

SAINT HELENA CHURCH

One Family, One Faith, One Heart

September 15, 2024
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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**Whoever receives me,
receives not me but
the One who sent me.**

Mark 9:37



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
Seminarists: 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. Megan Tronoski
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

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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: 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 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., September 14

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
† Living & Deceased Members of the Saint Theresa Guild
4:00 PM - St. Helena Church
† Clorina D’Orazio
Req. by her Family
4:30 PM - St. Titus
† Phil Gardocki
Req. by Helen Gardocki

Sun., September 15

7:30 AM - St. Helena Church
† For the People of the Parish
9:00 AM - St. Helena Church
† Erin Moore
Req. by the Moore Family
10:00 AM - St. Titus
† Joseph Budzilowicz
Req. by the Dillon Family
11:00 AM - St. Helena Church
† Terry Foley
Req. by the Foley Family

Mon., September 16 - St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian

8:00 AM - St. Titus
† Christina & Stephen King
Req. by the Quinn Family
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
† James Petrino
Req. by the Petrino Family

Tues., September 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine & St. Hildegard

8:00 AM - St. Titus
† Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Titus
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
† Robert Malkin
Req. by MJ & Tom Mrazik

Wed., September 18

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
† Vivian Jane & Leo V. Couchara, Jr.
Req. by Andrea & David Bergeron

PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS Continued

Thur., September 19 - St. Januarius

8:00 AM - St. Titus
† Monroe Williams
Req. by Joanne Wiess
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
† Spiritual Health of Sons & Wives
Req. by Mom & Dad

Fri., September 20 - St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon

8:00 AM - St. Titus
† Helen Koneski
Req. by the Duncan Family
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
† Daniel Staffieri
Req. by the Staffieri Family

Sat., September 21 - St. Matthew

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
† Living & Deceased Members of the Saint Theresa Guild
4:00 PM - St. Helena Church
† Cecelia & Les Schmalbach, Sr.
Req. by Anna Marie & Les Schmalbach
4:30 PM - St. Titus
† John Medica
Req. by the DosSantos Family

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TITHE!

Collection for weekend of September 8, 2024

PLATE: \$ 15,021
E GIVING: \$ 8,748
MAIL-IN: \$ 2,870

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 ParishGiving.org 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.



Prayer for the Sick



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

In particular, please remember the following individuals: Patrick Banicki, Ed Mitchell, Sr., Dave Colman, Juan Barba, Jim Smith, Lorraine Perri, Mike Piskai, Jr., Karen Meenan, Mary Trodden, Linda Weikert, Baby Daly, Carol Berardelli, Finneas Price, Aaron Furman, Nicolette Theisen, Baby Serli, Frank Anderson, George Cooper, Sarah Jammer and Babies Eve & Cece, Sr. Fran, Joan, Patty Kurkowski, Rachel Moore, Barbara Makar, Nancy Matozzo, William Lawrence, Joan DiDonato, Steve Malek, Casey Interrante

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

MEMORIALS FOR THIS WEEK



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns in memory of

ERIN MOORE

Req. by the Moore Family

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel burns in memory of

LORETTA G. BONDI

Requested by Joseph J. Bondi



A Candle burns at the Blessed Virgin Mary In memory of

ALINE PATRICIA MCGRAIL

Requested by Paul & Michele Gerestemeier



A Candle burns at the Blessed Virgin Mary In memory of

ELIZABETH MANJARDI

Requested by Laura Marchesani



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.

We removed the list so we could update it. Would you please contact the Parish Office to have your loved one put back on?



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

ALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

EMMA LUCIANO

FRANK CICCHIELLO

CONSTANCE SWAN

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

SHS
HOMECOMING
SAVE THE DATE!
When: Saturday, September 28, 2024
Mass: 4:00 PM
Games starting at 5:15 PM
Food, Fun & Friendly Competition
Location: St. Helena's Fields



MASS BOOK 2025

The 2025 Mass book will open on **Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 10 AM - 1 PM** in the Narthex of the Church. We will also have the Candle book and St. Theresa Guild available at this time.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
- Erin Moore Lemonade Stand: After All Masses
- Ministry Fair: After All Masses - Narthex
- Teen Group - Symbolon: 6:00 PM - Convent

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: 12:30 PM - Lady of Fatima
- Back to School Night: 7:00 PM
- Choir Practice: 7:00 PM - Church

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Adult Basketball: 5:30 PM - Rec. Center
- PREP Classes: 6:00 PM - Education Center
- 3 On 3 Basketball: 7:30 PM - Rec. Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- CYO Volleyball: 3:30 PM - Rec. Center
- Respect Life Mtg.: 6:45 PM - Lady of Fatima
- Adult Faith Formation - King David: 7:00 PM - Constantine Room
- Lady of Helena: 7:00 PM - Our Lady of Lourdes

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Robotics: 6:00 PM - Cafeteria
- Walking with Purpose: 6:00 PM - Lady of Fatima & Convent Kitchen
- Parent Volunteer Mtg.: 7:00 PM - Library
- RCIA: 7:00 PM - Our Lady of Mercy

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Parent Volunteer Mtg.: 9:00 AM—Library
- CYO Volleyball: 4:30 PM - Rec. Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Men's Fellowship Group: 7:00 AM - Convent
- St. Titus Flea Market: 9:00 AM - Parking Lot
- Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM - Church
- Robotics: After 4:00 PM Mass - Narthex

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
- Robotics: After All Masses - Narthex

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

SEPTEMBER 21 & SEPTEMBER 22

CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

Saturday, September 21

4:00 PM Fr. Kyle (Deacon Claude)

Sunday, September 22

7:30 AM Msgr. Beach

9:00 AM Fr. Kyle (Deacon Ken)

11:00 AM Fr. Sam

Lectors

Saturday, September 21

4:00 PM C. Neugebauer

Sunday, September 22

7:30 AM K. McGowan, T. Donohue

9:00 AM B. Nyman, T. Yezzi

11:00 AM C. Neugebauer

Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, September 21

4:00 PM Deacon Claude, R. Ryan, J. Schmidt, T. Smith

Sunday, September 22

7:30 AM G. Berti, L. Montgomery, K. Wurtenberg

9:00 AM Deacon Ken, L. Buella, J. Dolhoff, D. Moore, J. Viscanti

11:00 AM T. Gallagher, M. Okenquist, M. Skeels

Altar Servers

Saturday, September 21

4:00 PM R. Maxwell, K. McGinn, A. Morris

Sunday, September 22

7:30 AM R. Bradbury, J. Sabo, L. Yun

9:00 AM K. Lynch, D. Viscanti, J. Viscanti

11:00 AM M. Neaves, Q. Pantaleo, N. Pantaleo



Saint Helena School's

HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

September 26, 2024
6:30 - 8:00 P.M.
SHS Gymnasium
 1499 DeKalb Pike Blue Bell, PA 19422

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS, PLEASE COME MEET REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS ARCHDIOCESAN AND PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOLS.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR OPEN HOUSE!
 Questions? Please call the school office at 610-279-3345

Are you curious about the Catholic faith?
 Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic?
 Were you baptized Catholic but never received the other Sacraments?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, we WELCOME YOU to join our RCIA program!

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation)

Info Sessions

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



LEGO COLLECTION DRIVE

*SHS Robotics Team drops off Kits with the Oncology Child Life Team at Nemours Children's Hospital.

NEW or USED LEGOS®

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month!

All month drop-off your NEW or USED LEGOS® in the Collection Bins located in the vestibule after masses.

SHS Robotics' Team's Community Impact Project is sharing their love of STEM by assembling Engineering "Choose Happiness" Kits*.

Kits Include: LEGOS®, educational videos made by our team explaining each build and an engineering term.

*To be distributed to kids in the hospital battling cancer.

Over 15,500 children are diagnosed with cancer every year in the United States with many experiencing long absences from school and activities.

THE KELLAN FORD FOUNDATION

CANI

*Used LEGOS® will be professionally cleaned by a member of our community, CANI INC.



ST TITUS FLEA MARKET

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024, 8:00AM TO 1:00PM

ST TITUS CHURCH, 3000 KEENWOOD RD, NORRISTOWN
 SECURE YOUR SPOT: 610-279-4990 STTITUSFLEA@GMAIL.COM

Vendors Needed

\$30 per 8x18ft space
 (you can bring 2 tables)

Reserve by 9/13

Rain Date is Sep 28th

HTN Fall Furniture Collection



HTN Ministry is now collecting furniture for needy families through mid-November 2024 for their Fall Session. Furniture especially needed: bedroom dressers, chest, end tables, kitchen and dining room tables and chairs; living room chairs, loveseats and small sofas, end tables and coffee tables.

Please contact Helping Thy Neighbors: phone [215-346-6416](tel:215-346-6416) or email htnministry@gmail.com if you have any items you would like to donate. Someone will return your call/email and arrange the pick up of your items. Thank you for your support.

BIBLE STUDY WITH DEACON CLAUDE



Lord, Teach us To Pray...

Beginning Tuesday, September 24, Deacon Claude will lead a Bible study and discussion on

Jesus at prayer and Jesus' teaching on prayer. Our hope is this will help grow our prayer life. We will gather over five consecutive Tuesdays, from 2:00 PM to around 3:30 PM in St. Titus Church, Keenwood Road. We will conclude with reflection, prayer, and Benediction. Please join us as we walk this journey of prayer with Jesus.

We require a count estimate for materials, so please call the Parish office: St. Titus (610-279-4990) or St. Helena (610-275-7711), or e-mail Deacon Claude at cgranese@sttitus.org by *September 17* if you plan to participate.

Calling YOUTHS interested in becoming a LECTOR

We are very excited to be reviving our Youth Lector Ministry at St. Helena. My name is Mrs. Cathy Neugebauer and I have been a lector at St. Helena for the past 17 years. Ironically, my 12-year old daughter became a youth lector after she was confirmed in 2006 and she convinced me to join the Adult Lectors the following year! And, I've enjoyed every aspect of this ministry.

Those eligible to lector in this youth ministry are any candidates that will be Confirmed in the Spring of 2025 through those entering their last year in high school this fall (and have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation).

Proclaiming the Word of God is a great honor. Throughout Scripture, God calls individuals to carry out his will in particular ways. The unique gifts you can bring to this ministry of proclamation help equip you to respond to Jesus' call to spread the Good News far and wide.

Training is easy, and I am there to prepare those youths with a desire to lector at Sunday Masses. Training will be in small groups with one or two candidates at a mutually convenient time. Once you feel comfortable, I will lector with you at your first few Masses until you are ready to lector on a routine basis with our other Adult Lectors. Training materials and lecturing resources will be provided.

If you are interested in this ministry or if you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me in the Rectory Office, Monday - Friday between 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, or email me with any inquiries. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Mrs. Cathy Neugebauer
610-275-7711
cathvn@sainthelenachurch.org

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Monthly Prayer List for Our Children

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.



Assistants Needed to Guide Adults with

English as Second Language (ESL) Learning

Help students in classroom to follow ESL workbook
No need to speak Spanish

Classes start September 17 at St. Patrick School in Norristown; Tuesday or Thursday, 7:00-8:30 PM

To help: contact Jack O'Doherty 610-324-8625;
jodoherty@aol.com

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Archbishop Perez is thrilled to share that the Catholic Charities Appeal has eclipsed the halfway point of its goal this year! We have raised \$6.1 million so far and that is outstanding! With God's grace and your continued support, we will reach the \$10 million goal. These funds will allow us to bring hope to hundreds of thousands of people in need throughout the region who count on our charitable ministries.

If you have not already made your gift, please consider making it now. The difficulties we all face are exponentially greater for those in need who come to us for support.

To those who have already contributed. I express my deep gratitude on behalf of all those we serve. Everyone who contributes to the Catholic Charities Appeal is a partner in our mission. Together, we are Christ's hands, feeding the hungry, clothing the poor, providing medical care, and offering countless other forms of assistance.

WIDOW & WIDOWERS GROUP

New Beginnings II:

This group is for widows and widowers who share a common bond to come together in community for the purpose of friendship and social outings. It is open to widows and widowers of all faiths to join together monthly for fun and enjoyment.

Our next meeting will be held on *Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024* at 6:30 PM in the School Cafeteria.

BROTHER HOUSE

The Legion of Mary Brother House serves the homeless and poor men in Norristown. *Dressy clothing and suits are not needed.* Please donate ONLY MEN'S CLOTHING in good condition: *Jeans, sneakers, work boots, belts, kbakis, shorts, reader glasses, thermals, sweatshirts, sweatpants, hoodies, hats & caps, gloves, backpacks, canes and walkers, coats & jackets (for any season), small luggage.*

NO women's clothing.

NO socks or underwear at this time.

Donations can be dropped off in our Information Room, in the Church. For Large donations contact us at LOMBrotherHouse@gmail.com

As always we are grateful for all donations.
What you do for the least of my brother...

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

September 15th The Feast of the 7 Sorrows



"In September, the Month of the Seven Sorrows, Catholics especially meditate on particular events in the life of Mary that caused excessive sorrow in her Immaculate Heart, sorrows in which she was especially united to Jesus. As Christians, we understand that true love costs us something. Love is sacrificial. When we unite our sufferings and prayers, we blind satan and save souls.



In the Flame of Love Diary, we read that Jesus tells Elizabeth Kindlemann, *To save families, throw yourself into the furnace of suffering. Oh, how much sinning is done against Me by destroyed families! Make reparation and suffer for them. Do not lose the least opportunity.*' page 97" (from Jill Metz, U.S. Nat'l. Director, Flame of Love) If you wish to pray the dolorous rosary or Flame of Love Chaplet of the 7 Sorrows online, go to info@flameoflove.us

O most holy Mother, Queen of Sorrows, who followed your beloved Son through all the Way of the Cross, and whose heart was pierced with a fresh sword of grief at all the stations of that most sorrowful journey, obtain for us a true and tender devotion to all the mysteries of His most holy Passion. Mary most sorrowful, Mother of Christians, pray for us. Amen.



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: Archphila.org, under Marriage preparations to take the class on line.

Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary cordially invites the faithful to its Lower Gwynedd campus for an

Open House

Sunday, October 13
1400 Evans Road, Ambler, PA 19002

Tours begin at noon, with the last seminarian-led tour leaving at 2:15 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

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.

Practice Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 PM.

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.

Practice Thursday evenings from 6:15 to 7 PM.

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

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Come as you are, come see what we are about. **YOU ARE WELCOME HERE**

Lesson 1 Four Steps to Walking With Purpose
"We need to learn how to walk with purpose regardless of our circumstances."

Lisa Brenninkmeyer
Founder and Chief Purpose Officer, Walking with Purpose

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

We can be tempted to say we will learn to walk with purpose when we get our act together. But the women of Walking with Purpose have discovered otherwise! Join us in person or on Zoom for meaningful conversation and an Opening Your Heart video. Come as you are—with your questions, doubts, joys, and hopes. We have an empty chair waiting just for you.

Walking With Purpose meets in person, in the Convent, Thursdays 9:45- 11:30 AM (for new comers) Or 12:45-2:30 PM for those who have done OYH OR Mondays 7-8:30 PM, for those who have done OYH October to May See the St. Helena Website for Calendar Information & Registration

For more information, contact:
StHelenaWWP@gmail.com

****We will have a table at the Ministry Fair Sept 14th/15th****

RETRouvaille: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held the weekend of October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Hope for a Better Marriage

Helping marriages heal and grow. Over 100,000 couples helped.

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program

Weekend programs in February, August, and October in Malvern PA

HelpOurMarriage.org
 215-766-3944





Join our Adult Faith Formation: “David the King”

A video series by Bishop Robert Barron

Looking to engage your faith in a welcoming environment? Then come join our faith formation series this Fall! Meet new people, learn more about Jesus, and share your faith with a friendly community. Come for 1, 2...or all 6 evenings. Bring a friend or two along. Open to all adults (Catholic & non-Catholic...parishioner & non-parishioner).

Join us as we take a deeper look at David, the Old Testament King and Patriarch. With King David, we look back to Adam's kingship in the Garden of Eden and forward to Christ the King of Kings as the fulfillment of the Davidic line and the realization of the Kingdom of God on earth. **What does this mean for you? Come along the journey to find out!**

To register, learn more, and watch the trailer, scan the QR code here or email Christian — cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org



“David the King” is a six-part series taking place on...

Wednesdays September 18, 25, October 2

AND

Thursdays October 10, 17, 24

Check out what people are saying about past series....

“Every video was engaging...I kept asking myself, ‘what’s next?’”
- Participant from our series “The Creed”

“The discussions help make my faith more a part of my daily life.”
- Participant from our series “Priest, Prophet, King”

7 - 8:15pm – The Empress Room (below the Church)

Light refreshments will be provided

We look forward to seeing you!

BE *persuasively* PRO LIFE

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
KICKOFF EVENT

www.40daysforlife.com/chestercounty

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TRENT HORN
“Catholic Answers”
Apologist and Author

Ever get tongue-tied trying to explain why you’re pro-life? In this talk Trent presents the non-religious reasons to oppose abortion and then equips pro-life advocates to graciously make their case in the public square.

Learn from an OB/GYN what actually happens during the different abortion procedures. No euphemisms. No platitudes. Just the facts. Talk will include details about the abortion pill and abortion pill reversal.

Saturday September 21, 2024
9am – 12pm

St. Peter Church
2835 Manor Road, West Brandywine PA

For more information and to register for free visit www.lifelovesexuality.com

DR. MONIQUE RUBERU
Napro Technology
Trained Pro Life
OB/GYN



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

Saint Helena Parish started a *Saint Theresa Guild* many years ago. We dedicate our Saturday 9 AM Mass to the living and deceased members of this Guild. The names of the members are in a book that is present at the Mass. To have the name of a friend or loved one entered into *Saint Theresa Guild* come to the rectory office during business hours. A donation of \$25 is requested.

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 (\$30) in Honor or in Memory of a loved one.

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TO-DO

- kids are back to school
- lunches are made
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Back to School Prayer

Dear Lord,
As our students and teachers begin a new school year, we pray that you will keep them in your care.

Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good.

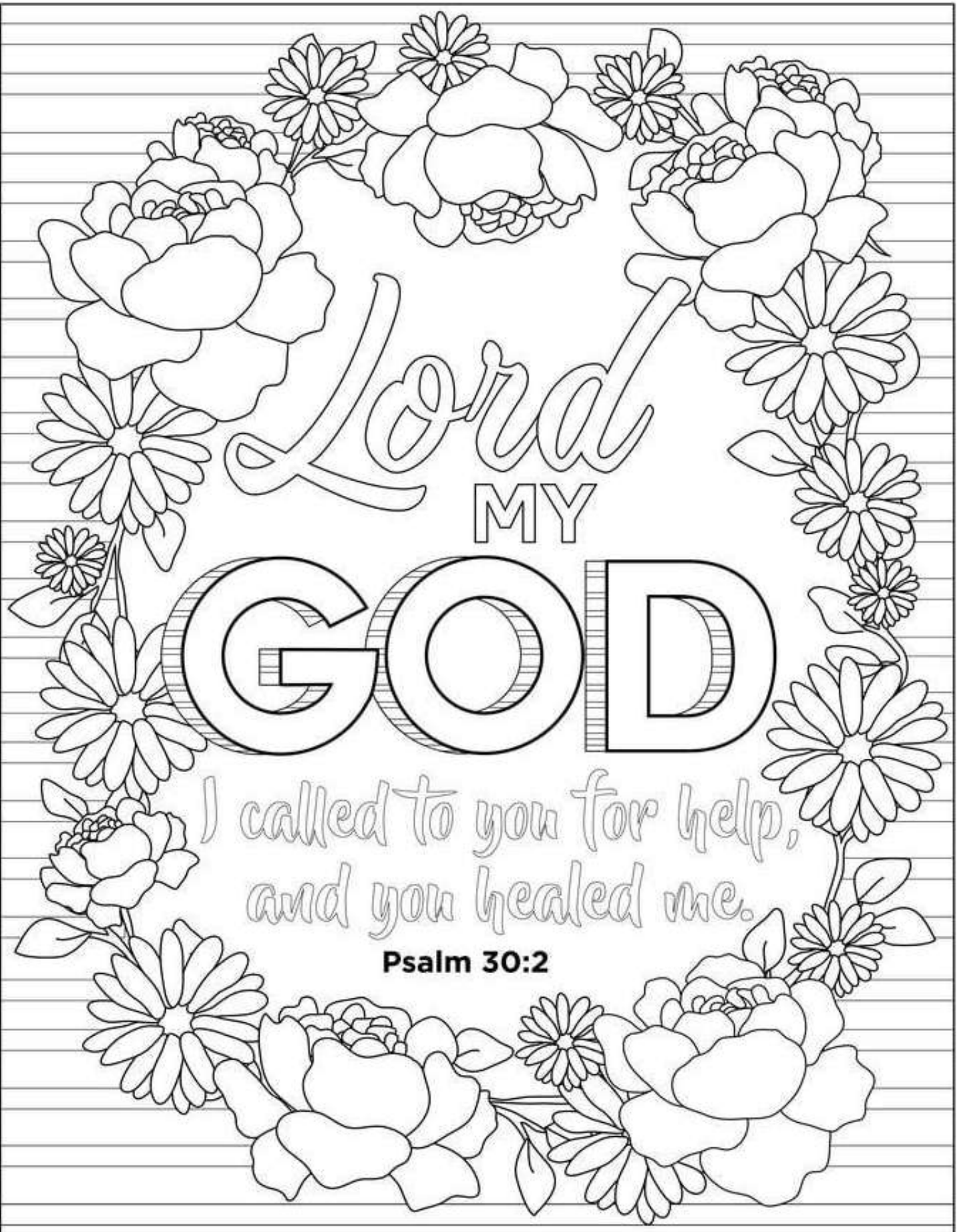
Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them.

Give our teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true.

Send your angels to guide and guard our children, teachers, and faculty and to keep them from all harm.

Open the hearts of your children to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end.

Amen.



LORD
MY

GOD

I called to you for help,
and you healed me.

Psalm 30:2

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."

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.

WEDNESDAY ROSARY GROUP

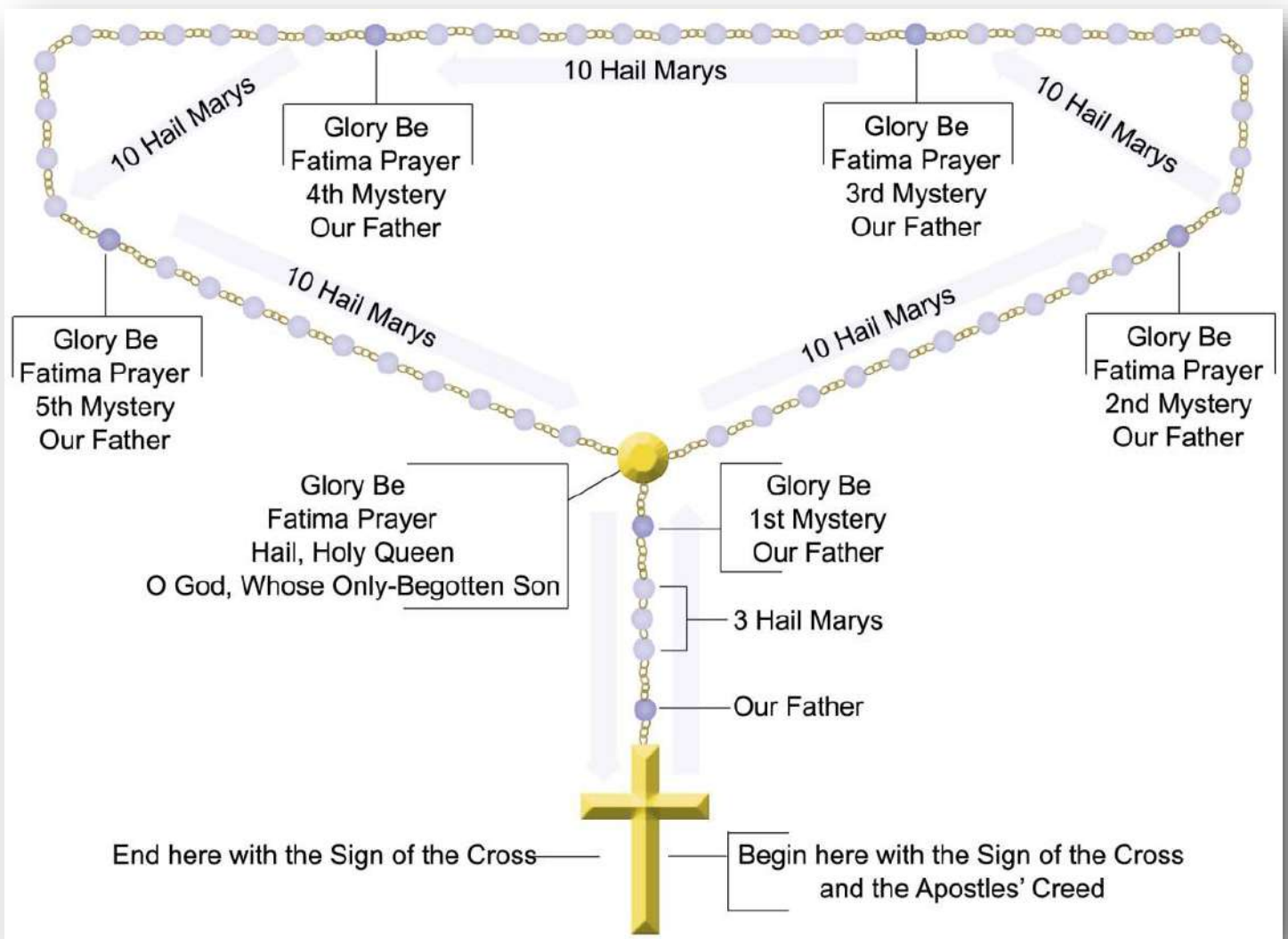
Please join us: The Wednesday Rosary at 11:30 is moving outside for the warm weather to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto (if it rains, meet in the Chapel). The Grotto is located down behind the Church. Follow the red stone path by the chapel or drive to Empress Room parking lot and follow the level asphalt path. Bring friends, family and children!

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.



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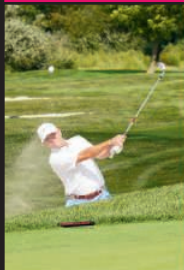
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