



St. Helena Church

6161 N. 5th 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

Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Joseph T. Trinh **Rev. Edward A. Pelczar** Rev. Peter J. Welsh Rev. Albert Gardy Villarson, OMI **Deacon Victor I. Seda** Deacon Huan C. Tran **Deacon Victor Pomales** Sr. Sophie Yondura, ssj., D. Min. Elena Asencio Tram Ton Nu **Genevieve Black** Sr. Maryanne Zakreski, ssj Sr. Anna Marie Lesutis, RSM, RN Ann Farley, MSN Sr. Lan Nguyen, OP

Rectory 6161 N. 5th Street Convent 6127 N. 5th Street School 6101 N. 5th Street **Rectory Fax Number Health Promotion Office** Food Bank St. Helena Parish Outreach Center 267-437-4929

(Retired) In Residence Parochial Vicar In Residence Parish Deacon Parish Deacon Parish Deacon Parish Services, DRE, RCIA Parish Secretary **Business Manager** Music Director **Outreach Center** Health Promotion Health Promotion Parish Ministry

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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 6101 N. 5th 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 9:00am-12:00pm. Senior Boxes – 2nd Thursday of each month from 9:00am-12:00pm.







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



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.

Saturdays 4:00-4:30PM 15 minutes after Mass







Eucharistic

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MM Devotion

Carismático

OLLV Devotion

Viet. Divine Mercy

Adoration

Grupo

Religion classes for Public School students held every Sunday beginning in September. Classes are at 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

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) Tenemous circulo de oración en español todos los miercoles a las 6:00PM-9:00PM en la iglesia de abajo. Estan todos invitados

SERVICE MINISTRY

55+ Club **Boys Scouts** Aid for Friends Outreach Center Sick Calls

Rehabilitation

Parish Council **Finance Committee** Alumni Meeting

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.

Laurel Square, York, Cheltenham & Nursing Home Contact Father Peter Welsh

Meetings

Alternating 2ndTuesday 7:00PM (Rectory)

Alternating 2ndTuesday 7:00PM (Rectory) Monthly at 10:00am in the Convent



June 27, 2021 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Remember in Prayer our Sick

Luke Tynan	Frances Clark
Rosaura Caraballo	Victoria Marin
Lucia Zavala	Ryan Cichon
Carmen Torres	John Sanchez
Virginia Gilligan	Elena Evegen
Gisela Gonzalez	Nathaniel Lop
Carmen Giamarco	Dan Shead
Isabel Phayre	Awilda Gonza
Ignacio Ortolaza	Hipolita Delga
Samie Rosado	Belen Delgado
Maria Thanh Đoàn	Adolfo Castar
Mercedes Garcia	Alberto Alves
Connie Buckley	Buffy Brown
Francis Germanovic	h

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We Remember in Prayer our Deceased Those names on the Father's Day Envelopes & Le D. Trong

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 qủy. Chúng con sấp mình xuống xin Đức Chúa Trời ngăn cấm thần ngụy ấy. 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, June 27,	2021 13 th Sund	ay in OT
Wis 1: 13-15; 2: 23-2	2 Cor 8: 7,	9, 13-15
	Mk 5: 21-43	
MONDAY (28)	Gn 18: 16-33	Mt 8: 18-22
TUESDAY (29)	Acts 12: 1-11	2 Tm 4: 6-8, 17-18
		Mt 16: 13-19
WEDNESDAY (30)	Gn 21: 5, 8-20a	Mt 8: 28-34
THURSDAY (01)	Gn 22: 1b-19	Lk 1: 57-66
FRIDAY (02)	Gn 23: 1-4, 19; 2	24: 1-8, 62-67
		Mt 9: 9-13
SATURDAY (03)	Eph 2: 19-22	Jn 20: 24-29



Masses for the Week June 27 to July 4, 2021

SATURDAY, June 26, 2021

4:30 PM	Robert Patrick
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SUNDAY, June 27, 2021 13th Sunday in OT

8:00AM	Cirilo Melmida	
9:30AM	Personal Intention (VI	V Livestream-UC)
11:15 AM	St. Helena Parishione	rs
12:30 PM	Maria Ines Mendoza	(SP Livestream-UC)

MONDAY, June 28, 2021 St. Irenaeus, Bishop &

8:00AMJoseph Chiet & All SoulsMartyr7:00PMMaria Lap

TUESDAY, June 29, 2021Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles8:00AMPeter Vuong Tran

WEDNESDAY, June 30, 2021St Martyrs of the Holy8:00AMMaria Pham Thi LyRoman Church

THURSDAY, July 1, 2021St. Junipero Serra, Priest8:00AMJohn & Theresa Palmrich

FRIDAY, July 2, 2021

8:00AM Anna & Dominic 7:00PM Peter Cham Le

SATURDAY, July 3, 2021 St. Thomas, Apostle

8:00AM	Thomas That Nguyen
4:30 PM	Walter Ales

SUNDAY, July 4, 2021 14th Sunday in OT

8:00AM	Joseph Thu	-
9:30AM	Personal Intention (V	N Livestream-UC)
11:15 AM	Wilberto Malave	
12:30 PM	Jacinto Torres Ruiz	(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.



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" A Creatively Courageous Father

Parent Reflection: We see the creative courage of Joseph from the moment he is asked to be the foster-father of Jesus. He acts courageously in welcoming the pregnant Mary into his home. This action protected Mary from being ostracized by the community and likely being stoned to death. We see his creative courage again when the couple arrives in Bethlehem to find there is no room for them in the inn. As Pope Francis remarks, "Joseph took a stable, and best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God to come into the world".

While in Egypt, Joseph would have had to adapt to a new environment in order to care for his family. These instances highlighted in Scripture are only a few examples of what would have been daily challenges that require courage and creativity – challenges experienced in every family. Courage is a gift of the Holy Spirit that helps a person to do what is right; even when or especially when, doing what is right might bring about contempt from others. Creativity opens the mind and heart to paths of courageous action. The difficulties that have arisen in light the pandemic have required individuals, families, communities and nations to act with creativity and courage in finding new paths in every aspect of our daily lives. Parents are called to creative courage in sharing the faith with their children. Like Joseph and Mary we "should always consider whether we ourselves are protecting Jesus and Mary, for they are also mysteriously entrusted to our own responsibility, care and safekeeping" (Patris Corde). At its core, passing on the faith, is sharing Jesus with others.

Family Conversation: Read Matthew 1:18-25 and Matthew 2:13-15. How do you think Joseph showed courage in these stories? Do you think he had to be creative too? When was a time when you were creative and courageous? When was a time you had to be courageous in standing up for your faith?

Family Activity: There is a tradition in the country of Sicily, celebrated on the Feast of St. Joseph that says the fava bean is a "lucky bean." Legend has it, that you will never be without money as long as you carry a bean. Some people believe that if you keep one in the pantry, there will always be food in the kitchen. Good fortune comes our way sometimes from luck, but more often through our own courage and creativity. Look for some fava beans and add them to your St. Joseph altar.

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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday and 1st Friday from 8:30am to 7:00pm. 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 <u>www.phila.gov/childtaxcredit</u>.

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 <u>www.phila.gov/childtaxcredit</u>.

Email Scams

Some people may have been receiving emails that seem to come from our Pastor or priests asking for money. These are scams and should be deleted immediately. The Pastor, priests, or any religious would never send you emails asking for money. Please DO NOT send any money or purchase gift cards from these email requests.

Jeanes Hospital Farm Stand

Please visit the Farm Stand for fresh, fruits, vegetables, cage-free brown eggs and much more. Thursdays from 11:00am to 5:00pm. Parking lot C on Jeanes Campus 7600 Central Avenue

Volunteering Opportunities

Do you enjoy making others happy? Are you looking to share a unique talent? Do you want a

chance to meet new people? We can help! Saint Joseph Villa in Flourtown is looking for volunteers to help brighten the lives of our Sisters of St. Joseph and lay residents. We have an exciting opportunity to get involved in our community and become a part of the Mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph. You can volunteer as little as an hour a week or up to several hours a day. We have many volunteer opportunities available such as Eucharistic Ministry, transporting residents to in-house appointments, taking residents on walks around the Villa property, being a friendly visitor, running activities, and much more. lf interested or if you have any questions, you can contact the Director of Volunteers, Maureen 215-248-7844 email Morales at or at moralism@stjosephvila.org



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 20, 2021

(1st) Weekly.......\$4,662.00 (218 envelopes) Drop Off......\$256.00 (7 envelopes) E-Giving......\$340.00 (4 transactions) Total Collection.....\$5,258.00 (225 envelopes) Father's Day Collection......\$1,849.00 (124 envelopes)

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Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	80	\$118.00	\$424.00	\$542.00	19
8:00am	110	\$267.00	\$361.00	\$628.00	33
9:30am	347	\$719.99	\$1,385.00	\$2,104.00	112
11:15am	79	\$150.00	\$495.00	\$645.00	22
12:30pm	174	\$164.00	\$579.00	\$743.00	32
Drop Off			\$256.00	\$256.00	7

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

Today we celebrate the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus often has a crowd around him interested in what he is saying and doing. In our gospel, we hear that the crowd is walking with Jesus on his way to heal the daughter of Jarius. Suddenly Jesus says he is aware of power leaving him. Desperate for healing, a woman has crawled through the crowd and touched the hem of Jesus' clothes. We are told: "Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, 'Who has touched my clothes?'" The woman admits that she has touched his robe and tells him of her bleeding illness. Jesus quietly told her that it was her faith that saved her and she trusted Jesus. Then He told her to go in peace. The focus of the Gospel then returns to Jairus and his daughter. Today's Gospel is all about healing. What is the healing that you long for? Have you reached out to "touch" Jesus? Do you experience the presence and the healing power of Jesus? The challenge for us is to continue to trust Jesus even when He seems silent or when nothing seems to be happening. Today, let us pray for one another that we will truly trust Jesus in all the circumstances of our lives (or at least try to)!

Congratulations to all our Parish Class of 2021 who have graduated from Pre-School, Elementary, High School and College. May God who began this good work in you carry it through to completion, enabling you to use your talents to the fullest! May God give you the grace to make wise choices and to be faithful to your commitments, always confident in the support of those who love you! May God enable you to stay true to your dreams for your greater glory! May God bless you with goodness and love! Always stay true to your dreams, use your gifts wisely, and walk into the future with faith, hope, and great love. You deserve a lot of credit for completing a year like none other. Thanks for reading, please be safe, and have a good week.

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Your Brother and Shepherd,

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Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh



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