



St. Helena Church

6161 N. 5th 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

Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Joseph T. Trinh Rev. Edward A. Pelczar Rev. Peter J. Welsh Rev. Albert Gardy Villarson, OMI **Deacon Victor I. Seda** Deacon Huan C. Tran **Deacon Victor Pomales** Sr. Sophie Yondura, ssj., D. Min. Elena Asencio Tram Ton Nu **Genevieve Black** Sr. Maryanne Zakreski, ssj Sr. Anna Marie Lesutis, RSM, RN Ann Farley, MSN Sr. Lan Nguyen, OP

Rectory 6161 N. 5th Street Convent 6127 N. 5th Street School 6101 N. 5th Street Rectory Fax Number **Health Promotion Office** Food Bank St. Helena Parish Outreach Center 267-437-4929

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

Monday-Thursday

9:00am to 5:00pm

Friday

9:00am to 5:00pm

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-12:00pm. Senior Boxes – 2nd Thursday of each month from 9:00am-12:00pm.









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.







Eucharistic

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MM Devotion

Carismático

OLLV Devotion

Viet. Divine Mercv

Adoration

Grupo

Religion classes for Public School students held every Sunday beginning in September. Classes are at 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

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) Tenemous 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

Rehabilitation

Parish Council **Finance Committee** Alumni Meeting

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.

Laurel Square, York, Cheltenham & Nursing Home Contact Father Peter Welsh

Meetings

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

February 14, 2021 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Remember in Prayer our Sick

Luke Tynan Rosaura Caraballo Lucia Zavala Carmen Torres Virginia Gilligan Gisela Gonzalez Francis Germanovich Carmen Giamarco Dan Shead Francis Hernandez Camille Figueroa Samuel Delgado Maria Thanh Đoàn Belen Delgado Connie Buckley

Frances Clark Victoria Marin Ryan Cichon John Sanchez Elena Evegenevna Biryukova Nathaniel Lopez Isabel Phayre Ignacio Ortolaza Samie Rosado Adolfo Castano Mercedes Garcia

Duong Thi Tham Stephen Beach Monica Yondura Peltz **Carmen Jimenez** Emilio Rosario Awilda Gonzalez Hipolita Delgado Carmen Delia Cruz Fernando Castano Alberto Alves

We Remember in Prayer our Deceased

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 cây và chống trả các chước sâu độc ma qủy. 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 kìa satan và thần dữ đang rảo khắp thiên ha 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

14, 2021 6 th Sunday in	Ordinary Time
	WK 1. 40-45
Gn 4: 1-15, 25	Mk 8: 11-13
Gn 6: 508; 7: 1-5, 10	Mk 8: 14-21
JI 2: 12-18	
2 Cor 5: 20-6:2	Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18
Dt 30: 15-20	Lk 9: 22-25
ls 58: 1-9a	Mt 9: 14-15
ls 58: 9b-14	Lk 5: 27-32
	14, 2021 6 th Sunday in 1 Cor 10: 31-11:1 Gn 4: 1-15, 25 Gn 6: 508; 7: 1-5, 10 Jl 2: 12-18 2 Cor 5: 20-6:2 Dt 30: 15-20 Is 58: 1-9a Is 58: 9b-14

Mass Intentions for the February 14-21, 2021

SATURDAY, February 13, 2021

8:00am	Joseph Xuan Nguyen
4:30pm	Isave Tran

SUNDAY, February 14, 2021 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am	In Thanksgiving to Go	bd
9:30am	Personal Intention (VN	I Livestream-UC)
11:15am	Isave Nguyen	
12:30pm	Jose Estanislao Diaz	(SP Livestream-UC)

MONDAY, February 15, 2021

8:00am	Peter Tam Vu and All the Holy Souls
7:00pm	Maria Cuoc T. Nguyen

TUESDAY, February 16, 2021

Joseph Cuong & Mary Nay Dinh 8:00am

WEDNESDAY, February 17, 2021 Ash Wednesday

8:00am	Joseph Xung & Anna Quy
9:00am	Maria Pham Thi Ly
7:00pm	Joseph Chiet Doan

THURSDAY, February 18, 2021

8:00am Martina Cynthia Nguyen

FRIDAY, February 19, 2021

8:00am Maria Kim Nguyen

SATURDAY, February 20, 2021

8:00am	Maria Chi Pham
4:30pm	Anna Quy Pham

SUNDAY, February 21, 2021 1st Sunday of Lent

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8:00am	Mauricio Bondad G	esmundo
9:30am	Personal Intention ((VN Livestream-UC)
11:15am	Mary Gable	
12:30pm	Gloria Maldonado	(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 97 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.

English Masses: The Mass is celebrated and live-streamed each Sundated at 11:00am from the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul so you cat participate in the Eucharist remotely. St. Helena's Vietnamese Mass is live-streamed every Sunday at 9:30 St. Helena's Spanish Mass is live-streamed every Sunday at 12:30pm
www.sainthele naparish.net www.sainthelenaparish.net and click on the time under MASS SCHEDUL English and live-streaming Masses, including the Mass at the Cathedral Peter and Paul.

St. Helena Church Food Pantry Today, February 14 is Food Bank Sunday.

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. To prevent infection and to slow transmission of COVID-19, do the following:



- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water, or clean them with alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when in public settings or around others.
- Maintain at least six feet distance.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Stay home if you feel unwell.
- Refrain from smoking and other activities that weaken the lungs.
- Practice physical distancing by avoiding unnecessary travel and staying away from large groups of people.

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



As far as the protection of biodiversity and issues related to desertification are concerned, progress has been far less significant. With regard to climate change, the advances have been regrettably few. Reducing greenhouse gases requires honesty, courage and responsibility, above all on the part of those countries which are more powerful and pollute the most. The Conference of the United Nations on Sustainable Development, "Rio+20" (Rio de Janeiro 2012), issued a wide-ranging but ineffectual outcome document. International negotiations cannot make significant progress due to positions taken by countries which place their national interests above the global common good. Those who

will have to suffer the consequences of what we are trying to hide will not forget this failure of conscience and responsibility. Even as this Encyclical was being prepared, the debate was intensifying. We believers cannot fail to ask God for a positive outcome to the present discussions, so that future generations will not have to suffer the effects of our ill-advised delays. **(LS #169)**

• This excerpt invites us to make a national examination of conscience. How does the United States place our national interests above the global common good?

Year of St. Joseph ~ December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021



St. Joseph: A Model of Manhood and Fatherhood... We all know someone who is a little more honest than us, treats others with greater respect, and puts God and neighbors first. They do what is right, and we're attracted to this way of life, aren't we? God created us for Himself! Naturally this means we were made for what is good and holy, because God is goodness and holiness. We see glimpses of goodness and holiness in others, especially those who are seeking to live lives of virtue that are ordered to God. Again, this is attractive because, whether we know it or not, ultimately we are each seeking God. Our only true desire in this life is to be in union with God. So we want to do those things that, even if subconsciously, bring us closest to Him. Saint Joseph is a model and messenger of this "living in virtue." As the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster father of Jesus Christ, he faithfully lived a life

ordered to God. His life, in right relationship to God and family, inspires people of good will throughout the ages. Here are a few things St. Joseph teaches us, including characteristics for men to "put-on" and for women to assist their fathers, brothers and husbands to strive after.

- **Spouse and father** St. Joseph's life shows us that being a spouse and father involves a complete gift of oneself. He laid down his life in service to his wife, child, and ultimately, for his community, faith and for God.
- **Faith and fidelity** St. Joseph was a man of faith, and because of this, he was able to be obedient to whatever God asked of him. He served faithfully and with great wisdom. He willingly took on the most precious responsibilities God entrusted to him: Mary and Jesus. Joseph made room for God to act in his life and was not jealous when God acted in the lives of others.
- **Protector** God entrusted a very precious gift to St. Joseph when He called him to be the guardian of Mary and Jesus. Joseph safeguarded the gifts that had been entrusted to him. Under his care the gifts entrusted to him grew to fruition–the Word of God grew and lived among us.

Clearly, being a father goes beyond just fathering a child. Being a husband goes beyond just saying "I do." Husbands and fathers are called to be chaste, pure, faithful, hardworking and just. Husbands are to be companions to their wives and guardians of their honor. Fathers are to provide for the spiritual and moral formation of their children. All of these characteristics are needed and essential for mutual love in marriage and family life. St. Joseph is a model for all men, women, and children.

Ash Wednesday - February 17th

Ash Wednesday is a Christian holy day of prayer and fasting and comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Ash Wednesday is traditionally observed by Western Christians. It is observed by Catholics in the Roman Rite, Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, Moravians, and Independent Catholics, as well as by many from the Reformed faith.



Who was St. Valentine, and why do we celebrate him on February 14?

Saint Valentine was a clergyman – either a priest or a bishop – in the Roman Empire who ministered to persecuted Christians. Valentine was tortured throughout his stay in prison and, on February 14th, was killed and beheaded at the hands of Emperor Claudius. The day he died he wrote a letter to the jailer's daughter and signed it **"Your Valentine."** He was canonized by Pope Gelasius I in 496, and the day of his death was marked as a feast day that became associated with romantic love. His body was buried at a Christian cemetery on the Via Flaminia close to the Ponte Milvio to the north of

Rome, on February 14, which has been observed as the Feast of Saint Valentine (Saint Valentine's Day) since 496 AD. Dear St. Valentine, you are truly a saint and glorious martyr, teach us to love unselfishly and to find great joy in giving. Enable all true lovers to bring out the best in each other. Let them love each other in God and God in each other.

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 February 7, 2021 (1st) Weekly......\$3,818.00 (123 envelopes) Drop Off......\$1,081.00 (28 envelopes) Stewardchin

E-Giving......\$340.00 (4 transactions) otal Collection......\$4,158.00 (151 envelopes)

(1st) Maintenance.....\$1,121.00 (75 envelopes)

Tithing Income	
February 9, 2020	Ì
\$5,348.00	Ì
Tithing Income	Ì
February 10, 2019	Ì
\$5,421.00	ļ
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Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	62	\$67.00	\$359.00	\$426.00	27
8:00am	46	\$42.00	\$196.00	\$238.00	15
9:30am	128	\$66.00	\$1,541.00	\$1,607.00	60
11:15am	23	\$28.00	\$231.00	\$259.00	9
12:30pm	68	\$53.00	\$154.00	\$207.00	12
Drop off			\$1,081.00	\$1,081.00	28

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

pastor's Last But Not Least



Today we celebrate the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time. "The leper came up to Jesus, fell on his knees and begged, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." The leper was very humble and he came before Jesus and he said, "Please." At the very heart of this story, the Bible says "Jesus moved with PITY." Each and every one of us will face serious illness. Each and every one of us will go to our doctors, nurses and hospitals and will use the best of medical resources. And each and every one of us will deeply pray and beg, "Jesus, if you will, you have the power to heal. If Jesus can cope with blessing a leper, he can probably cope with blessing us too. It's not about the quality of our prayers or the purity of our faith, or what we can do for God. It's all about His grace, His desire to love us.

February 17th is Ash Wednesday and ashes will be distributed after the homily at the 8:00am, 9:00am and 7:00pm tri-lingual Mass. The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 17, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fiftyninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

This week, we will ponder St. Joseph, Model of Manhood and Fatherhood. (See page 3 for a short reflection St. Joseph. In honor of the Year of St. Joseph, we will pray the **Memorare to St. Joseph** at the end of Mass.

I would like to thank all those who are using their Church envelopes and all those who are dropping off their weekly contribution. I know times are difficult and YOU miss Church. We miss you. Please continue to stay safe.

Finally, next Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:00pm in the Lower Church, 25 of our parish children will make their First Penance. Please keep these children and parents in your prayers. 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

