SAINT HELENA CHURCH

One Family, One Faith, One Heart

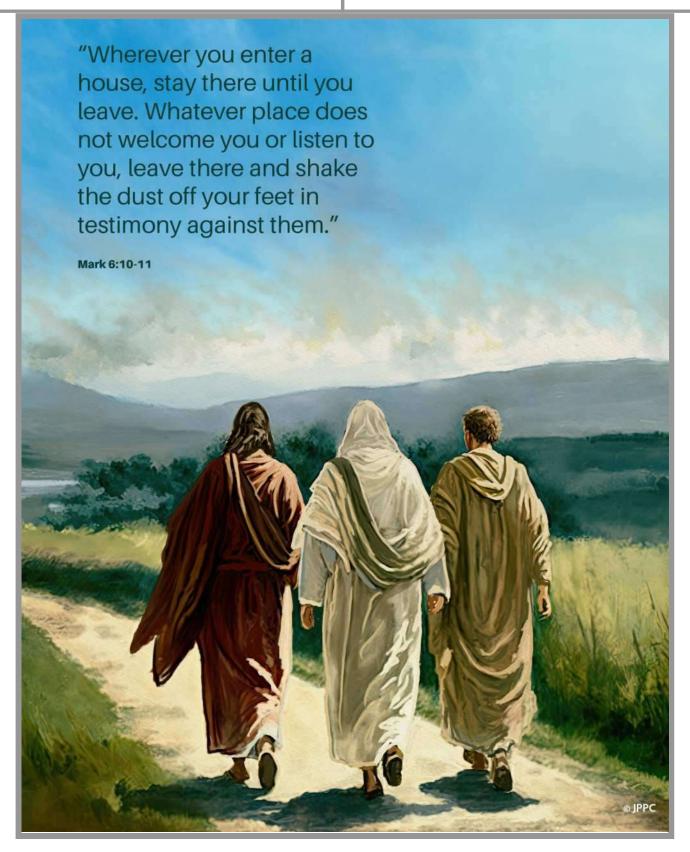
July 14, 2024

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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+ 15TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



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

PRIESTS/DEACONS:

Rev. Joseph W. Bongard: Pastor of St. Helena & Parochial

Administrator of St. Titus

Rev. Samuel A. Verruni: Senior Priest

Rev. Dr. Kyle M. Adamczyk: Parochial Vicar

Msgr. Joseph J. Nicolo: Pastor Emeritus

Deacon A. Kenneth Belanger Deacon Claude Granese

Seminarians: Nirvoy Dibra, Przemek Rozestwinski

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 the office 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 (PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM):

Phone: 610-279-3870

Interim Dir. of Religious Education: Mr. Jonathan DeMent

DIRECTOR of PARISH SERVICES:

Phone: 610-930-0349 Mr. Christian Thompson

FACILITIES MANAGER:

Phone: 610-322-5749 Mr. Vince Thompson

FACILITIES DIRECTOR:

Phone: 610-275-7711Mr. Bob Geiger

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.

ST. HELENA MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 AM Chapel Saturday: 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM

Holy Days: Vigil: 7:00 PM,

Holy Day: 9:00 AM, & 12:15 PM

ST. TITUS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 AM

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 PM Sunday: 10:00AM Holy Day: 10:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

St. Helena - Saturday at 3:00 PM in the Church St. Titus -Saturday at 3:30 PM in the Church

or call St. Helena Parish Office to make an appointment

ST. THERESA CHAPEL HOURS:

The Saint Theresa Chapel is open Monday - Friday from 6:30 AM to 9:00 PM; Saturday from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM and Sunday from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

SPIRITUAL DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration: Mon-Fri 9:30 AM-7:30 PM Most Holy Rosary: Mon-Sat 8:15 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.

A Pre-Baptism class is 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 a 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 <u>Archphila.org</u>, under Marriage preparations to take the class on-line.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., July 13 - St. Henry

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Living & Deceased Members of the Saint Theresa Guild

4:00 PM - St. Helena Church

† Tonino Ricci

Req. by Dona & John Schmidt & Family

4:30 PM - St. Titus

† Mary D'Orazio

Sun., July 14

7:30 AM - St. Helena Church

† For the People of the Parish

9:00 AM - St. Helena Church

† Lois John

Req. by Melissa & John Barrett

10:00 AM - St. Titus

† Mack Durante

11:00 AM - St. Helena Church

† Connie Coyle

Req. by her husband, Tom

Mon., July 15 - St. Bonaventure

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Thomas T. Tirpak, Sr.

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Trevor Budny

Req. by the Carson Family

Tues., July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Special Intention

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

IHO - Brian Konowal & Jennifer Mazzoni-Clifford

Req. by Stephen Konowal and Family

Wed., July 17

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

IHO - Arlene Villara

Req. by Steven Konowal and Family

Thur., July 18 - St. Camillius de Lellis

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† John P. Stevenson, Jr.

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Ed Davis

Req. by His Family

PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS Continued

Fri., July 19

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Living & Deceased Parishioners of

St. Titus

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

IHO - Barbara McDade

Req. by Steven Konowal and Family

Sat., July 20 - St. Apollinaris

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Living & Deceased Members of

the Saint Theresa Guild

4:00 PM - St. Helena Church

† Rev. Anthony Genovese, O.S.A.

Req. by Madeline Baxter

4:30 PM - St. Titus

† Marie C. Marrongelli

MEMORIALS FOR THIS WEEK



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns for

THE SICK OF THE PARISH

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel burns in memory of

ALL NEWLY BAPTIZED IN JUNE

Requested by St. Helena Parish



A Candle burns at St. Joseph in memory of

ED DAVIS

Requested by the Cissone Family

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TITHE!

Collection for weekend of June 30, 2024

PLATE: \$ 12,037 E GIVING: \$ 9,565

MAIL-IN: \$ 5,211

Collection for weekend of July 7, 2024

PLATE: \$ 12,464 E GIVING: \$ 8,613



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,
Kristen Harlow, William Goerig, John Skeels,
Finneas Price, Aaron Furman, Nicolette Theisen,
Diana Woodward, Baby Serli, Frank Anderson,



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

CATHERINE JANSSEN, GUIDO PERFETTI, JOSEPH G. SORANNO, KENNETH W. McNelis

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed

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.

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Saint Helena School Application



and Registration

We are so excited! We are accepting applications for new students entering Pre-K 3 through Grade 7. Please go to our website: www.sainthelenaschool.org, and then click the square - "New Student Application." If you have any questions regarding applications and registration, please contact Mrs. Jennifer Laub at

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 (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 Empress Room parking lot and follow the



PARISH EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JULY 14

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

MONDAY, JULY 15

• Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel

TUESDAY, JULY 16

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel

Adult Faith Formation: 7:00 PM - Constantine Room

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel

THURSDAY, JULY 18

• Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel

Young Adult Group Grotto Rosary: 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, JULY 19

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel

SATURDAY, JULY 20

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel

• Men's Fellowship Group: 7:00 AM - Convent

Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM - Church

SUNDAY, JULY 21

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Monthly Prayer List for Our Children

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

July 13 & July 14

CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

Saturday, July 20

4:00 PM Fr. Canavan
Sunday, July 21
7:30 AM Msgr. Beach
9:00 AM Fr. Kyle

11:00 AM Fr. Kyle (Deacon Ken)

Lectors

Saturday, July 20

4:00 PM L. Fickett, T. Pantaleo

Sunday, July 21

7:30 AM A. Ilano, T. Donohue9:00 AM T. Yezzi, P. Boylan11:00 AM R. Gomes, P. Lorenzo

Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, July 20

4:00 PM J. Coyle, R. Ryan, T. Smith, K. Wurtenberg

Sunday, July 21

7:30 AM t. Gallagher, J. O'Doherty

9:00 AM J. Dalhoff, D. Matoney, J. Viscanti, M. Watts11:00 AM D. Galanti, M. Guckert, M. Okenquist, M. Skeels

Altar Servers

Saturday, July 20

4:00 PM R. Bradbury, G. Cherico, P. Cherico, N. Pantaleo

Sunday, July 21

7:30 AM

9:00 AM L. Fegarsky, R. Hillsley, K. McGinn, A. Yezzi 11:00 AM B. Byrne, B. Dion, N. Laub, M. Wagner

PRE-CANA CLASSES

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia requires that all couples attend a Pre-Cana class before marriage. At this time we are not holding classes in person, we ask you to go to the Archdioceses website: <u>Archphila.org</u>, under Marriage preparations to take the class on line.





St. Helena, James F. Fenerty Knights Council #14210 Catholic Men Who Serve Join Online for Free! www.kofc.org

<u>August 13 - Knights Founder, Blessed Fr. McGivney Feast Day</u>



Father Michael J. McGivney, a humble parish priest and founder of the Knights of Columbus, was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020, in his home Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn.

In the apostolic letter read at the Mass, Pope Francis noted that the "zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the needs of his brothers and sisters made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance."

Entering into eternal life two days past his 38th birthday, in the midst of a flu pandemic, he is the third-youngest American saint or blessed. A priest for 13 years, he was only the third born in the United States to be beatified, and could

become the first US-born male to be canonized as a saint.

Today, Father McGivney stands as a model for both priests and laypeople, having lived a life of heroic virtue devoted to the people of God, and as the founder of a Knights organization that has grown to more than

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Did You Know That Human Unborn Babies Have Less Protection Than Animal Ones?



Sea Turtles – According to the Sea Turtle Conservancy, "Sea turtles are given legal protection in the United States and its waters under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), which lists the hawksbill, leatherback, Kemp's ridley and green turtle as endangered; the loggerhead is listed as threatened. This designation makes it illegal to harm, harass or kill any sea turtles, hatchlings or **their eggs**."

Bald Eagles – According to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, "The Act provides criminal penalties for persons who "take, possess, sell, purchase, barter,

offer to sell, purchase or barter, transport, export or import, at any time or any manner, any bald eagle [or any golden eagle], alive or dead, or any part (including feathers), **nest**, **or egg thereof**."

Similar laws exist for migratory birds in general. According to the US Fish and Wildlife Service: "No person may take (kill), possess, import, export, transport, sell, purchase, barter, or offer for sale, any migratory bird, or the parts, nests, or **eggs of such birds** except as may be permitted under the terms of a valid permit Under the MBTA it is illegal to destroy **a nest that has eggs** or chicks in it."

What all of this proves collectively is that any abortion laws in this nation that don't reflect the humanity of life in the womb are *utterly incompatible* with the laws we have for turtles, birds, or violent acts against pregnant women.

If we're willing to move heaven and earth to protect animal eggs in their nests or use the legal system to achieve justice for a woman who loses her child in a miscarriage because of others' negligence, why aren't we willing to recognize life at its earliest moments?

Mattison Brooks writes for Students for Life, where this column originally appeared.

SUMMER READING



Enjoy good Catholic reading this summer! Catholic books for you to borrow are located in the Information Room on the side of the Narthex closest to the Chapel. A variety of novels, classics, prayers, education, saints, biographies, children and more from which to

choose!

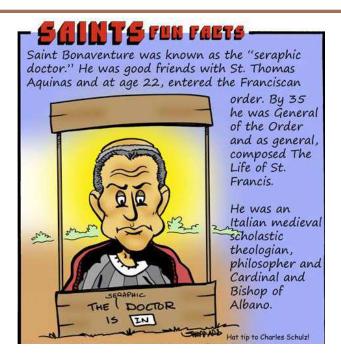
Please feel free to visit our Library on Saturday's from 3:00 PM till 5:20 PM and Sunday's 7:00 AM till 12:40 PM.

CareNotes & Lighthouse Kiosk

The two Kiosk located in the Narthex contain CD's, Pamphlets, Prayer Cards, Books, and Rosary Beads.

We have two different programs, the CareNotes, a ministry of St. Meinrad Archabbey, are booklets written to provide uplifting guidance to those who are hurting. They are free to the public, however if you would like to make an offering please contact the Parish Office.

The Lighthouse program is through the Augustine Institute. These are available at a low cost that is printed on the Kiosk.



MEMORIALS AVAILABLE AT ST. HELENA

ANNOUNCED & UN-ANNOUNCED MASSES

Are available (\$20) in the Parish Office during business hours. We have Mass cards available for the Sick, Living & Deceased.

SAINT THERESA GUILD

A perpetual Mass said every Saturday at 9:00 AM for Living and Deceased members of the Guild. To enroll a member (\$25) visit the Parish Office.

CANDLES

Candles in the Church and Chapel can be purchased (\$20 each) in Honor or in Memory of a loved one. The candle will burn for a week, beginning Saturday's Vigil Mass till the following Saturday.

Candles are available in the Church at:

The Sanctuary Candle

The Blessed Mother Altar, up to 4 candles may be lit

The St. Joseph Altar, up to 4 candles may be lit

The Sacred Heart Statue on the Altar in the Narthex, up to 4 candles may be lit

Candles are available in the Chapel at:

The Sanctuary Candle

The Altar, up to 4 candles may be lit on the Altar

BREAD & WINE

The Bread & Wine can be purchased for a week (\$50) in Honor or in Memory of a loved one.

All Memorials can be purchased in the Parish Office during business hours.

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.

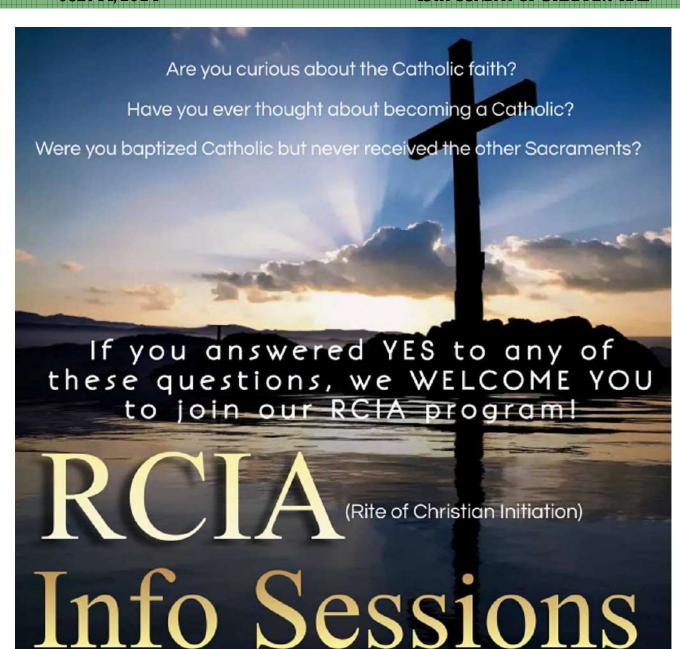
SAINT CARMEN



According to my resources, the name Carmen is a derivation of Carmel which is one of the titles given to Our Blessed Mother, namely, Our Lady of Mount Carmel. This is the patronal feast of the Carmelites. The Order of Carmelites takes its name from Mount Carmel, which was the first place dedicated to the Blessed Virgin and where a chapel was erected in her honor before her Assumption into

Heaven. July 16 is also the feast of the

"Scapular of Mount Carmel". On that day in 1251, pious tradition says, the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Simon Stock, General of the Carmelites at Cambridge, England, showed him the scapular and promised supernatural favors and her special protection to his Order and to all persons who would wear the scapular. To obtain the indulgences and other benefits promised to those who wear the Carmelite scapular, a person must be invested by a priest who has the requisite faculties and must lead



If you are interested, or know of someone who would welcome an invitation to join the Church, please use the QR code below to register for an information session or contact Fr. Kyle Adamczyk (610-275-7711) or email the Saint Helena Office (parish@sainthelenachurch.org)



"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." - Matthew 28:19-20



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Sunday, July 28th 7:00 - 9:00PM Join us for our "Summer Check-In"

St. Helena Parish Convent - Open to all 8th - 12th graders

Bring a friend!

Join us for a Movie, some Popcorn, and many laughs as we watch "The Princess Bride"



FAMILY FOCUS

If we have many possessions, we cannot focus on God. We are busy taking care of our things and worrying that someone will steal them. Jesus teaches the apostles to take only what they need to do God's work. This is an important lesson for us, too.

What is cluttering our lives? What keeps us from doing what God wants us to do? It could be material possessions. It could be attitudes of anger or greed.

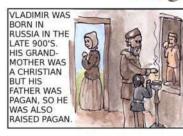


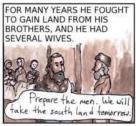
- Gather the family and prayerfully reread today's Gospel.
- Decide how you could better serve God as a family. Look at material objects, attitudes, and ways you spend your time. Decide if there are things you need to eliminate from your life. It is important to make these personal decisions freely, without pressure or criticism from others.
- Pledge to support one another in working at attitudes and behaviors this week.





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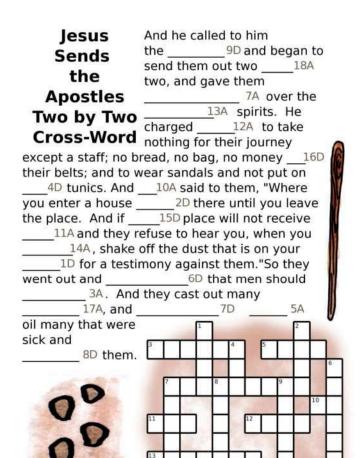




DIVIDED HIS LAND AND **GAVE IT TO** HIS OLDER SONS, HIS TWO SONS FROM HIS CHRISTIAN WIFE, ANNA MARTYRS

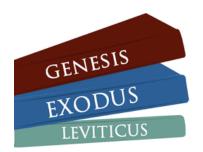
VLADIMIR DIED WHEN HE WAS OLD. HE HAD SPENT MUCH OF HIS LIFE FIGHTING TO GAIN HONOUR FOR HIMSELF, BUT WHEN HE FOUND THE TRUE FAITH HE JOINED IT. HE HAD MANY CHURCHES AND MONASTERIES BUILT. WHEN A PERSON WHO HAS LED A BAD LIFE CHANGES, THEY CAN HELP BRING OTHERS TO GOD.

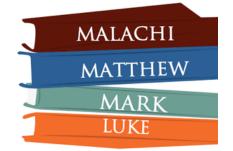
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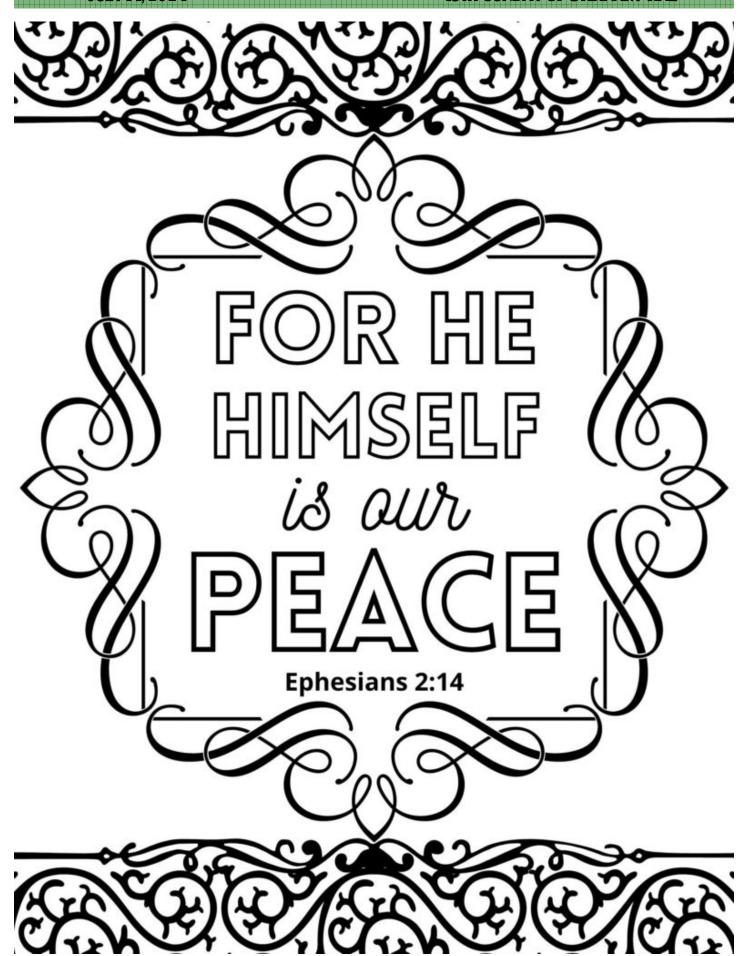


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Belt
Truth
Righteousness
Shoes
Spirit

Peace Shield Faith Helmet Salvation Sword







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

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,

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,

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

