



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 Pomaes	<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)
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

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
Finance Committee
Alumni Meeting

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

April 26, 2020 3rd Sunday of Easter

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, especially Carmen Sardinias

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 cấm 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 lấy phép Đức Chúa Trời mà xua đuổi chúng xuống hỏa ngục đời đời. Amen

Scripture Readings for the Week

SUNDAY, April 26, 2020	3rd Sunday of Easter	
Acts 2: 14, 22-33	1 Pt 1: 17-21	Lk 24: 13-35
MONDAY (27)	Acts 6: 8-15	Jn 6: 22-29
TUESDAY (28)	Acts 7: 51-8:1A	Jn 6: 30-35
WEDNESDAY (29)	Acts 8: 1B-8	Jn 6: 35-40
THURSDAY (30)	Acts 8: 26-40	Jn 6: 44-51
FRIDAY (01)	Gn 1: 26-2:3	Mt 13: 54-58
Saturday (02)	Acts 9: 31-42	Jn 6: 31-42

Mass Intentions for the Week of April 26 to May 2, 2020

SATURDAY, April 25, 2020

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)



MONDAY, April 27, 2020

Joseph Xung Vu

TUESDAY, April 28, 2020 St. Peter Chanel &

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

Joseph Chiet and All the Souls

WEDNESDAY, April 29, 2020 St. Catherine of Siena

Larry Lalina (Birthday)

THURSDAY, April 30, 2020 St. Pius V

Cecilia Ngoc Nang

FRIDAY, May 1, 2020 St. Joseph the Worker

All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, May 2, 2020 St. Athanasius

Thomas That Nguyen

Joan Schaller

SUNDAY, May 3, 2020 4th Sunday of Easter

Atanasia Felicano

Personal Intention (VN Livestream (UC)

St. Helena Parishioners

Salud de Juanita Rosario (SP Livestream (UC)

Prayer in Anticipation of our 100th Anniversary



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 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 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
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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, our First Communion is postponed until further notice. Please pray for an end to this pandemic.

Feast of St. Joseph the Worker - May 1



To foster deep devotion to St. Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors.

Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor. Jesus, too, was a carpenter. He learned the trade from Saint Joseph and spent his early adult years working side-by-side in Joseph’s carpentry shop before leaving to pursue his ministry as preacher and healer. In his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, Pope John Paul II stated: “the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide

social changes so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society.”

Saint Joseph is held up as a model of such work. Pius XII emphasized this when he said, “The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work.”

To capture the devotion to Saint Joseph within the Catholic liturgy, in 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph the patron of the universal Church. In 1955, Pope Pius XII added the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. This silent saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work. **Happy Feast Day to our St. Joseph the Worker Group.**

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 19, 2020
Drop off Collection.....\$1,842.00 (46 Envelopes)
Drop off Easter.....\$436.00 (9 Envelopes)
COVID-19 Special Collection.....\$1,690.00 (25 Envelopes)
E-Giving.....\$390.00 (5 Parishioners)



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 3rd Sunday of Easter Sunday. All of us have taken a trip at one time or another in our lives. We take trips for business purposes, for pleasure, or for other reasons. A trip might even consist of merely visit people we love and care about. disciples who are on a journey. person are taking a short trip from seven miles. Of course they are Jesus was walking with his disciples Do we recognize Jesus each time we into this church or meet us at the recognize him? Do we always trying to tell us something? The are what prevents us from seeing so see Jesus more clearly working in our lives and walking with us in our journeys?



going across town to shop or to Today's Gospel is a story about two Cleopas and another unnamed Jerusalem to Emmaus—about walking. In the Emmaus Story, and they didn't even recognize him. see him? If Jesus were to come store and say hi would we recognize the times when God is questions before us this morning Jesus clearly and what can we do

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 streamed 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.

Finally, 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) 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).** 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.

Your Brother and Shepherd,
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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