 10:00am in the Convent

# April 12, 2020 "Alleluia! Easter Sunday He is Risen"

## We Remember in Prayer our Sick

Luke Tynan	Frances Clark	Duong Thi Tham
Carmen Lebron	Victoria Marin	Jacqueline Williams
Lucia Zavala	Ryan Cichon	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
Camille Figueroa	Ignacio Ortolaza	Hipolita Delgado
Monica Peltz Yondura		

## We Remember in Prayer our Deceased

### Victims of the Coronavirus

### 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 sấp mình xuống xin Đức Chúa Trời ngăn cản 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 lạy phép Đức Chúa Trời mà xua đuổi chúng xuống hỏa ngục đời đời. Amen

## Scripture Readings for the Week

### SUNDAY, April 12, 2020 Easter Sunday

Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 Col 3: 1-4 Jn 20: 1-9

<b>MONDAY (13)</b>	Acts 2: 14, 22-33	Mt 28: 8-15
<b>TUESDAY (14)</b>	Acts 2: 36-41	Jn 20: 11-18
<b>WEDNESDAY (15)</b>	Acts 3: 1-10	Lk 24: 13-35
<b>THURSDAY (16)</b>	Acts 3: 11-26	Lk 24: 35-48
<b>FRIDAY (17)</b>	Acts 4: 1-12	Jn 21: 1-14
<b>Saturday (18)</b>	Acts 4: 13-21	Mk 16: 9-15

# Mass Intentions for the Week of April 12 to 19, 2020

## SATURDAY, April 11, 2020 Holy Saturday

St. Helena Parishioners

## SUNDAY, April 12, 2020 Easter Sunday

St. Helena Parishioners

St. Helena Parishioners (VN Livestream (UC))

St. Helena Parishioners

St. Helena Parishioners (SP Livestream (UC))



## MONDAY, April 13, 2020

Holy Souls in Purgatory

## TUESDAY, April 14, 2020

Peter Tam Vu

## WEDNESDAY, April 15, 2020

Frank J. Schaller, Sr.

## THURSDAY, April 16, 2020

Maria Pham Chi

## FRIDAY, April 17, 2020

Guise Vu Van Lap

## SATURDAY, April 18, 2020

Peter Cu Nguyen

Kathleen Merkle

## SUNDAY, April 19, 2020 Divine Mercy

Father Edmond Speitel

Personal Intention (VN Livestream (UC))

Carmen Bey – Birthday

Carmen Aida Bermudez (SP Livestream (UC))



## Prayer in Anticipation of our 100th Anniversary

100 Years

Celebrating God's Faithfulness

Gracious God we give thanks as we anticipate celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> 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 96 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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**

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|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Andrea Santiago   | Anita Repsch    | Maria Repsch        |
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| Sr. Maryanne      | Dung Nguyen     | Josephine Rodriguez |

**EWTN TV Mass  
DirecTV - Channel 370  
Dish Network - Channel 261  
Verizon Fios - Channel 285  
Xfinity - Channel 33  
Xfinity - Channel 291  
Xfinity - Channel 1668**

Our Food Bank continues to serve those in need. Please bring your donations of pasta, sauce, peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, beans, baked beans, rice, to the rectory porch on Tuesdays and Thursday. Money donations are needed for perishable goods and to buy food at discount from Philabundance. The rectory office mail drop can be used anytime for your donations.

**Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020**

- 9:30am Live streaming of St. Helena Church Vietnamese Mass  
([www.congdoangiaoxuthanhhelenaphiladelphia.com](http://www.congdoangiaoxuthanhhelenaphiladelphia.com))
- 11:00am Live streaming of Cathedral Mass in English  
([www.archphila.org](http://www.archphila.org). or *Archbishop Perez's Facebook*)
- 12:30pm Live streaming of St. Helena Church Spanish Mass  
(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX89mlahMwiDGosAavQrU5g>)



**Pope Francis' Prayer invoking Our Blessed Mother's Protection for the Coronavirus**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



**Due to the coronavirus, the Queen Esther show has been postponed.  
For those who signed up for the show, when we get the new date we will notify you.**

**“I am the resurrection and the life.  
Whoever believes in me, though he die,  
yet shall he live, and everyone who lives  
and believes in me shall never die.  
Do you believe this?”**



*On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.*

*(John 20: 1-9)*

Our journey through Lent is over, we have removed our purple cloths, we have decorated our churches and altars with flowers and we can now sing our Gloria and Alleluia with joy and celebration. The Lord is risen! The Easter gospel names three people: Mary Magdalene, Peter and the ‘disciple whom Jesus loved.’ By not being named, this disciple is in fact all of us, each of us are the ‘disciple whom Jesus loves.’ Mary, faithful to the end goes to the tomb and although it is dark, sees the stone has been removed. She quickly run and tells the others what she seen has and experienced; an empty tomb, burial cloths, and a head covering in another place. Having told the others, they too go to them tomb. They also see, but they more than just *see*. They see and believe. They see and believe with their hearts. The mystery of the resurrection is able to be seen because God gives us the eyes of faith. Today with Christians all over the world, let us follow Mary’s example, let us too stand at the empty tomb and believe and then have the courage to proclaim the good new resurrection. This Easter, may what we believe in our hearts, profess with our lips, be seen in the work of our hands and the quality of our daily lives. Alleluia.

## **Celebrating our Parishioners Ethnicity**



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.**

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!



## Due to Early Transmission, the tithing report will be posted after Easter.



*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



**Today we celebrate the Easter Sunday. HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!** May the grace and peace of the Risen Christ fill your hearts with joy Easter Day! It is the highest point of our Christian faith. Easter Day! It is a "Feast of Feasts" a "Solemnity of Solemnities." It is a day that death has not only been annulled but defeated. It is a day that Jesus by his Resurrection guarantees us eternal life. He guarantees us that the Tomb is never the final destination of our loved ones. The Resurrection of Christ reassures us that neither suffering nor the tomb will ever be our final destination. Faith in Resurrection has a transforming effect on every believer from darkness to light, from despair to hope and joy.

As we continue to deal with the coronavirus in our world and being isolated from other, I remind you during this time of social distancing to take advantage of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the various services of Holy Week that are on TV (channels are listed on page 2 and 3 of the bulletin) and on the Archdiocese's website. We will continue to live stream our Vietnamese and Spanish Masses on YouTube. **Check out the parish website for digital copies of the bulletin.**

I remind you that in light of the developing Coronavirus pandemic, the Archdiocese's decision to suspend the public celebration of all Masses in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is still in effect. All churches are to follow their ordinary schedule for opening and closing during this period of pandemic so that the faithful have opportunities to pray. **Every day, Monday through Saturday, the Church will be open from 8:30am to 10:00am for private prayer.** Public exposition of the Most Blessed Sacred may continue with adorers, with due regard for the limitation of participants. On **Mondays, adoration will take place from 8:30am until the 7:00pm for those who wish to come and pray especially at this time of crisis in our world...**let us pray for those affected by COVID-19.

For your weekly parish contribution, you can mail it into the Rectory or drop it off at the rectory **"DROP OFF BOX"** behind the black gate. If you wish **to enroll in e-giving**, go to the parish website ([sainthelenaparish.net](http://sainthelenaparish.net)) and **click on GIVE** at the top of the page. Click on **create new account** and **fill in the information**. See page 3 for more information. Our **Rectory office hours: 9:00am to 12:00pm (Monday through Friday).**

Jesus promised St. Faustina that on Divine Mercy Sunday *"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."* **Next Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> is Divine Mercy Sunday.** In the pastoral letter you received last week, we included a copy of the Novena for Divine Mercy. Since we cannot join in person, **let us all pray the Divine Mercy prayer next Sunday at 3:00pm from our homes.**

**Finally, the Priests, Sisters, Deacons, Faculty, & Parish Staff wish you and your families a Blessed and Holy Easter!** Today, and for the next 50 days, we will celebrate and rejoice in the triumph of Christ over the power of death. Thanks for reading, stay healthy, reach out to those close to you by phone, text message, or social media and in the midst of all this have a Blessed Easter.

Your Brother and Shepherd,  
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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