



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. 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



August 9, 2020 19th 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	Joseph Henson	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
Elena Evgegenevna Biryukova	Francis Germanovich	

We Remember in Prayer our Deceased Eduardo Chipolini

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, August 9, 2020 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19: 9a, 11-13a Rom 9: 1-5 Mt 14: 22-33

MONDAY (10) 2 Cor 9: 6-10 Mt 14: 22-36

TUESDAY (11) Ez 2: 8-3:4 Mt 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

WEDNESDAY (12) Ez 9: 1-7; 10:18-22 Mt 18: 15-20

THURSDAY (13) Ez 12: 1-12 Mt 18: 21-19:1

FRIDAY (14) Ez 16: 1-15, 60,63 Mt 19: 3-12

SATURDAY (15) Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15: 20-27 Lk 1: 39-56

Mass Intentions for the August 9 to 16, 2020

SATURDAY, August 8, 2020

4:30pm Maria Pham Thi Hong

SUNDAY, August 9, 2020 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Joan Baotixita Phan Dinh

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

11:15am In Honor of the Eternal Father

12:30pm Juana Us Perez (SP Livestream-UC)

MONDAY, August 10, 2020 St. Lawrence, Martyr

8:00am Giuse Vu Van Lap

7:00pm St. Helena Parishioners

TUESDAY, August 11, 2020 St. Clare, Virgin

8:00am Peter Tam Vu

WEDNESDAY, August 12, 2020 St. Jane Frances de

8:00am Dominic Qui Pham & Family **Chantal, Religious**

THURSDAY, August 13, 2020 Sts. Pontian, Pope &

8:00am Peter Tam Vu **Hippolytus, Priest**

FRIDAY, August 14, 2020 St. Maximilian Koble

8:00am Peter Thinh Nguyen

SATURDAY, August 15, 2020 Assumption of the BVM

8:00am Dominic Hoa Nguyen & Family

12:00Noon St. Helena Parishioners

4:30pm Julia Schaller

SUNDAY, August 16, 2020 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Anthony & Maria Dien Nguyen

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

11:15am Frank Schaller, Sr.

12:30pm Carmen A. Alicea (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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St. Helena Church 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.

PCA Senior Vouchers are available. Call 215 765 9040 to receive a form to apply.

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 8th from 10:00am to 12:00Noon in St. Helena's School Yard. Free Diapers....All are Welcome.

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**



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 610-925-9946. Father Welsh is available as a reference.



For the safety of all our parishioners, we will sanitize the pews and church after each Mass. **Please do not return the Missalette to the table.** Please do not leave ANYTHING in the pews or book holders...take everything home with you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Registration for PREP 2020-2021

Registration Forms are available through Sr. Sophie. Please call the rectory for an appointment. Due to COVID-19, classes will be remote until January. At time of registration, you will receive information on remote learning, text book, and information and code for flipgrid remote learning.

Rectory: 215-424-1300 or Sr. Sophie: 215-868-6547

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 Contact Sr. Sophie 215-868-6547



Feast of the Assumption

On the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we remember when Mary was taken ("assumed") into heaven, body and soul, after she died. You will not find this story in the Bible. However, a tradition handed down from the earliest days of the Church says that Mary died in Jerusalem and was buried in a tomb. But when the apostles opened the tomb again, her body was gone. Why would God take Mary's body and soul into heaven? In part because Mary is special to God: she said "yes" to becoming the mother of Jesus. But God also wanted to show us that one day, all of us will share in the bodily resurrection of Jesus. Mary is the first person in the Church to experience the resurrection in its fullness.

St. Helena will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption on Saturday, April 15th at the 8:00am Mass where we will present roses to the Blessed Mother after Communion. We will also have a Mass at 12:00Noon.



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 2, 2020



(1st) Weekly.....\$3,211.00 (160 envelopes)
 Drop Off.....\$1,888.00 (36 envelopes)
 E-Giving.....\$370.00 (4 parishioners)
 (2nd) Maintenance.....\$1,756.00 (110 envelopes)
 Total Collection.....\$7,225.00



Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	55	\$50.00	\$359.00	\$409.00	18
8:00am	88	\$90.00	\$250.00	\$340.00	22
9:30am	279	\$277.00	\$1,110.00	\$1,387.00	77
11:15am	60	\$100.00	\$552.00	\$652.00	21
12:30pm	124	\$58.00	\$365.00	\$423.00	22
Drop off	-----	-----	\$1888.00	\$1,888.00	36

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 Solemnity of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

There are three really important things that we can learn about faith from our gospel today. (1) Jesus often sends us into the storms. (2) He sends you into the storms to show you his faithfulness. (3) Our faith does not save us, the object of our faith does. (4) Jesus often sends us into the storms. The disciples didn't choose to walk into a hurricane on the sea. Jesus intentionally sent them into a situation where he could teach them to trust him and worship him. If Jesus asks you to do it, you can do it. This is where we often get into trouble. So many times we have big plans. We work up the ideas and strategize and then we just set out into the chaos and try to fight against it. When was the last time you actually stopped and said, in all honesty, "God, is this your plan? Or am I just trying to do things in my own power and hope that you bless my efforts?" This is a difficult thing to discern and I know it is really complex to navigate, but it is important, that, no matter what we do, we make sure that it is actually something that God has called us to do.

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Your Brother and Shepherd,
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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#WHATSMYNAME

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