



St. Helena Church

6161 N. 5th Street
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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



June 21, 2020

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

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 ác. 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, June 21, 2020 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20: 10-13 Rom 5: 12-15

MONDAY (22) 2 Kgs 17: 5-8, 13-15a, 18

Mt 7: 1-5

TUESDAY (23) 2 Kgs 19: 9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36
Mt 7: 6, 12-14

WEDNESDAY (24) Is 49: 1-6
Acts 13: 22-26 Lk 1: 57-66, 80

THURSDAY (25) 2 Kgs 24: 8-17 Mt 7: 21-29

FRIDAY (26) 2 Kgs 25: 1-12 Mt 8: 1-4

Saturday (27) Lam 2: 2, 10-14, 18-19 Mt 8: 5-17

Mass Intentions for the Week of June 21 to 28, 2020

SATURDAY, June 20 2020

4:30pm Fr. Aloysius and All Dec. Vincentian Priest

SUNDAY, June 21, 2020 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am In Honor of the Eternal Father

9:30am Personal Intention (VN Livestream-UC)

11:15am Emmanuel Abiagon

12:30pm Carmen A. Alicea (SP Livestream-UC)

MONDAY, June 22, 2020 St. Paulinus of Nola, St. John Fisher, St. Thomas More

8:00am Jose Saludez

TUESDAY, June 23, 2020

8:00am Juan Efrain Asencio (1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, June 24, 2020 Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:00am Maria Pham Thi Ly

THURSDAY, June 25, 2020

8:00am Martina Cythia Thao Nguyen

FRIDAY, June 26, 2020

8:00am Maria Pham Thi Hong

SATURDAY, June 27, 2020 St. Cyril of Alexandria

8:00am Jose Saludez

4:30pm Herman Gauss

SUNDAY, June 28, 2020 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Joan Baotixita

9:30am Personal Intention (VN Livestream-UC)

11:15am Fr. Edmond Speitel

12:30pm Juana Us-Perez (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

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Andrea Santiago	Anita Repsch	Maria Repsch
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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

Saint Helena Lower Church is open daily for private prayer.



**Please enter the Lower Church only by the
door with the keypad on the Schoolyard side.**



**Monday only 8:30am to 7:00pm for
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Private Prayer**

**Tuesday through Saturday 8:30am to 10:00am
Every Sunday 2:00pm to 5:00pm Private Prayer &
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Our Lady 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.

Celebrating our Parishioners Ethnicity



In anticipation of our Parish 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.**

Due to COVID-19, our parish trip to Queen Esther has been canceled. This show will continue to run in 2021. It is our hope to go then. For those who paid or made a deposit, we will return your deposit in July. We are waiting for the check from Sight and Sound. Thanks for your understanding.

Prayer for Fathers in Our Lives

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives. Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed. This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach. So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families. For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You. In Your Holy name, O God, we pray.

Happy Father's Day to all Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers, and those who take on the role of Fathers.



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 June 14, 2020

(First Collection) Weekly.....\$4,805.00 (135 envelopes)
 Drop Off.....\$1,344.00 (61 envelopes)
 E-Giving.....\$370.00 (4 parishioners)



Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	(55 people)	\$104.00	\$730.00	\$834.00	20
8:00am	(46 people)	\$78.00	\$139.00	\$217.00	11
9:30am	(235 people)	\$434.00	\$1,060.00	\$1,494.00	53
11:15am	(50 people)	\$79.00	\$1,291.00	\$1,370.00	30
12:30pm	(97 people)	\$110.00	\$410.00	\$874.00	21
Drop off	-----	-----	\$1,344.00	\$1,344.00	61

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 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our Gospel for this weekend gives a wonderful 'triple-play' about not being afraid. Jesus says: "Fear no one," and later, "Do not be afraid," and finally, "So, do not be afraid!" Three times in one Sunday Gospel! He is telling us that we never need to fear. How much clearer could he make it?! Simply stated, today's Gospel is a marvelous lesson about Providence. God has a plan for our lives. He cares and guides us along the way, giving meaning to our existence, quietly inspiring us to do what is good. So, let's listen to Jesus on this one: "Do not be afraid!" because we have a Father in heaven who gave us life, loves us throughout that life, and wants us to share eternal life with Him! Nothing in this world can top that!

Today, we celebrate Father's Day...a day to honor the men in our lives who are an example to each one of us. Father's Day is celebrated by families all around the world—and this year is no exception. While it's certainly going to look different due to social distancing measures, Father's Day will still be happening all around the world. Did you know that a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd started her quest to establish Father's Day as a national holiday? After a year of petitioning her local community and government, Dodd's home state of Washington celebrated its first official Father's Day on June 19, 1910. Over the years, the celebration of Father's Day spread from state to state, and after a long fight it was finally declared a national holiday in 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed it into law.

On page 3 of this week's bulletin, you will see our newly created **Our Lady 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. If you wish to donate a blessed Mother from your homeland country, please let us know.

Finally, **our first weekend back (June 7th) we had 366 people attend Mass and this past weekend (June 14th) we had 483 people.** Thanks for reading, stay healthy, reach out to those close to you by phone, text message, or social media and have a good week.

Your Brother and Shepherd,
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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#WHATSMYNAME

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