SAINT HELENA CHURCH

One Family, One Faith, One Heart

August 4, 2024 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time 1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell . PA .19422 610-275-7711 (Phone) 610-879-3701 (Fax) <u>parish@sainthelenachurch.org</u> www.sainthelena-centersguare.net

I am the bread of life

whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

JOHN 6:35

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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: School Secretary: School Nurse: Miss Denise Britt Mrs. Rene Ryan 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: 610-275-7711 Mr. 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:
Saturday:
Sunday:
Holy Days: Vigil:
Holy Day:

9:00 AM Chapel 4:00 PM Vigil Mass 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM 7:00 PM, 9:00 AM, & 12:15 PM

ST. TITUS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 AM Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 PM Sunday: 10:00 AM 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.

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PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sun., August 4

7:30 AM - St. Helena Church **†** For the People of the Parish
9:00 AM - St. Helena Church **†** Lois John
Req. by Betty & Charlie Barrett
10:00 AM - St. Titus

+ Angelo Durante

11:00 AM - St. Helena Church
† Eleanor Kovach
Req. by Tony & Marlene Vento

Mon., August 5 - Dedication of Basilica of St. Mary Major
8:00 AM - St. Titus
† James J. Stewart
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
† John Buzad Req. by the Bushner Family

Tues., August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord 8:00 AM - St. Titus
† Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Titus
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
† Patricia Woods Req. by Patti & Bill McKernan

Wed., August 7 – St. Sixtus II & St. Cajetan 9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel † Joseph D'Angelo Req. by Dorothy Miles

Thur., August 8 – St. Dominic 8:00 AM - St. Titus † Claudia Restrepo Farina 9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel † Marguerite Pucci Req. by her Family

PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS Continued

Fri., August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross 8:00 AM - St. Titus
† Gloria S. Maziarz
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
† Todd Theroux - First Anniversary Req. by the Klink Family

Sat., August 10 - St. Lawrence

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
† Living & Deceased Members of the Saint Theresa Guild
4:00 PM - St. Helena Church
† Claudia Restrepo Req. by Mom & Dad
4:30 PM - St. Titus
† Charles & Theresa Connell



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TITHE!

Collection for weekend of July 28, 2024

PLATE:\$ 11,035E GIVING:\$ 10,410MAIL-IN:\$ 980

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.

How to set up for Electronic Giving:

In just a few minutes, you can greatly enhance your personal stewardship efforts by logging on to <u>ParishGiving.org</u>

and begin making your weekly offering through Parish Giving. We ask that you still use your weekly envelopes when attending Mass. Mark them as I've given electronically.

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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, Juan Barba, Jim Smith, Mike Piskai, Jr., Karen Meenan, Joe Matoney, Jr., Mary Trodden, Linda Weikert, Baby Daly, Carol Berardelli, Finneas Price, Aaron Furman, Nicolette Theisen, Diana Woodward, Baby Serli, Frank Anderson, George Cooper, Sarah Jammer and Babies Eve & Cece, & Sr. Fran.

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

PHYLLIS D'ONOFRIO

THOMAS CAMASSO JOHN SKEELS

MARGARET PHIAMBOLIS

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





Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Matthew 19:14

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, August 4

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM Chapel
- Vacation Bible School: 9:00 AM Education Center

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM Chapel
- Vacation Bible School: 9:00 AM Education Center

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM Chapel
- Vacation Bible School: 9:00 AM Education Center

THURSDAY, August 8

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM Chapel
- Vacation Bible School: 9:00 AM Education Center

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM Church
- Vacation Bible School: 9:00 AM Education Center

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM Chapel
- Men's Fellowship Group: 7:00 AM Convent
- Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

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



WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Monthly Prayer List for Our Children

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 10 & August 11

CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

Saturday, August 104:00 PMMsgr. BeachSunday,August 117:30 AMFr. Kyle (Deacon Ken)9:00 AMFr. Joe11:00 AMFr. Sam (Deacon Claude)

Lectors

Saturday, August 10

4:00 PM T. Yezzi, R. Henry
Sunday, August 11
7:30 AM A. Ilano, J. Bond
9:00 AM B. Nyman, P. Boylan
11:00 AM P. Lorenzo, M. Saunders

Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, August 10
4:00 PM J. Eisele, T. Gallagher, M. Skeels, K. Wurtenberg
Sunday, August 11
7:30 AM K. Krumenacker, J. Kusnerick
9:00 AM J. Dalhoff, J. Kang, N. Kang, D. Matoney
11:00 AM C. Interrante, M. Okenquist, F. Ramos

<u>Altar Servers</u>

Saturday, August 10
4:00 PM M. Santana, K. Weber, D. Zapalac, C. Zapalac
Sunday, August 11
7:30 AM J. Lising
9:00 AM C. Barboza, B. Dion, E. Richer
11:00 AM R. Bradbury, G. Cherico, P. Cherico, N. Laub

Spread the Word: All Seniors Welcome

The next meeting on September 13th will be held in the <u>Constantine Room</u>, with plenty of parking available on the right hand side of the Church and a private ground level entrance.

Carol Spacht will be presenting Betsy Ross.

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>jdement@sainthelenachurch.org</u>.

SUNDAY | AUGUST 4 | 7 PM

Freddy Hill Farms I 1440 Sumneytown Pike 17–8PM Open to all rising 8th–12th graders and friends Bring \$10 and let's play mini–golf and eat ice cream We'll meet at Freddy Hill Farms from 7 – 8PM

> Contact Christian to RSVP cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org

YOUTH NIGHT SAENT HELENA YOUTH GROUP



St. Helena, James F. Fenerty Knights Council #14210 Join Online for Free ! <u>www.kofc.org</u> Grand Knight, Ted Pantaleo

tpantal@msn.com

Open to All Parishioners and Friends!

Prayer Hour, August 13, 7:00 PM at Saint Helena Chapel Feast Day of Blessed Fr. McGivney, Knights Founder

America's Newest Blessed!

Pray together to invoke his intercession. Be inspired by his life and legacy. Centering around the Rosary Luminous Mysteries, a Litany, and reflections.



Father Michael J. McGivney was an exemplary parish priest for 13 years, he passed at 38 years of age. He founded the Knights of Columbus. Ask for prayers and report favors to www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html

Open to All Parishioners and Friends !

Food Drive, August 13, for Martha's Choice Pantry

Martha's Pantry serves ~ 4,440 families. The Knights will pick up your food donations at your house on August 13 between 9-10 AM. The pantry mostly needs: Ensure or protein drinks, feminine care products, size 5/6 diapers/wipes, infant formulas, cereals, canned tuna, chicken, or ravioli, peanut butter, granola or protein bars, plastic jar tomato pasta sauce; ketchup, mayonnaise; tea and coffee products. If you wish donate please contact Joe Dempsey joedemps12@gmail.com

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

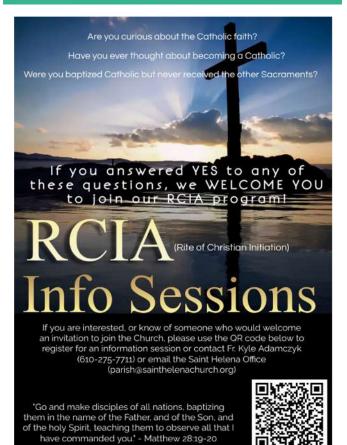
TO BENEFIT ST. HELENA-INCARNATION

Pencils, crayons, glue sticks, sidewalk chalk, children's scissors, composition books, Expo markers, & copy paper For monetary donations, please make checks out to St. Helena School.



COLLECTION BINS WILL BE OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL 8/19 TO 8/23, 9A-5P OR IN THE NARTHEX AFTER MASSES ON 8/24 & 8/25

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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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)

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: <u>www.sainthelenaschool.org</u>, and then click the square - "New Student Application." If you have any questions regarding applications and registration, please contact Mrs. Jennifer Laub at <u>jlaub@sainthelenaschool.org</u> or 610-279-3345. Thank you for your interest.

St. Helena Parish Choir

Can you sing? Can you read music, helpful but not necessary? If the answer is yes, why not think about joining the Parish Choir. We are a fun and friendly group who rehearse once a week in Church on Monday evenings from 7 PM to 9 PM. We sing at Sunday Masses, Holydays, and at our Christmas Concert in December.



St. Helena Handbell Choir

The Music Ministry is inviting you to come, join, and make joyful noise with the

St. Helena/St. Titus Handbell Choir. The handbells are not difficult to play and they add a distinctively beautiful touch to our Sunday Masses and to our Christmas Concert. High School students are also welcome.

The Music Ministry is inviting all children from Grades 2 and up to join the Children's Chime Choir. Chimes will play at Sunday Masses and in the Christmas Concert.



If interested and would like more information about the Parish Choir or the Bell Choir , please call Cheryl Platco at 610-505-3038 or email <u>chmo32759@aol.com</u>.





SCOTT & KIMBERLY HAHN

Communion of Saints Family Life and the Eucharist

> DATE Saturday, September 14 7:15 AM - 3:10 PM

LOCATION Corpus Christi Catholic Church 900 Sumneytown Pike Lansdale, PA 19446

PRICE \$25 - Students & Seniors \$35 - Adults

REGISTER NOW! stpaulcenter.com/lansdale2024



We are Hungry for Jesus

The people in today's Gospel reading followed Jesus because He had given them bread. He told them that what they really needed was not just ordinary food, but the food that God would give them. And that was Jesus Himself, the Bread of Life!

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Have you ever been hungry? You know you need food and you want to eat. But did you know that your soul can be hungry too? The food for our souls is Jesus. We receive Him in Holy Communion. Just like our bodies need food to stay alive, our souls need God.

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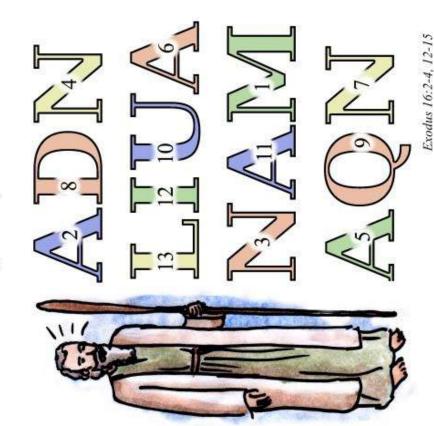
All your life there are things you want that you think will make you happy. Have you ever gotten something that you really wanted? It probably made you really happy for a while. But we can only be really satisfied if we have God living in us.

Answer to the front page: Manna and quail. Answers to word puzzle: ate, food, life, we, God, believe, sign, Jesus, Father, world, bread. Bread of Life

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

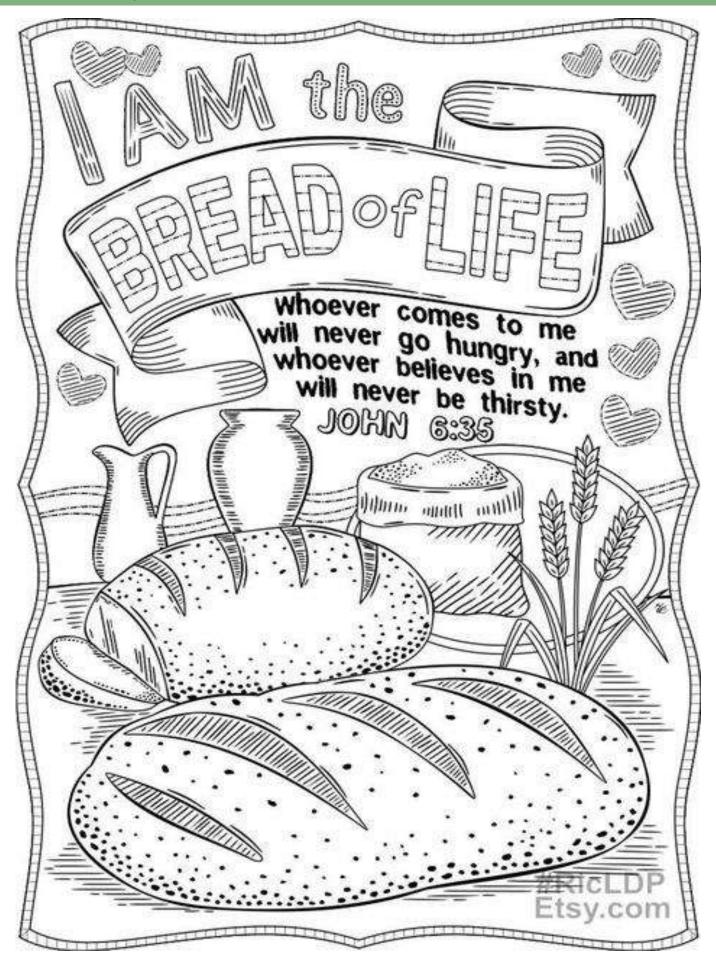
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 4th, 2024



In today's first reading the people of Israel were starving in the desert. When Moses prayed to God He sent them food. What was it? Sort out the letters by their numbers to find out!

$\frac{1}{1}$ $\frac{2}{2}$ $\frac{3}{3}$ $\frac{4}{5}$ $\frac{5}{6}$ $\frac{7}{7}$ $\frac{8}{8}$ $\frac{9}{9}$ $\frac{10}{10}$ $\frac{11}{12}$ $\frac{13}{13}$

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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!

