



# St. Helena Church

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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

<b>Rev. Msgr. Joseph T. Trinh</b>	<i>Pastor</i>
<b>Rev. Edward A. Pelczar</b>	<i>(Retired)</i>
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<b>Deacon Huan C. Tran</b>	<i>Parish Deacon</i>
<b>Deacon Victor Pomaes</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>

<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

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



## July 25, 2021 17th 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	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
Joan Paoletti	Sr. Marie Albert	Francis Germanovich

### *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 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, July 25, 2021 17th Sunday in OT**  
2 Kgs 4: 42-44 Eph 2: 1-6 Jn 6: 1-15

**MONDAY (26)** Ex 32: 15-24, 30-34  
Mt 13: 31-35

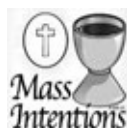
**TUESDAY (27)** Ex 33: 7-11; 34: 5b-9, 28  
Mt 13: 36-43

**WEDNESDAY (28)** Ex. 34: 29-35 Mt 13: 44-46

**THURSDAY (29)** Ex 40: 16-31, 34-38  
Jn 11: 19-27

**FRIDAY (30)** Lv 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37  
Mk 13: 54-58

**SATURDAY (31)** Lv 25: 1, 8-17 Mt 14: 1-12



## Masses for the Week July 25 to Aug. 1, 2021

### **SATURDAY, July 24, 2021**

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 Candenia

12:30 PM German Gamarro Hernandez (Livestream-UC)

### **MONDAY, July 26, 2021 Sts. Joachim and Anne**

8:00AM Dominic Long Nguyen

7:00PM Norga Melo & Miguel Frias Salud

### **TUESDAY, July 27, 2021**

8:00AM Joseph Chiet & All the Souls

### **WEDNESDAY, July 28, 2021**

8:00AM Maria Huong Thi Nguyen

### **THURSDAY, July 29, 2021 St. Martha**

8:00AM Peter Vuong Tran

### **FRIDAY, July 30, 2021 St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop &**

8:00AM Joseph Xung & Anna Quy **Dr. of the Church**

### **SATURDAY, July 31, 2021 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**

8:00AM Maria Pham Thi Ly

4:30PM Frances Patrick

### **SUNDAY, August 1, 2021 18th Sunday in OT**

8:00AM St. Helena Parishioners

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

11:15 AM Jorge Luis Lopez

12:30 PM Jacinto Torres-Ruiz (SP Livestream-UC)

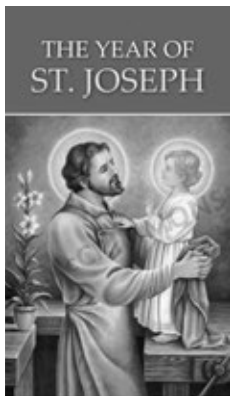
5:00PM Mass in honor of the Eternal Father

### **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



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

### Lesson #2: The Name "Joseph" is a Reminder that Our Life is Not About Us

Joseph is living his name. The name "Joseph" etymologically comes from the Hebrew "to add" or "to increase." For Joseph, it was not "added" personal blessings or even "added" personal sanctity he received to show off to the world, but rather Joseph "increased" glory always for those around him first. Joseph always directed his energy toward Mary and Jesus. His entire life focused on loving the people right in front of him: his wife and his son. In doing something so ordinary with extraordinary love, he fulfilled God's mission for his life, and helped Jesus fulfill his. This is precisely why he becomes a model for us of what the ideal Christian life is about: to be a true "person for others" is to give all glory to Christ and Mary. Is it really a surprise then, growing up with an example of radical service and humility like his father Joseph, that Jesus teaches his disciples that "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the servant of all"? As the saying goes: "Like father, like son." It seems to apply to Jesus at both an earthly and divine level.



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> in the Lower Church. (No Benediction) The Consecration Prayer to the Eternal Father which will be prayed for the 8 days are available next to the bulletins.

## 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.



## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly ~ July 25, 2021 Happy Grandparents & Elderly Day to All



Pope Francis announced the institution of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will take place each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. On the occasion of the First World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis grants Plenary Indulgences to grandparents, the elderly and all the faithful who participate "motivated by a true spirit of penance and charity." The Plenary Indulgence will be granted under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer, according to the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff during the solemn celebration he will preside over in St. Peter's Basilica or at the various functions that will be held throughout the world.

### STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP NELSON J. PÉREZ REGARDING REINSTATING THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

"We have all felt the impact of COVID-19 in as individuals and families. It has been a time of acute hardship and struggle, of separation and isolation. It has also had an impact on our lives of faith. Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has been with us throughout this challenging period and is most especially near to us when we encounter him in the Eucharist. The Eucharist offers us His healing and peace, His mercy and reconciliation. It is now time for everyone to return to the Eucharist with renewed faith and joy.

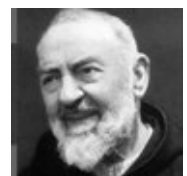
As many aspects of life are now returning to normalcy, each Catholic Bishop in Pennsylvania will **reinstate the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and Holy Days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** The Bishops previously jointly decided to dispense the faithful from this obligation in March of 2020 in order to provide for the common good given concerns over the developing pandemic. Now, with the impact of the pandemic considerably reduced, it is again possible for the faithful to assemble for the Eucharist. It is time to lift the dispensation from the obligation.

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## 6th Annual Padre Pio Festival ~ St. Bede Parish, Holland Saturday, September 18

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, Food Vendors, 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 18, 2021

(1st) Weekly.....\$3,836.00 (210 envelopes)

Drop Off.....\$115.00 (9 envelopes)

E-Giving.....\$350.00 (5 transactions)

Total Collection.....\$4,301.00.00 (219 envelopes)



Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	80	\$98.00	\$197.00	\$295.00	19
8:00am	122	\$255.00	\$456.00	\$711.00	46
9:30am	342	\$638.00	\$1,161.00	\$1,779.00	96
11:15am	81	\$117.00	\$429.00	\$546.00	23
12:30pm	179	\$121.00	\$364.00	\$485.00	26
Drop Off	-----	-----	\$115.00	\$115.00	9

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

**Today we celebrate the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.** Today's gospel narrates to us one of the greatest miracles of Jesus – the feeding of about five thousand people out of five barley loaves and two fish. This is the only miracle recorded in all four gospels. Jesus takes pity on the crowd that has followed him and invites them to sit down. He then breaks bread and blesses it and the fish and distributes them. All eat and the apostles collect twelve baskets of fragments at the end of the meal. All are amazed and want to proclaim Jesus as king. But Jesus slips away because he knows that this is not the will of the Father. The apostles are fearless when standing before the Sanhedrin. Gamaliel, a Pharisee, reminds the Sanhedrin that this group will fail if they are not from God; but if they are, then nothing will be able to stop them. So the apostles are flogged and released. The apostles rejoice that they have been able to suffer for Christ. It is as if the Word and the life of Christ shed for them has changed them forever. How does the Word of Christ resonate with you? Have you allowed this Word that you have heard and the Bread of Christ which you have shared to touch you? Spend time with Christ. Allow yourself time to be touched deeply. Let Christ become the center of your life and of all you do.

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Your Brother and Shepherd,  
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh



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