



# 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)</i>                  |
| <b>Rev. Peter J. Welsh</b>               | <i>Parochial Vicar</i>            |
| <b>Rev. Albert Gardy Villarson, 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 Pomales</b>             | <i>Parish Deacon</i>              |
| <b>Sr. Sophie Yondura, ssj., D. Min.</b> | <i>DRE, RCIA, Faith Formation</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/Food Bank</i>  |
| <b>Sr. Anna Marie Lesutis, RSM, RN</b>   | <i>Health Promotion</i>           |

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| <b>Rectory 6161 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street</b> | 215-424-1300 (1301) |
| <b>Convent 6127 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street</b> | 215-924-2770        |
| <b>School 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>     | 215-268-8071        |

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

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

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



## **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS**

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Parish Council</b>    | Alternating 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory) |
| <b>Finance Committee</b> | Alternating 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory) |
| <b>Alumni Meeting</b>    | Monthly at 10:00am in the Convent                    |



## **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**  
**Viet. Divine Mercy Grupo**  
**Carismático**

Every Sunday 2:00pm to 5:00pm  
 Every Monday 8:30AM to 7:00pm  
 Monday – Friday after 8:00AM Mass  
 Saturday – 7:45AM (Lower Church)  
 Saturday – 8:30AM (Lower Church)  
 Sunday – 2:30pm (Lower Church)  
 Tenemos círculo de oración en español todos los miercoles a las 7:00PM en la iglesia de abajo. Están todos invitados

## **SERVICE MINISTRY**

**55+ Club**  
**Outreach Center**  
**Sick Calls**

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 12:00 (Rectory Basement)  
 Sr. Maryanne Zakreski, ssj  
 Please call the rectory to schedule a home visit for Communion or in the Hospital.  
 Laurel Square, Your, Cheltenham  
 Contact Father Peter Welch

**Rehabilitation Nursing Home**

### **St. Helena-Incarnation Independent Mission School**

St. Helena Incarnation 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 9am to 12Noon.  
 Senior Boxes – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 9am to 12Noon.



## August 15, 2021 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### *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       |
| Carmen Giamarco   | Dan Shead           | Francis Hernandez    |
| Isabel Phayre     | Awilda Gonzalez     | Camille Figueroa     |
| Ignacio Ortolaza  | Hipolita Delgado    | Lam Nguyen           |
| Samie Rosado      | Belen Delgado       | Carmen Delia Cruz    |
| Maria Thanh Đoàn  | Adolfo Castano      | Fernando Castano     |
| Peg Graham        | Alberto Alves       | Anthony Loc Nguyen   |
| Connie Buckley    | Buffy Brown         | Catherine Massa      |
| Sr. Marie Albert  | Francis Germanovich |                      |

### *We Remember in Prayer our Deceased* **Sr. Frances Antoinette, ssj**

**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 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, August 15, 2021 Assumption of Mary**

1 Chr 15: 3-4, 15-16; 16: 1-2

1 Cor 15: 54b-57 Lk 11: 27-28

**MONDAY (16)** Jgs 2: 11-19 Mt 19: 16-22

**TUESDAY (17)** Jgs 6: 11-24a Mt 19: 23-30

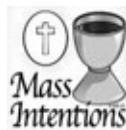
**WEDNESDAY (18)** Jgs 9: 6-15 Mt 20: 1-16

**THURSDAY (19)** Jgs 11: 29-39a Mt 22: 1-14

**FRIDAY (20)** Ru 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22  
Mt 22: 34-40

**SATURDAY (21)** Ru 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4: 13-17

Mt 23: 1-12



## Masses for the Week August 15 to 22, 2021

### **SATURDAY, August 14, 2021**

4:30PM Mary Gable

### **SUNDAY, August 15, 2021 Assumption of the BVM**

8:00AM Anthony & Maria Dien Hong Nguyen

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:15 AM Julia & Frank Schaller

12:30 PM Naida Caban

### **MONDAY, August 16, 2021 St. Stephen of Hungary**

8:00AM Joseph Cuong & Mary Nay Dinh

7:00PM Ramon, Elias Hernandez Frias (Salud)

### **TUESDAY, August 17, 2021**

8:00AM Martina Cynthia Nguyen

### **WEDNESDAY, August 18, 2021**

8:00AM Maria Huong Thi Nguyen

### **THURSDAY, August 19, 2021 St. John Eudes, Priest**

8:00AM Maria Kim Nguyen

### **FRIDAY, August 20, 2021 St. Bernard, Abbot and**

8:00AM Maria Chi Pham **Doctor of the Church**

### **SATURDAY, August 21, 2021 St. Pius X, Pope,**

8:00AM Martin Vo Dai Hai

4:30PM Anna Cam Do

### **SUNDAY, August 22, 2021 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00AM Maria Lampe

9:30AM Personal Intention

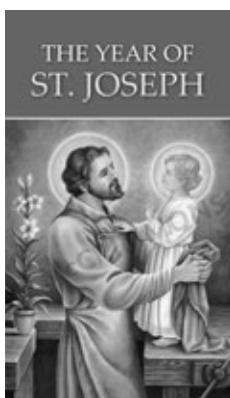
11:15 AM Joan Schaller

12:30 PM Diego Correa

### **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

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



## Lessons St. Joseph Wants to Teach All Humanity Today

### Lesson #5: St. Joseph is the Patron of the Society of Jesus. For Real.

Did you know that the first assignment by Pope Paul III to St. Ignatius and his companions was given on March 19, 1539, Feast of St. Joseph? You may have thought St. Ignatius was the Patron of the Society of Jesus, but he is only one of its founders. Ignatius himself wanted to focus on the centrality of the name of Jesus in the Order. That's why he wanted it named the "Society of Jesus" and not the "Society of Ignatius." He must have taken some cues from the humility of Joseph. And while this lesson might seem like pure Jesuit trivia, the significance of this patronage for Jesuits and all who partner with the mission of the Society has massive implications.

St. Ignatius in all of the Exercises only makes seven explicit references to St. Joseph, and all of them in union with Mary. But maybe there is a two-fold invitation that both Ignatius and Joseph wish to make to us. We are called to remain the "Least Society of Jesus". This is not a call to live mediocrely, but a call to live that Gospel excellence of radical humility. We are called to be "the most humble. We are called to spend some time in Scripture with Joseph, using that powerful method of prayer known as Ignatian imaginative contemplation. We are invited to take on St. Joseph as our coach, to learn from him by seeing how he acts, loves, serves, prays, observes silence, and any words of wisdom he may want to share with us. St. Joseph, Patron of the Society of Jesus, pray for and with us! Work for and with us!

## PREP Registration for 21-22 Religion Classes for Grades 1 to 6



**PREP** (Religion Classes for Children) for 2021-2022 will begin with a parents meeting on September 26th with in-person classes in the school hall from 9:00am to 10:30am. Registration for classes takes place during the month of August after all the Masses in the Lower Church.

**PREP** (Catecismo por los niños) para 2021-2022 comenzará con una reunión de padres el domingo, 26 de septiembre de 9:00 am a 10:30 am con clases presenciales en el salón de la escuela. La inscripción a las clases se realiza durante el mes de agosto después de todas las misas en la iglesia de abajo.



## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday from 2:00pm until Benediction at 5:00pm. On Monday Adoration takes place from 8:30am until Mass at 7:00pm. We will pray the Angelus at 12:00Noon, Eucharistic Benediction at 12:05pm. Confessions are available from 12:15pm to 1:00pm and from 6:00pm to 6:45pm.

## Do You Have Questions About The Catholic Faith?

Saint Helena Parish offers year round opportunities for people seeking more information about the Catholic Faith, the Sacraments and living the Christian Life. These opportunities are for adults who would like to inquire about following Jesus and becoming a member of the Catholic Church, or, if you are already a baptized Christian, would like to become a Catholic, or, if you are already a baptized Catholic, would like to receive Confirmation and Holy Communion. There are many people like yourself inquiring and we are ready to answer your questions. Please contact Sister Sophie at 215-424-1300 for an appointment or to register for classes.



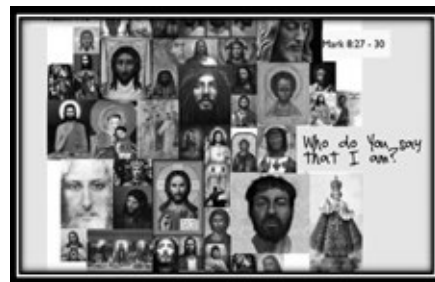
# Sunday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



## Prayer to Mary Assumed into Heaven

O Blessed Virgin Mary, united to the victorious Christ in heaven, you are the image and first-flowering of the Church as she is to be perfected in the world to come. You shine forth as a sign of sure hope and solace for the pilgrim People of God. In your Assumption, you manifest the fullness of redemption and appear as the spotless image of the Church responding in joy to the invitation of the Bridegroom, your Son, who is the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Grant that we may follow your example on earth thereby imitating your Son as well and being enabled to share your glory, with Him for all eternity.

**Who Do "YOU" say that I Am?  
Gazing on the Face of Jesus:  
A Retreat with Jesus your Friend  
August 16 to 20, 2021  
(9:00am to 12:00Noon  
St. Helena Convent)**



Christ the Friend **(8/16)**  
Christ the Caller of Disciples **(8/17)**  
Christ the Bread of Life **(8/18)**  
Christ the Priest **(8/19)**  
Christ the Good Samaritan **(8/20)**

Christ the Healing Presence of God **(8/16)**  
Christ the Teacher **(8/17)**  
Christ the Source of Communion **(8/18)**  
Christ the Prince of Peace **(8/19)**

## Statement of Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez Regarding Safety As Mass Obligation Resumes

"Ensuring the health and welfare of those entrusted to the pastoral and temporal care of our Church, especially as we navigate a global pandemic, is a paramount priority as the Archbishop of Philadelphia. During this time of acute hardship and struggle, I have worked in conjunction with the Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania and the senior administration of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to implement best practices intended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect those most vulnerable.

As the COVID-19 landscape evolved, we continuously re-evaluated those efforts in consultation with public health officials and based on data. As your Shepherd, I am called to provide the Eucharist in a safe environment. To that end, I ask that you prioritize your own health and the health of your neighbors and faith communities.

As previously announced, the Catholic Bishops of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are reinstating the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and holy days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021. However, by longstanding Church law, this obligation does not apply to those who are: sick, have a serious health risk, live in a household with those at risk, serve as primary caregivers to those at risk, have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID-19, or are unable to attend Mass in person.

As an act of charity, all who are able should become fully vaccinated. Anyone who believes they might have COVID-19 or one of its variants should seek testing and take every precaution for the preservation of public health. As a people of hope, let us pray for an end to this health crisis. "

*Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez*

Basically, a tithe means 10%. All are asked to consider returning 10% of our income to the Lord 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 August 1, 2021

(1st) Weekly.....\$3,878.00 (209 envelopes)

Drop Off.....\$1,535.00 (43 envelopes)

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

**Total Collection.....\$5,753.00 (219 envelopes)**

**Air Conditioning Collection.....\$1,816.00**



| Mass     | Attendance | Loose    | Envelopes  | Total      | # Envelopes |
|----------|------------|----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 4:30pm   | 90         | \$236.00 | \$201.00   | \$437.00   | 21          |
| 8:00am   | 105        | \$167.00 | \$286.00   | \$453.00   | 27          |
| 9:30am   | 336        | \$613.00 | \$1,047.00 | \$1,660.00 | 88          |
| 11:15am  | 94         | \$130.00 | \$490.00   | \$620.00   | 27          |
| 12:30pm  | 190        | \$167.00 | \$541.00   | \$708.00   | 38          |
| Drop Off | -----      | -----    | \$1,535.00 | \$1,535.00 | 43          |

## From the Pastors Desk.... Last But Not Least

**Today we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.** Today's Gospel reminds us that the Assumption can be best understood with a good understanding of Catholic beliefs about Christ's person and the person of Mary. Only Mary, born without the stain of original sin, could give birth to Christ, fully God and fully human. Due to her role in God's salvation plan, she does not suffer from the effects of sin, which are death and decay. Mary is the first to receive the fullness of redemption that her son has won for all humanity. The Church, therefore, recognizes Mary as the sign of the salvation promised to all. Today's Solemnity gives us great hope as we contemplate this outstanding aspect of this great woman and faith of our faith, the Blessed Virgin, and the Mother of God. She motivates us by example and prayer to grow in God's grace, to be receptive to His will, to convert our lives through sacrifice and penance. Above all, she motivates us to seek and fix our eyes on that everlasting union in the kingdom of heaven.

Today as we celebrate the Feast of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **I would like to WELCOME BACK...WELCOME HOME** all of you as the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days is reinstated.

I remind you that our **religious education program is a formal** (not Sacramental) **program for children in grades 1 to 8 who attend a Non-Catholic school.** Registration for PREP & RCIA takes place throughout the month of August. If interested, please see Sr. Sophie.

Finally, I continually thank all those who are contributing via Sunday envelopes, drop off envelopes or e-giving to our weekly contributions especially during these hard times. Your contribution helps to keep our churches looks beautiful. Thanks for reading, please be safe, try to stay cool, and have a good week.

Your Brother and Shepherd,  
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh



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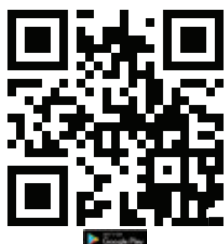
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