



# St. Helena Church

6161 N. 5<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Rev. Msgr. Joseph T. Trinh</b>	<i>Pastor</i>
<b>Rev. Edward A. Pelczar</b>	<i>(Retired) In Residence</i>
<b>Rev. Peter J. Welsh</b>	<i>Parochial Vicar</i>
<b>Rev. Albert Gardy Villarsen, OMI</b>	<i>In Residence</i>
<b>Deacon Victor I. Seda</b>	<i>Parish Deacon</i>
<b>Deacon Huan C. Tran</b>	<i>Parish Deacon</i>
<b>Deacon Victor Pomaes</b>	<i>Parish Deacon</i>
<b>Sr. Sophie Yondura, ssj., D. Min.</b>	<i>Parish Services, DRE, RCIA</i>
<b>Elena Asencio</b>	<i>Parish Secretary</i>
<b>Tram Ton Nu</b>	<i>Business Manager</i>
<b>Genevieve Black</b>	<i>Music Director</i>
<b>Sr. Maryanne Zakreski, ssj</b>	<i>Outreach Center</i>
<b>Sr. Anna Marie Lesutis, RSM, RN</b>	<i>Health Promotion</i>
<b>Ann Farley, MSN</b>	<i>Health Promotion</i>
<b>Sr. Lan Nguyen, OP</b>	<i>Parish Ministry</i>

<b>Rectory</b>	<b>6161 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street</b>	215-424-1300 (1301)
<b>Convent</b>	<b>6127 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street</b>	215-924-2770
<b>School</b>	<b>6101 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street</b>	215-549-2947
<b>Rectory Fax Number</b>		215-424-9152
<b>Health Promotion Office</b>		215-384-6540
<b>Food Bank</b>		267-900-5935
<b>St. Helena Parish Outreach Center</b>		267-437-4929

Web-site [www.sainthelenaparish.net](http://www.sainthelenaparish.net)

### St. Helena Church Office Hours (closed 12Noon-1:00pm)

<b>Monday-Thursday</b>	<b>9:00am to 8:00pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9:00am to 5:00pm</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00am to 2:00pm</b>



### St. Helena-Incarnation Independent Mission School

6101 N. 5<sup>th</sup> 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)  
 Alternating 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)  
 Monthly at 10:00am in the Convent



## December 6, 2020 2nd Sunday of Advent

### *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
Virginia Gilligan	Elena Evogenevna	Biryukova
Thanh Boka	Nathaniel Lopez	Emilio Rosario
Francis Germanovich	Carmen Giamarco	Dan Shead
Francis Hernandez	Isabel Phayre	Awilda Gonzalez
Camille Figueroa	Ignacio Ortolaza	Hipolita Delgado
Samuel Delgado	Samie Rosado	Carmen Delia Cruz
Maria Thanh Doan	Adolfo Castano	Fernando Castano
Belen Delgado	Mercedes Garcia	Gisela Gonzalez

### *We Remember in Prayer our Deceased*

Louise Liebel, Baby Alexis Ortiz, Luat Nguyen

### **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, December 6, 2020 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11      2 Pt 3: 8-14      Mk 1: 1-8

**MONDAY (07)**      Is 35: 1-10      Lk 5: 17-26

**TUESDAY (08)**      Gn 3: 9-15, 20  
Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12      Lk 1: 26-38

**WEDNESDAY (09)**      Is 40: 25-31      Mt 11: 28-30

**THURSDAY (10)**      Is 41: 13-20      Mt 11: 11-15

**FRIDAY (11)**      Is 48: 17-19      Mt 11: 16-19

**SATURDAY (12)**      Zec 2: 14-17      Lk 1: 26-38

## Mass Intentions for the December 6 - 13, 2020

### **SATURDAY, December 5, 2020**

4:30pm Phero Nguyen Van Loi

### **SUNDAY, December 6, 2020 2nd Sunday of Advent**

8:00am Mary T. Schott **St. Nicholas**

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

11:15am Joan Schaller

12:30pm Carmen Delia Quinones Pinos (SP Livestream-UC)

### **MONDAY, December 7, 2020 St. Ambrose, Bishop &**

8:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory **Doctor of the Church**

7:00pm Maria Elisa Jimenez

### **TUESDAY, December 8, 2020 Immaculate Conception**

8:00am Maria Lan Nguyen

9:00am Anna Phan Nguyen

7:00pm Gabriella Vu (16th Birthday)

### **WEDNESDAY, December 9, 2020 St. Juan Diego**

8:00am Juan Valentin, Jr

### **THURSDAY, December 10, 2020**

8:00am Peter Cham Le

### **FRIDAY, December 11, 2020 St. Damasus I, Pope**

8:00am Peter Dong Bui & All the Souls

### **SATURDAY, December 12, 2020 Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:00am Dec. Members of the Do Family

4:30pm Mary Gable

### **SUNDAY, December 13, 2020 3rd Sunday of Advent**

8:00am Gloria G. Mays

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

11:15am Ana Zayas

12:30pm Nydia Morales (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](http://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, 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](mailto:John.Olsen@jefferson.edu) or 215-481-2700.

**Next Sunday, December 13th is FOOD BANK Sunday.  
Thank you for your donations to our St. Helena Food Bank.**

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



Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God. **(LS #84)**

- Spend time outdoors this week and delight in the sights, sounds and textures of God's creation.

# RCIA Breaking Open the Word

## 2nd Sunday of Advent ~ Mark 1: 1-8



The attraction of John the Baptist is mysterious. People flocked to him, not to be flattered but to be told the truth. They listened because of what they saw, a man who was indifferent to the world's prizes, a man of minimal needs, who could not be bought by pleasures, comforts or money, but passionate about God. They recognized holiness. John the Baptist preached forgiveness. This is one of the special gifts of God, and one of the big celebrations of Advent. We are a forgiven people, and we welcome the forgiveness of God in our repentance. This means we are firstly grateful for forgiveness - that we do not have to carry forever the burden of our sin, meanness, faults and failings. God covers them over in mercy. The second step of welcoming forgiveness is to try to do better in life - to move on from this sinfulness and meanness to a life of care, compassion, love and joy, and to make steps to forgive others. **TODAY PRAY...**Show me, Lord, what there is about my life that takes from the value of my words and makes me less convincing.

**Reminder: Tuesday, Decemeber 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
Patroness of the United States Masses are 8:00am & 9:00am & 7:00pm Tri-lingaul**



### St. Helena Church COVID-19 Reminders

1. The faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia continue to be dispensed by the Archbishop from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation until further notice.
2. After each Mass, we will continue to sanitize the pews, church handles/doors and confessionals.
3. Face coverings are to be worn in the body of the Church except for those 2 years of age and younger and those who for health or other reasons cannot do so.
4. For the safety of all, we have placed blue squares in every pew 6 feet apart. We ask that you sit in the pews where the blue square is placed. Please do not sit directly behind someone.

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!

*Thank  
You!*

### Parish Tithing Report for November 15, 2020

(1<sup>st</sup>) Weekly.....\$3,975.00 (170 envelopes)  
Drop Off.....\$1,209.00 (24 envelopes)  
E-Giving.....\$340.00 (4 transactions)

**Total Collection.....\$5,524.00 (194 envelopes)**



Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	59	\$81.00	\$250.00	\$331.00	21
8:00am	58	\$109.00	\$245.00	\$354.00	15
9:30am	375	\$717.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,867.00	89
11:15am	60	\$103.00	\$603.00	\$706.00	31
12:30pm	116	\$79.00	\$638.00	\$717.00	14
Drop off	-----	-----	\$1,209.00	\$1,209.00	24



## Parish Tithing Report for November 22, 2020

(1<sup>st</sup>) Weekly.....\$3,101.00 (149 envelopes)

Drop Off.....\$895.00 (19 envelopes)

E-Giving.....\$340.00 (4 transactions)

Greatest Need.....\$20.00 (1 transaction)

**Total Collection.....\$4,356.00 (168 envelopes)**



Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	54	\$59.00	\$254.00	\$313.00	18
8:00am	53	\$125.00	\$220.00	\$345.00	15
9:30am	166	\$206.00	\$646.00	\$852.00	43
11:15am	40	\$51.00	\$620.00	\$671.00	18
12:30pm	106	\$67.00	\$852.00	\$920.00	55
Drop off	-----	-----	\$895.00	\$895.00	19

# Thank You!

## Parish Tithing Report for November 29, 2020

(1<sup>st</sup>) Weekly.....\$2,728.00 (141 envelopes)

Drop Off.....\$1,290.00 (16 envelopes)

E-Giving.....\$360.00 (5 transactions)

**Total Collection.....\$4,378.00 (157 envelopes)**

**Thanksgiving Day Collection.....\$519.00**



Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	53	\$81.00	\$250.00	\$331.00	21
8:00am	41	\$109.00	\$245.00	\$354.00	15
9:30am	149	\$93.00	\$960.00	\$1,053.00	42
11:15am	40	\$103.00	\$603.00	\$706.00	31
12:30pm	149	\$85.00	\$270.00	\$355.00	21
Drop off	-----	-----	\$1,290.00	\$1,290.00	16

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent. **Happy St. Nicholas Day!** Our Gospel today focuses on John the Baptist. John's role was to testify to the "Light," not to be the Light! John is humble in the best sense of the word. He does not demean himself, nor does he exalt himself. John understood his role at this time in Israel's history: he was to point the way to the One who would come! John did not desire acclaim for himself. He knew that his call was to proclaim the coming of the Messiah. Today is a good day to consciously and deliberately look for Christ as we move through our day. Christ is among us! However, we must be awake and alert for his coming or will we be too busy or too preoccupied to notice Him! I pray that we have eyes to see Him and hearts to trust Him!

Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is **The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 8:00am and 9:00am in the morning and a tri-lingual Mass at 7:00pm.** Mary is the patroness of the United States. Let us give thanks to her for watching over our great county.

Finally, **on page 3** of this week's bulletin you will find **St. Helena Church COVID-19 reminders.** We continue to try to protect all our parishioners who join us for the Celebration of the Eucharist. Please follow these reminders when attending Mass. 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

**GEITNER • GIVNISH**  
FUNERAL HOME, INC.

6230 N. 5th St. • Philadelphia, PA 19120 • (215) 224-6300 • John F. Givnish, Supervisor  
*Life Celebration*™ by Givnish Family Funeral Homes  
[www.lifecelebration.com](http://www.lifecelebration.com)

Pregnant?  
Need Help?  
Call  
**1-800-CARE-002**  
for free help  
and resources.

**EyeCare Vision**  **Dr. Huyen Trinh**  
**267-335-2647**  
Mon.-Sat.: 10am - 7pm  
Sunday: 11am - 5pm  
Fax: 267-335-2641  
6001 N 5th St. Phila, PA 19120  
[www.visionsource-drtrinh.com](http://www.visionsource-drtrinh.com)

**G.J. ROSSI & SON**  
**ELECTRICIANS**  
Now In Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation  
ALL TYPES  
WIRING & REPAIRS  
215-329-9456



Commercial Rates are at an **All Time Low**.  
Contact us today to get a free analysis to see  
if we can help **Save you money** with your  
monthly payments on your commercial property.  
Multi-Family, Retail, Office Building, Apartment  
and Condos. Can close in as little as 45 days! Four  
season customer service is our top priority.  
**www.duqfunding.com**  
1650 Market Street - Suite 3600  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

**DR. BRIAN WALSH**  
FAMILY • MEDICINE



**All Insurance Plans**  
• HMO  
• Blue Cross  
• Medicare

My Staff is  
Bi-lingual

**4702 NORTH 5TH STREET**  
**329-4888**

**COMPREHENSIVE  
MEDICAL CARE, P.C.**

**Laureano Garcia, M.D.**  
Family Practice Medicine

328 W. Godfrey Avenue **215-549-1100**  
Philadelphia, PA 19120 F 215-549-8074



*Make a Difference in Your Community*

**VOLUNTEER**

with the American Red Cross

Join today at [redcross.org/Volunteer](http://redcross.org/Volunteer)

*Wedding  
Invitations &  
Holiday Cards*

Log onto  
**www.jpcc.net**  
conveniently from  
your home or office.

*Online Catalog  
Online Ordering  
Online Proofing*

All Major Credit  
Cards Accepted

**FREE UPS  
GROUND  
SHIPPING!**



**Experience Peace of Mind:  
Pre-Arrange Your Burial at an  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia Cemetery.**

**CALL 215-352-4001 TODAY**

- Save today through pre-planning
- Convenient terms for **all** of your burial needs
- Traditional in ground, mausoleum & cremation options available at most cemeteries

**catholicmatch**  
Pennsylvania



CatholicMatch.com/datePA

To all those  
essential  
workers  
keeping  
us safe,  
**thank you**  
your  
service is  
invaluable &  
appreciated.



**Mallory's Army Foundation**  
United Together In The Fight Against Bullying...  
Don't Just Teach Kindness... **BE KINDNESS!**

[www.MallorysArmy.com](http://www.MallorysArmy.com) • (973) 440-8657 • [info@mallorysarmy.org](mailto:info@mallorysarmy.org)  
It's easy to join our mailing list! Just send your email address by text message:  
Text **MALLORYSARMY** to 22828 to get started.  Message and data rates may apply.

*Thanks...*

Please take the time to read  
the ads which make your  
bulletin possible. Help  
support them as they  
support the parish.  
Mention the church bulletin  
when you patronize their  
establishments.

*Let them know they  
are appreciated.*

**BUILD YOUR COMMUNITY**  
*- Shop Local -  
- Shop Small -*

**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE ADVERTISERS WHO MAKE THIS BULLETIN POSSIBLE!**

Local, trusted, proven, effective, supportive, referrals, relationships, affordable, repetitious, versatile, lasting.

This describes the power of...

**Church Bulletin Advertising**

Placing an ad in the parish bulletin supports the parish while building your business - **THAT'S A WIN WIN!**

Call 1.800.333.3166!