



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

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 2ndTuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)
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 Monthly at 10:00am in the Convent

May 17, 2020 6th 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 **Eleanor Burgoon & Danny Vu**

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 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 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

SUNDAY, May 17, 2020 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3: 15-18 Jn 14: 15-21

MONDAY (18)

Acts 16: 11-15

ESDAY (19)

Acts 16: 22-34 Jn 16: 5-11

WEDNESDAY (20)

Acts 17: 15, 22-18:1 Jn 16: 12-15

THURSDAY (21)

Acts 1: 1-11
Eph 1: 17-23 Mt 28: 16-20

FRIDAY (22)

Acts 18: 9-18 Jn 16: 20-23

Saturday (23)

Acts 18: 23-28 Jn 16: 23b-28

Mass Intentions for the Week of May 17 to 24, 2020

SATURDAY, May 16, 2020

Frances Ales

SUNDAY, May 17, 2020 6th Sunday of Easter

Walter G. Schott

Mary Gable (VN Livestream-UC)

Santos Lucero (SP Livestream-UC)

MONDAY, May 18, 2020

St. John I, Pope & Martyr

Maria Pham Thi Hong

TUESDAY, May 19, 2020

Erika Lopez

WEDNESDAY, May 20, 2020 St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

Martina Cynthia Thao Nguyen

THURSDAY, May 21, 2020 Ascension of Our Lord

Martin Vo Dai Hia

Jose Saludez

Anton Nguyen Phao

FRIDAY, May 22, 2020

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Chief, Marie, Rita & Jim

SATURDAY, May 23, 2020

John Boatixita Phan Dinh

McGrory & McCoskey Families

SUNDAY, May 24, 2020 7th Sunday of Easter

John Boatixita Phan Dinh

Jeane Elia (VN Livestream-UC)

Carmen A. Alicea (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 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
Sharon Smith	Carol Henson	Jean Berry
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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.

Arise: Restoring Catholic Life after the Pandemic

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia recently launched "Arise: Restoring Catholic Life After the Pandemic," an initiative to invigorate parish life after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted (archphila.org/arise). The initiative provides parishes and Archdiocesan institutions with guidance and resources for worship, catechesis, evangelization, and communications to help clergy and faithful reintegrate into active, in-person participation in Mass and parish activities. A committee representing various Archdiocesan and pastoral ministries has been hand-selected by Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez to spearhead the multi-faceted initiative. The committee is being led by Reverend G. Dennis Gill, Director of the Office for Divine Worship, and Meghan Cokeley, Director of the Office for New Evangelization. On Sunday, May 10th, the initiative will kick-off with the "Resurrection & Restoration: Archbishop Pérez's Easter Video Series." This seven part series will break open the mystery of the Resurrection of Jesus and his power to bring us new life in the midst of the pandemic. It is also designed to help transition back into in-person life in the Church as COVID-19 restrictions slowly lift. Every night for one week, 15-minute videos available in English, Spanish and American Sign Language translations will be posted to Archbishop Pérez's facebook page.

Ascension Thursday - May 21st

"I go to prepare a place for you"



On Thursday we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. After Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, He remained on earth and appeared to many in resurrected form. After forty days, Jesus ascended into Heaven, leaving the mission of the Church under the care of the Apostles and promising to send the Holy Spirit as their guide on Pentecost (which we will celebrate next Sunday). We relive these events liturgically during the Easter season. The first reading recounts the Ascension as recorded by Luke in the book of Acts, which is the sequel to the Gospel of Luke. Why did Jesus ascend? Was He abandoning His followers? By no means! Jesus ascended in order to reign over the kingdom of the Church from heaven. But He did not leave us orphans. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to guide us. In saying to His disciples, "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you," He promised the very presence of the divine with them. Jesus is fully God and so is the Holy Spirit. Thus, whether Jesus stayed or ascended, God would be with them! Jesus, in His flesh, was limited to one geographical location. By ascending and sending the Holy Spirit, the faith could spread to the ends of the earth. Just imagine having to travel to Israel to meet Jesus in person! Instead, the Holy Spirit dwells within us here and now; and Jesus is present to us in the Eucharist whatever part of the world we are in. Jesus sent His disciples to be "witnesses" to the ends of the earth, and He promised to give them everything they would need to succeed. The fact that we are following Jesus 2,000 years later is evidence of their success. Jesus calls us to be His witnesses to the world by spreading the gospel. The Holy Spirit gives us everything we need to succeed. Look for opportunities this week to share about Jesus with people in your spheres of influence and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in those moments.

Election Day - June 2, 2020

As the June 2 primary approaches, we are all reminded of the importance of performing our civic duty by voting. **This year, the State of Pennsylvania is encouraging people to vote safely by mail.** To start the process of signing up for "Vote by Mail" go to www.votспа.com and follow the directions. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can also get a paper application for "Vote by Mail" by calling the PA Department of State at **1-877-868-3772**.



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!



Titling Report for May 10, 2020

Drop off Collection.....\$3,621.00 (78 Envelopes)
 Drop off Easter.....\$5.00 (3 Envelopes)
 E-Giving.....\$390.00 (5 Parishioners)
 COVID-19 collection.....\$895.00 (8 envelopes)



A special thanks to all our parishioners who continue to support the parish during this time. We received notice from the Parish Support Initiative that a donation of \$485.75 was made to the parish by Mr. Mark Gigliotti. May God bless all of you!

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 6th Sunday of Easter Sunday and Mother's Day. Jesus tells His disciples that their love for Him will be shown by their obedience to Him. Jesus will ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit, another Advocate, who will never leave them. The Holy Spirit will lead them into all truth and will never leave them. The world cannot receive the Holy Spirit because it doesn't want Him. When Jesus is raised, they will know that He and the Father are one. Jesus' promise is that the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, will come and continue Jesus' work in His followers. Following Jesus means more than a particular spirituality or religious tradition. The true followers of Jesus are those who obey His commandments. If we say we love Jesus but continue to sin we are deceiving ourselves. Likewise, we cannot claim to have the Holy Spirit if we live unholy lives. To love Jesus is to obey Him.

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. **Our church is open daily for private prayer. You are free to come on Sundays from 2:00pm to 5:00pm, Mondays from 8:30am to 7:00pm with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Tuesday thru Saturday from 8:30am to 10:00am.**

During the month of May, we are using the Upper Church due to work being done in the Lower Church. Some things that you may notice when you return is the **touchup painting in the Lower Church, new railings in the sanctuary of the Lower Church and choir area**, signs in the parking lots regarding **authorized parking** and the **shrubbery trimmed** around the rectory. We are currently working on **repairing the outside speakers for the Church bells**. We continue to **clean and sanitize the pews in the Upper and Lower Church.**

We are in the process of sending letters out to those neighbors on Lawrence Street letting them know that **we are now requiring a permit to park in the School parking lot. Overnight parking will be permitted with permit from 5:00pm to 7:00am.** A limited number of permits will be issued on a first come/first served basis. Only one permit will be given to any household.

I remind you that 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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