



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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Deacon Huan C. Tran	<i>Parish Deacon</i>
Deacon Victor Pomales	<i>Parish Deacon</i>
Sr. Sophie Yondura, ssj., D. Min.	<i>Parish Services, DRE, RCIA</i>
Elena Asencio	<i>Parish Secretary</i>
Tram Ton Nu	<i>Business Manager</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)



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

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
Finance Committee
Alumni Meeting

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



May 2, 2021 5th 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 Jaime Figueroa

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 ngụy 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 2, 2021 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9: 26-31 1 Jn 3: 18-24 Jn 15: 1-8

MONDAY (03) 1 Cor 15: 1-8 Jn 14: 6-14

TUESDAY (04) Acts 14: 19-28 Jn 14: 27-31a

WEDNESDAY (05) Acts 15: 1-6 Jn 15: 1-5

THURSDAY (06) Acts 15: 7-21 Jn 15: 9-11

FRIDAY (07) Acts 15: 22-31 Jn 15: 12-17

SATURDAY (08) Acts 16: 1-10 Jn 15: 18-21

Mass Intentions for the May 2 to May 9, 2021

SATURDAY, May 1, 2021

4:30pm Peter Vinh Nguyen

SUNDAY, May 2, 2021 5th Sunday of Easter

8:00am Maggie Maldonado

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

11:15am First Communicants

12:30pm Luis Rodriguez (SP Livestream-UC)

MONDAY, May 3, 2021 Sts. Philip & James, Apostles

8:00am Dec. Members of the David Speicer Family

7:00pm Ramon Elias Hernandez (LIVING)

TUESDAY, May 4, 2021

8:00am Maria Ty To

WEDNESDAY, May 5, 2021

8:00am All Souls in Purgatory

THURSDAY, May 6, 2021

8:00am John & Theresa Palmrich

FRIDAY, May 7, 2021 First Friday

8:00am Anna & Dominic

7:00pm St. Helena Parishioners

SATURDAY, May 8, 2021

8:00am Peter Tam Vu & All the Souls

4:30pm Mary Gable

SUNDAY, May 9, 2021 6th Sunday of Easter

8:00am In Honor of St. Joseph

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

11:15am Julia Schaller

12:30pm Nydia Morales (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



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



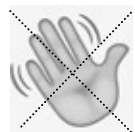
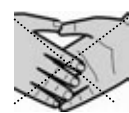
We need to take up an ancient lesson, found in different religious traditions and also in the Bible. It is the conviction that "less is more". A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack. **(LS #222)**

- Which part of this excerpt most speaks to your heart?
- This week "stop and appreciate the small things" that God places in front of you and in your life.

	<h3>Live-streaming Sunday Masses</h3>
 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 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**.

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



Saint Joseph - Most Faithful ... St. Joseph was the most faithful and devoted man who ever lived. Faithfulness is one of the defining virtues of St. Joseph. St. Joseph was a man who lived this definition of faith. To begin, in Matthew's gospel, St. Joseph is described as "a just man". Other versions translate the text saying he was "faithful to the law". Thus, as the Catechism states, St. Joseph submitted his intellect and his will to God. During this season of Christmas, we have, through the gospel stories proclaimed, been able to see this virtue of faithfulness in St. Joseph live out. Even though St. Joseph never speaks a word, his actions speak of this deep faith. He shows that faithfulness to the Lord when directed by the angel in a dream about taking Mary as his wife, and when asked to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt, he responds in faith by doing so without a word. Therefore, because of the virtue of his faithfulness, He is given to us as the model husband, father, and protector.



**Next Sunday, May 9th is Mother's Day
Flowers will be available for \$3.00 or for a
donation. Benefits the flower fund for Church.**



Lord, we remember the Mothers who have gone before us. For their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy, we thank you. Lord, we remember the mothers of Scripture who are part of our story as we are part of your story. For their courage, faith, love and fierceness, we thank you. Lord, we remember those who have not given birth to us, but are mothers to us. For their gift of themselves that they have given, we thank you. Lord, we remember the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, we thank you. Lord, we remember all mothers throughout the world who have given life and nourishment to their children through their firm faith, generous and selfless love, good example and constant concern, we thank you.

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**Congratulations to our St. Helena Parish Children
Who Made First Communion at the 11:15am Mass**



As you celebrate your First Communion today, remember that God's love will always be there to comfort you, to guide you, and to bless you. Know that Jesus loves you, and your family and friends do, too! We are so proud of you! Happy First Communion Day...never forget this day! Congratulations to... Isabel Aguilar, Sofia Aguilar, Isabela Caraballo, Andrew Dao, Hannah Dinh, Jamie Duran , Frances Etienne, Gerard Gbemou, Matthew Le, Tyrone Marquez, Jr, Samuel Méndez, Edgar Mihuáltecatl, Melodie Nguyen Hong, Magnolia C. Tejada Peralta, Gloribel Collado Perez, Luz Perez, Meliza Ramirez Cardona, Aneudy Ramos, Matthew Rosado, Rebeka Valeria Sanchez, Ashley Suquinagua, Jaime Vazquez Martinez, and Sheri Zumba.

**First Friday's ~ A Time for Prayer
8:00am Mass followed by
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
until Mass at 7:00pm**



**At 12:00 noon we will pray the
Regina Caeli followed by Benediction.
Confessions will be available from 12:15
to 1:00pm and from 6:00 to 6:45pm.**

Biblically a tithe means 10%. All are asked to consider returning 10% of our income to the Lord (5% to the 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 April 25, 2021



(1st) Weekly.....\$5,253.00 (235 envelopes)
 Drop Off.....\$797.00 (24 envelopes)
 E-Giving.....\$350.00 (5 transactions)
 Total Collection.....\$6,400.00 (259 envelopes)
 Special 2nd Collection (2 Flat Church Roofs).....\$22,087.00

Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes	2 nd collection
4:30pm	67	\$127.00	\$353.00	\$480.00	26	\$653.00
8:00am	85	\$221.00	\$278.00	\$499.00	16	\$167.00
9:30am	340	\$646.00	\$1,337.00	\$1,983.00	88	\$21,046.00
11:15am	92	\$194.00	\$912.00	\$1,106.00	35	\$108.00
12:30pm	178	\$133.00	\$1,052.00	\$1,185.00	46	\$113.00
Drop off	-----	-----	\$797.00	\$797.00	24	-----

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

FROM THE
PASTOR

Last But Not Least

FROM THE
PASTOR

Today we celebrate the 5th Sunday of the Easter. Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the true vine." Have you ever wondered why Jesus said that? The purpose of the vine is to bring nourishment to the branches in order that they might produce fruit. When separated from the vine the branches wither and die. The vitality of our spiritual life is dependent upon our connection to Christ the "true vine." Each of us must answer two questions. First, are we connected to the vine, or is the life of Christ flowing within us? Secondly, if we are connected to the vine and we are joined to Christ, then how much fruit are we producing through our lives; is there no fruit, some fruit, or an abundance of fruit? Today I invite you to recognize your close relationship with Jesus, which he compares to the relationship between a vine and the branches that grow on it. What does it mean for your life that the life of Jesus flows into you? What does it mean for you personally to know that you are as much a part of Jesus as the branch is a part of the vine? This is a special season and a special weekend.

Today is a special day in the life of our parish. **Twenty-three of our parish children who will receive their First Communion at the 11:15am Mass.** Congratulations to them and may Jesus the Bread of Life continue to draw them closer to him.

May 1st is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker and our St. Joseph the Worker Group's Feast Day. I would like to thank them for their volunteer work around the parish for the past 12 years. May St. Joseph continue to guide their hands! Thank you for all that you do for our parish.

Next Sunday is Mothers' Day. On this day we give special thanks to each and every mother, to our own mothers on the natural order who brought us into this world and who taught us the most important lessons of life. I hope all children will do something special for their mom's next Sunday, perhaps begin by bringing her to church.

Finally, I would like to thank all who contributed to the **special 2nd collection last weekend or made a donation** to help with the repairing of the **2 flat roofs on the Upper Church.** 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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