SAINT HELENA CHURCH

One Family, One Faith, One Heart

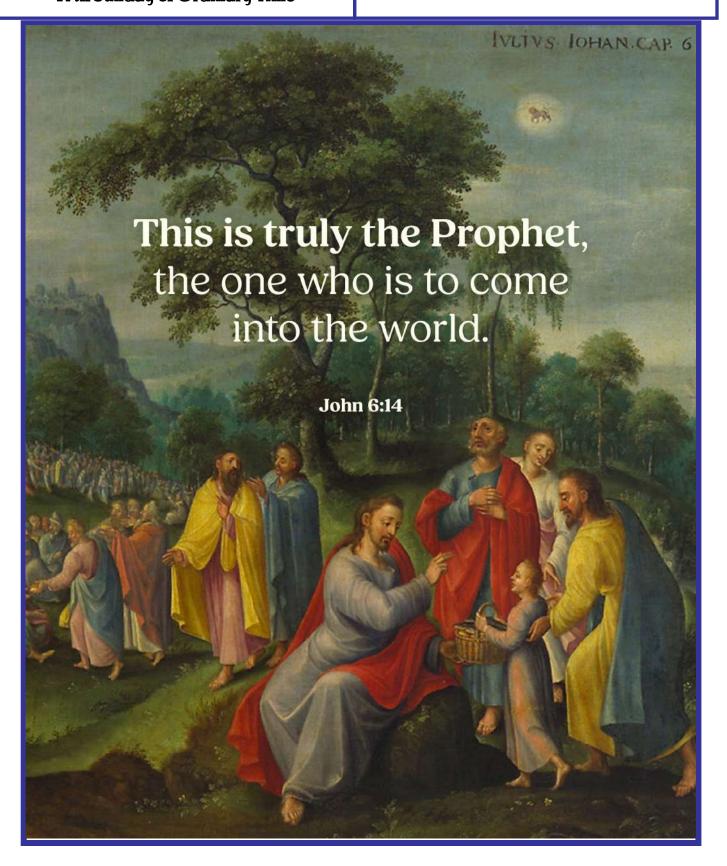
July 28, 2024

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell . PA . 19422
610-275-7711 (Phone) 610-879-3701 (Fax)

parish@sainthelenachurch.org

www.sainthelena-centersquare.net



+ 17TH 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 embodies these awe-inspiring truths.

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 27

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Living & Deceased Members of the Saint Theresa Guild

4:00 PM - St. Helena Church

† Ed Kurek

Req. by Rita Kurek

4:30 PM - St. Titus

† Joseph & Conchetta Dumond

Sun., July 28

7:30 AM - St. Helena Church

† For the People of the Parish

9:00 AM - St. Helena Church

† Dylan Leskusky

Req. by Dan & Cara Rakow

10:00 AM - St. Titus

† Kenneth Orner

11:00 AM - St. Helena Church

† Barbara Santoro

Req. by Dave & Delores Spellhoffer

Mon., July 29 - Ss. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Living & Deceased Parishioners of

St. Titus

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Frances Frabezio

Req. by Marie Orsini

Tues., July 30 - St. Peter Chysologus

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Bob Duncan

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Margaret Stevens

Req. by the Machita Family

Wed., July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† John Buzad

Req. by Joe & JoAnn Dowd

Thur., August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Deceased Members of the Gale &

Granese Families

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Michael Hynes

Req. by Joan Hynes

PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS Continued

Fri., August 2 - St. Eusebius of Vercelli &

St. Peter Julian Eymard

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Vincent G. Ceneviva

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† - Donna McMahon

Req. by the Rueggs Family

Sat., August 3

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Living & Deceased Members of

the Saint Theresa Guild

4:00 PM - St. Helena Church

† Zoila Luna

Req. by the Romano Family

4:30 PM - St. Titus

† Gloria Maziarz

MEMORIALS FOR THIS WEEK



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns in

THANKSGIVING FOR

ALL THE BLESSINGS RECEIVED

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel burns in memory of

ALBERT CARSON

Requested by Claire Carson



A Candle burns at the Blessed Virgin Mary In memory of

MARY & RAY UCCELLETTI

Requested by the Family



A Candle burns at St. Joseph in memory of

MICHAEL CIACCIO, SR.

Requested by Karen & Michael & Family

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TITHE!

Collection for weekend of July 21, 2024

PLATE: \$ 11,577

E GIVING: \$ 11,119

MAIL-IN: \$ 2,627



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,
Sarah Jammer and Babies Eve & Cece, Sr. Fran, &
George Cooper.



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 PHYLLIS D'ONOFRIO

THOMAS CAMASSO JOHN SKEELS

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

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 jlaub@sainthelenaschool.org or 610-279-3345. Thank you for your interest.

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 level asphalt path. Bring friends, family and children!



PARISH EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, July 28

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

MONDAY, July 29

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel

TUESDAY, July 30

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel

WEDNESDAY, July 31

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel

• Young Adult Group Grotto Rosary: 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel

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

Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM - Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

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





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.

(Lisa Brenninkmeyer, Founder, Walking With Purpose)

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

August 3 & August 4

CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

Saturday, August 3

 4:00 PM
 Fr. Sam

 Sunday,
 August 4

 7:30 AM
 Msgr. Beach

 9:00 AM
 Fr. Sam

11:00 AM Fr. Sam (Deacon Ken)

Lectors

Saturday, August 3

4:00 PM T. Pantaleo, R. Henry

Sunday, August 4

7:30 AM J. Bond, T. Donohue
 9:00 AM P. Boylan, C. Buzad
 11:00 AM R. Gomes, M. Saunders

Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, August 3

4:00 PM J. Coyle, D. Galanti, T. Smith, K. Wurtenberg

Sunday, August 4

7:30 AM G. Berti, R. Ryan, M. Valle

9:00 AM D. Debrakeleer, D. Matoney, D. Nolen,

J. Doherty

11:00 AM C. Interrante, J. McLaughlin, N. Tagliamonte,

V. Thompson

Altar Servers

Saturday, August 3

4:00 PM G. Capperella, J. Capperella, C. Kovatch,

B. Massa

Sunday, August 4

7:30 AM E. Rakowm J. Romano, M. Wagner

9:00 AM M. Hoy, K. Lynch, Q. Pantaleo, N. Pantaleo

11:00 AM C. Cheeseman, A. Durski, K. Whelan

Members of St. Helena Sr. Group.

The next meeting on September 8th will be held in the Constantine Room on the R/H side below the church. Carol Spacht will be presenting Betsy Ross. Please notify any of your known fellow members. Plenty of parking available in the parking lot. The entry is on ground level. I Look forward to seeing you there.

John Waldspurger, Club President

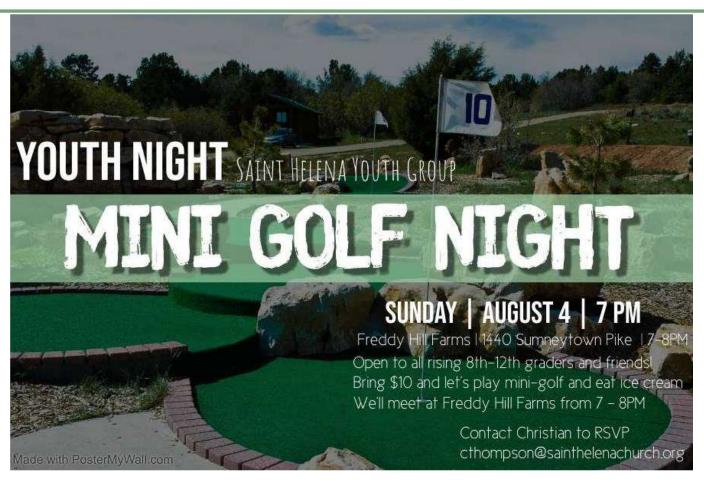
VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE!

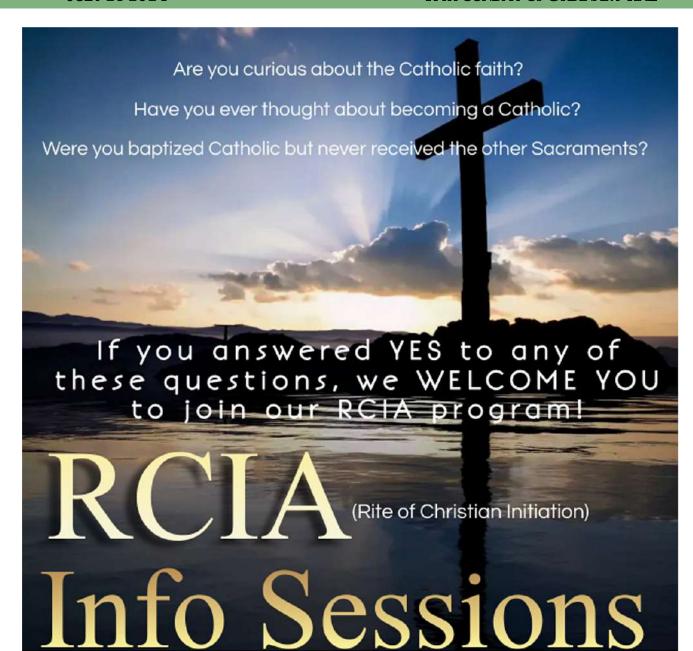
Do you have a love for God and your Catholic Faith? Do you have a desire to share your faith with others? Do you enjoy working with children?

If you answered "yes" to these questions, please consider teaching or serving as an aide or office assistant in our *Religious Education Program*! Our Religious Education Program serves children in Levels 1 through 7 by forming them in their relationship with Jesus Christ, cultivating and nurturing their knowledge and practice of the Catholic faith, and preparing them for reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

We have openings in our Tuesday evening weekly program for both elementary and middle school class levels. Applicants must be practicing Catholics, living in accord with Catholic teachings, and have a love for God and the Catholic Faith. They should be 18 or older and be able to relate to and work with children. While prior experience teaching is always beneficial, it is not required. Responsibilities for the Catechist position include preparing and teaching lessons for a class of roughly 20 children using published and prescribed materials provided by the program, and maintaining periodic email communication with families. For our weekly program, applicants must be available Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30 PM, September through May. Full materials, training, support, and certification for the Catechist position are provided to every volunteer in order to equip them for this position. Background checks and adherence to the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Program are required.

For more information about these positions or to schedule an interview, please contact Mr. Jonathan DeMent at <u>idement@sainthelenachurch.org</u>.





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"



RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Did You Know?

After the assassination attempt on former President Trump, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, and president of the U.S. Conference of Bishops (USCCB) stated: "Together with my brother bishops, we condemn political violence, and we offer our prayers for President Trump, and those who were killed or injured. We also pray for our country and for an end to political violence, which is never a solution to political disagreements. We ask all people of goodwill to join us in praying for peace in our country. *Mary, Mother of God and Patroness of the Americas, pray for us.*"



This Is Our Time to Make Reparation & Pray for Peace! Our Lady of America, pray for us!

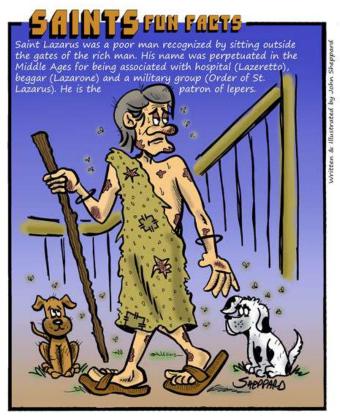
Let's pray & fast frequently for America and for our world.

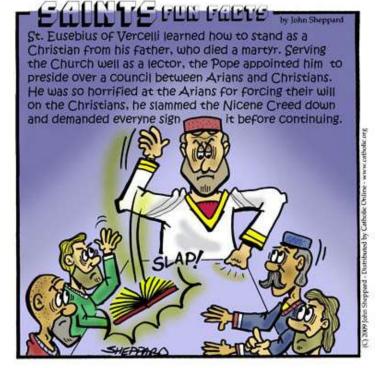
Why? To achieve these goals:

- 1. The conversion of people and the restoration of our nation under God
- 2. Peace & God's mercy upon us
- 3. A culture of life
- 4. Defense of the sanctity of marriage and family life
- 5. Spiritual support of all priests, religious & for the holiness of all members of our Church
- 6. The purity of our youth
- 7. The consecration of all to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & St. Joseph, Terror of Demons

How? By:

- 1. Mass Attendance
- 2. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 3. Any prayers, some ideas the Memorare, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Litanies like those to The Most Precious Blood, St. Michael or St. Joseph
- 4. Consecration of self & family to the Holy Family (most of the content from prayandfastforamerica.org)





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BE A "LIL' CUTIE" AND DONATE
TO CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES'
UPCOMING COMMUNITY
BABY SHOWER EVENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024
ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTER (PARKING LOT)
222 N. 17TH STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

ITEMS NEEDED ARE GIFT CARDS, DIAPERS AND WIPES, AND NEW AND VERY GENTLY USED BABY CLOTHES (NEWBORN TO 5T), BLANKETS, BIBS, STROLLERS, PLAYPENS, CARSEATS, HIGHCHAIRS, BOTTLES, AND MORE









WANT TO GET INVOLVED? CONTACT AMY STONER AT ASTONER@CHS-ADPHILA.ORG OR AT 215-587-3590





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.

A Shout out to Mary Jane Mrazik for taking care of the St. Helena Church Library.

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.

Tammy Reed is the new contact person for this Ministry. Welcome Tammy!

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.



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

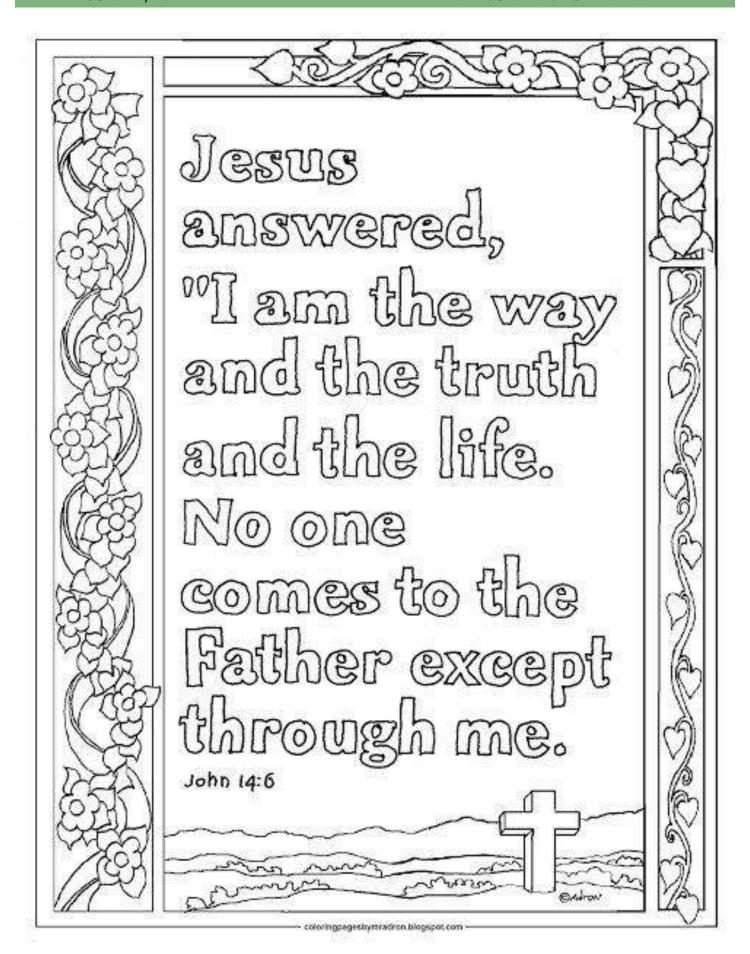
August 13 - Knights Founder, Blessed Fr. McGivney Feast Day



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 2 million members worldwide.



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, & Martin J. Payton, Jr.

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!

