



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

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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. Estan 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

November 1, 2020 Solemnity of All Saints

We Remember in Prayer our Sick

Luke Tynan	Frances Clark	Duong Thi Tham
Rosaura Caraballo	Victoria Marin	Stephen Beach
Lucia Zavala	Ryan Cichon	Monica Yondura Peltz
Carmen Torres	John Sanchez	Carmen Jimenez
Jeff Boka	Teresa Merrigan	Virginia Gilligan
Thanh Boka	Nathaniel Lopez	Emilio Rosario
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Maria Thanh Đoàn	Adolfo Castano	Fernando Castano
Belen Delgado	Mercedes Garcia	Gisela Gonzalez
Awilda Gonzalez	Elena Evagenevna	Biryukova

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 sấp 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, November 1, 2020 Solemnity of All Saints

Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3: 1-3 Mt 5: 1-12a

MONDAY (02)

Wis 3: 1-9
Rom 5: 5-11 Jn 6: 37-40

TUESDAY (03)

Phil 2: 5-11 Lk 14: 15-24

WEDNESDAY (04)

Phil 2: 12-18 Lk 14: 25-33

THURSDAY (05)

Phil 3: 3-8a Lk 15: 1-10

FRIDAY (06)

Phil 3: 17- 4:1 Lk 16: 1-8

SATURDAY (07)

Phil 4: 10-19 Lk 16: 9-15

Mass Intentions for the Nov. 1 to 8, 2020

SATURDAY, October 31, 2020

4:30pm Julia Schaller

SUNDAY, November 1, 2020 Solemnity of All Saints

8:00am Anna That
9:30am Personal Intention (VN Livestream-UC)
11:15am Eileen Boyle
12:30pm Marcelina Antonia Celda (SP Livestream-UC)

MONDAY, November 2, 2020 All Soul's Day

8:00am For All the Souls
7:00pm Deceased of St. Helena Parish

TUESDAY, November 3, 2020 St. Martin de Porres, Religious

8:00am Toma Duong & All the Souls

WEDNESDAY, November 4, 2020 St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:00am Frank Schaller, Sr.

THURSDAY, November 5, 2020

8:00am Maria Pham Chi

FRIDAY, November 6, 2020

8:00am All Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, November 7, 2020

8:00am Thomas That Nguyen
4:30pm Fr. Joseph Cummins, C. M.

SUNDAY, November 8, 2020 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am All Souls in Purgatory
9:30am Personal Intention (VN Livestream-UC)
11:15am Mary Gable
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

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.

Live-streaming Sunday Masses

English Masses: The Mass is celebrated and live-streamed each Sunday at 11:00am from the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul so you can participate in the Eucharist remotely.



St. Helena's Vietnamese Mass is live-streamed every Sunday at 9:30am and St. Helena's Spanish Mass is live-streamed every Sunday at 12:30pm. Go to www.sainthelenaparish.net and click on the time under MASS SCHEDULE for all English and live-streaming Masses, including the Mass at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul.



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 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.

Health Promotion Office News

Abington – Jefferson Health's Department of Pastoral Care is offering an Adult Bereavement Support Group. Group meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Upcoming sessions will be held on **Tuesday, November 10 and Tuesday, December 8.**

Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is welcome to participate, however, registration is necessary. After you register, you will receive the Zoom meeting link by email.

A call-in phone number will also be provided. For more information and to register, contact Rev. John Olsen, MDiv, BCC, Chaplain, at John.Olsen@jefferson.edu or 215-481-2700.

Laudato Sí ~ Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment and Human Ecology

The loss of biodiversity: Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost forever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right. (LS #33)

- This week make it a spiritual practice to notice all the “other than human” species that cross your path: mammals, the variety of birds, insects, reptiles, flowers. Pause and look deeply at these creatures; give thanks for them and feel the joy that our creator God receives from each of these creatures. Doing this might even change your relationship with that pesky fly!

Sisters of St. Joseph Annual Chance Drive

The Sisters of St. Joseph Annual Chance Drive to benefit St. Joseph Villa is underway. Many Sisters who taught and ministered in parishes are now at our Villa. They need your help and support. Due to COVID-19, the chances are only available online. Please help us make this year's Chance Drive especially successful by getting your chances online. Grand prize is \$10,000.00 also 5 prizes of \$500.00 each. Donation is \$5.00 each or a book of 5 for \$20.00. To purchase chances online go to <https://ssjphila.networkforgood.com/events/21048-chance-drive-2020> or the Sisters of St. Joseph event page at <http://www.ssjphila.org/home/support-our-mission/fundraising-events/> Thank you for your support. Please know that we pray daily for our benefactors. Drawing will take place on December 6, 2020 feast of St. Nicholas.

November ~ Month of the Holy Souls



Merciful Father, on this day, we are called to remember those who have died, particularly those who have died in the past year, and pray for their joyful reunion with you, their loving creator. As your son taught us to call the stranger neighbor, our fallen are many — names we will never know, voices we have never heard, in lands we may never visit, yet brothers and sisters all. And so we pray for victims of war, caught in the crossfires of

conflicts we could not quell, for soldiers and civilians, adults and children, for those migrants who have died seeking a haven where they hoped to find safety and opportunity for themselves and for their families, for victims of hunger, denied their share in the bounty you have placed before us, for victims of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, who died before adequate care could reach them, for those refugees seeking asylum from war, who died in a land that was not their home, for victims of emergencies and calamities everywhere, who died amid chaos and confusion. Lord, as you command, we reach out to the fallen. We call on you on behalf of those we could not reach this year. You raised your son from the dead that all may share in his joyful resurrection. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Brian Coleman

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Marguerite Tiegs

Jim Pokorny

Nay Thi Dinh

Eileen Kerrigan

Gilbert Leggett

Xuan Van Nguyen

Marie E. Callaghan

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!



Parish Tithing Report for October 25, 2020

(1st) Weekly.....\$4,168.00 (171 envelopes)

Drop Off.....\$637.00 (23 envelopes)

E-Giving.....\$330.00 (3 transactions)

Total Collection.....\$4,805.00 (194 envelopes)



Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	66	\$133.00	\$285.00	\$418.00	18
8:00am	90	\$173.00	\$460.00	\$633.00	16
9:30am	356	\$686.00	\$1,329.00	\$2,015.00	82
11:15am	60	\$37.00	\$595.00	\$632.00	28
12:30pm	93	\$114.00	\$356.00	\$470.00	27
Drop off	-----	-----	\$637.00	\$637.00	23

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 All Saints. Who are the happy, fortunate, blessed people? What is the source of human happiness? One of the most important and paradoxical sections in all Scripture is the vision of happiness Jesus gives in his Sermon on the Mount. In today's Gospel, Jesus proclaims what blessedness is and makes promises to those who follow his proclamation. The blessed, the happy, the fortunate, he tells us, are the poor in spirit, those who mourn and are merciful, those who seek righteousness and peace, the ones pure in heart, the persecuted. A religion teacher asked her second-grade class, "What's a saint?" A little girl, remembering the stained glass images in her parish church, responded, "Saints are people who let the light shines through." **Today, let us ask ourselves:** Who are my favorite saints and how do they shine the light of Jesus into my life? How does my life illumine the dark for others?

In the tradition of the Catholic Church, the month of November is set aside for the remembrance of All Souls. The names of loved ones who have preceded us in life and faith will be placed on the altar and remembered at all Masses celebrated during the month of November. **On Monday, November 2nd, the Feast of All Souls**, we will have our regular 8:00am Mass, as well as a 9:00am & 7:00pm Mass. We will be commemorating the deceased of our parish over the past year at the 7:00pm tri-lingual Mass. We invite you to attend this special Mass and remember your loved ones who have died. Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord. Please place a picture or remembrance card on **our Holy Souls remembrance table** in front of the Pieta of your loved one. These will remain on the table during the month of November.

Finally, **I would like to thank all our parishioners who have responded to our annual Census and Stewardship Appeal.** To date, the donations totaled **\$7,325.00**. Please remember that the information you give on your Census cards helps us to update our files and plan our ministries and your generous contributions help us to carry out our ministries. If you have not already done so, please return your card and donation. 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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