



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

Rev. Msgr. Joseph T. Trinh	<i>Pastor</i>
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Deacon Huan C. Tran	<i>Parish Deacon</i>
Deacon Victor Pomaes	<i>Parish Deacon</i>
Sr. Sophie Yondura, ssj., D. Min.	<i>Parish Services, DRE, RCIA</i>
Elena Asencio	<i>Parish Secretary</i>
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Genevieve Black	<i>Music Director</i>
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)
Saturday – 8:30AM (Lower Church)



Viet. Divine Mercy Grupo
Carismático

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 9, 2021 6th 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
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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 9, 2021 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4: 7-10

Jn 15: 9-17

MONDAY (10) Acts 16: 11-15 Jn 15: 26-15:4a

TUESDAY (11) Acts 16: 22-34 Jn 16: 5-11

WEDNESDAY (12) Acts 17: 15, 22-18:1 Jn 16: 12-15

THURSDAY (13) Acts 1: 1-11

Eph 4: 1-13 Mk 16: 15-20

FRIDAY (14) Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26 Jn 15: 9-17

SATURDAY (15) Acts 18: 23-28 Jn 16: 23b-28

Mass Intentions for the May 9 to May 16, 2021

SATURDAY, May 8, 2021

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)

MONDAY, May 10, 2021 St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:00am Barr & Coogan Families & Ann Stevenson

7:00pm Oscar Zacarias

TUESDAY, May 11, 2021

8:00am Maria Mai Lam

WEDNESDAY, May 12, 2021 Sts. Nereus & Achilleus,

8:00am Maris Huong Thi Nguyen **Martyrs**

THURSDAY, May 13, 2021 Ascension of Our Lord

8:00am Maria Lam

9:00am Dominic Long Nguyen

7:00pm Teresa Qui Nguyen

FRIDAY, May 14, 2021 St. Matthias, Apostle

8:00am Joseph Xuan Nguyen

SATURDAY, May 15, 2021 St. Isidore

8:00am Esperanza Saludez

4:30pm Frances Ales

SUNDAY, May 16, 2021 7th 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)

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



Year of St. Joseph Indulgences

Granted by the Holy See from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father) to the faithful who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of Saint Joseph on the occasions and in the manner indicated by this Apostolic Penitentiary:

- ✠ Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Our Father
 - ✠ Participate in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on Saint Joseph
 - ✠ Perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy
 - ✠ Recite the Holy Rosary in families and between the husband and wife
- ✠ Entrust their work daily to the protection of Saint Joseph and to all believers who invoke with their prayers the intercession of the worker of Nazareth
 - ✠ Pray the litany of Saint Joseph or some other prayer to Saint Joseph, typical of the other liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all persecuted Christians
 - ✠ Pray any lawfully approved prayer or act of piety in honor of Saint Joseph especially on:
 - ◆ March 19th (Solemnity of St. Joseph)
 - ◆ May 1st (Feast of St. Joseph the Worker)
 - ◆ December 26th (Feast of the Holy Family)
 - ◆ The 19th day of every month
 - ◆ Every Wednesday (a day dedicated to the memory of the Saint according to the Latin tradition)
 - ✠ The gift of plenary indulgence extends particularly to — The elderly, The sick, The dying and All those who for legitimate reasons cannot leave their home — who, with the spirit detached from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions, in your own home or wherever the impediment holds you, pray an act of piety in honor of Saint Joseph, consolation of the sick and patron of good death, confidently offering God the pains and difficulties of his life.



**Today is Mother's Day...A Day to Honor all Moms
Flowers will be available for \$3.00 or for a
donation. Benefits the flower fund for Church.**



On Mother's Day, we celebrate the love of mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and all whose motherly love has blessed our lives in countless ways. Mothers are pillars of the family structure. We often seek them for empathy and a listening ear in times of trouble. No matter who we grow up to be, or how far away we roam, sometimes we just need the affirmation of a mom's gentle hug. Mother's Day offers the perfect opportunity to bless your mom and pray for her! God has given us mothers to carry us, raise us, teach us, and mold us into godly people. Of course no mother is perfect, and not everyone grew up with a loving mother. But every mother out there, from the one who feels she was born to be a mom to the one who struggles with the title, deserves honor and praise for the role God has given them...A role that reflects God in a deeply profound way...Happy Mother's Day to all. May God continue to bless and protect you!



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



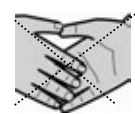
Inner peace is closely related to care for ecology and for the common good because, lived out authentically, it is reflected in a balanced lifestyle together with a capacity for wonder which takes us to a deeper understanding of life. Nature is filled with words of love, but how can we listen to them amid constant noise, interminable and nerve-wracking distractions, or the cult of appearances? Many people today sense a profound imbalance which drives them to frenetic activity and makes them feel busy, in a constant hurry which in turn leads them to ride rough-shod over everything around them. This too affects how they treat the environment. **(LS #225)**

- Noise, distractions, frenetic activity and constant hurry are impediments to inner peace. What can you do to slow down and create quiet spaces in your busy 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**.



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 May 2, 2021



(1st) Weekly.....\$5,356.00 (214 envelopes)
 Drop Off.....\$447.00 (19 envelopes)
 E-Giving.....\$340.00 (4 transactions)
 Total Collection.....\$6,143.00 (233 envelopes)
 2nd Collection (Maintenance).....\$2,658.00

Mass	Attendance	Loose	Envelopes	Total	# Envelopes
4:30pm	91	\$185.00	\$416.00	\$601.00	28
8:00am	90	\$233.00	\$294.00	\$527.00	28
9:30am	363	\$787.00	\$1,896.00	\$2,683.00	99
11:15am	195	\$352.00	\$483.00	\$835.00	28
12:30pm	192	\$69.00	\$541.00	\$710.00	31
Drop off	-----	-----	\$447.00	\$447.00	19

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



Last But Not Least

FROM THE PASTOR

Today we celebrate the 6th Sunday of the Easter. We have such a beautiful scripture for today: Jesus' commandment to his disciples as He said, "that you love one another as I have loved you." Today is Mother's Day and it is fitting that we are talking about this idea of being loved first on this day. Because parents, even as imperfect as every parent is at times, love before they can be loved. They chose to love their children and children learn to love by being loved. We value the idea of our friendships with others, but how often do we think about friendship in terms of our spiritual life? Not just in terms of our friendship with one another, but also in terms of our friendship with God, and God as incarnate in Jesus Christ? We are Christ's friend because we first were his. We chose him as a friend only because he first chose us. The love to which God's calls us is a love that is seen, a love that is inclusive and a love that is active. This is the love that our mothers have shown to their children and the love that we are called to show to others.

Today 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. **Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers!**

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

Finally, **Thursday, May 13th is Ascension Thursday and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 8:00am, 9:00am and a tri-lingual Mass at 7:00pm.** 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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