

SAINT HELENA CHURCH

MARCH 16, 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent



1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell . PA .19422

610-275-7711 (Phone)



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 Przemek Rozestwinski

Deacon Claude Granese

A. Kenneth Belanger: Retired Deacon

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. Megan Tronoski

School Nurse: Mrs. April Maxwell

PREP (PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM):

Phone: 610-279-3870

Interim Dir. of Religious Education: Rev. Dr. Kyle Adamczyk

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. Jay Maiale

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: 10:00 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 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.

PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., March 15

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Living & Deceased Members of the Saint

Theresa Guild

4:00 PM - St. Helena Church

† Joseph Lamina, Sr.

Req. by Joan Winkowski

4:30 PM - St. Titus

† Anthony Ciotto

Req. by Pat & Bob Klampfer

Sun., March 16

7:30 AM - St. Helena Church

† For the People of the Parish

9:00 AM - St. Helena Church

† Gregory Loeper

Req. by the Wisniewski Family

10:00 AM - St. Titus

† Anthony DiLucia

Req. by Tom & Linda McCracken

11:00 AM - St. Helena Church

† William McGarvey

Req. by the Mitchell Family

Mon., March 17

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Rita Granese

Req. by Marian Harner

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Helga Camasso

Req. by the Paciello Family

Tues., March 18

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Rita Granese

Req. by Herb & Dottie Schell

9:00 AM - St. Helena Church

† Joseph Marini

Req. by Joseph Marini

Wed., March 19

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† John Duff

Req. by Joseph & Bernie Duff

Thur., March 20

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Titus

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† KP Stellus

Req. by the Morris Family

Fri., March 21

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† James J. Smith

Req. by Claude & Nancy Granese

PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

Fri., March 21

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Rita Murray

Req. by Deirdre Collins

Sat., March 22

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Living & Deceased Members of the Saint

Theresa Guild

4:00 PM - St. Helena Church

† John Klenk

Req. by the Klenk Family

4:30 PM - St. Titus

† Rosemary Giovenco

Req. by the Giovenco Family

LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE FOR SURROUNDING PARISHES

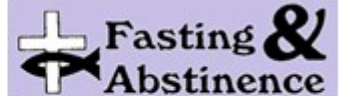
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| St. Titus | 8:00 AM | Mon., Tue., Thurs., Fri. |
| St. Paul | 8:00 AM | Mon. - Sat. |
| St. Stanislaus | 8:00 AM | Mon. - Sat. |
| St. Anthony | 8:15 AM | Mon. - Thurs. |
| Visitation BVM | 8:15 AM | Mon. - Sat. |
| St. Rose | 8:30 AM | Mon. - Sat. |
| Epiphany of our Lord | 8:30 AM | Mon. - Sat. |

LENTEN PRACTICES

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good

Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, fasting is obligatory from age 18 through age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence from meat on Lenten Fridays applies to all aged 14 and above.



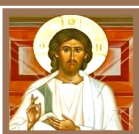
Prayer for the Sick



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, Dave Colman, Juan Barba, Mike Piskai, Jr., Linda Weikert, Patty Kurkowski, William Lawrence, Joan DiDonato, Casey Interrante, Alec Jensen, Kristen Gilia, Bruce Shepherd, Jong Soo Sohn, Carletta Sohn, Al Slusarz, Msgr. Beach, Sue Eason, Kevin Hogan, Charlotte Yacovelli, Sr. Fran Reinhardt O.S.F., Kaye Grasso, Richard Kellerman, Marsha Tinti, William Yacovelli, Nicolette Theisen, Danny Matoney, Nancy Matozzo, Sarah Jammer, Lorraine Perri.



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

ALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

ERNEST A, ROTONDO

ANGELINE GAMPICO CAROL T. CAMPBELL

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



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for all our military Personnel.

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.

LTJG Rebecca McCool, LT. Brendan Koch, ENS John W Bushner, CPT Christopher Rongione

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

MARCH 22 & 23

CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

Saturday, March 22

4:00 PM Fr. Kyle (Deacon Claude)

4:30 PM Fr. Joe (Deacon Przemek)

Sunday, March 23

7:30 AM Fr. Drew (Deacon Przemek)

9:00 AM Fr. Kyle (Deacon Przemek)

10:00 AM Fr. Joe

11:00 AM Fr. Sam (Deacon Claude)



CHILDREN'S TITHE

The Children of St. Helena are taught how to Tithe by bringing a non perishable item to Mass each week. During the Mass they are asked to come

forward with their gifts and place them in the baskets that are on the Altar steps. These non perishable items are then given to the Patrician Society, a local food bank.

We "Thank you" for helping to feed the least of our brothers.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TITHE!

for weekend of March 9, 2025

PLATE: \$ 14,735

E GIVING: \$ 14,988

MEMORIALS FOR THIS WEEK



A Candle burns at the Blessed Virgin Mary

In memory of

ANNA ARMELLINI

Requested by the Family

2025 Catholic Charities Appeal



You are living out this mission through your support of the Catholic Charities Appeal—bringing hope to the vulnerable, comfort to the suffering, and light to those in darkness. Together, as Missionary Disciples, we can ensure that everyone in our community knows they have a home in the Church and that God loves them beyond measure."

Archbishop Nelson Pérez

To learn more about the 2025 Catholic Charities appeal, scan the QR code or visit catholiccharitiesappeal.org

Philadelphia Archdiocese News

In February, the Archdiocesan Strategy Office and Catholic Leadership Institute released information about the missionary hub planning process, which was announced earlier this year through Archbishop Perez' pastoral letter.

To learn more, read Archbishop Perez's letter, and to view videos related to the missionary hub planning process, scan the QR code or visit trustandhope.org

Topics include...

- Archbishop Perez's pastoral letter.
- What is a Missionary Hub?
- What goes into a parish?
- Aren't a Parish and the Church the same?



PARISH EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

- Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
- Girl Scout Mass: 9:00 AM - Church
- Girl Scout Cookie Sale: After the 9:00 & 11:00 AM Masses - Narthex

MONDAY, MARCH 17

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: 12:30 PM - Lady of Fatima
- Robotics: 6:00 PM - Cafeteria

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Church
- Walking with Purpose: 1:00 PM - Convent
- Adult Basketball: 5:30 PM - Rec. Center
- PREP: 6:00 PM - Education Center
- PREP Prayer Service: 6:30 PM - Chapel
- Bereavement Mtg.: 7:00 PM - St. Joseph
- 3 on 3 Basketball: 7:30 PM - Rec. Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Wolf Den: 6:30 PM - Cafeteria
- Adult Faith Formation - Metanoia: 7:00 PM Constantine Room
- Ladies of Helena: 7:00 PM - Our Lady of Mercy

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Walking with Purpose: 9:00 AM - Convent
- Robotics: 6:00 PM - Cafeteria
- RCIA: 7:00 PM - Our Lady of Mercy
- St. Titus, Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM - Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Messiah BINGO: 7:00 PM - Rec. Center
- Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM - Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

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



Requirements for Sponsorship

The Code of Canon Law specifies the requirements for serving as a godparent or sponsor. Canon Law (Church Law) references are Canons 851.2, and 872-874. Godparents and sponsors must meet all of the following requirements, so please review them carefully before choosing godparents and sponsors.

The requirements to be a godparent/sponsor:

Must be someone other than the parent of the one to be baptized.

Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Must be at least 16 years of age.

If there will be two Godparents (for Baptism), one must be male and one must be female.

A Godparent/sponsor must be leading a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken; therefore, if married, must be married in the Church. If single, must be striving to live a chaste life and cannot be living with a person outside of marriage.

Must be a practicing Catholic, registered in a parish, who regularly attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and receives the Holy Eucharist. Registration in their local parish is encouraged so that they may participate fully in the life of the Church through their parish.

Adult Faith Formation, Lenten Series

“Metanoia: A Journey with Christ”

Series Details

When: Wednesdays March 19, 26, April 2 & 9
7:00 - 8:15 PM

Where: St. Helena - Empress Room

Who: All Adults. Invite a friend & neighbor!
Join us for prayer, teaching, small group discussion

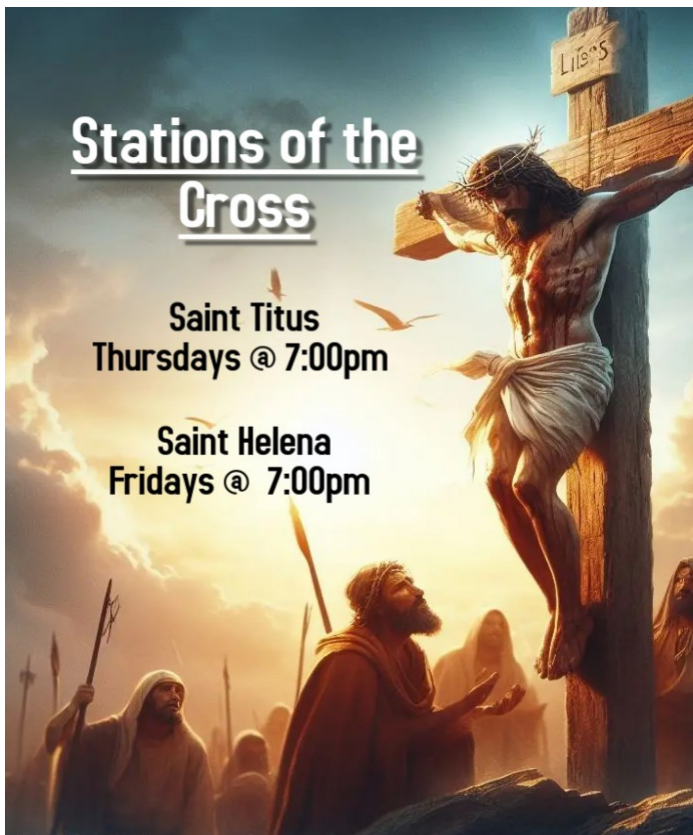
Series topics include:

Who do YOU say Jesus is?
How do I get to Heaven?
How can I be countercultural?
Why do I have to pray?
How do I do spiritual warfare?



Scan the QR code to learn more, watch the trailer, and sign up for our series!

RSVP & Questions? Contact Christian Thompson
cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org



Lent offers a beautiful opportunity to discover the *mystery of Christ* within us.

-- Henri Nouwen

Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

**"If you can reach the heart,
the behavior will take care of itself."**

Lisa Brenninkmeyer
Founder and Chief Purpose Officer, Walking with Purpose

We so badly want to teach our children well, but how often do we discipline our children for outward behavior rather than reaching the heart? This week, the women of Walking with Purpose invite you to join us to watch the *Opening Your Heart* video, *Children—Reaching Your Child's Heart*. Together we will learn to discipline those we love in the way that God intended, with the truths that God values.

Come with a desire to better the next generation, have great conversation, and drink good coffee.

Thursday, March 20, 2025
9:45-11:30 AM
St. Helena Convent

For more information, contact:
StHelenaWPP@gmail.com

Our mission is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies.

walking with purpose

www.walkingwithpurpose.com

Calling All Engaged & Newly Married Young Adult Couples!

Are you engaged or in the first 5 years of marriage? Do you and your spouse desire to grow in faith, strengthen your relationship, and build community with other Catholic couples?

Our parish is looking to start a new group for Young Newly Married & Engaged Couples. The purpose of this group would be a place where couples can come together to learn, discuss, and grow in their vocation of marriage.

This group will offer:

- Engaging discussions on faith, marriage, and family life
- Opportunities to build friendships with other engaged & young married couples
- A supportive community to journey together in Christ

We'd love to hear from you! If you're interested in being part of this new group, scan the QR code to fill out our Young Married & Engaged Couples Interest Form.

Any questions? Contact Christian at cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org



Messiah 2.0

A Contemporary, Reverent and Powerful
Arrangement of Handel's Classic Oratorio

Parkside UCC Church

505 South Main Street, Phoenixville PA 19460

Saturday, April 12, 2025 7:30 PM

(limited seating)

assured seating email to: Messiahconcert@gmail.com

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Saint Titus Catholic Church

3000 Keenwood Road, East Norriton, PA 19403

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025 3:00 PM

Arranged & Conducted Mark Edwards

FREE WILL OFFERING

With Choir & Orchestra, featuring electric guitar,
keyboards, drums and percussion

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Two Key Events This Month:

Saturday, March 29

Respect Life Day of Prayer with Sister Deidre Byrne, P.O.S.C.

When we think of the "Respect Life Movement" our minds and hearts often immediately turn to the unborn.

However, respecting life also includes applying principles of our Catholic faith to the handicapped, sick, and dying. Join us in a day of prayer and reflection as we view Sister Deidre's new documentary film on **Euthanasia** entitled, "**No Mercy**" with an opportunity for Q & A. There is no cost but you must register.

Register; website below & click on the event calendar for March 29. Bring your own packed lunch or pre-order and pre-pay \$20.00 for a boxed lunch when registering for your ticket on-line. The lunch order deadline is Saturday, March 22. **Location:** National Centre for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Road, Barto, PA 19504

More Information:

www.padrepio.org/event-calendar.

For more information or with questions about how to register, email angela@padrepio.org

Sunday, March 30



Heavenly Father, during this Lenten season, give me a new and expanded vision for my life. Help me to live full of faith. Teach me to find hope in the face of adversity. Amen.

Messiah 2.0 Production
Presents...

BINGO

50/50s
RAFFLE BASKETS
SPECIAL GAMES

at Saint Helena's
Friday, March 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Saint Helena Social Hall (located behind the school)
1499 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell
\$30 online/\$35 at the door

Packet includes 10 sheets containing 3 bingo cards each!
Specials & Additional Games are Extra
Bring Your Own Food & Beverages
Music Jeopardy Game is Included

Please register by March 20th Registration Options:

- Scan QR code below
- Complete information below. Drop the form with payment in the collection basket or at the parish office. (Questions? Messiahconcert2025@gmail.com)

NAME _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

#of packages _____ @ \$30 per package= _____

HELP WANTED!

Saint Helena has a couple of jobs available working in the Church as a Sacristan.

1. **Weekend Positions:** One weekend a month - responsibilities include: opening doors, putting on lights, setting up for Mass, preparing the sacred vessels, arranging the offertory, setting up for Baptisms, locking the church, etc.
2. **Funeral Positions:** Flexible, during the week when a Funeral Mass is scheduled. Same responsibilities as listed above.

If interested, please call Father Joe at 610-275-7711.

WEDNESDAY ROSARY GROUP



WEDNESDAYS,
11:30 AM

in the
St. Theresa Chapel.

New meditations are offered each week for contemplation. All ages welcome. Bring your children, family and friends. Praying the rosary will change your life, your heart and our world.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry invites all who love to knit/crochet to offer their time and special talent by making blankets for our newly baptized and for the families of our departed.

Joining us on Monday's from 12:30 PM till 2:30 PM in the Convent OR Knitting/Crocheting can be done at home.

For more information about this Ministry please contact Suzanne Staffieri at 610-279-0948.

ST. HELENA SENIOR CLUB

All Senior's are invited to join our *Senior Club* at St. Helena in the Constantine Room (below the church, use side entrance for easy access). We meet on the second Friday of the month at 10:00 AM for various adventures such as BINGO, Guest Speakers, and Entertainers.

Our objectives have been funding various charities and making new friends.

All along with a complimentary cup of coffee and other refreshments. Dues are \$20 a year.

Call John Waldspurger at 610-279-1595 or June Lentz at 215-822-6751 for more information.

THE SHEPHERD IS LOOKING FOR LOST SHEEP

Please help identify people who once attended St. Helena or St. Titus Parish and have not been here for months or years. The parish would like to reach out and invite our people home. Thank you for your help. Simply fill this out and drop it in the collection basket.

NAME: _____

Phone # (& or) Address: _____

Comments: _____

BEQUESTS

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

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., Wanda James, & Angela M. Holbrook

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, & Connie Swan.

Statements of Income and Expenses - Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024**Saint Helena Church**

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| Sunday Collections | \$1,423,047 |
| Other Collections | 336,128 |
| Stole Fees | 41,645 |
| Socials & Donations (net) | 42,433 |
| Religious Education | 55,298 |
| Interest & Dividends | 169,388 |
| Rental Income | 41,624 |
| Bulletin & Misc. Income | 5,632 |
| Legacies & Bequests | <u>62,014</u> |
| Total Income | <u>\$2,177,209</u> |
| Diocesan Assessment | \$ 249,700 |
| Salaries/Payroll Taxes/Benefits | 569,916 |
| Vehicle/Property Insurance | 83,442 |
| Pastoral Administration | 73,169 |
| Contracted Svcs/Prof. Fees | 108,219 |
| Outside Printing & Publications | 16,916 |
| Office Supplies & Equipment | 15,404 |
| Liturgical & Altar Supplies | 29,661 |
| Religious Education Programs | 39,969 |
| Rectory Operating Expenses | 36,013 |
| Rectory Maintenance Expenses | 26,439 |
| Church Maintenance Expenses | 150,275 |
| Convent Maintenance Expenses | 8,803 |
| Utilities | 69,632 |
| Subsidy to the School | 100,000 |
| Additions to Church/Convent (1) | <u>83,643</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$1,661,201</u> |

Saint Helena School

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| Tuition Income (2) | \$2,285,448 |
| Other Fees | 78,498 |
| Socials & Donations (net) | 31,708 |
| CARES Income (net) | 24,784 |
| Cafeteria Income | 3,203 |
| Subsidy from Parish | 100,000 |
| Other Income | <u>10,239</u> |
| Total Income | <u>\$2,533,880</u> |
| Salaries/Payroll Taxes/Benefits | \$2,059,131 |
| Property Insurance | 39,902 |
| School Administration | 24,465 |
| Contracted Svcs/Prof. Fees | 62,462 |
| Outside Printing & Publications | 660 |
| Office Supplies & Equipment | 21,233 |
| Instructional Material | 61,548 |
| School Maintenance Expenses | 95,246 |
| Utilities | 64,213 |
| Additions to School (3) | <u>47,400</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$2,476,260</u> |

Operating income/expenses do not include any income or losses from investments. Our financial statements are subject to an independent review by the Archdiocese. Our last review was performed by BakerTilly, LLP, in January 2023 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. This report is available to review in the rectory on request.

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NOTES TO STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

1. Additions to Church/Convent - This amount includes the labor and materials costs expended after June 30, 2023 for the addition of a pitched rooftop on the convent, outdoor lighting for the back parking lot, and replacing a section of gutters on the Church .
2. Tuition Income - This amount represents the net amount of tuition we received from school families and from outside tuition assistance sources (BLOCS, private scholarships, etc.). It should be noted that unfunded discounts are offered directly by St. Helena. For the 2023 - 2024 school year, St. Helena offered the following amounts in unfunded discounts: \$557,550 for qualified parishioners, \$216,615 in multi-child discounts for parishioners, and \$24,125 in various other unfunded discounts or financial aid paid by the parish.
4. Additions to School - This amount represents costs associated with installing a new ductless heating system in the cafeteria and a new compressor for the gym.

Please join us for the
Ladies of Helena Fun Nite!

BOWLING NIGHT

We hope you can SPARE some time for a great local cause!

FRIDAY, March 21
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Our Town Alley Bowling
2912 Swede Road – East Norriton

\$25.00 per person
Ticket Price Includes:
2 hrs of Bowling + Shoe Rental
+ 1 Door Prize Ticket

For every bowler registered, the Ladies of Helena will make a donation to
Cecil & Grace Bean's Soup Kitchen
(Located at 520 Church Street, Norristown, PA) www.beansoupkitchen.com

If you would like to help our neighbors, consider bringing a pair of socks to donate to the soup kitchen!

Food & Drinks (including a Full Bar) available for purchase inside the bowling alley
– No outside drinks or food are allowed on the premises –

We have reserved 12 lanes with 6 people per lane
Space is limited and prepayment is required!

All reservations must be made through Marie Guillard before March 16th
Email: Marie523@comcast.net • Phone: 267-240-3876

*Once you reserve your spot with Marie Guillard you can work with her about payment dropoff options.
Please make checks payable to "Saint Helena Church"
Either place your check in an envelope labeled "LOH Bowling Night" & deliver to
Saint Helena Parish Office (open M - F 9am to 5pm) or Marie will advise you of alternate dropoff options.

Sign-up today for a fun night of bowling!
Remember it's first-come, first-serve basis until our open slots are filled & payments are received.

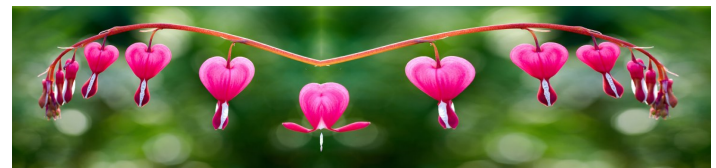
Mother of Divine Providence Church
is proud to announce that it will be hosting the famous
life size Scourged Christ Statue
During Lent from Ash Wednesday until Holy Saturday 2025

Call for exact times and dates
(610) 265-4178

Long before Mel Gibson's
THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST
ever hit the movie screens this
life size Statue was bringing the
reality of what Christ must have
suffered into the conscious minds
of the thousands of people who
look upon it !

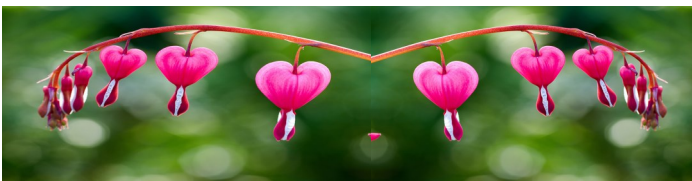
**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THIS
FAMOUS IMAGE WHILE IT'S IN THIS AREA.**

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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,000 to be used for the general purposes of Saint Helena Parish."



A Jubilee Year of Hope 2025



2025 is the Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church." The concept of "Jubilee" has its origins in the Book of Leviticus (chapter 25) as a special year of reconciliation, pilgrimage, and coming home. Pope Francis has designated the 2025 Holy Year as a time to renew ourselves as "Pilgrims of Hope."

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

ADULT DISCOVERY AND LEARNING

Upper Dublin Library offers Free Adult Learning Series.

Register at UDPL.ORG for Spring 2025 courses.

Courses range from Socialism, the Constitution and Current Events, to Music and Acting.

Have questions? Contact Lindsay Cummings at lcummings@mcclinc.org or call 215-628-8744 ext. 3334.



Answer the Call to Proclaim God's Word

Are you being called to share the beauty of Scripture with others? We are looking for Lectors to proclaim the Word of God at Mass!

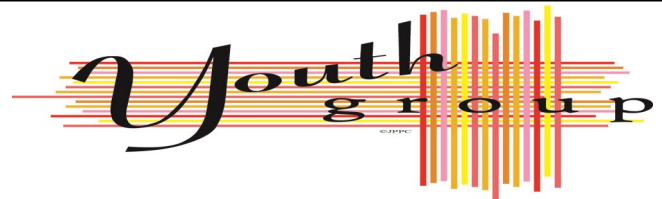
As a Lector, you will:

- Proclaim Sacred Scripture at Mass
- Deepen your love for God's Word
- Serve the parish in a meaningful ministry

No experience? No problem! We provide training and support to help you proclaim with confidence and reverence.

If you have a heart for Scripture and a voice to share it, we'd love to have you join this important ministry! Sign up today by contacting the parish office at 610-275-7711 or email Christian at

cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org



Sunday, March 30 — Stuffing Easter Eggs Project

Saturday, April 12 — "Operation Resurrection"

Sunday, April 13 — Rosary Walk and Pizza

Sunday, April 27 — Hike & Picnic at Valley Forge

Our youth group is open to all teens in 8th-12th grades. We try to live as disciples of Jesus Christ and develop our full personal and spiritual growth through prayer, formation, service, and community.

Meetings are usually held on Sunday evenings in the parish convent from 7 to 8:15 pm, with a mix of spiritual formation, service, prayer and fraternal outings to help teens grow as disciples of Christ.

Scan the QR code below to receive emails on meetings & events

Contact: Christian Thompson at

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SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

MARCH 18



AT FIRST CYRIL DIDN'T HAVE A VERY GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE HOLY TRINITY, BUT HE KNEW THAT THE ARIANS WERE WRONG. THEY SAID JESUS WAS LESS IMPORTANT THAN GOD THE FATHER. CYRIL TAUGHT WHAT HE KNEW WAS RIGHT ANYWAY. DO YOU TELL OTHERS WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT GOD?

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

St. Joseph Puzzle

March 19

The Gospel tells us that Saint Joseph was a just man. What did he do?

Match the things that he did (on the right) with the circumstances on the left.

- Before they were married and he found out that Mary was expecting a baby ____
 - When the angel came in a dream and told him to take Mary as his wife ____
 - When the government said that everyone had to register in their home town ____
 - When an angel came in a dream and told him that the soldiers were coming to kill baby Jesus ____
 - When Jesus stayed in the Temple instead of coming home with him ____
 - While Jesus was growing up ____
- St. Joseph taught Jesus to be a carpenter.
 - St. Joseph looked for Jesus for three days until he found Him.
 - St. Joseph took Mary and baby Jesus to Egypt right away.
 - St. Joseph went to Bethlehem with Mary.
 - St. Joseph planned to break off his engagement quietly so that Mary wouldn't be ashamed.
 - St. Joseph married Mary.



