



St. Helena Church

6161 N. 5th Street
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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>
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Deacon Huan C. Tran	<i>Parish Deacon</i>
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Sr. Sophie Yondura, ssj., D. Min.	<i>Parish Services, DRE, RCIA</i>
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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 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.



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)



Viet. Divine Mercy Grupo
Carismático

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. 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
Finance Committee
Alumni Meeting

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



April 18, 2021 3rd Sunday of Easter

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 Evegenyeva	Biryukova
Gisela Gonzalez	Nathaniel Lopez	Emilio Rosario
Francis Germanovich	Carmen Giamarco	Dan Shead
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Camille Figueroa	Ignacio Ortolaza	Hipolita Delgado
Samuel Delgado	Samie Rosado	Carmen Delia Cruz
Maria Thanh Đoàn	Adolfo Castano	Fernando Castano
Belen Delgado	Mercedes Garcia	Alberto Alves
Connie Buckley	Anthony Loc Nguyen	Buffy Brown

We Remember in Prayer our Deceased

My Hao Tran & Wilberto Malave

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 nguy 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, April 18, 2021 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19 1 Jn 2: 1-5a Lk 24: 35-48

MONDAY (19)	Acts 6: 8-15	Jn 6: 22-29
TUESDAY (20)	Acts 7: 51-8:1a	Jn 6: 30-35
WEDNESDAY (21)	Acts 8: 1b-8	Jn 6: 35-40
THURSDAY (22)	Acts 8: 26-40	Jn 6: 44-51
FRIDAY (23)	Acts 9: 1-20	Jn 6: 52-59
SATURDAY (24)	Acts 9: 31-42	Jn 6: 60-69

Mass Intentions for the April 18 to 25, 2021

SATURDAY, April 17, 2021

4:30pm Peter Cu Nguyen

SUNDAY, April 18, 2021 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00am Harry Berge
9:30am Personal Intention (VN Livestream-UC)
11:15am Bill Cassidy (28th Anniversary)
12:30pm Jose Isabel Mendoza (SP Livestream-UC)

MONDAY, April 19, 2021

8:00am Maria Kim Nguyen
7:00pm Dominic Giao Cong Tran

TUESDAY, April 20, 2021

8:00am Maria Chi Pham

WEDNESDAY, April 21, 2021 St. Anselm, Bishop and

8:00am Martin Vo Dai Hai **Doctor of the Church**

THURSDAY, April 22, 2021

8:00am Maria Huong Thi Nguyen

FRIDAY, April 23, 2021 St. George, Martyr & St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

8:00am Martina Cynthia Nguyen

SATURDAY, April 24, 2021 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

8:00am Joseph Xung & Anna Quy
4:30pm Ong: Giuse Nguyen Van May

SUNDAY, April 25, 2021 4th Sunday of Easter

8:00am Peter Westermann
9:30am Personal Intention (VN Livestream-UC)
11:15am Angelo Torrens
12:30pm Claudia Guerra (SP Livestream-UC)

Welcome to St. Helena Parish in the Olney section of Philadelphia!



We are pleased to have you come and share in the celebration of the Eucharist at our Church. 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.



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 97 years. Thank You, Lord, for being with us in good times and bad. We give thanks for those who founded our church 97 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

	<h2>Live-streaming Sunday Masses</h2>
<div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p>LIVE STREAMING</p> <p>www.sainthelenaparish.net</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>



St. Helena Parish Health Promotion Office Information

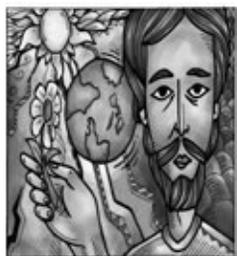
Our Food Pantry continues to serve those in need. Please bring your donations of pasta, sauce, peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, beans, baked beans, rice, to the food pantry on Tuesdays and Thursday. Money donations are needed for perishable goods and to buy food at discount from Philabundance. The rectory office mail drop can be used anytime for your donations.



Chubby's Steaks at 5826 Henry Avenue in Roxborough is looking for 2 full time Grill cooks (\$12.00-15.00 hourly) and a full time cashier/server (\$10.00 hourly). It is for days and nights including weekends. Cashier/server \$10.00. We are a busy restaurant that serves cheese steaks and hoagies. If interested, contact Ethel

Anuzzi at #267-243-7622.

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



The ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion. It must be said that some committed and prayerful Christians tend to ridicule expressions of concern for the environment. Others are passive; they choose not to change their habits and thus become inconsistent. What they all need is an “ecological conversion”, whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them. Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. **(LS #217)**

- Conversion means turning away from something that is death-dealing and turning toward something that is life-giving. Adopt one practice this week that will be life-giving for our planet.
- What interior conversion do you need in order to more fully live your vocation to be a protector of God’s handiwork?

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



The Chaste Heart of Saint Joseph... The Church’s constant tradition holds that Saint Joseph lived a life of consecrated chastity. We are to believe that he was a virgin, who entered into a virginal marriage with Mary. This was to protect Mary’s reputation and safeguard the dignity of her Son. What is the lesson for us? That chastity has an apostolic purpose. It is meant to help us win souls. St. Joseph is known as “the just man” and, as such, was a man of singular virtue. This strength of character, this reign of virtue, extended to all aspects of his life and his person—including his heart. His whole being was oriented to his God. His love was properly ordered, his affections purified. Unlike St. Joseph, we tend to struggle, and oftentimes fail, with matters of the heart. Our culture certainly does not hold the virtue of chastity in high esteem. Therefore, it

can seem incredible to us that a man like Joseph was able to rise to the lofty challenge presented to him: to be the “chaste guardian of the Virgin” and the foster-father of the Son of God. Such a task requires both remarkable human virtue and unexcelled amounts of God’s grace. St. Joseph had both. The heart of St. Joseph should give us great hope that purity of heart lies within our reach, thanks to the grace of God and the intercession of Joseph-most-chaste!

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul



Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, May 1st, 2021 at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Pall at the 5:15pm Vigil Mass with Archbishop Nelson Pérez presiding. This Mass will be commemorating all married couples who are newlyweds, or celebrating their 5, 10, 25, or 50 year wedding anniversary milestones. Wedding vows will be renewed. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. **Please RSVP to the Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500. LOCATION:** The Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, 18th Street and

Benjamin Franklin Parkway. Limited parking is available on a first come, first served basis in Cathedral parking lot. **TIME:** 5:15pm Vigil Mass for Sunday



As you know we have had numerous leaks in the Upper Church. Next weekend, we will have a special 2nd collection to help defer the cost of replacing the two small flat roofs on the Church. Thank you for your generosity to this special collection.



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 April 4, 2021

(1st) Weekly.....\$4,040.00 (259 envelopes)
 Drop Off.....\$1,391.00 (37 envelopes) E-Giving.....\$440.00 (5 transactions)
 Total Collection.....\$5,871.00 (296 envelopes)
 (2nd) Easter Collection.....\$8,092.00

Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
7:00pm	659	\$342.00	\$547.00	\$889.00	44
8:00am	118	\$89.00	\$596.00	\$685.00	33
9:30am	427	\$344.00	\$778.00	\$1,122.00	86
11:15am	125	\$115.00	\$667.00	\$782.00	54
12:30pm	283	\$167.00	\$395.00	\$562.00	42
Drop off	-----	-----	\$1,391.00	\$1,391.00	37

Holy Thursday Collection.....\$1,179.00 Good Friday Collection.....\$1,890.00

Parish Tithing Report for April 11, 2021

(1st) Weekly.....\$4,516.00 (195 envelopes)
 Drop Off.....\$756.00 (29 envelopes) E-Giving.....\$390.00 (5 transactions)
 Total Collection.....\$5,662.00 (224 envelopes)
 (2nd) Maintenance Collection.....\$1,705.00 (115 envelopes)

Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	58	\$214.00	\$290.00	\$504.00	15
8:00am	69	\$223.00	\$188.00	\$411.00	15
9:30am	271	\$382.00	\$1,097.00	\$1,479.00	79
11:15am	78	\$62.00	\$437.00	\$499.00	20
12:30pm	184	\$114.00	\$532.00	\$646.00	36
5:00pm	379	\$465.00	\$512.00	\$977.00	30
Drop off	-----	-----	\$756.00	\$756.00	29

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 3rd Sunday of Easter. "Peace be with you." This is the first statement Jesus Christ says to the disciples upon appearing to them after rising from the dead. If Jesus were to appear in front of us today, what would our reactions be?

I would like to thank Johnny Nguyen and Quyen Le for organizing the COVID vaccine here on Saturday, April 10th. We distributed 330 vaccines. I apologize for those who missed the vaccines because of lack of communication. Hopefully, we will do better next time.

Last Sunday was Divine Mercy Sunday. It was nice to see saw many attend the period of Adoration and Tri-lingual Mass with the Veneration of St. Faustina's Relic. May the Merciful Jesus continue to watch over you and your loved ones! **Thank you for your generous contributions over the past two weeks.**

Finally, as you know we have had numerous leaks in the Upper Church. **Next weekend**, we will have a **special 2nd collection** to help defer the cost of replacing the two small flat roofs on the Church. Thank you for your generosity to this special collection. Thanks for reading, stay healthy, reach out to those close to you and continue to wear your mask.

Your Brother and Shepherd,
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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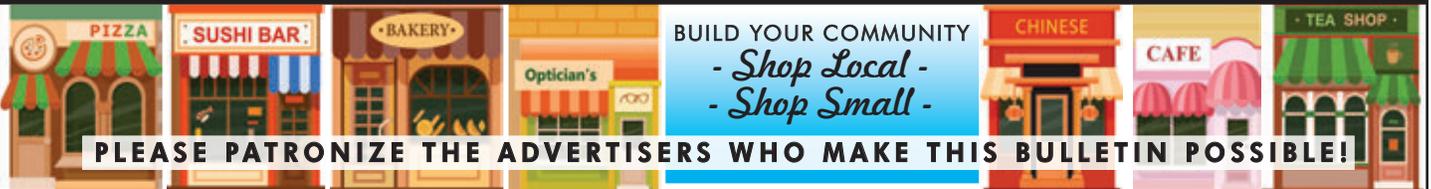


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