



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. 5 th Street	215-424-1300 (1301)
Convent	6127 N. 5 th Street	215-924-2770
School	6101 N. 5 th 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. Están 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

Alternating 2nd Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)

Finance Committee

Alternating 2nd Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)

Alumni Meeting

Monthly at 10:00am in the Convent

May 24, 2020 7th 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 **Sister Joyce Randozzo, ssj**

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 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, May 24, 2020 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1: 12-14 1 Pt 4: 13-16 Jn 17: 1-11a

MONDAY (25)	Acts 19: 1-8	Jn 16: 29-33
TUESDAY (26)	Acts 20: 17-27	Jn 17: 1-11a
WEDNESDAY (27)	Acts 20: 28-38	Jn 17: 11b-19
THURSDAY (28)	Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11	Jn 17: 20-26
FRIDAY (29)	Acts 25: 13b-21	Jn 21: 15-19
Saturday (30)	Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31	Jn 21: 20-25

Mass Intentions for the Week of May 24 to 31, 2020

SATURDAY, May 23, 2020

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)

MONDAY, May 25, 2020 St. Bede the Venerable

Damien Tran Cong Giao

TUESDAY, May 26, 2020 St. Philip Neri

Maria Mai Lam

WEDNESDAY, May 27, 2020 St. Augustine of Canterbury

Maria Pham Thi Ly

THURSDAY, May 28, 2020

Joseph Chiet and All the Souls

FRIDAY, May 29, 2020

Joseph Xung Vu

SATURDAY, May 30, 2020

Jose Saludez

Raymond Ales

SUNDAY, May 31, 2020 Pentecost Sunday

John Boatixita Phan Dinh

St. Helena Parishioners (VN Livestream-UC)

Marisol Lopez Diaz (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
Sharon Smith	Carol Henson	Jean Berry
Anne Bercaw	Joan Teel	Rich Teel
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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

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Verizon Fios - Channel 285
Xfinity - Channel 33
Xfinity - Channel 291**

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. Lunch boxes and snacks bags available every Tuesday and Thursday for children 2-18. No registration or economic info needed. Parents and grandparents come. Not necessary to bring children.

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.

Opportunity for Private Prayer at St. Helena



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. **Saint Helena Church is open daily for private prayer.**

**Monday only 8:30am to 7:00pm for
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer
Tuesday through Saturday 8:30am to 10:00am and
Sunday 2:00pm to 5:00pm for Private Prayer**

Mary, Mother of All Nations Shrine

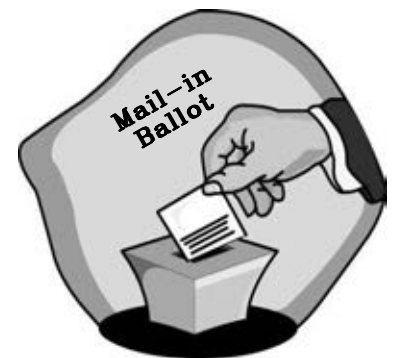
We are in the process of creating a Mary, Mother of All Nations Shrine in the Lower Church. Our vision is to have a statue between 10 and 15 inches high that represents the different ethnic groups within the parish. Each statue will be displayed on a shelf with the name of the country and title of the Blessed Mother. If you wish to donate a blessed Mother from your homeland country, please let us know.

For example: Ecuador: Virgin of Cisne, Vietnam: Our Lady of LaVang, Dominican Republic: Our Lady of Altagracia, Puerto Rico: Our Lady of Providence, Mexico: Our Lady of Guadalupe, Ireland: Our Lady of Knock, Colombia: Our Lady of Las Lajas, China: Our Lady of Sheshan, Portugal: Our Lady of Fatima, Philippines: Our Lady of Manaoag, United States: Immaculate Conception, Korea: Our Lady of Naju.

Virgin of Cisne Ecuador	Our Lady of LaVang Vietnam	Our Lady of Altagracia Dominican Republic	Our Lady of Providence Puerto Rico
Our Lady of Guadalupe Mexico	Our Lady of Knock Ireland	Our Lady of Las Lajas Colombia	Our Lady of Sheshan China
Our Lady of Fatima Portugal	Immaculate Conception United States	Our Lady of Manaoag Philippines	Our Lady of Naju Korea

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.votespa.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 17, 2020

Drop off Collection.....\$5,208.75 (80 Envelopes)

E-Giving.....\$390.00 (4 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 7th Sunday of Easter To ask what role prayer plays in our world right now — a world rife with pain, illness, loss, and death — is to raise the hardest questions. Whatever the answers to these questions might be, we know one thing for sure: Jesus prayed. Jesus asked. Jesus made supplication to God. On this last Sunday of Easter, as we continue to face the horrors of Covid-19, we're invited to listen in as Jesus makes a "High Priestly Prayer" to his Father. What does Jesus ask for in his high priestly prayer? Well, many things, but one request stands out to me right now — not least because it has not yet been answered: "Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one." **This is my prayer, that God will protect all of you during this time of COVID-19...remember: we are all ONE.**

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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 **NEW painting in the Lower Church, new railings in the sanctuary of the Lower Church and choir area,** 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.**

A reminder that 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. **We have posted on both parking lot signs regarding PRIVATE PARKING and AUTHORIZED PARKING (5:00pm to 7:00am).**

Finally, we have called all our parishioners to see how they are doing. Many numbers were not in use. If you did not receive a call, please contact the rectory as we don't have your number. 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. **P.S. Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, the Birthday of the Church...Happy Memorial Day on Monday.**

Your Brother and Shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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#WHATSMYNAME

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson

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