



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>
Rev. Edward A. Pelczar	<i>(Retired)</i>
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Deacon Huan C. Tran	<i>Parish Deacon</i>
Deacon Victor Pomales	<i>Parish Deacon</i>
Sr. Sophie Yondura, ssj., D. Min.	<i>DRE, RCIA, Faith Formation</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/Food Bank</i>
Sr. Anna Marie Lesutis, RSM, RN	<i>Health Promotion</i>

Rectory 6161 N. 5 th Street	215-424-1300 (1301)
Convent 6127 N. 5 th Street	215-924-2770
School 6101 N. 5 th 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	215-268-8071

Web-site www.sainthelenaparish.net

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

Monday-Friday	9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday	9:00am to 2:00pm



ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

Parish Council	Alternating 2 nd Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)
Finance Committee	Alternating 2 nd Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)
Alumni Meeting	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 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
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

2nd & 4th 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

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6101 N. 5th Street 215-549-2947

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Senior Boxes – 2nd Thursday of each month from 9am to 12Noon.



July 18, 2021 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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	Samuel Delgado
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 Mass
Joan Paoletti	Sr. Marie Albert	Francis Germanovich

We Remember in Prayer our Deceased

Phuong Dung Do & Catherine Shead

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 chống lại và chống trả các chước sâu độc ma quỷ. Chúng con sắp mình xuống xin Đức Chúa Trời ngăn cấm thần nguy ác. **Lạy Tổng Lãnh Thiên Thần Micae** là tướng quân cai quản cơ binh trên trời kìa 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, July 18, 2021 16th Sunday in OT

Jer 23: 1-6 Eph 2: 13-18 Mk 6: 30-34

MONDAY (19) Ex 14: 5-18 Mt 12: 38-42

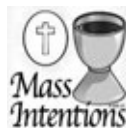
TUESDAY (20) Ex 14: 21-15:1 Mt 12: 46-50

WEDNESDAY (21) Ex 16: 1-5, 9-15 Mt 13: 1-9

THURSDAY (22) Sg 3: 1-4b Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18

FRIDAY (23) Ex 20: 1-17 Mt 13: 18-23

SATURDAY (24) Ex 24: 3-8 Mt 13: 24-30



Masses for the Week July 18 to 25, 2021

SATURDAY, July 17, 2021

4:30 PM Rev. Joseph Hoa Nguyen

SUNDAY, July 18, 2021 16th Sunday in OT

8:00AM Benny Llorens

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

11:15 AM Joseph Murray

12:30 PM In honor of the Virgen del Carmen

(SP Livestream-UC)

MONDAY, July 19, 2021

8:00AM Maria Chat Tran

7:00PM Maria Lap

TUESDAY, July 20, St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

8:00AM Maria Chi Pham

WEDNESDAY, July 21, 2021 St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:00AM Martin Vo Dai Hai

THURSDAY, July 22, 2021 St. Mary Magdalene

8:00AM Maria Kim Nguyen

FRIDAY, July 23, 2021 St. Bridget, Religious

8:00AM Dominic Long Nguyen

SATURDAY, July 24, 2021 St. Sharbel Makhlaf, Priest

8:00AM Joseph Xung & Anna Quy

4:30 PM James A. McGrory & Edward F. Bickel

SUNDAY, July 25, 2021 17th Sunday in OT

8:00AM Dorothy Sanders

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

11:15 AM Ramon Candenal

12:30 PM German Gamarro Hernandez

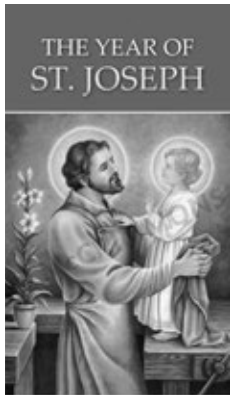
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Welcome to St. Helena Parish in the Olney section of Philadelphia!

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.



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



St. Joseph today continues to be a mystery for many Christians. He remains just...the older saint that stands behind Mary and Jesus in most Christian art, a familiar statue to place in our Nativity sets during Christmas, and a pious devotional figure for grandmothers or more “traditional Catholics”... But, if the Son of God was willing to learn from Joseph, surely we all have something to learn from his invaluable wisdom. This might be one of the reasons why Pope Francis decided to declare 2021 the “Year of St. Joseph” through his Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*. (Francis invites the world to consider the fact that personal conversion and reconciliation goes hand in hand with the works of justice and mercy in society. Saint Joseph can be a great model for this difficult but necessary work, blending both deep reflection and action. Over the next five weeks, we will focus on lessons St. Joseph wants to teach all humanity today.

Lesson #1: Actions Still Speak Louder than Words

St. Joseph speaks a grand total of zero words in the Gospels. He only makes an appearance in two of the four gospels: Matthew and Luke. In fact, the Gospel of Mark doesn't mention his name at all and the Gospel of John only has two passing references to Jesus as the “the son of Joseph” (John 1:45, 6:42). Saint Joseph's hidden life is his statement. He is the quintessential model of the phrase: “Actions speak louder than words.” He was not worried about announcing to the world everything he did. He was not worried about leaving his “public legacy.” He doesn't spend time talking about his mission. He spends his time living his mission. St. Joseph can help us combat the “Slacktivism” (actions performed via the internet in support of a political or social cause but regarded as requiring little time or involvement, e.g., signing an online petition or joining a campaign group on a social media website) so rampant in our digital world today where we are more likely to share a post about social change rather than spending our energy on enacting those changes. Joseph reminds us that real work often goes unnoticed.



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



Mass in Honor of the Eternal Father

Sunday, August 1st (the first Sunday in August) is the Feast of the Eternal Father. An 8 day preparation for the feast starts Sunday, July 25th. Mass will be celebrated at 5:00pm on Sunday, August 1st in the Lower Church. (No Benediction) Consecration Prayer to the Eternal Father which will be prayed for the 8 days - +will be available next weekend next to the bulletins.

REMINDER: Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Saturday from 4:00pm to 4:25pm and Mondays from 12:15pm to 1:00pm and from 6:00pm to 6:45pm. If you are unable to come at those times, please contact the Rectory to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Every Sunday 2:00pm to 5:00pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, July 19th will be from 12:00noon to 7:00pm due to a funeral.

Angelus at 12:00Noon, Eucharistic Benediction at 12:05pm

Confessions at 12:15pm to 1:00pm, 6:00pm to 6:45pm, Mass at 7:00pm.

St. Helena Church Food Bank Information

How would you like an extra \$250 or \$300 in your pocket each month? If you're a family with children, it's easy as filing taxes! File now and start receiving \$250 to \$300 per child in July. Learn how to get your payment. Go to www.phila.gov/childtaxcredit.

If you don't have a Social Security Number but your children do, you may still be eligible to claim the Child Tax Credit payments of \$250 or \$300 per month. Find out how to get an individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) so you can file taxes and claim the payments. Go to www.phila.gov/childtaxcredit.



Live-Streaming Sunday Masses



Live-Streaming

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 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.

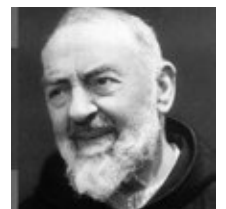
6th Annual Padre Pio Festival ~ St. Bede Parish, Holland

Saturday, September 18

Noon-5:00pm: All American Picnic Buffet (catered by McCaffery's Markets)

Karaoke Contest, Bingo, Field Games, Live Entertainment by the Willie Lynch Band from 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Noon-9:00pm: Food Venders, Craft Vendors (**Sister Sophie will be there**) Padre Pio Café, Games, Inflatable Amusements, Religious Articles for sale, Raffle Baskets, Mass in Honor of Padre Pio followed by a blessing with Padre Pio Relics, Special FREE Concert by the "Jersey Tenors"



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 July 11, 2021

(1st) Weekly.....\$5,446.00 (197 envelopes)

Drop Off.....\$1,537.00 (67 envelopes)

E-Giving.....\$390.00 (5 transactions)

Total Collection.....\$7,373.00.00 (264 envelopes)

Campaign for Human Development Collection.....\$1,216.00



Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	90	\$129.00	\$398.00	\$527.00	25
8:00am	110	\$286.00	\$906.00	\$1,192.00	26
9:30am	409	\$909.00	\$1,405.00	\$2,314.00	94
11:15am	81	\$205.00	\$445.00	\$650.00	24
12:30pm	152	\$305.00	\$458.00	\$763.00	28
Drop Off	-----	-----	\$1,537.00	\$1,537.00	67

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

Today we celebrate the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today, we have a very interesting Gospel reading, with the apostles having just returned from their missionary travels, excited about telling Jesus about all they did & all they taught. And what is his response to them? **"Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while."** This is what Jesus himself used to do. Large crowds were still mobbing Jesus and perhaps some of the apostles too so that they did not even have time to eat. This could have been a real time of temptation as the apostles began to glory in their new-found power and the resultant fame and popularity. Our Gospel today illustrates well the balance in Jesus' life. As he did himself, he urges his disciples to retire and reflect on the meaning of what they are doing. If we try to fill up our lives with all kinds of external and superficial noise, when do we have time to listen to God in silence and in what He is calling us to do? When are we giving ourselves the space and time to refresh and renew our faith? We can be moved with compassion for the poor like Jesus was when he saw the crowd without a shepherd to lead them, but we need to first feed our own faith and find the time to maintain & nurture our connection with God.

Just a reminder that as we move into the **HOT summer days**, avoid being in the sun for prolonged times when the sun is strongest, from 10:00am until 4:00pm. If you must go out, seek shade, cover up, wear a hat, wear sunglasses, apply and re-apply sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher.

Finally, **St. Helena Church is open and we are happy to have you and visitors join us for Mass.** All regularly scheduled weekday and weekend masses are open to the public for those who wish to attend. Thanks for reading, please be safe, try to stay cool, don't forget to check on your neighbors and have a good week.

Your Brother and Shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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