



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

6101 N. 5th Street 215-549-2947

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 círculo 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 28, 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 Mr. Valentin Lemus

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 sấu độc ma quỷ. Chúng con sắp mình xuống xin Đức Chúa Trời ngăn cấm thần nguy ấy. Lạy Tổng Lãnh Thiên Thần Micae là tướng quân cai quản cơ binh trên trời kìa 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 28, 2020 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4: 8-11, 14-16a Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11 Mt 10: 37-42

MONDAY (29) Acts 12: 1-11 Mt 16: 13-19

TUESDAY (30) Amos 3: 1-8; 4: 11-12
Mt. 28: 23-27

WEDNESDAY (01) Am 5: 14-15, 21-24 Mt 8: 28-34

THURSDAY (02) Am 7: 10-17 Mt 9: 1-8

FRIDAY (03) Eph 2: 19-22 Jn 20: 24-29

Saturday (04) Am 9: 11-15 Mt 9: 14-17

Mass Intentions for the Week of June 28 to July 5, 2020

SATURDAY, June 27 2020

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)

MONDAY, June 29, 2020 Sts. Peter & Paul

8:00am Joseph Chiet & All the Souls

TUESDAY, June 30, 2020 1st Martyrs of the

Holy Roman Church

8:00am Joseph Xung Vu

WEDNESDAY, July 1, 2020 St. Junipero Serra

8:00am Mary Gable

THURSDAY, July 2, 2020

8:00am Dec. Members of the David Speicer Family

FRIDAY, July 3, 2020 St. Thomas, Apostle

8:00am Joseph Thu

SATURDAY, July 4, 2020 Independence Day

8:00am Thomas That Nguyen

4:30pm Walter Ales

SUNDAY, July 5, 2020 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Joan Baotixita

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

11:15am Joan Schaller

12:30pm Angel M. Torres (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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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

Food Bank

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.

- ◆ Congratulations to **Christine Scheicher** who achieved High Honors during the Second Semester at St. Basil Academy.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Nicole Orbe-Munoz, Kristine Pham, and Elizabeth Vu** who achieved First Honors for the 4th Quarter at Little Flower High School.

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**



Red Cross Virtual Family Assistance Center



Visit redcross.org/VFAC or call toll-free 833-492-0094 for information, referrals and services.

All Family Assistance Center support will be provided virtually and is completely confidential and free. A virtual team of specially trained mental health, spiritual care and health services Red Cross volunteers are standing by to provide compassion, comfort and

- Access to national, state or local resources such as grief counseling, legal resources, funeral information, financial information services or veterans' assistance
- Online classes to foster resilience and facilitate coping skills
- Support for virtual memorial services for families and additional state and local resources for many areas

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.

Saturday, July 4 ~ Independence Day

The Declaration of Independence was approved by Congress on this day and our nation officially began its journey toward freedom. Let this year's celebration be an opportunity to stand in solidarity with all our citizens, to recognize and rejoice in the heroes and accomplishments of the nation, and to renew our commitment to the work of correction and nurturing by praying...

Dear Lord, There is no greater feeling of liberation than to experience this freedom from sin and death that you have provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this I am very thankful. On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May I always remember that my freedom was purchased with a very high price. My freedom cost others their very lives. Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families. Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ.



Pope Francis has announced that the period between May 24, 2020 and May 24, 2021 to be designate as Laudato Si' year for the Catholic Church. For your consideration...

"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" – "Praise be to you, my Lord". In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs" (LS #1)

- Reflect on these words as you notice the beauty of God's creation this week. Do you think of planet Earth as a mother who nourishes you physically through her fruits, vegetables and wheat? Do you realize how often Mother Earth tends to your spirit through sunny days, a swim in the ocean, the smell of flowers, a beautiful sunset? How can you deepen your appreciation for the natural world? What gifts of Mother Earth do you most appreciate?

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 21, 2020

(First Collection) Weekly.....\$3,780.00 (170 envelopes)
 (Second Collection) Father's Day....\$2,094.00 (111 envelopes)
 Drop Off.....\$182.00 (9 envelopes)
 E-Giving.....\$440.00 (5 parishioners)



Wrap up Your Gift to God

Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	(46 people)	\$108.00	\$455.00	\$563.00	12
8:00am	(56 people)	\$99.00	\$349.00	\$448.00	50
9:30am	(242 people)	\$304.00	\$1,446.00	\$1,750.00	66
11:15am	(58 people)	\$97.00	\$521.00	\$618.00	23
12:30pm	(96 people)	\$50.00	\$351.00	\$401.00	19
Drop off	-----	-----	\$182.00	\$182.00	9

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.

A special thank you to the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Group (TNTT) who donated \$1,285.00 towards the handrails in the Lower Church. Total cost was \$2,500.00.



Last But Not Least



Today we celebrate the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus sends the apostles to proclaim the gospel. In today's passage, he gives them the last guidance. He says, "“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Jesus continues: “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.” These words are very appropriate for us today as we anticipate celebrating our Independence on Saturday. In our gospel, we are called to welcome all people, not just those we choose to welcome. **Remember: when we welcome a stranger, we welcome Jesus.**

Have you seen 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.

Saturday is the 4th of July, Independence Day and our morning Mass will be the usual 8:00am. It is a day to celebrate a country in which we are so privileged to live and the freedom we know so well. All the same, it is also a time to renew our “eternal vigilance” before everything we know is taken away from us. Just as Jesus Christ died to give us true freedom, so many of our countrymen have died to give us the liberty that we possess and enjoy and dare I say, so often take for granted.

Finally, **our first weekend back (June 7th) we had 366 people attend Mass and this past weekend (June 14th) we had 483 people. This past weekend (June 21st) we had 498 people.** We are gradually getting back to some sense of normality... Thanks for reading, stay healthy, reach out to those close to you. Have a good week.

Your Brother and Shepherd,
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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#WHATSMYNAME

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