



# St. Helena Church

6161 N. 5<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Rev. Msgr. Joseph T. Trinh</b>	<i>Pastor</i>
<b>Rev. Edward A. Pelczar</b>	<i>(Retired) In Residence</i>
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<b>Deacon Huan C. Tran</b>	<i>Parish Deacon</i>
<b>Deacon Victor Pomales</b>	<i>Parish Deacon</i>
<b>Sr. Sophie Yondura, ssj., D. Min.</b>	<i>Parish Services, DRE, RCIA</i>
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<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</i>
<b>Sr. Anna Marie Lesutis, RSM, RN</b>	<i>Health Promotion</i>
<b>Ann Farley, MSN</b>	<i>Health Promotion</i>
<b>Sr. Lan Nguyen, OP</b>	<i>Parish Ministry</i>

<b>Rectory</b>	<b>6161 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street</b>	215-424-1300 (1301)
<b>Convent</b>	<b>6127 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street</b>	215-924-2770
<b>School</b>	<b>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>		267-437-4929

Web-site [www.sainthelenaparish.net](http://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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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**

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)



**Viet. Divine Mercy Grupo**  
**Carismático**

Saturday – 8:30AM (Lower Church)  
Sunday – 2:30pm (Lower Church)  
Tenemos 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**

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.

**Rehabilitation & Nursing Home**

Laurel Square, York, Cheltenham  
Contact Father Peter Welsh



## Meetings

**Parish Council**  
**Finance Committee**  
**Alumni Meeting**

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



# May 16, 2021 7th Sunday of Easter

## *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
Francis Germanovich	Carmen Giamarco	Dan Shead
Francis Hernandez	Isabel Phayre	Awilda Gonzalez
Camille Figueroa	Ignacio Ortolaza	Hipolita Delgado
Samuel Delgado	Samie Rosado	Carmen Delia Cruz
Maria Thanh Đoàn	Adolfo Castano	Fernando Castano
Belen Delgado	Mercedes Garcia	Alberto Alves
Connie Buckley	Anthony Loc Nguyen	Buffy Brown
Catherine Massa		

## *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 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 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, May 16, 2021 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1: 15-17, 20, 20c-26

1 Jn 4: 11-16      Jn 17: 11b-19

**MONDAY (17)** Acts 19: 1-8      Jn 16: 29-33

**TUESDAY (18)** Acts 20: 17-27      Jn 17: 1-11a

**WEDNESDAY (19)** Acts 20: 28-38      Jn 17: 11b-19

**THURSDAY (20)** Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11  
Jn 17: 20-26

**FRIDAY (21)** Acts 25: 13b-21      Jn 21: 15-19

**SATURDAY (22)** Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31  
Jn 21: 20-25

# Mass Intentions for the May 16 to May 23, 2021

## **SATURDAY, May 15, 2021**

4:30pm Frances Ales

## **SUNDAY, May 16, 2021 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:00am Walter G. Schott

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

11:15am Joan Schaller

12:30pm Santos Lucero (SP Livestream-UC)

## **MONDAY, May 17, 2021**

8:00am Cuong & Mary Nay Dinh

7:00pm Dominic Giao Cong Tran

## **TUESDAY, May 18, 2021 St. John I, Pope & Martyr**

8:00am Martina Cynthia Nguyen

## **WEDNESDAY, May 19, 2021**

8:00am Maria Kim Nguyen

## **THURSDAY, May 20, 2021 St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest**

8:00am Maria Chi Pham

## **FRIDAY, May 21, 2021 St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions**

8:00am Martin Vo Dai Hai

## **SATURDAY, May 22, 2021 St. Rita of Cascia, Religious**

8:00am Maria Pham Thi Hong

4:30pm Patricia Woodcock

## **SUNDAY, May 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday**

8:00am Emani Hodrick

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

11:15am Paul J. Berry

12:30pm Jose Estanislao Diaz (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.

# Year of St. Joseph ~ December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021



**St. Joseph: The Man who Contemplated the Word of God while he Worked...** Joseph was this farsighted man who read, contemplated, and prayed the Word, alone and in the family, during the Shabbat and at the synagogue. He welcomed the Word as though God was speaking to him personally. He received it in silence all the more profound because this word sprouted from the depths of God. The Word wedded his silence. His obedience to God was a fruit of his meditation. His life's prayer was made ceaselessly fertile by the Word, not only the Word contained in the Old Testament but that which was before his eyes, the Word-made-flesh, his Son who worked with Him in the Carpenter Shop. Joseph was at Jesus' service and lived what He would announce later: "Work, not for perishable food, but for food that remains for eternal life." (John 6: 27) St. Ignatius of Loyola used to say that we must find God in all things. Now, we find Him in our everyday life, especially in our daily work, whether it be manual or mental. When we work with our hands, at the factory or at home, as Joseph did, we can quiet our interior noise and listen to Him Who speaks in us.

Repetitive work can become a time of prayer. While continuing to work, we can let our thoughts rise up freely toward the Lord in order to praise Him, to remember His Word, to recite a set prayer that live in our hearts, or a verse from the Psalms. This is probably what Joseph did. We share thus in the life of the Spirit who is in labor pains at the heart of the world. We cannot disassociate Mary from Joseph. Jesus has united them forever. They have a special place in the heart of the Church and in every Catholic. This week, as you read the Word of God, whether daily or Sunday, think of Joseph who welcomed the Word as though God was speaking to him personally. You too, can welcome the Word as though God is speaking to YOU personally.

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## Next Sunday is Pentecost: The Birthday of the Church

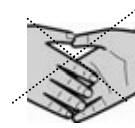
Next Sunday, Christians throughout the world will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost Sunday, considered one of the greatest feasts in the Christian liturgical calendar, comes fifty days after Easter Sunday and ten days after the Ascension of our Lord. The Day of Pentecost marked a turning point in the early Christian church.

Pentecost, a Jewish feast, was celebrated fifty days after Passover, and pilgrims had come to Jerusalem from all over the world to celebrate the event. We all know the familiar story of what occurred on that Sunday. The Apostles and the Blessed Mother were gathered in the Upper Room, the same room where they had seen Christ after His resurrection and the same room where they celebrated the Last Supper. Pentecost is the Church's birthday. Jews celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai on this day but we, as Catholics celebrate the birth of our Church. As we anticipate celebrating this great feast day next Sunday, perhaps we should ask ourselves how we are exercising the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Are we spreading the Gospel and continuing the work of Christ within our families, our Church, our communities and our world? Let us use this time to ask God to fill us anew with the Holy Spirit so that our lives may be truly become witnesses to His Gospel.



**\* A person with Social Worker skills is needed to volunteer in outreach to help families with children connect to services available through new COVID money. Contact Sr. Anna Marie**

# St. Helena Church Mass Reminders



Just a reminder that until further notice, according to the Archdiocese, the Sign of Peace is suspended, that is, there is **no handshake or waving**. When you come to receive Holy Communion, place **one hand on top of the other** as the host will be placed on your hand. Please **do not extend only 1 hand or grab or take the host**.

	<h2>Live-streaming Sunday Masses</h2>
 <b>LIVE STREAMING</b> 	<p><b>English Masses:</b> 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><b>St. Helena's Vietnamese Mass</b> is live-streamed every Sunday at 9:30am and <b>St. Helena's Spanish Mass</b> is live-streamed every Sunday at 12:30pm. Go to <a href="http://www.sainthelenaparish.net">www.sainthelenaparish.net</a> 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>



## Prayer in Anticipation of our 100th Anniversary



Gracious God we give thanks as we anticipate celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2024. Amen



### Laudato Sí ~ Pope Francis' Encyclical on the Environment and Human Ecology

**May 16:** We must regain the conviction that we need one another and that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it.

**(LS #229)**

- How convinced are you of these words?
- How does your life reflect the conviction "that we all have a shared responsibility for others and the world"?

Biblically a tithe means 10%. All are asked to consider returning 10% of our income to the Lord (5% to the 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 9, 2021



(1<sup>st</sup>) Weekly.....\$4,525.00 (199 envelopes)  
 Drop Off.....\$1,578.00 (33 envelopes)  
 E-Giving.....\$390.00 (54 transactions)  
 Total Collection.....\$6,493.00 (232 envelopes)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (Mother's Day Envelopes).....\$1,899.00

Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	84	\$101.00	\$509.00	\$610.00	25
8:00am	83	\$264.00	\$210.00	\$474.00	22
9:30am	323	\$740.00	\$1,513.00	\$2,253.00	97
11:15am	87	\$142.00	\$428.00	\$570.00	25
12:30pm	167	\$126.00	\$492.00	\$618.00	30
Drop off	-----	-----	\$1,578.00	\$1,578.00	33

You make the difference! Thank you for growing in holiness and striving to be a good steward.

*Message from the Pastor*

## Last But Not Least

*Message from the Pastor*

**Today we celebrate the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Easter.** In our gospel today Jesus continues his prayer for his disciples. He prays for their continued loyalty to the gospel message and for unity among them. Jesus prays that they be consecrated in truth, the truth of God himself. This truth does not consist of a set of dogmas. Rather it consists in the living lives of perfect integrity and wholeness, in perfect harmony with the will of the Father and the Way of Jesus and dedicated to bringing that truthfulness and integrity to the world. They do this by living lives of love, a love expressed in service to the well-being of all. Let us then pray today that we may realize that, if we want to give witness to the Gospel, we must be fully inserted into the world by which we are surrounded. To be 'holy' is not to escape and distance ourselves physically from that world, which is what many are tempted to do or even think is the right thing to do. Let us also pray that we may be people of complete integrity, that we may be filled with truth and sincerity so that what people see in us is what we truly are and wish to be: disciples of Jesus.

I would like to thank all those who are continuously contributing via 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.

Sad to say, **we found another leak on the flat roof where the original baptistry was located** in the Upper Church. The men were here on Friday to begin the work. Thank you for your generous donations.

Last Sunday, we celebrated Mother's Day. I hope that you honored your mother in a special way and for those whose Mother is in heaven, I hope you remembered them. The Mother's Day envelopes will remain on the altar during the Month of May.

Finally, **next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church.** Red is the color for Pentecost Sunday...**think about wearing RED next Sunday.** Thanks for reading, stay healthy, reach out to those close to you and continue to wear your mask.

Your Brother and Shepherd,  
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh



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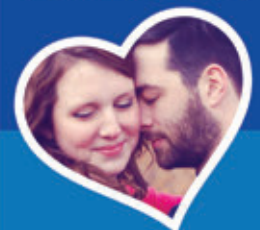
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