



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>
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

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)

Viet. Divine Mercy Grupo
Carismático

Saturday – 8:30AM (Lower Church)
Sunday – 2:30pm (Lower Church)
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
Finance Committee
Alumni Meeting

Alternating 2nd Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)
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Monthly at 10:00am in the Convent



August 30, 2020 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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	John Sanchez	Carmen Jimenez
Jeff Boka	Teresa Merrigan	Virginia Gilligan
Thanh Boka	Nathaniel Lopez	Emilio Rosario
Luis Ortiz	Carmen Giamarco	Dan Shead
Francis Hernandez	Isabel Phayre	Louise Liebel
Camille Figueroa	Ignacio Ortolaza	Hipolita Delgado
Samuel Delgado	Samie Rosado	Carmen Delia Cruz
Maria Thanh Đoàn	Adolfo Castano	Fernando Castano
Elena Evagenevna Biryukova	Francis Germanovich	

We Remember in Prayer our Deceased

Alex Castro & Baby Gary Merrigan, IV

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 chống cự 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, August 30, 2020 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20: 7-9 Rom. 12: 1-2 Mt 16: 21-27

MONDAY (31) 1 Cor 2: 1-5 Lk 4: 16-30

TUESDAY (01) 1 Cor 2: 10b-16 Lk 4: 31-37

WEDNESDAY (02) 1 Cor 3: 1-9 Lk 4: 38-44

THURSDAY (03) 1 Cor 3: 18-23 Lk 5: 1-11

FRIDAY (04) 1 Cor 4: 1-5 Lk 5: 33-39

SATURDAY (05) 1 Cor 4 6b-15 Lk 6: 1-5

Mass Intentions for the Aug. 30 to Sept. 6, 2020

SATURDAY, August 29, 2020

4:30pm Mary Gable

SUNDAY, August 30, 2020 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am In Honor the the Eternal Father

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

11:15am Mary Gable

12:30pm Mr. Zuazo (SP Livestream-UC)

MONDAY, August 31, 2020

8:00am Peter Dung Bui

7:00pm St. Helena Parishioners

TUESDAY, September 1, 2020

8:00am Maria Pham & Family

WEDNESDAY, September 2, 2020

8:00am Julia & Frank Schaller

THURSDAY, September 3, 2020 St. Gregory the Great,

8:00am Craig Brugger (10th Anniv) **Pope & Doctor of the Church**

FRIDAY, September 4, 2020

8:00am All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, September 5, 2020 St. Teresa of Calcutta

8:00am Thomas That Nguyen

4:30pm Maria Pham Thi Hong

SUNDAY, September 6, 2020 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Maria Lam Tien

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

11:15am Mary Gable

12:30pm La Virgen del Cisne (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

Welcome to St. Helena Parish in Olney section of Philadelphia! We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a home parish, we invite you to become part of our parish family and become fully involved in our life of prayer, education, service and community.



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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Jean Berry
Sam Ashie
Dung Nguyen



St. Helena Church Food Pantry

- ♦ **A reminder that the 2nd Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Sunday, September 14th is the date for September.**
- ♦ **Pop-Up Diaper Pantry on Tuesday, September 15th from 10:00am to 12:00Noon in St. Helena's School Yard. Free Diapers....All are Welcome.**
- ♦ **PCA Senior Vouchers are available. Call 215 765 9040 to receive a form to apply.**

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 food pantry 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.

Opportunity for Private Prayer at St. Helena

Every Sunday 2:00pm to 5:00pm Private Prayer & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday only 8:30am to 7:00pm for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Angelus at 12:00Noon, Eucharistic Benediction at 12:05pm
Confessions at 12:15pm to 1:00pm, 6:20pm to 6:50pm, Mass at 7:00pm



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

"My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you and desire you. Come into my heart and never leave me. O Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar, teach all nations to serve you with a willing heart."



Annual Forty Hours and Parish Feast

September 12, 13, and 14th



Saturday, Sept. 12th

Exposition after the 8:00am
Mass to 4:00pm
Vigil Mass for Sunday at 4:30pm
Tri-lingual Rosary at 8:00pm
followed by Benediction

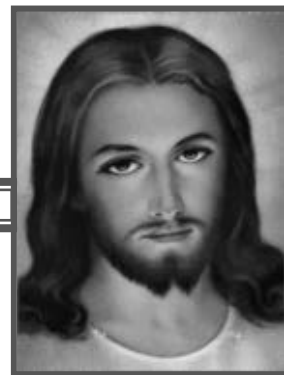
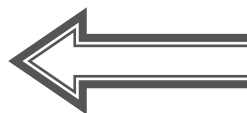
Sunday, Sept. 13th

Exposition 2:00pm to
8:00pm
Tri-lingual Rosary at 8:00pm
followed by Benediction

Monday, Sept. 14th

Exposition after the 8:00am
to 8:00pm
Tri-lingual Rosary at 7:30pm
Tri-Lingual Closing Mass
at 8:00pm

**All I ask is that "YOU" would
please spend one hour with ME
on Sept. 12, 13, & 14.
Sign up for a time
in the Gathering Space.
Love, your brother, Jesus**



Registration for PREP 2020-2021

Registration Forms are available
through Sister Sophie. Please call the
rectory for an appointment or see Sr.
Sophie after Mass.
Rectory: 215-424-1300
LAST DAY TO REGISTER...Sept. 6th

COST

1 child - \$100.00
2 children - \$160.00
3+ children -
\$250.00



RCIA for Adults 2020-2021

If you know someone who is
interested in becoming Catholic or
an adult who needs Eucharist
and/or Confirmation
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215-868-6547

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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 August 23, 2020

(1st) Weekly.....\$3,494.00 (162 envelopes)
 Drop Off.....\$351.32 (15 envelopes)
 E-Giving.....\$370.00 (4 transactions)
 Total Collection.....\$4215.32



Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	64	\$121.00	\$170.00	\$291.00	17
8:00am	71	\$119.00	\$455.00	\$574.00	19
9:30am	234	\$372.00	\$892.00	\$1,264.00	70
11:15am	75	\$156.00	\$506.00	\$662.00	31
12:30pm	150	\$183.00	\$520.00	\$707.00	25
Drop off	-----	-----	\$351.32	\$351.32	15

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



Last But Not Least



Today, we celebrate the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Peter, who had just boldly proclaimed his faith, quickly forgets it and stumbles to his own will. He sees that the Lord is in danger and thinks it is his role to protect The God of the universe. He does not see Jesus' will and plan, and desires to protect the Lord from His willful destiny. Peter, the stone is now Peter, the stumbling block. Christ calls us to take up the cross and deny ourselves; this is extreme discipleship, a call that is to cancel out our will so we can submit to His. When we confess Christ as our Savior, it means He is our Lord. We are to surrender to His direction, call, and purpose. When we claim to be His, we need to commit and follow, leaving behind all that hinders and causes us to go astray. This goes against our will and our culture that says, you are number one, and you deserve whatever you want. But, usually what we want is not what is best. Yes, we deserve better; and better is to be in Christ and to follow His ways.

Registration for our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) are being taken by Sister Sophie after all Masses in the Lower Church or call the rectory for an appointment.

We are anticipating **Confirmation in the Fall of 2021. All students in Level 6 PREP or grades 6 & 7 in St. Helena-Incarnation School must register for Confirmation.** Registrations are being taken by Sister Sophie after all Masses in the Lower Church or call the rectory for an appointment. **Preparation Classes for Confirmation will start in October.**

Finally, please keep Saturday, September 12th, Sunday, September 13th and Monday, September 14th open for our Annual 40 Hours and Parish Feast. Please think about signing up for a time for adoration on the chart in the gathering space next to the Adoration sign. See page 3 for more information. 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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