



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>
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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

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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)

Sunday – 2:30pm (Lower Church)

Viet. Divine Mercy Grupo
Carismático

Tenemos círculo de oración en español todos los miercoles a las 6:00PM-9:00PM en la iglesia de abajo. Están todos invitados



SERVICE MINISTRY

55+ Club

2nd & 4th Thursday 12:00 (Rectory Basement)

Boys Scouts

Every Wednesday 7:00PM-9:00PM (Hall)

Aid for Friends

Contact Sister Sophie Yondura, ssj. D. Min.

Outreach Center

Sr. Maryanne Zakreski, ssj (267-437-4929)

Sick Calls

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

Alternating 2nd Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)

Finance Committee

Alternating 2nd Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)

Alumni Meeting

Monthly at 10:00am in the Convent



June 13, 2021 11th 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 Evegenevna 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
Mercedes Garcia	Alberto Alves	Anthony Loc Nguyen
Connie Buckley	Buffy Brown	Catherine Mass
Francis Germanovich		

We Remember in Prayer our Deceased

Joseph Penrose, Gerald Devlin & Mary Fedna

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 sátan 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, June 13, 2021 11th Sunday in OT

Ez 17: 22-24 2 Cor 5: 6-10 Mk 4: 26-34

MONDAY (14) 2 Cor 6: 1-10 Mt 5: 38-42

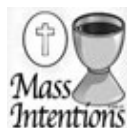
TUESDAY (15) 2 Cor 8: 1-9 Mt 5: 43-48

WEDNESDAY (16) 2 Cor 9: 6-11 Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY (17) 2 Cor 11: 1-11 Mt 6: 7-15

FRIDAY (18) 2 Cor 11: 18, 21-30
Mt 6: 19-23

SATURDAY (19) 2 Cor 12: 1-10 Mt 6: 24-34



Masses for the Week June 13 to 20, 2021

SATURDAY, June 12, 2021

4:30 PM Raymond Patrick

SUNDAY, June 13, 2021 11th Sunday in OT

8:00AM Peter Lam Nguyen

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

11:15 AM Emani Hodrick

12:30 PM Hermenegildo Lopez (SP Livestream-UC)

MONDAY, June 14, 2021

8:00AM Ann Stevenson, Barr & Coogan Families

7:00PM Dominic Giao Cong Tran

TUESDAY, June 15, 2021

8:00AM Maria Mai Lam

WEDNESDAY, June 16, 2021

8:00AM Joseph Cuong & Mary Nay Dinh

THURSDAY, June 17, 2021

8:00AM Joseph Xuan Nguyen

FRIDAY, June 18, 2021

8:00AM Martina Cynthia Nguyen

SATURDAY, June 19, 2021 St. Romuald, Abbot

8:00AM Maria Kim Nguyen

4:30 PM Mary Magalski

SUNDAY, June 20, 2021 12th Sunday in OT

8:00AM Wilberto Malave

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

11:15 AM Frank J. Schaller, Sr.

12:30 PM Dec Members of the Sagrado Corozon
(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.

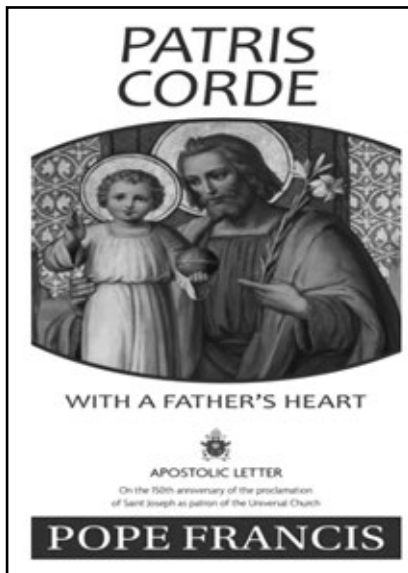


Prayer in Anticipation of Our 100th Anniversary



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

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



Apostolic Letter by Pope Francis “Patris Corde” – “With a Father’s Heart” An Obedient Father

Parent Reflection: Joseph was a man of faith who had very powerful encounters with God in his dreams. When Joseph learns that Mary is pregnant, but before they have lived together, he is justifiably confused to say the least. He must have been hurt and disappointed. An angel of the Lord assures him “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, (Mt 1:20). The Gospel goes on to say, “When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him. (Mt 1:24). Obedience to the will of God, allows Joseph to surmount his fears and turn his concern to Mary. Joseph’s obedience is born of love for God, a love so deep that it casts out fear (see 1 John 4:18). For Joseph obedience is an act of love, not fear. In a second dream, Joseph is told to flee to Egypt with Mary and the infant Jesus. Once again, he did not hesitate. Joseph got up and went. Imagine what he must have been thinking, where will we live, how will I support my family, how long will we be in

exile? The same happens in a third dream where Joseph is told it is now safe to return to Nazareth. Joseph shows no resentment, but firm resolve trusting that God is guiding his family. His obedience is an act of fortitude borne of conviction, not blind submission.


Family Conversation: Obedience to the will of God is the hallmark of the Holy Family. We see remarkable generosity of heart in listening to God that Mary and Joseph exemplify. Each of them says “yes” to the call of God – either in word or deed – even when what God is asking of them seems impossible. This shows that they are obedient to God. All children learn to be obedient to their parents. Think about what it would have been like for Jesus, who learns from Joseph to the will of our Father in heaven.

Family Activity: We often see images of an empty cross with lilies at the foot of the cross, these are a symbol of new life. We also see St. Joseph holding lilies. This symbol reflects his purity and love for Mary and Jesus. Say a prayer to St. Joseph asking him for the strength to be obedient to the will God, our loving Father in all things. Make some lilies to add to your St. Joseph altar. Ideas for making lilies can be found here: <http://www.catholicinspired.com/2014/04/paper-plate-lilies-super-easy.html>
<https://craftsbyamanda.com/handprint-easter-lily/>.

Father's Day ~ June 20, 2021

Do You Know Who Made It A Federal Holiday?

Every year, on the third Sunday in June, Americans take time to honor fathers and their role in the family and community. While many Americans may be planning to celebrate their fathers this year, few know about the woman who launched a 62-year campaign to establish the day as a federal holiday. When Sonora Louise Smart Dodd was 16 years old, her father became a widower and was left to raise Dodd and her five younger brothers alone. In 1909, Dodd was listening to a Mother's Day sermon when she realized the need for a day to celebrate fathers, especially her own. When Sonora Louise Smart Dodd was 16 years old, her father became a widower and was left to raise Dodd and her five younger brothers alone. In 1909, Dodd was listening to a Mother's Day sermon when she realized the need for a day to celebrate fathers, especially her own. Inspired, Dodd drew up a petition for the first Father's Day, which she argued should be celebrated on her father's birthday in early June. Even though the petition only earned two signatures, Dodd convinced several local church communities to participate—on the condition she push the date to late June to give them more time to prepare. The resulting celebration, in Spokane, Washington, kicked off Dodd's nearly life-long mission of promoting Father's Day for national status. Over the next half-century, Dodd would travel the United States, speaking on behalf of Father's Day and campaigning for the cause. Although Mother's Day was declared a national holiday in 1914, Father's Day wasn't nationally recognized until 1972. Throughout the years, Presidents Woodrow Wilson, Calvin Coolidge, and Lyndon B. Johnson all wrote in favor of the holiday, but none passed legislation ratifying the holiday during their term. In 1970, Congress finally passed Joint Resolution 187, which called on citizens to "offer public and private expressions of such day to the abiding love and gratitude which they bear for their fathers." President Richard Nixon signed the resolution into law two years later. On the first Father's Day in Spokane, families honored fathers by wearing roses—red for those still alive, and white for those who were deceased. Today, Father's Day is often celebrated with food, gatherings, and gifts.

	<h2>Live-Streaming Sunday Masses</h2>
 Live-Streaming	<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 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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Every Sunday 2:00pm to 5:00pm.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday from 8:30am to 7:00pm.
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

Biblically 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 June 6, 2021

(1st) Weekly.....\$4,571.00.00 (198 envelopes)
Drop Off.....\$1,207.00 (27 envelopes)
E-Giving.....\$350.00 (5 transactions)
Total Collection.....\$6,128.00 (215 envelopes)



Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	82	\$125.00	\$478.00	\$603.00	21
8:00am	135	\$351.00	\$376.00	\$727.00	27
9:30am	347	\$846.00	\$1,198.00	\$2,044.00	96
11:15am	76	\$174.00	\$459.00	\$633.00	24
12:30pm	194	\$144.00	\$420.00	\$564.00	30
Drop Off	-----	-----	\$1,207.00	\$1,207.00	27

Message from the Pastor

Last But Not Least

Today we celebrate the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In our Gospel, Jesus is talking about the kingdom of God. He describes God's kingdom in a unique way. He tells his disciples that the kingdom of God is like a man who scattered his seeds in his fields. Then the farmer would go about his daily chores, trusting that the seed would grow of its own accord. The farmer is not overly concerned about the seeds knowing what to do. The farmer knows that the seeds will do what is natural for them: they will sprout and grow. When the crop is fully grown, the farmer harvests the crop. In this parable, Jesus compares the farmer's and his seed to God's kingdom. He tells his listeners that the kingdom of God works in a similar manner. The kingdom of God is like the tiny mustard seed that is planted in the earth. It is the smallest of seeds, yet when the plant is fully grown, it is one of the largest plants on earth! Do we see ourselves as one of God's "mustard seeds? Today be mindful of the ways that you strive to share life with the people you encounter throughout your day. Who knows? One of them may be a "mustard seed" that produces more than we could ever imagine. And may we look for the "fruits" of other's mustard seeds. It may be an abundant and fruitful day in multiple ways! Celebrate God's goodness to us!

Next Sunday, June 20th is Father's Day. We think of the strength of a father, his guiding hand, his wisdom, his help. God the Father gave up his only Son, Jesus Christ, so that we might be saved through him. He provides an example of the very vocation of fatherhood. Fathers are to sacrifice their lives for their families. In a special way, let us be grateful for: our fathers, by birth or adoption, who love us and support us through life, our Church leaders, who take on the paternal role of guiding us through life, and God our Father, who will always teach justly and grant us boundless mercy. **BRING your FATHER to CHURCH next SUNDAY for a SPECIAL BLESSING.**

Once again, congratulations to those in our parish who are graduating from Elementary, High School and College. Remember to thank your parents for helping you achieve this goal.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who are continuously 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. I would like to thank all those who keep our grounds and churches clean, especially those who help with the cleaning of both churches on Friday or Saturday morning after the 8:00am Mass. **We are in need of volunteers to help with the Church grounds and Church cleaning. If you can help, please leave your name with Sister Sophie.** Thanks for reading, please be safe, and have a good week.

Your Brother and Shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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