



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 Pomales	<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. 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

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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-12:00pm. 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 2ndTuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)
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Monthly at 10:00am in the Convent



April 25, 2021 4th 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 Evegenevna Biryukova	
Gisela Gonzalez	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 Đoàn	Adolfo Castano	Fernando Castano
Belen Delgado	Mercedes Garcia	Alberto Alves
Connie Buckley	Anthony Loc Nguyen	Buffy Brown

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 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, April 25, 2021 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 4: 8-12 1 Jn 3: 1-2 Jn 10: 11-18

MONDAY (26) Acts 11: 1-18 Jn 10: 1-10

TUESDAY (27) Acts 11: 19-26 Jn 10: 22-30

WEDNESDAY (28) Acts 12: 24-13: 5a Jn 12: 44-50

THURSDAY (29) Acts 13: 13-25 Jn 13: 16-20

FRIDAY (30) Acts 13: 26-33 Jn 14: 1-6

SATURDAY (01) Acts 13: 44-52 Jn 14: 7-14

Mass Intentions for the April 25 to May 2, 2021

SATURDAY, April 24, 2021

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)

MONDAY, April 26, 2021

8:00am Cecilia Ngoc Nang

7:00pm Ventura Frias

TUESDAY, April 27, 2021

8:00am Joseph Chiet & All the Souls

WEDNESDAY, April 28, 2021 St. Peter Chanel, Martyr

8:00am Maria Lam **St. Louis de Monfort, Priest**

THURSDAY, April 29, 2021 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin

8:00am Larry Lalina (Birthday) **Doctor of the Church**

FRIDAY, April 30, 2021 St. Pius V, Pope

8:00am Peter Vuong Tran

SATURDAY, May 1, 2021 St. Joseph the Worker

8:00am Thomas That Nguyen

4:30pm Peter Vinh Nguyen

SUNDAY, May 2, 2021 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00am Maggie Maldonado

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

11:15am First Communicants

12:30pm Luis Rodriguez (SP Livestream-UC)

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



We welcome all and 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. If you are new or visiting, please come to register.



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



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

This ecological conversion calls for a number of attitudes which together foster a spirit of generous care, full of tenderness. First, it entails gratitude and gratuitousness, recognition that the world is God's loving gift, and that we are called quietly to imitate his generosity in self-sacrifice and good works. It also entails a loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures but joined in a splendid universal communion. By developing our individual, God-given capacities, an ecological conversion can inspire us to greater creativity and enthusiasm in resolving the world's problems and in offering ourselves to God. **(LS #220)**

- Each night before you go to bed pause to recall the gifts of the day & give thanks to God for them. Consider keeping a notepad by your bed and writing down the gifts of each day.

	<h2>Live-streaming Sunday Masses</h2>
 LIVE STREAMING www.saintheleparish.net	<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.saintheleparish.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>



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.

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



Saint Joseph the Worker: Model of Artisans and Workmen... On May 1, 1955, Pope Pius XII proclaimed May 1st, the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker. This had previously been a secular observance of workers throughout the world. St. Joseph, the humble carpenter of Nazareth, who was the support and guardian of the Divine Child and his Virgin Mother on earth, is honored above all other men as the personification of the dignity of the manual laborer and the provident guardian worker's family. Jesus and Joseph were artisans and in this capacity are presented as models to those who earn their bread by the sweat of their brow. Joseph was an honest and noble carpenter. The word "carpenter" refers to all kinds of workers in wood. Wood is essential in everyday life. To be a carpenter was to work in wood, whether this might be to make agricultural

implements of household chest or roofs. Joseph is a craftsmen who surely transmitted his modest trade to his Son, according to the customs of the time. Holy St. Joseph, be the protector and model of all those who are obliged to labor for the support of their families. Teach them to fulfill their duties in a Christian manner; recall to their minds in what ture greatness consists; and obtain for them fidelity to your example. **St. Joseph, model of artisans and workmen, pray for us and for our St. Joseph the Worker Group.**

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



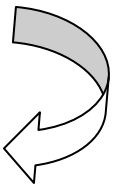
Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, May 1st, 2021 at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Pall at the 5:15pm Vigil Mass with Archbishop Nelson Pérez presiding. This Mass will be commemorating all married couples 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

Special Second Collection Today



As you know we have had numerous leaks in the Upper Church. This 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.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen



Prayer for VOCATIONS

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 18, 2021



(1st) Weekly.....\$4,206.00 (202 envelopes)
 Drop Off.....\$1,021.00 (15 envelopes)
 E-Giving.....\$390.00 (5 transactions)
 Total Collection.....\$5,617.00 (217 envelopes)

Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	60	\$137.00	\$233.00	\$370.00	15
8:00am	80	\$178.00	\$500.00	\$678.00	28
9:30am	310	\$606.00	\$1,163.00	\$1,769.00	90
11:15am	85	\$188.00	\$465.00	\$653.00	24
12:30pm	131	\$38.00	\$698.00	\$736.00	45
Drop off	-----	-----	\$1,021.00	\$1,021.00	15

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

FROM THE
PASTOR

Last But Not Least

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Today we celebrate the 4th Sunday of the Easter and World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Our gospel reading this morning speaks of the Good Shepherd. Each sheep is precious to the shepherd. He knows each sheep personally. He was there when it was conceived, and at the moment it was born. He knows its parents, and its genetic make-up. Each lamb is different with its own name and each recognizes and responds to the voice of their shepherd. Jesus is the Shepherd and we are the sheep. This is the way God knows us. Each one of us is different. We each have our own unique DNA (unless we have an identical twin!). We have different personality traits, and different gifts and abilities. The Good Shepherd is prepared to fight for his sheep and protect them from all evil. As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, let us ask the Lord that we may be his good sheep, listening attentively to his voice, and follow his example of self-giving love. Jesus gives us the example of a good shepherd who shows his concern and care for his own sheep.

On Saturday, April 10th, we distributed 330 Moderna vaccines. On Saturday, May 8th, we will distribute the second dose of the Moderna vaccine to those who received the first dose. I would like to thank Johnny Nguyen and Quyen Le for organizing the distribution of the COVID vaccine here.

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Next Sunday, May 2nd, 24 of our parish children will be donning their finery as they **receive their First Holy Communion at the 11:15am Mass in the Lower Church.** Please keep these children and their families in your prayers and ask Jesus, the Bread of Life to continue to guide them in the ways of his love.

Finally, **today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations.** Let us pray for all who are discerning their life vocation. 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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#WHATSMYNAME

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson



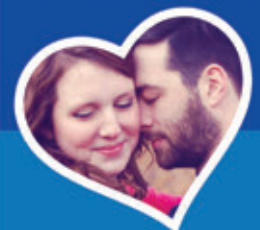
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