



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>
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Sr. Sophie Yondura, ssj., D. Min.	<i>Parish Services, DRE, RCIA</i>
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Sr. Maryanne Zakreski, ssj	<i>Outreach Center</i>
Sr. Anna Marie Lesutis, RSM, RN	<i>Health Promotion</i>
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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		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 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
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

Alternating 2nd Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)

Finance Committee

Alternating 2nd Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)

Alumni Meeting

Monthly at 10:00am in the Convent



June 20, 2021 12th 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 Ortola	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

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, June 20, 2021 12th Sunday in OT		
Jb 38: 1, 8-11	2 Cor 5: 14-17	Mk 4: 35-41
MONDAY (21)	Gn 12: 1-9	Mt 7: 1-5
TUESDAY (22)	Gn 13: 2, 5-18	Mt 7: 6, 12-14
WEDNESDAY (23)	Gn 15: 1-12, 17-18	Mt 7: 15-20
THURSDAY (24)	Is 49: 1-6	
	Acts 13: 22-26	Lk 1: 57-66
FRIDAY (25)	Gn 17: 9-10, 15-22	Mt 8: 1-4
SATURDAY (26)	Gn 18: 1-15	Mt 8: 5-17



Masses for the Week June 20 to 27, 2021

SATURDAY, June 19, 2021

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)

MONDAY, June 21, 2021 St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

8:00AM Maria Chi Pham
7:00PM Cham Le

TUESDAY, June 22, 2021 Sts. John Fisher, Paulinus

8:00AM Martin Vo Dai Hai **of Nola, Bishops,
St. Thomas More, Martyr**

WEDNESDAY, June 23, 2021

8:00AM Dominic Long Nguyen

THURSDAY, June 24, 2021 Nativity of St. John the

8:00AM Joseph Xung & Anna Quy **Baptist**

FRIDAY, June 25, 2021

8:00AM Maria Pham Thi Ly

SATURDAY, June 26, 2021

8:00AM Dominic Long Nguyen
4:30 PM Robert Patrick

SUNDAY, June 27, 2021 13th Sunday in OT

8:00AM Cirilo Melmida
9:30AM Personal Intention (VN Livestream-UC)
11:15 AM St. Helena Parishioners
12:30 PM Maria Ines Mendoza (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.



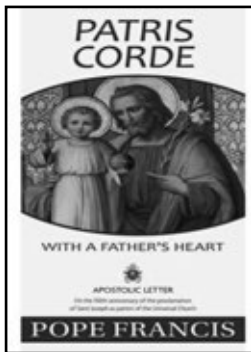
Prayer in Anticipation of Our 100th Anniversary



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 Accepting Father



Parent Reflection: The Gospel of St. Matthew refers to Joseph as a just man. While it may not sound like a particularly glamorous title, it is one of the highest compliments given to a person in the Old Testament. In calling Joseph a just man, the Gospel is saying that he was remarkably faithful to God, and trusted that everything is a gift from God to be shared with others. Even as he is surprised to find out Mary is pregnant with the Son of God, he sets aside his ideas for his future to embrace God’s plan. He accepts this fatherly responsibility in confidence again, when he is called to flee from his homeland, to protect the infant Jesus. Taking up his role in God’s plan, Joseph, the just man, leaves his home, his job, his friends, as he cares for Mary and Jesus in Egypt. Pope Francis points out that, “Joseph’s attitude encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception and show special concern for the weak, for God chooses what is weak (cd. 1 Cor 1:27).” Justice allows us to see the essential dignity of others, as we help each person to live up to their full potential as intended by God. Jesus, the Son, learns from the witness of Joseph to “love the stranger in our midst” understanding that they too are a gift from God.

Family Conversation: If someone gave you a compliment and said, you are a very “just” person,” what do you think they mean by this? Being just is a great compliment, but it can be a little hard to understand. When we hear the word justice, we may think of courts, or prisons, but Catholics understand justice as a virtue that comes from God that allow us to see other people, and their needs, as God sees them. St. Joseph was a just man, who accepted the gifts and responsibilities given to him by God and used these to help others – especially Mary and Jesus. As a father, Joseph loved and protected Jesus so he could thrive in his mission. As just people, we also do what we can with our resources to help every person have access to what they need to thrive.

Family Activity: St. Joseph loved God with his whole heart. He prayed to God each day. He also listened for the voice of God at all times – even when he was sleeping. When he woke up, he did what God asked of him. Discuss how each member of the family can be like St. Joseph and accept what God asks of them. Have each member write on a piece of paper what “accepting” means to them and how they accept doing something they dislike and put them in a basket on your St. Joseph altar.



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

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.

Father's Day ~ June 20, 2021

Happy Father's Day to all Fathers, Grandfathers, Godfathers and those who accept a Fatherly role



God our Father, you govern and protect your people and shepherd them with a father's love. You place a father in a family, just as you did with St. Joseph, as a sign of your love, care, and constant protection. May all fathers everywhere be faithful to the example shown in Scriptures: steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining the family, and caring for those in need. Give your wisdom to all fathers that they may encourage and guide their children. Keep them healthy so they may support their family. Guide each father with the Spirit of

our love that they may grow in holiness and draw their family ever closer to you. We ask this of you on this Father's Day. Amen.

	<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>

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 13, 2021

(1st) Weekly.....\$4,677.00 (202 envelopes)
 Drop Off.....\$1,376.00 (26 envelopes)
 E-Giving.....\$390.00 (5 transactions)
 Total Collection.....\$6,443.00 (228 envelopes)



Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	89	\$238.00	\$251.00	\$489.00	25
8:00am	120	\$322.00	\$341.00	\$663.00	26
9:30am	366	\$842.00	\$1,308.00	\$2,150.00	93
11:15am	74	\$190.00	\$449.00	\$639.00	33
12:30pm	238	\$329.00	\$407.00	\$736.00	25
Drop Off	-----	-----	\$1,376.00	\$1,376.00	26

In gratitude to Raymond & Wendy Lampe for the donation of \$80.00 in memory of Marie Lampe.

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

Today we celebrate the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Our Gospel today is about Jesus calming the sea. By a single commanding word, Jesus stilled a storm on the Sea of Galilee, returned the sea to its natural order and saved the apostles from drowning. As he calmed the storm, Jesus reproached the apostles for their lack of faith. This incident should remind us that Jesus, resting in our life's boat is always ready to help us in the storms of life, when we ask. We need to remember that Jesus is always with us in the boat of our life. We all experience different types of violent storms in our lives: physical storms, emotional storms, and spiritual storms. Can you remember a time in your life when you experienced a ferocious storm? You may not have been on a body of water but you may have believed that you would perish. It may have been a death of a loved one, the loss of a job, financial difficulties, or a life-threatening medical condition. How did you respond to this situation? Did you trust Jesus? Or did you react as the disciples did to the storm at sea: with fear and trembling? Did you lose faith in God and Jesus? During painful and difficult times, it is natural to question Jesus. Yet, we need Jesus especially during the confusing and frightening times in our life. Do we cry out to him as the disciples did or do we remain silent? Remember: only Jesus can still these storms...Trust Jesus, and all will be well.

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. I would like to thank all those who keep our grounds clean on Saturday morning after the 8:00am Mass and our churches clean on Thursday and Friday mornings 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.

Finally, today is **"Father's Day.** It is a day we honor our fathers, our grandfathers, our godfather, and all the men who fill such important roles in the lives of our families and our church. In Scripture we are commanded by the Lord to "honor" our fathers and our mothers. In May, we celebrated Mother's Day, and today, we celebrate Father's Day. **Fathers we salute you. We want you to know how important you are to us. Happy Father's Day and may God reward you always!** Thanks for reading, please be safe, and have a good week.

Your Brother and Shepherd,
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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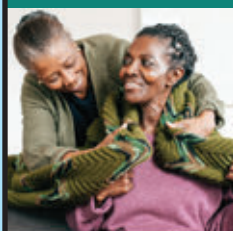
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