



# 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>
<b>Rev. Peter J. Welsh</b>	<i>Parochial Vicar</i>
<b>Rev. Albert Gardy Villarsen, OMI</b>	<i>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)  
 Sunday – 2:30pm (Lower Church)



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

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 19, 2020 "Jesus, I Trust in You"**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**

***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 trồng cây và chống trả các chước sâu độc ma quỷ. Chúng con sắp mình xuống xin Đức Chúa Trời ngăn cấm thần quỷ 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**

<b>SUNDAY, April 19, 2020</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
Acts 2: 42-47	1 Pt 1: 3-9      Jn 20: 19-31
<b>MONDAY (20)</b>	Acts 4: 23-31      Jn 3: 1-8
<b>TUESDAY (21)</b>	Acts 4: 32-37      Jn 3: 7b-15
<b>WEDNESDAY (22)</b>	Acts 5: 17-26      Jn 3: 16-21
<b>THURSDAY (23)</b>	Acts 5: 27-33      Jn 3: 31-36
<b>FRIDAY (24)</b>	Acts 5: 34-42      Jn 6: 1-15
<b>Saturday (25)</b>	1 Pt 5: 5b-14      Mk 16: 15-20

**Mass Intentions for the Week of April 19 to 26, 2020**

**SATURDAY, April 18, 2020**  
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)



**MONDAY, April 20, 2020**  
Martina Cynthia Thao Nguyen

**TUESDAY, April 21, 2020 *St. Anselm***  
Martin Vo Dai Hai

**WEDNESDAY, April 22, 2020**  
Maria Pham Thi Ly

**THURSDAY, April 23, 2020 *St. George & St. Adalbert***  
Peter Dong Bui and All the Souls

**FRIDAY, April 24, 2020 *St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen***  
Peter Vinh Nguyen

**SATURDAY, April 25, 2020 *St. Mark***  
Juan Valentin, Jr.  
Gary McNulty

**SUNDAY, April 26, 2020 *3rd Sunday of Easter***  
Gioa Kim Vo Nguyen  
Personal Intention (VN Livestream (UC)  
Michael Calpin  
Claudia Guerra (SP Livestream (UC)

**Prayer in Anticipation of our 100th Anniversary**



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**

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	

**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.

**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.

**COVID-19 When to Seek Medical Attention**

If you develop any of these **emergency warning signs\*** for COVID-19 get **medical attention immediately:**

- Trouble breathing, Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse, Bluish lips or face

**Call 911 if you have a medical emergency:** Notify the operator that you have, or think you might have, COVID-19. If possible, put on a cloth face covering before medical help arrives.



**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.**



# Divine Mercy Sunday

Today is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, the 8th day of the Feast of Easter in which Blessed Pope John Paul II said that we receive the Easter Gift. And what is this very special Easter Gift? It is the special gift of the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment that the Catholic Church offers in the form of a plenary indulgence today.

But, why today? What sets this day apart from any other day? Today is the Octave Day of Easter; the last day of the world's greatest feast. And shouldn't the world's greatest feast offer the world's greatest gift; the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment, or in other words, "a straight ticket to Heaven" if we should die today in this perfect state of sanctifying grace? And what is Divine Mercy? The word "Divine" means "given by God" or "like God". The word "Mercy" means "the refraining from harming or punishing offenders". So simply put, Divine Mercy is "God refraining from harming or punishing offenders". How did this feast come to be established in the Catholic Church? In the Jubilee Year 2000, Blessed Pope John Paul II established this new

feast indicating that he had fulfilled the will of Christ. He must have said this because he believed that our Church needed to re-emphasize the tremendous gift of Divine Mercy that the Lord wants to pour out on each and every one of us.

## Divine Mercy 3 o'clock Prayer

You expired, O Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelope the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You. Amen.



## 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!



## Tithing Report for April 5, 2020

Drop off Collection.....\$1,954.00 (55 Envelopes)  
E-Giving.....\$512.52 (6 Parishioners)



## Tithing Report for April 12, 2020

Drop off Collection.....\$2,430.00 (64 Envelopes)  
Drop off Easter.....\$1,530.00 (25 Envelopes)  
COVID-19 Special Collection.....\$4,685.00 (31 envelopes)

*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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday!** Today is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, the 8th day of the Feast of Easter in which Blessed Pope John Paul II said that we receive the Easter Gift. And what is this very special Easter Gift? It is the special gift of the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment that the Catholic Church offers in the form of a plenary indulgence today. But, why today? What sets this day apart from any other day? Today is the Octave Day of Easter; the last day of the world's greatest feast. And shouldn't the world's greatest feast offer the world's greatest gift; the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment, or in other words, "a straight ticket to Heaven" if we should die today in this perfect state of sanctifying grace? And what is Divine Mercy? The word "Divine" means "given by God" or "like God". The word "Mercy" means "the refraining from harming or punishing offenders". So simply put, Divine Mercy is "God refraining from harming or punishing offenders". How did this feast come to be established in the Catholic Church? In the Jubilee Year 2000, Blessed Pope John Paul II established this new feast indicating that he had fulfilled the will of Christ. He must have said this because he believed that our Church needed to re-emphasize the tremendous gift of Divine Mercy that the Lord wants to pour out on each and every one of us.

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 you-tube. **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. **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**. Our **Rectory office hours: 9:00am to 12:00pm (Monday through Friday)**.

**Finally, today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Let us all pray the Divine Mercy prayer at 3:00pm from our homes.** 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 good week. **Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!**

Your Brother and Shepherd,  
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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