

SAINT HELENA CHURCH

One Family, One Faith, One Heart

June 2, 2024
Corpus Christi Sunday

1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell . PA .19422

610-275-7711 (Phone) 610-879-3701 (Fax)

parish@sainthelenachurch.org

www.sainthelena-centersquare.net





OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

ONE FAMILY

United as members of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, we are committed, as **ONE FAMILY**, to be messengers of God's love and presence in the world, and to welcome and invite others to become part of this family and this mission.

ONE HEART

Called by our Baptism to a life of service in the Lord, we are committed, with **ONE HEART**, to live in charity, practice the works of mercy, and work for peace and justice.

ONE FAITH

Strengthened by God's Word and nourished by His Sacraments, we are committed, in **ONE FAITH**, to promote lives of learning, living, and proclaiming the Gospel message, as we continue to grow in the knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of all that embodies these awe-inspiring truths.

PRIESTS/DEACONS:

Rev. Joseph W. Bongard: Pastor of St. Helena & St. Titus
Rev. Edward C. Kelly & Rev. Dr. Kyle M. Adamczyk
Parochial Vicars, St. Helena & St. Titus
Msgr. Joseph J. Nicolo: Pastor Emeritus
Deacon A. Kenneth Belanger
Deacon Claude Granese: St. Titus & St. Helena

PARISH OFFICE:

Phone: 610-275-7711
Web Site: www.sainthelena-centersquare.net
Email: parish@sainthelenachurch.org
Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Business Manager: Ms. Cathy Neugebauer
Parish Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Gina Malony
NEW REGISTRATIONS, call Gina to make an appointment.

EDUCATION CENTER:

1499 DeKalb Pike Blue Bell PA 19422
Phone: 610-279-3345 <> Fax: 610-279-3272
School Principal: Miss Denise Britt
School Secretary: Mrs. Rene Ryan
School Nurse: Mrs. April Maxwell

PREP:

Phone: 610-279-3870
Interim Dir. of Religious Education: Mr. Jonathan DeMent

DIR. of PARISH SERVICES: Mr. Christian Thompson
Phone: 610-930-0349

FACILITIES MANAGER: Mr. Vince Thompson
Phone: 610-322-5749

FACILITIES DIRECTOR: Mr. Bob Geiger
Phone: 610-275-7711

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM
Weekdays: Mon - Sat 9:00 AM
Holy Days: Vigil 7:00 PM, 9:00 AM, & 12:15 PM

GLUTEN SENSITIVE OR WHEAT ALLERGY?

Any individual in need of receiving a low-gluten host should get in the communion line of the Priest who is the Main Celebrant of the Mass and request one when presenting oneself for Holy Communion. At all Masses, the Main Celebrant will have a pyx containing low-gluten hosts. There is no need to pre-arrange or notify anyone before Mass.

CHAPEL HOURS:

The Saint Theresa Chapel is open Monday - Friday from 6:30 AM to 9 PM; Saturday from 8 AM - 5 PM; & Sunday from 7 AM to 5 PM.

SPIRITUAL DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration: Mon-Fri 9:30 AM-7:30 PM
Most Holy Rosary: Mon-Sat 8:20 AM (Chapel)
Wednesdays: 11:30 AM (Grotto)
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Mon-Sun 3:00 PM (Chapel)
followed by recitation of Rosary

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday *after* the 11:00 AM Mass. Please stop by the Parish Office for information on scheduling Baptism for your child.
Pre-Jordan classes are required for parents & optional for Godparents, and are *usually* offered the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Convent. Call the Parish Office to register for class.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

At least 6 months prior to your desired wedding date, contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment with a Priest.
The Archdiocese of Philadelphia requires that all couples attend a Pre-Cana class before marriage. At this time we ask you to go to Archphila.org, under Marriage preparations to take the class on-line.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSION:

St. Helena - Saturdays at 3:00 PM in the Church
St. Titus - Saturday 3:30 PM in the Church
or call St. Helena Parish Office to make an appointment.

MEMORIALS:

If you would like to have a spiritual memorial offered in memory or in honor of a loved one, (*Mass Cards, Candles, Bread & Wine*) stop by the Parish Office.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS:

If you are interested in having fresh flowers placed on the Altar in either the Church or the Chapel, please call THERESA SMITH at 215-646-7636 to learn about details and availability.



Mass Intentions

PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., June 2 - Corpus Christi

7:30 AM - St. Helena Church
 † For the People of the Parish

9:00 AM - St. Helena Church
 † Dylan Leskusky
 Req. by Harris Campbell – LaSalle
 C.H.S. Class of 2026

10:00 AM - St. Titus
 † Jack Fessler

11:00 AM - St. Helena Church
 † Catherine Lojewski
 Req. by the Lojewski Family

Mon., June 3 - St. Charles Lwanga

8:00 AM - St. Titus
 † Andrew Granese

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
 † Daivd O'Brien
 Req. by John & Denise Janick
 & Family

Tues., June 4

8:00 AM - St. Titus
 † Living & Deceased Parishioners
 of St. Titus

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
 † Jan Kleinguenther
 Req. by his wife, Barbara

Wed., June 5 - St. Boniface

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
 † Ed Whelan
 Req. by the Benamar Family

Thur., June 6 - St. Norbert

8:00 AM - St. Titus
 † Clara Monsimer

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
 † Nolen & Colonnello Families
 Req. by Dennis & Alex Nolen

Fri., June 7 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 AM - St. Titus
 † Clara Monsimer

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
 † Joseph Ehasz
 Req. by Dorothy Miles

PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS Continued

Sat., June 8 - St. Immaculate Heart of the BVM

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
 † Living & Deceased Members of
 the Saint Theresa Guild

4:00 PM - St. Helena Church
 † Teresa Rogers
 Req. by the Rogers Family

4:30 PM - St. Titus
 † Evelyn & Fran Glodek

MEMORIALS FOR THIS WEEK



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church
 burns in memory of

ERIC SLUSARZ

Requested by Gina Malony & Family

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel
 burns in honor of

ALL NEWLY BAPTIZED IN MAY

Requested by St. Helena Parish



A Candle on the Chapel Altar
 burns in memory of

Angela Herman

Requested by Becky Bushner & Family

The Church & Chapel Livestream Has Changed

The livestreaming of our Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Masses is only available live. They will not be saved.

Livestreaming of Funerals and Weddings are only by request of the family. A cost will be applied.

Go to the Parish Website and on the Homepage select on the right hand side of the page.

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Prayer for the Sick



In your charity, please pray for our sick & home-bound parishioners, as well as those living in health/nursing facilities.

In particular, please remember the following individuals:

- Patrick Banicki, Ed Mitchell, Sr., Dave Colman, Lorraine Perri, Juan Barba, Jim Smith, Mike Piskai, Jr., Karen Meenan, Andrea Caperilla, Joe Matoney, Jr., Mary Trodden, Linda Weikert, Al Slusarz, Marcia Hardy, MayAnn Welsh, Cynthia Wirth, Kate Gilpin, Betsy Cain, Mark Hines, Lori Hines, Cheryl Calnan, Gerry Scalley, Kevin Sullivan, Baby Daly, Carol Berardelli, Suzetta Eason.

To add a name, please call the Parish Office at 610-275-7711. Names will remain listed for 2 weeks.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for all our military personnel especially:

- POI ELIZABETH FENERTY, CPT KEVIN MAGUIRE, SFC JAMES KILGORE, TSGT JAMES LAPORTE, SGT JOHN Z. MATEJA, LT NICHOLAS HUMES, CPL ANTHONY J. CICCARONE, LTJG BRENDAN J. KOCH, CPT EMILY M. LORENZO-WOMACK, CPT JONATHAN R. WOMACK, SSGT JOSEPH P. LORENZO, LT CHRISTINA TAORMINA-LAPORTE, LTJG ANDREW J. SCHUTTA, LTC JOHN LYNCH, COL ELIZABETHANNE CAIN, LTJG. REBECCA MCCOOL, CPT CHRISTOPHER RONGIONE & ENS JOHN W. BUSHNER, MAJOR GEORGE C. WARREN, III

Lord God, Almighty Father, Creator of humankind and Author of peace, we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask You to bless the members of our Armed Forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To You be all glory, honor and praise now and forever. Amen.



In your Christian charity and mindful of the Communion of Saints, please pray for

ALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

INCLUDING

- HELEN CONLAN, ISTVAN "STEVE" GALAMBOS, DOUGLAS BOEHME, Eric Slusarz

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



BAPTISMS



Welcome to the newest members of our parish family who were Baptized in May:

Kelsey Jane, daughter of Nicole Ferrise & Colin Fitzgerald

Claire Elizabeth, daughter of Nicole Ferrise & Colin Fitzgerald

Rory Daniel, son of Nicole Ferrise & Colin Fitzgerald

Quinn Louise, daughter of Clare Kohler & Sean Bennett

Elizabeth Rae, daughter of Jessica Ford & Robert McInerney

Jacob Tyler, son of Kristi Roberts & Robert Mahan

Juliana Nicole, daughter of Caitlin Boccella & Andrew Galgano

James Joseph III, son of Samantha Wright & James McEntee, Jr.

Logan Catherine, daughter of Renee Kehm & Randy Clements

Thomas Joseph, son of Michelle Coyle & Phillip Shank

Isabella Marie, daughter of Christina Martin & Mark Schaff

CONGRATULATIONS and GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TITHE!

Collection for weekend of May 26, 2024

- PLATE: \$ 12,925
- E GIVING: \$ 12,144
- MAIL-IN: \$ 3,495

A tithe is a portion (10%) of your income given to your church. (The word tithe literally means tenth in Hebrew.) Because the custom of tithing is biblical, many Christians and Jews practice it as part of their faith.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK



SUNDAY, JUNE 2 - CORPUS CHRISTI

- Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church

MONDAY, JUNE 3

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: 12:30 PM - Our Lady of Fatima
- Daisy Troop: 5:30 PM - Library
- CYO Banquet: 6:30 PM - Empress Room
- Communion & Liberation: 7:00 PM - St. Joseph

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Adult Basketball: 5:30 PM - Social & Rec. Center
- Adult Faith Formation: 7:00 PM - Constantine Room
- 3 on 3: 7:30 PM - Social & Rec. Center
- CYO Board Mtg.: 7:30 PM - Our Lady of Mercy

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- New Beginnings II: 6:00 PM - Cafeteria
- Superhero Pick-up: 7:00 PM - Science Lab

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Pre K4 Celebration: 9:30 AM - Social & Rec. Center
- Kindergarten Celebration: 10:30 AM - Social & Rec. Center
- Robotics: 6:00 PM - Cafeteria
- Young Adult Group (Rosary): 7:00 PM - Grotto

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Senior Board Mtg.: 10:00 PM - St. Joseph
- Superhero Packet Pick-up: 4:00 PM - Library
- Communion & Liberation: 7:00 PM - St. Joseph
- Graduation Dance: 7:00 PM - Social & Rec. Center

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Men's Fellowship Group: 7:00 AM - Convent
- Superhero Run: 8:30 AM - School Parking Lot
- Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM - Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

- Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

JUNE 8 & 9

CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

Saturday, June 8

4:00 PM Fr. Kyle

Sunday, June 9

7:30 AM Fr. Bongard

9:00 AM Fr. Kyle (Deacon Ken)

11:00 AM Fr. Kyle (Deacon Claude)

Lectors

Saturday, June 8

4:00 PM T. Rogers, A. Ilano

Sunday, June 9

7:30 AM T. Donohue, J. Bond

9:00 AM C. Buzad, T. Yezzi

11:00 AM P. Lorenzo, R. Gomes

Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, June 8

4:00 PM M. Baxter, D. Galanti, M. Guckert, R. Ryan

Sunday, June 9

7:30 AM D. DeBrakeleer, J. Ramos, F. Ramos

9:00 AM J. Dalhoff, J. O'Doherty, K. Wurtenberg

11:00 AM J. Eisele, N. Tagliamonte, V. Thompson, J. Viscanti

Altar Servers

Saturday, June 8

4:00 PM D. Pedicino, M. Rasko, C. Traver

Sunday, June 9

7:30 AM T. Bushner, L. Fegarsky, A. Morris

9:00 AM B. Dion, K. McGinn, J. Tedesco, A. Yezzi

11:00 AM B. Byrne, E. Olivetti, E. Richer, J. Romano

Religious Education Registration

PREP Registration is now online through Parish Giving! This is for returning students and new students. Follow the link below to access the registration form.

Tuition for the 2024 - 2025 Academic Year is \$225 per child, with a late fee of \$25 after July 15, 2024.

<https://www.onesimplifiedforms.com/user?f=EAD20B7AA341C18ED014078B9D86DDE1ADFCDCCB3DFFAD31EC2B81E6A6C7878D20B87D25B491B20576E7B20F57757C75>



MOST REVEREND NELSON J. PEREZ
BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND THE FAVOR OF THE APOSTOLIC SEE
ARCHBISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA

D E C R E E

FOR THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD, I HEREBY APPOINT YOU
REVEREND JOSEPH W. BONGARD
AS PASTOR OF
SAINT HELENA PARISH
BLUE BELL, PENNSYLVANIA
EFFECTIVE ON JUNE 17, 2024

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FROM THIS DATE ONWARD
YOU SHALL TAKE CANONICAL POSSESSION OF THE PARISH
WHEN THE REGIONAL BISHOP
SHALL PRESIDE AT THE CEREMONY OF YOUR INSTALLATION.

FROM THE MOMENT OF YOUR INSTALLATION AS PASTOR
YOU SHALL OBTAIN THE FULL PASTORAL CARE OF SOULS IN THIS PARISH
AND ARE BOUND TO EXERCISE IT FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE ENTRUSTED TO YOU
WITH ALL THE JURISDICTION, FACULTIES, DUTIES,
RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES ATTACHED THERETO,
IN ACCORD WITH THE SACRED CANONS OF THE CHURCH
AS WELL AS THE PROPER LAW OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA.

MAY GOD GRANT YOU THE GRACE AND HEALTH TO CARRY OUT YOUR DUTIES
IN THIS NEW MINISTRY OF PRIESTLY SERVICE FOR SOULS.



+ Nelson J. Perez
ARCHBISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA

GIVEN AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA


ON MAY 14, 2024


Rev. Robert K. McJannet
NOTARY


National Eucharistic Pilgrimage
PASSES THROUGH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
WALK WITH HIM | PRAY WITH HIM





THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024

-  **12:00 PM - Eucharistic Procession as the Blessed Sacrament Enters the Archdiocese of Philadelphia**
 - Meet at: Intersection of N Pennsylvania Ave & Hillcrest Ave in Morrisville (Across from Morrisville Presbyterian Apts)
 - Walking to: Holy Trinity Church, 201 N Pennsylvania Ave, Morrisville, PA 19067


-  **12:30 PM - Prayer and Benediction at Holy Trinity Church, Morrisville**
 - 201 N Pennsylvania Ave, Morrisville, PA 19067


-  **2:30 PM - Eucharistic Procession at Saint John the Evangelist Church, Morrisville**
 - 752 Big Oak Rd #4728, Morrisville, PA 19067


-  **3:00 PM - Prayer and Benediction at Saint John the Evangelist Church, Morrisville**
 - 752 Big Oak Rd #4728, Morrisville, PA 19067

-  **7:00 PM - Evening Event at Saint Andrew Church, Newtown**
 - 81 Swamp Rd, Newtown, PA 18940


FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2024


-  **8:30 AM - 9:00 AM - Mass at Saint Christopher Church, Philadelphia**
 - 13301 Proctor Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19116


-  **3:00 PM - Prayer and Benediction at Holy Innocents Church, Philadelphia**
 - 1337 E. Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19124

-  **7:00 PM - Evening Event at Holy Innocents Church, Philadelphia**
 - 1337 E. Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19124


SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024


-  **7:30 AM - Morning Prayer and Breakfast with the Sisters of Life at St. Malachy's Church**
 - 1429 N 11th St, Philadelphia, PA 19122


-  **9:30 AM - Mass at the Shrine of St. John Neumann**
 - 1019 N 5th St, Philadelphia, PA 19123

-  **7:00 PM - Evening Event with Young Adults at Shrine of St. John Neumann, Philadelphia**
 - 1019 N 5th St, Philadelphia, PA 19123


SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024


-  **11:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, Philadelphia**
 - 1723 Race St, Philadelphia, PA 19103

-  **Procession follows Mass at 12:30 PM:** Eucharistic procession from Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 1723 Race St, Philadelphia, PA to St. Patrick's, 242 S. 20th St. Philadelphia, PA

-  **7:00 PM - Evening Event at Saint Laurence Church, Upper Darby**
 - 8245 West Chester Pike, Upper Darby, PA 19082

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024

-  **8:30 AM - 9:30 AM - Procession and Mass at Saints Simon and Jude Church, West Chester**
 - 8 Cavanaugh Ct, West Chester, PA 19382

-  **12:15 PM - Prayer Service and Benediction at Saint Agnes Church, West Chester**
 - 233 W Gay St, West Chester, PA 19380

5K RUN

for



John Shapiro's Superheroes

FUN & PRIZES!

John Shapiro Superheroes is a non-profit foundation in memory of John Shapiro, dedicated to providing assistance to local families battling pediatric cancer.

We Can All Be a Hero to Someone!

Lace up your sneakers and join us for a heartwarming event that's perfect for the whole family! Not only will you enjoy a fantastic day out, but you'll also be contributing to a great cause. We have fun activities, delicious snacks and refreshments to keep you energized and an opportunity to make a difference in our community.

How to Get Involved:

1. Become a Sponsor.
2. Register online or on the day of the event.
3. Spread the word! Share this postcard with anyone who might be interested in participating or donating.

**John Shapiro's
12th Annual
SUPERHEROES 5K**

Saturday, June 8, 2024
 8:30 am: 1 Mile Run/Walk
 9:00 am: 5k Run
 10:00 am: Fun Run

Start/Finish • Saint Helena School
 1499 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA

Race Information & Registration
www.johnshapirosuperheroes.org





**Prizes Awarded to
BEST DRESSED
SUPERHEROES!**

HELP US KEEP ST. HELENA BEAUTIFUL BY ADOPTING A GARDEN!

The Garden Club maintains various flower beds on the Church campus grounds. We are asking for your help in keeping our gardens looking beautiful. Maybe a family or a Church ministry group could adopt one of the gardens to upkeep during the spring, summer, and fall months. We are asking that the gardens are weeded weekly or as needed. If area is dry when you are weeding, please water. The areas in red are already adopted. Please start as soon as possible. Initial weeding and mulching was done which should make it much easier to keep up.

- Right Side of Church including area near steps
- **Blessed Mother Statue – Christine Knapp and Family**
- Two Large Plots leading up to the Church
- Wayside Garden near Stations
- **St. Joseph Statue - Mike Pelone**
- Pond in Front of Rectory
- **Sacred Heart Statue - Mike Pelone**
- **Four Urns at Social & Rec Center – Ann Kerns**
- **Father Higgins Grave * Karen DeLeonard**
- **Eight Urns at Church, 2 Urns at Chapel - Andrea Caperilla & Debbie Rehak**
- **Ten Urns on Lower and Upper Sides of School - Andrea Caperilla/Debbie Rehak**
- Hedges in Front of Rectory
- **Stations of the Cross – Sue Haberin**
- Rosary Garden
- Left Side of Church including Divine Mercy Hydrangea Garden
- Left Side of Church from Divine Mercy Corner to Transformer

- Behind the Grotto Altar
- **St. Francis Garden – Thom Mrazik**
- **St. Theresa Statue and Plot Behind Statue – Nancy Johansson**
- St. Helena Statue and Plot Behind Statue
- Garden on side of Chapel
- **Calvary Garden – Marie Guilardi**
- Row of Holly Bushes between Church and Chapel
- Light Posts and Mailbox in Front of Rectory
- Garden by Transformer across from Stations of the Cross
- **Front of Empress Room – George Gillin**
- **Island in front of Empress Room – Joseph Ruskiewicz**
- **Right Side of Convent Meeting Rooms – High School Youth Group**
- Azalea Garden and Fence on Top of Grotto
- Front of Meeting Center (Convent)
- Front and Side of Bell Tower
- School – Front of Library
- School – Front Left Side
- School – Front Right Side
- Islands in School Parking Lot
- Front of Rectory
- Front and Side of Information Center
- Six Angels going in and coming out of Campus
- Rhododendron Garden by School Kindergarten
- Berm (Would need several people)
- Grotto (Would need several people) Entrance side of Pre-K and Pre-K Gardens

If you can help, please call Theresa Smith at 215-646-7636 or email at theresacssmith@verizon.net.

SAINT HELENA CHURCH

Summer Faith Formation Series

"because Church never takes a vacation"

Bishop Robert Barron's "The Creed"

We say it every Sunday... but do we understand it?

Join us as we explore the beauty and truth of our Church's teachings expressed through the Nicene Creed

To register - Scan the QR code or email Christian cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org



Watch the trailer for the series here



June 4, 11, 18, 25
July 9, 16

Tuesday's 7:00 - 8:15PM

Location: Empress Room (below the Church)



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS (Pre-Baptism)

Your Help is Needed!



Join us in sharing the Good News of our Catholic Faith by becoming a catechist for our Pre-Baptism Classes!

Classes are held on the 1st Monday of each month in the Convent from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

You are welcomed to serve as often or as little as you like - you can even be a "substitute". All training and materials are provided.

Help young families and first-time parents learn and grow in faith. As you nurture their faith, your own faith will certainly grow too!

To learn more about how to help and serve...

Contact Christian Thompson at cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org

or call the rectory 610-275-7711 and ask for Christian.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 5th - 9th
9am - 12pm

Registration:
\$40 - camper
\$20 - teen helpers

Open to children going into K - 5th grades for Fall 2024

Teens in grades 6-12 are welcome to lead as counsellors!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



2024 THEME:
"WILDERNESS ADVENTURE"
A JOURNEY THROUGH THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

BIBLE TRIVIAS

BIBLE STORIES

DANCING

SINGING

SPORTS

SNACKS



CONTACT: CHRISTIAN
CTHOMPSON@SAINTHELENACHURCH.ORG

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Monthly Prayer List for Our Children

June: I pray that early in life they will learn and love to pray, and that they will develop intimacy with God and become true worshippers of Him.

July: I pray that they will treat people with godly kindness in a meek and gentle spirit, without losing the ability to take a stand for what is right.

August: I pray that they will readily seek forgiveness when they sin and be quick to forgive others.

September: I pray that they will grow spiritually as quickly as they do physically and mentally.

October: I pray that they will understand who God is and love Him with all their hearts throughout their lives.

November: I pray that they will enjoy Bible stories now, and make and keep a commitment to study the Bible every day of their lives.

December: I pray that they will speak about God with boldness and become leaders for the cause of God.

(Lisa Brenninkmeyer, Founder, *Walking With Purpose*)



WEDNESDAY ROSARY GROUP

Please join us: The Wednesday Rosary at 11:30 is moving outside for the warm weather to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto beginning May 15 (if it rains, meet in the Chapel). The Grotto is located down behind the Church

- follow the red stone path by the chapel or drive to the back of the Empress Room and follow the level asphalt path. Bring friends, family and children!



RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Camp Overbrook in Sign
Weekdays, Monday, June 17 - Friday, June 28
St. Joseph's University Camp Overbrook

In Sign 2024 is a ten-day summer day camp for children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Some counties may provide transportation if parents request it at their IEP meeting. For more information call the Deaf Apostolate at 215-587-3913 (phone), 267-579-3351 (video phone) or email deafcatholic@archphila.org.

Healing Retreat for Divorced/Separated Catholics

Saturday, Jun. 15 11:30 AM – 5 PM

Includes Talks, Reflection, Confessions, Prayer, Lunch & Snacks, 4PM Vigil Mass
The Daylesford Abbey, 220 S. Valley Road, Paoli, PA \$60.00

Registration: <https://www.nonnatus.org/divorce-retreat.html>

or send check to: St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation, P.O. Box 951, Skippack, PA 19474-0951

Golfing For Gianna
Monday, July 22
White Manor
Country Club,
Malvern PA



11:00 am - 6:30 pm

The Gianna Center transforms the lives of individuals, married couples, and families by providing life-affirming health care. Contact Pat Stanton at 267-718- 4851 for information & to register.



RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held August 9 - 11, 2024 and again on October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Blessed Anna Maria Taigi

June 9

ANNA MARIA WAS AN ITALIAN GIRL IN THE LATE 1700'S. SHE WAS A GOOD WORKER BUT LIKED TO DRESS UP AND BE SEEN.



What do you think about this dress?

SOON SHE GOT MARRIED. AFTER THREE YEARS SHE WENT TO CONFESSION AND TURNED HER LIFE TOWARD GOD.



I've been so self-centered... I must go to Confession!

ANNA MARIA OFTEN HAD TO MAKE PEACE BETWEEN HER PARENTS AND HER HUSBAND.



It's not worth arguing with them, dear!

Here, Take this to the neighbour and make sure her bed is comfortable.



SHE RAISED THEIR CHILDREN TO LOVE GOD AND CARE FOR THE SICK.

SHE WENT TO MASS EVERY DAY UNLESS SHE HAD TO CARE FOR A SICK PERSON.



ANNA MARIA WORKED HARD TO PROVIDE FOR HER FAMILY BY SEWING UNTIL HER HANDS HURT.



Sure, I'll have time to mend those shirts!

GOD ALLOWED HER TO SEE PEOPLE'S SOULS AND KNOW WHEN THEY WOULD DIE, AS WELL AS SOULS IN PURGATORY. SHE PRAYED AND SUFFERED FOR THEM.



You are going to die very soon. I will bring you a priest.

BECAUSE OF THE INSIGHT THAT GOD GAVE HER, BLESSED ANNA MARIA WAS ABLE TO HELP MANY PEOPLE TO LIVE GOOD LIVES AND DIE HOLY DEATHS. WE SHOULD PREPARE FOR OUR OWN DEATHS BY LIVING FOR GOD, SO THAT WHEN WE DIE WE WILL BE READY TO GO STRAIGHT TO HIM LIKE BLESSED ANNA MARIA.

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Body and Blood of Christ

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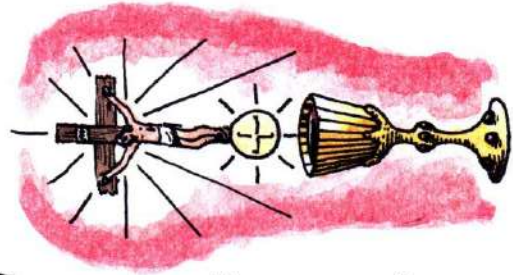
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See if you can find all the words written in CAPITALS.

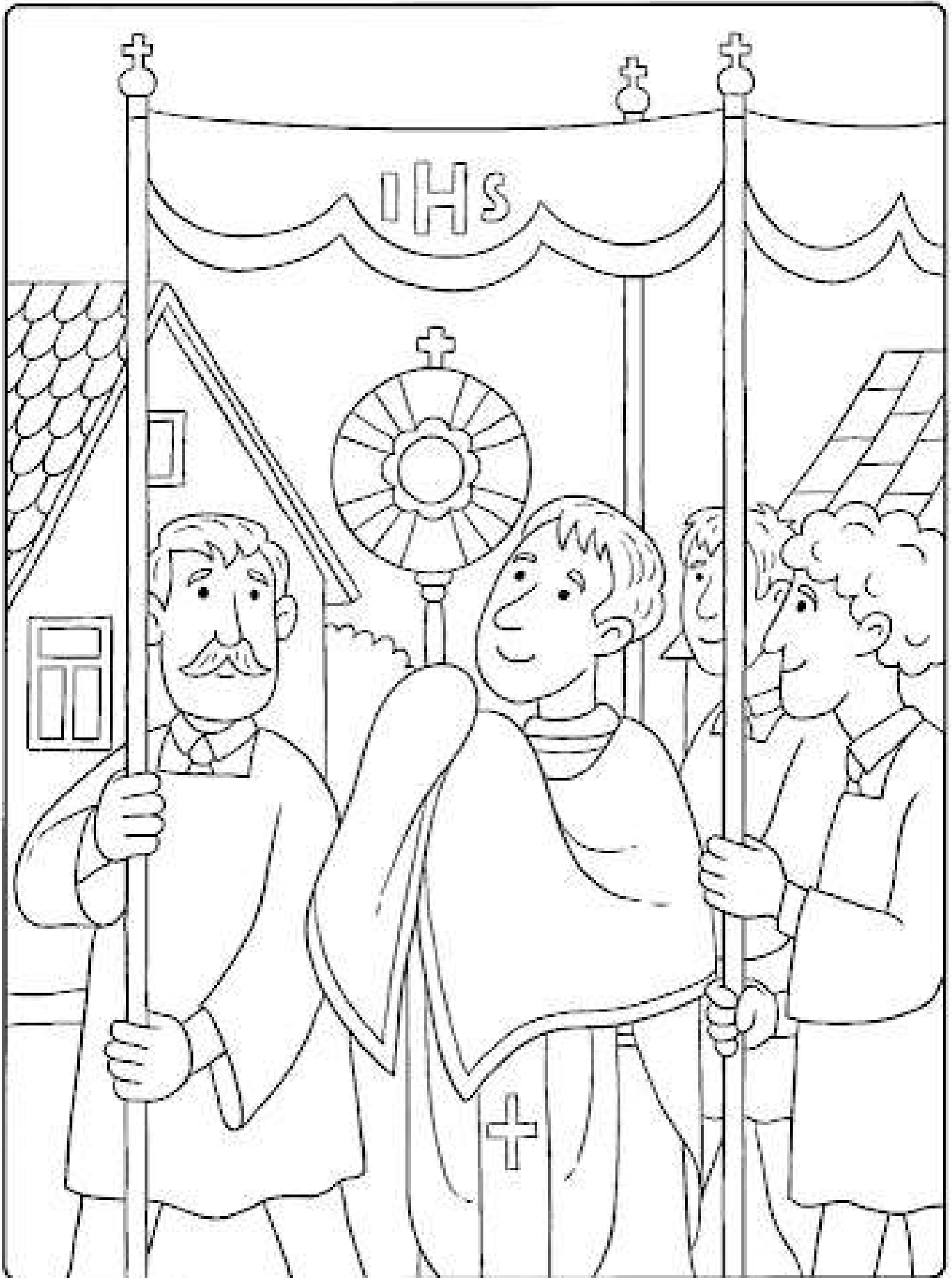
Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks to make a little prayer you can say at Mass!



At the LAST SUPPER, after he had GIVEN thanks, JESUS took BREAD and said, "Take and EAT. THIS is my BODY." Then, taking the chalice of WINE, he said, "Take this, all of YOU, and DRINK from it. This is the CHALICE of my BLOOD, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be Poured out for you and for MANY for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in MEMORY of me."



That was the first MASS. When you go to HOLY COMMUNION, you really receive the Body, Blood, SOUL and DIVINITY of CHRIST, who is GOD!



WOULD YOU LIKE TO REMEMBER SAINT HELENA IN YOUR WILL?

Ask your attorney to include such words as these in your will: "I give, devise, or bequeath to Saint Helena Church, 1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422, for its general purposes all, (or state a fraction or percentage) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, whether real or personal." OR "I give to Saint Helena Church, 1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422 (\$X..00) to be used for the general purposes of Saint Helena Parish."

WE REMEMBER

and we gratefully acknowledge the following families who so thoughtfully asked that donations in memory of their loved one be sent to Saint Helena Church.

We ask that you please keep them in your prayers:

Kathleen & James Fenerty, Louis R. DiMaria, Jim Dougherty, Elsie McDermott, Rita Sciarra, Maria C. Salvitti, Dorothy Barry, John "Jack" Keidel, Edward Wykstra, Daniel Bagley & Frank Groarke.

BEQUESTS

The following people have prayerfully made bequests in their Wills to Saint Helena Church. Please remember them in prayer as well.

Vivian Becker, Alice P. Devlin, Mary E. Flanagan, Hon. Robert W. Honeyman, Concetta Marchesani, Mary Ellen Sullivan, Laura E. Wisniewski, Jean Stock, Estelle Noska, Elizabeth Ann Quillinan, Mary Rosciola, Lawrence Marinari, Catherine Frawley, Marian Curran, Charles Loeper, Rev. John Coates, Regina Zaleski, Kathleen Schoemaker, Margaret Donahue, Lorraine Gigliello, Margaret (Peg) Tannenbaum, John H. Quillinan, III, David R. Bright, Mary Ann Christ, Elizabeth Foster, & Marie Sommers.

SCAM ALERT!

No priest or employee of Saint Helena will ever text, call, or e-mail asking you to purchase gift cards.

If you receive one of these messages, please report it to the rectory office. Thank you!

