



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>
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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
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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 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



July 19, 2020

We Remember in Prayer our Sick

Luke Tynan	Frances Clark	Duong Thi Tham
Rosaura Caraballo	Victoria Marin	Jacqueline Williams
Lucia Zavala	Ryan Cichon	Monica Peltz Yondura
Carmen Torres	Joseph Henson	Carmen Jimenez
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Camille Figueroa	Ignacio Ortolaza	Hipolita Delgado
Samuel Delgado	Samie Rosado	Carmen Delia Cruz
Delena Evgenevna Biryukova		

We Remember in Prayer our Deceased

Mary O'Hara, Lisett Castillo, Eugenio Martinez

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

Scripture Readings for the Week

SUNDAY, July 19, 2020 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12: 13, 16-19 Rom 8: 26-27 Mt 13: 24-43

MONDAY (20) Mi 6: 1-4, 6-8 Mt 12: 38-42

TUESDAY (21) Mi 7: 14-15, 18-20 Mt 12: 46-50

WEDNESDAY (22) Sg 3: 1-4b **OR**
2 Cor 5: 14-17 Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18

THURSDAY (23) Jer 2: 1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Mt 13: 10-17

FRIDAY (24) Jer 3: 14-17 Mt 13: 18-23

SATURDAY (25) 2 Cor 4: 7-15 Mt 20: 20-28

Mass Intentions for the Week of July 19 to 26, 2020

SATURDAY, July 18, 2020

4:30pm Julie & Rudolph Gable

SUNDAY, July 19, 2020 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Margaret Wiernicki

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

11:15am Angela Alvarez

12:30pm In Honor of the Virgin del Carmen

MONDAY, July 20, 2020 St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

8:00am Martina Cynthia Thao Nguyen

TUESDAY, July 21, 2020 Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest

8:00am Martin Vo Dai Hai

WEDNESDAY, July 22, 2020 St. Mary Magdalene

8:00am Maria Pham Thi Ly

**Happy Birthday
Msgr. Trinh**

THURSDAY, July 23, 2020 St. Bridget

8:00am Maria Pham Chi

FRIDAY, July 24, 2020 St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

8:00am Rev. Joseph Hoe Nguyen

SATURDAY, July 25, 2020 St. James, Apostle

8:00am Maria Pham Thi Hong

4:30pm Bridget Josephine & James McGrory

SUNDAY, July 26, 2020 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Joan Baotixita Phan Dinh

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

11:15am John McDonald

12:30pm 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

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Andrea Santiago	Anita Repsch	Maria Repsch
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Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry 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.

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

12:00Noon – Angelus

12:05pm – Eucharistic Benediction

12:15pm to 1:00pm, 6:20pm to 6:50pm – Confessions

7:00pm – Mass

Tuesday through Saturday 8:30am to 10:00am

Every Sunday 2:00pm to 5:00pm Private Prayer &

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



**Please sign up
for Adoration
on the chart in
the Lower Church**

**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...**



In 1971, eight years after Pacem in Terris, Blessed Pope Paul VI referred to the ecological concern as "a tragic consequence" of unchecked human activity: "Due to an ill-considered exploitation of nature, humanity runs the risk of destroying it and becoming in turn a victim of this degradation".

He spoke in similar terms to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations about the potential for an "ecological catastrophe under the effective explosion of industrial civilization", and stressed "the urgent need for a radical change in the conduct of humanity", inasmuch as "the most extraordinary scientific advances, the most amazing technical abilities, the most astonishing economic growth, unless they are accompanied by authentic social and moral progress, will definitively turn against man". **(LS #4)**

- Reflect on these words as you notice the beauty of God's creation this week. Do you believe that our ecological concern is "a tragic consequence"? Do you think there is an urgent need for a radical change in the way we as humans treat our earth?

A Prayer for Your Family

Dear God,

Today I want to lift up my family. I ask that you protect the Lord. Keep them in good health and out of danger. Give them strength in their time of need. Let them hear your voice and follow your calling. Help them to always lean on you. Fill their lives with people that love and care for them. And keep out those that would do them harm. Help them to make good Godly decisions. Let them know that they are loved. Give them courage when they are scared. And directions when they feel lost. Help them to always be focused on you God. In Jesus' name I pray.

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.

Understanding Immigrants, Refugees & Asylum-seekers

People of faith care about immigrants and refugees for numerous reasons. Immigration is the story of the Bible and the story of the world. There are dozens of passages about this. Here are a few: Adam and Eve were evicted from the Garden of Eden, Abraham was commanded by God to go from his home in Ur to a new country he didn't know, the central story of the Hebrew Bible, the Exodus, is one of a great migration of freed slaves from Egypt to Israel. **What's the difference between an immigrant, a refugee and an asylum-seeker?**

The Sisters of St. Joseph (SSJ) have been working with Asylum seekers in the Philadelphia area for the past 5 years. Sister Eileen McNally, Refugee Coordinator for the Sisters of Saint Joseph Refugee Ministry Project will offer a **45 minutes presentation on Understanding Immigrants and Refugees on Friday, July 24th at 1:00pm in the Convent.** If interested, please contact Sister Sophie at 215-424-1300.

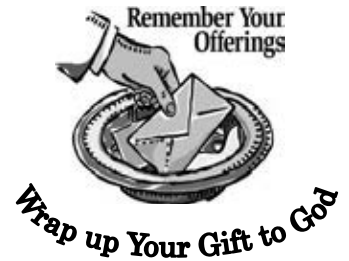


Biblically a tithe means 10%. All are asked to consider returning 10% of our income to the Lord (5% to the parish, 5% to God's other charities: e.g. St. Helena Outreach Center, Food Bank) in gratitude. The spiritual practice of tithing disposes us to make God first in every area of our lives! The aim is to secure not the tithe, but the tither, not the gift, but the giver—for God!



Tithing Report for July 12, 2020

(1st) Weekly.....\$4,329.00 (169 envelopes)
 Drop Off.....\$412.00 (17 envelopes)
 E-Giving.....\$420.00 (5 parishioners)
 (2nd) Human Development....\$1,193.00 (104 envelopes)
 Special Donation.....\$5,000.00



Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	49	\$101.00	\$365.00	\$466.00	21
8:00am	57	\$179.00	\$226.00	\$405.00	20
9:30am	264	\$627.00	\$1,431.00	\$2,058.00	75
11:15am	54	\$66.00	\$612.00	\$678.00	19
12:30pm	109	\$114.00	\$608.00	\$722.00	34
Drop off	-----	-----	\$412.00	\$412.00	17

You make the difference! Thank you for growing in holiness and striving to be a good steward.

Any room at the Inn?

Francis Germanovich, a 66 year old Catholic on social security is looking for a small efficiency apartment or room in the area of Saint Helena Parish. His phone number is 610-605-0511. Father Welsh is available as a reference.



Last But Not Least



Today, we celebrate the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel, Jesus shares three parables about the kingdom of heaven, explaining the meaning of the parable of the weeds to his disciples. Growing in our faith is like striving to grow as wheat in a field mixed with weeds. We are face with many temptations today: we do not pray as we ought, we are sometimes weak and in need of forgiveness. But God is just and kind; he judges with leniency, sends his Spirit to our aid, lovingly nurtures us, and patiently awaits our growth. During this week, think about your faith. Is it growing and deepening or stagnant? What can you do this week to nurture your faith?

Next weekend, the second collection will be the Mission Co-op Envelope. This year, the Archdiocese will be sending the contribution to the Diocese of Long Xuyen, Vietnam.

Next weekend, our RCIA Candidates will be **received into the Church on Saturday, July 25th at the 4:30pm Mass and First Communion will take place on Sunday, July 26th at the 11:15am Mass. Both of these celebrations will be in the Lower Church.**

Thanks for reading, stay healthy, reach out to those close to you and last but not least have a good week.

Your Brother and Shepherd,
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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#WHATSMYNAME

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