



## St. Helena Church

#### 6161 N. 5<sup>th</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 9:00am-12:00pm.







Saturday Vigil - 4:30PM Mass in English Sunday – 8:00AM Mass in English 11:15AM Mass in English 9:30AM Mass in Vietnamese 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).



Eucharistic

**Dailv Rosarv** 

**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

#### SERVICE MINISTRY

abajo. Estan todos invitados

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

Rehabilitation

Parish Council **Finance Committee** Alumni Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory) Alternating 2<sup>nd</sup>Tuesday 7:00PM (Rectory) Monthly at 10:00am in the Convent



## June 6, 2021 **Corpus Christi** Sunday

## We Remember in Prayer our Sick.

Luke Tynan Rosaura Caraballo Lucia Zavala Carmen Torres Virginia Gilligan Gisela Gonzalez Carmen Giamarco Isabel Phayre Ignacio Ortolaza Samie Rosado Maria Thanh Đoàn Mercedes Garcia Connie Buckley Francis Germanovich

Frances Clark Duong Thi Tham Victoria Marin Ryan Cichon John Sanchez Elena Evegenevna Biryukova Nathaniel Lopez Emilio Rosario Dan Shead Awilda Gonzalez Camille Figueroa Hipolita Delgado Samuel Delgado Belen Delgado Adolfo Castano Alberto Alves Buffy Brown

Stephen Beach Monica Yondura Peltz Carmen Jimenez Francis Hernandez Carmen Delia Cruz Fernando Castano Anthony Loc Nguyen Catherine Mass

## 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 cây và chống trả các chước sâu độc ma qủy. Chúng con sấp 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 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 6, 2	021 Corpus Chris	sti Sunday
Ex 24: 3-	-8 Heb 9:	11-15
Mk	x 14: 12-16, 22-26	6
MONDAY (07)	2 Cor 1: 1-7	Mt 5: 1-12
TUESDAY (08)	2 Cor 1: 18-22	Mt 5: 13-16
WEDNESDAY (09)	2 Cor 3: 4-11	Mt 5: 17-19
THURSDAY (10)	2 Cor 3: 15-4:1, 3-	6
		Mt 5: 20-26
FRIDAY (11)	Hos 11: 1, 3-4, 8c-	-9
		Jn 19: 31-37
SATURDAY (12)	2 Cor 5: 14-21	Lk 2: 41-51

## Masses for the Week June 6 to 13, 2021

### SATURDAY, June 5, 2021

Stanley Magalski 4:30 PM

### SUNDAY, June 6, 2021 Corpus Christi Sunday

8:00AM	John & Nga Nguyen (Wedding Anniversary)
9:30AM	Personal Intention (VN Livestream-UC)
11:15 AM	Anthony Samuel & Lawrence Apparaj
12:30 PM	Nydia Morales (SP Livestream-UC)

#### MONDAY. June 7, 2021

8:00AM	Dominic Long Nguyen
7:00PM	St. Helena Parishioners

#### TUESDAY, June 8, 2021

8:00AM	My Kim Diep
5:30OM	8th Grade Graduation Prayer Service

#### WEDNESDAY, June 9, 2021 St. Ephrem, Deacon &

8:00AM Maria Pham Thi Ly Doctor of the Church

#### THURSDAY, June 10, 2021

Maria Huong Thi Nguyen 8:00AM

#### FRIDAY, June 11, 2021 Solemnity of the Most

	8:00AM	Peter Tam Vu & All Souls	Sacred Heart
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## SATURDAY, June 12, 2021 Memorial of the Immaculate

8:00AM	Maria Pham Thi Hong	Heart of the BVM
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)

## 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 Tender and Loving Father

**Parent Reflection:** In Scripture, we come to know Joseph as a tender and loving father – in the image of God the Father in heaven. We see the tenderness of Joseph's love expressed in his commitment to accept Mary as his wife, even when he could not fully understand the plan of God. From the moment he accepted Mary into his home, he expressed his love for Jesus as the son he would raise with love and tenderness. Being a tender and loving parent requires that we hone our skills in listening, and responding to our children. A tender parent commits time to build a loving relationship with their spouse and child(ren). Tender may sound like a soft word, but it takes virtue and practice to be a parent who easily forgives and shows compassion, just as our heavenly Father does for each of us. Joseph experienced the same love that biological fathers do. Consider the early days of family

life - holding and rocking a baby, teaching a child to walk, tucking them into bed at night. Even as St. Joseph experienced the tenderness of these moments, he would know that Jesus was the Son of God! At the same time, Jesus as a child must have emulated Joseph. Jesus would have learned the skills of a carpenter at the side of St. Joseph. St. Joseph would have felt a father's pride as he watched Jesus grow in "wisdom and age and favor before God and man" (Luke 2:52).

**Family Conversation:** Can you imagine what it would be like to have an angel come to you and tell you that God has a big plan for you? That is what happened to both Mary and Joseph. Each of them was asked by God to help bring salvation to the world by being the mother and foster-father of Jesus on earth. Do you think it was hard for St. Joseph to be the father of Jesus? Do you think he ever reminded Jesus to make His bed, do His homework, or say His prayers?

**Family Activity:** St. Joseph used tools to build something strong and durable in his work as a carpenter. Whether a chair, a table, a bucket - the same basic tools are needed to build. The same is true for building strong family bonds. Pope Francis has said the three most important phrases in a family are "please, thank you and I am sorry." These are tools for strong families. As a family, name tools that you can use to help each other show love and tenderness. An example might be setting aside time each day to listen to one another.

## Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ Corpus Christi Sunday



Today is Corpus Christi, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as followers of Jesus. The Eucharist calls and binds us together as disciples of Jesus. The Eucharist feeds, nurtures and nourishes us. `The Body and Blood that Jesus offers is given as his flesh for each of us personally and intimately. Today, we are also asked to remember that as the followers of Jesus, we are the community of believers; we are the Body of Christ. Now more than ever these days as we pray from our homes, we are connected to each other and Jesus through our prayers and faith. We are not alone and we will never be alone. St. Paul in his letter to Corinthians, describes the early church as 'The Body of Christ.' He talks about the followers of Jesus as being deeply connected as they support, encourage and nurture each other. All parts of the Body are needed and valued as the living and vibrant Body of Christ. We are not only connected to each other; we are deeply and personally connected to and in union with Jesus. Paul also reminds us, 1f one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share in its happiness.' Today, let us pray for each other as members of the Body of Christ. Let us remain hopeful that soon we will be together in our churches to share in and receive The Body and Blood of Jesus.



# St. Helena Church Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry continues to serve those in need. Please bring your donations of pasta, sauce, peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, beans, baked beans, rice, to the food pantry on Tuesdays and Thursday. Money donations are needed for perishable goods and to buy food at discount from Philabundance. The rectory office mail drop can be used anytime for your donations.



## Opportunity for Private Prayer at St. Helena



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



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 May 30, 2021

(1st) Weekly.......\$5,553.00.00 (200 envelopes) Drop Off......\$506.00 (15 envelopes) E-Giving......\$340.00 (4 transactions) Total Collection.....\$6,399.00 (215 envelopes) Stewardship

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# Message from the Pastor Last But Not Least

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ Sunday also known as Corpus Christi Sunday. On this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ we celebrate the foundational Catholic truth that Christ is present, really present, in the Eucharist. "Corpus Christi" are two Latin words for "Body of Christ." Today we are reminded once again of the great gift Jesus has given us in the Eucharist. Do we value this gift, or has it become so familiar that we have lost the sense of its greatness? As we read in today's Gospel about the first Eucharist, we also see that there was a lot of preparation involved. A suitable place had to be found, furnished and ready, and in that place preparations had to be made to receive Jesus. Our heart is now the place that needs to be prepared and made ready to receive Jesus. Do we take time to do this? Reflect upon this today, and ask Jesus to give you a realization of the amazing gift that is given to you each time you receive communion.

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 grands and churches clean, especially those who help with the cleaning of both churches on Friday or Saturday morning. Join us after the 8:00am Mass if you have time.

Thanks to your generous donations to help defer the cost of the repairs to the flat roofs of the Upper Church and rectory. They are now completed and hopefully, we will have no more leaks.

On Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will complete their time at St. Helena Incarnation School during a prayer service/graduation ceremony. Please keep these students in your prayers and they prepare to take their next step in their education in High School.

**Finally,** I would like to congratulate all our parish students who have completed a year of virtual/hybrid learning. I know this was not easy for them, their parents, and teachers. God willing, next year will be better. Congratulations to those in our parish who are graduating from High School and College. May God reward you for your accomplishments! Thanks for reading, stay healthy, reach out to those close to you and continue to wear your mask.

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Your Brother and Shepherd, Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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