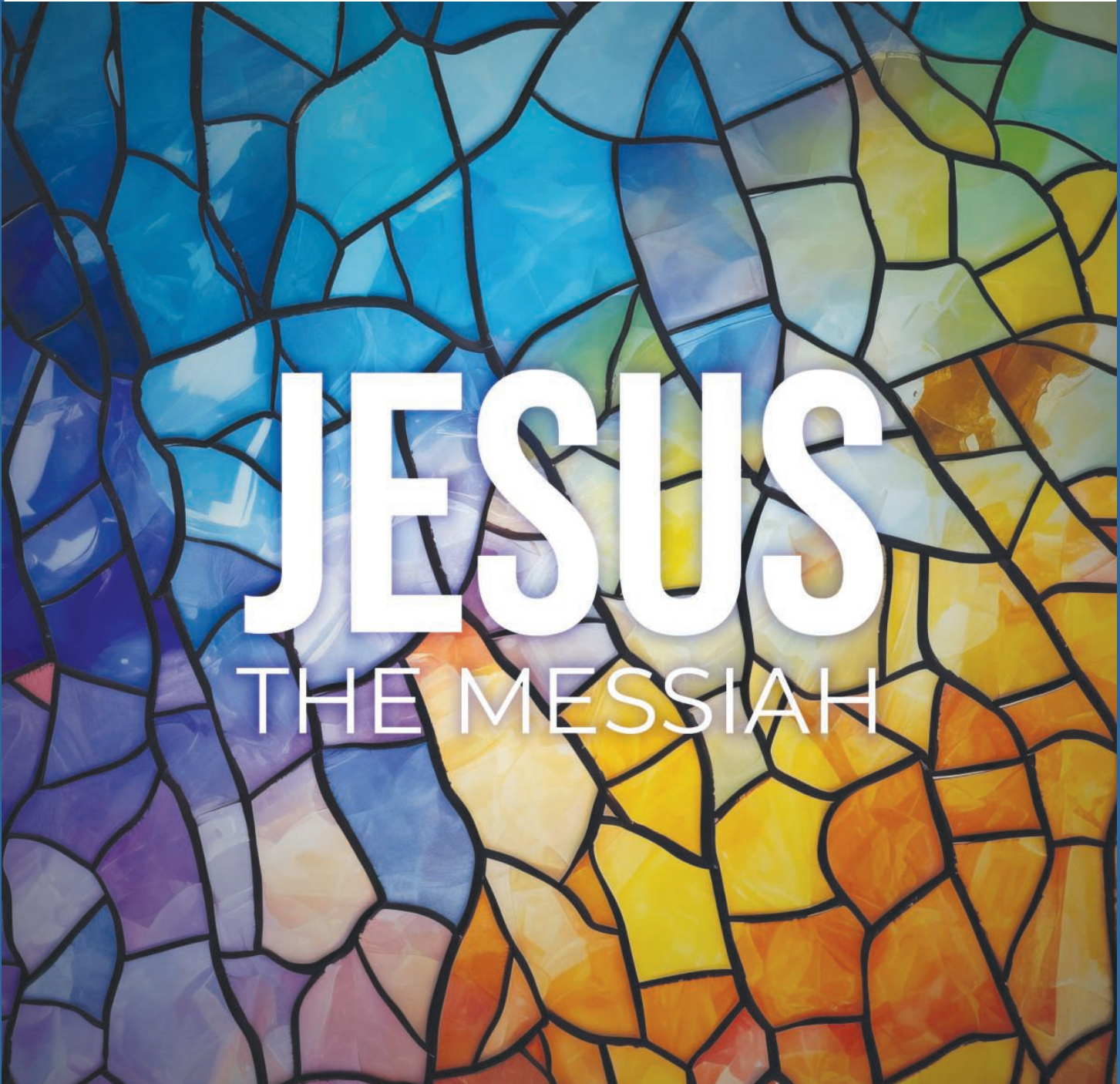


INSTALLATION MASS FOR REV. JOSEPH W. BONGARD



Join us, along with *Bishop Keith J. Chylinski*, on *Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 11:00 AM*. We will celebrate Father Joe as he officially becomes the Pastor of Saint Helena Parish. Followed by a reception in the Narthex.

A large, colorful stained glass window graphic with a mosaic pattern in shades of blue, purple, yellow, and orange. The word "JESUS" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center, with "THE MESSIAH" written in smaller, white, sans-serif capital letters below it.

JESUS

THE MESSIAH

SAINT HELENA CHURCH

One Family, One Faith, One Heart

September 22, 2024

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell . PA .19422

610-275-7711 (Phone) 610-879-3701 (Fax)

parish@sainthelena-church.org

www.sainthelena-centersquare.net



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

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: 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 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

Sun., September 22

7:30 AM - St. Helena Church

† For the People of the Parish

9:00 AM - St. Helena Church

† Tara Chell

Req. by her Loving Family

10:00 AM - St. Titus

† Preston Giambrone

Req. by his Family

11:00 AM - St. Helena Church

† Drew Burton

Req. by the Polec & McHugh Families

Mon., September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Rose & Tom Karcher

Req. by the Kubiaks

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Jane Couchara

Req. by the McFadden Family

Tues., September 24

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Titus

9:00 AM - St. Helena Church

† Dominic Thomas Genuardi

Req. by Andrea Slovak-Caperilla

Wed., September 25

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Margaret Malloy, Susan McInerney, Maryann Schieve

Req. by Walking with Purpose Group

PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS Continued

Thur., September 26 - St. Cosmas & St. Damian

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Louise DeColli

Req. by the DeColli Family

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Beatriz Aquino

Fri., September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Judy Donahue

Req. by the Kubiaks

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† William Schenk

Req. by the Oskanian Family

Sat., September 28 - St. Wenceslaus

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Living & Deceased Members of the Saint Theresa Guild

4:00 PM - St. Helena Church

† Florence & Joseph McGeehan

Req. by Sandy McGeehan

4:30 PM - St. Titus

† Joseph McNally on his 36th Anniversary

Req. by the Lewis Family

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TITHE!

Collection for weekend of September 15, 2024

PLATE: \$ 15,766

E GIVING: \$ 10,717

MAIL-IN: \$ 2,840

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
WAYNE JOSEPH SMITH
 Req. by his Family



A Candle burns at the Blessed Virgin Mary
 In honor of
SISTER FRANCIS REINHARDT, OSF
 Requested by Donna & Gina



A Candle burns at St. Joseph
 in memory of
JOSEPH ARMELI
 Requested by his wife, Phyliss



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please pray for all our military Personnel.

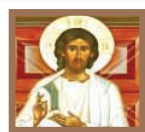
Lord God, Almighty Father, Creator of humankind and Author of peace, we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask You to bless the members of our Armed Forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. 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.



Bread & Wine

The Bread & Wine this week is offered in memory of
Helen T. Shannon
 Requested by the Smith Family.



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

ALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

FRANK CICHIELLO

CONSTANCE SWAN

DR. JAMES O'BRIEN

CATHERINE PETZ

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

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.



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

PARISH EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: 12:30 PM - Lady of Fatima
- SHS Tap Ensemble: 3:00 PM - Dance Studio
- CYO Volleyball: 5:00 PM - Social & Rec. Center
- Robotics: 6:00 PM - Cafeteria
- Daisy/Brownies: 6:15 PM - Library
- Choir Practice: 7:00 PM - Church

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM (Whole School) - Church
- Adult Basketball: 5:30 PM - Rec. Center
- PREP Classes: 6:00 PM - Education Center
- Bereavement Ministry: 7:00 PM - St. Joseph
- 3 On 3 Basketball: 7:30 PM - Rec. Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Social Media Club: 3:00 PM - Library
- CYO Volleyball: 3:30 PM - Rec. Center
- Adult Faith Formation - King David: 7:00 PM Constantine Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- High School Night: 4:00 PM - Social & Rec. Center
- Robotics: 6:00 PM - Cafeteria
- RCIA: 7:00 PM - Our Lady of Mercy

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- CYO Volleyball: 4:30 PM - Rec. Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Men's Fellowship Group: 7:00 AM - Convent
- Vigil Mass (Home Coming): 4:00 PM - Church
- Respect Life Speakers: At 4 PM Mass - Church & Narthex
- Home Coming: continues after 4:00 PM Mass – Social & Rec. Center and Fields

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
- Respect Life Speakers: At All Masses - Church
- INSTALLATION OF PASTOR: 11:00 AM Mass
- Reception: After the 11:00 AM Mass - Narthex

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

SEPTEMBER 28 & SEPTEMBER 29

CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

Saturday, September 28

4:00 PM Fr. Bongard

Sunday, September 29

7:30 AM Msgr. Beach

9:00 AM Fr. Kyle

11:00 AM Bishop Chylinski (Deacons Ken & Claude)

Lectors

Saturday, September 28

4:00 PM L. Fickett, R. Henry

Sunday, September 29

7:30 AM A. Ilano, J. Bond

9:00 AM P. Boylan, C. Buzad

11:00 AM R. Gomes, C. Neugebauer

Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, September 28

4:00 PM M. Baxter, T. Smith, JE Valencia

Sunday, September 29

7:30 AM G. Berti, T. Gallagher, J. Schmidt

9:00 AM D. DeBrakeleer, D. Nolen, J. O'Doherty, J. Viscanti

11:00 AM Deacon Ken, Deacon Claude, V. Thompson

Altar Servers

Saturday, September 28

4:00 PM C. Richardson, P. Richardson, A. Rose

Sunday, September 29

7:30 AM J. Borelli, G. Capperella, E. Rakow

9:00 AM E. Olivetti, K. Trainor, M. Traver

11:00 AM A. Durski, M. Findley, N. Hoy, M. Hoy, J. McIlvaine, C. McIlvaine, J. Romano

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



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.

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, khakis, 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 best of my brother...

LIVESTREAMING

The St. Helena Livestreaming Program is not available till further notice.

This is a good time to get back in the habit of attending Mass on Saturday, at 4:00 PM or one of our Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9:00 or 11:00.

We will notify you when Livestreaming resumes.

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.

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!

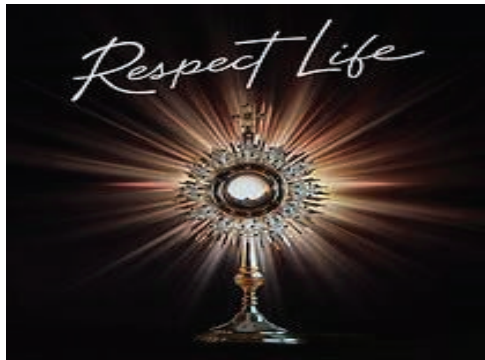
Mrs. Cathy Neugebauer

610-275-7711

cathyn@sainthelenachurch.org

October is Respect Life Month

To Honor Life - Roses will be Given Out
October 12/13 at all the Masses
All Free Will Donations will go to the Pro-life
Pregnancy Centers



A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity.

As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable.

For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.



**St. Helena, James F. Fenerty
Knights Council #14210
Join Online for Free !**

www.kofc.org

Grand Knight, Ted Pantaleo tpantal@msn.com

ABINGTON LIFE CHAIN

Spend an hour at Abington Hospital silently praying for the protection of our unborn children. Signs will be provided at the corners of York & Horace Rds.

Sunday, October 6
From 2:00 PM till 3:00 PM

For more information, call
Pat Stanton 267-718-4851 or
Jill Page at 215-429-3750

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Pray with us from 9/25/24 through 11/3/24 as we seek God's help for: **women** who are at risk of having an abortion, **innocent children** who are at risk of perishing, **men and women** who carry the pain of a past abortion experience, **workers** at Planned Parenthood facilities and abortion centers, **renewal** in our churches and the **repentance and healing** of our nation.

Save the date! St. Helena prayer vigil day during the 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign at the Norristown Planned Parenthood is **Saturday, October 12th.** (Check this corner for future details). Come onsite - outside of Norristown Planned Parenthood, to the Chapel or stay in your home to pray! Pray formal or informal prayers. For each day's devotional prayer, go to www.40daysforlife.com



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
**CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE**

The Joys of Womanhood Sacred, Beloved, & Beautiful

**Saturday, October 19, 2024
9:00AM – 4:00PM**

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA

Keynote Speakers:

Fr. Stephen DeLacy & Emily Wilson

Register now;

catholicwomensconference.org

There will be interpretation in American Sign Language.

Cost is :\$60

Groups of 5+: \$50.

College Students: \$20.00

Religious/Consecrated Women: \$15.00




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 cfmo32759@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

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.

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*)



PRE-CANA CLASSES

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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@sainthelena church.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"

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

Light refreshments will be provided

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

We look forward to seeing you!

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by mario d. macari

SAINT MATTHEW TELLS US THAT OUR LORD COMMANDED: "DO NOT WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW, TOMORROW WILL TAKE CARE OF ITSELF."

WASTE NO TIME IN WORRY! SATAN HOPES TO ENSNARE YOU IN A TRAP OF THE MOMENT FOR HIMSELF! INSTEAD, TURN TO GOD IN THAT MOMENT IN HOPE, FAITH AND LOVE. THEN GOD WILL BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY!



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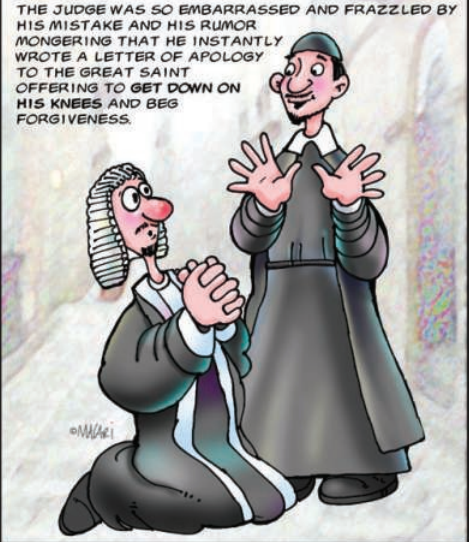
SAINTS FUN FACTS

by mario d. macari

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL WAS ONCE ACCUSED OF STEALING OVER 400 CROWNS BY HIS ROOM MATE, A JUDGE. THE SAINT REPLIED THAT HE WAS INNOCENT, THAT HE HAD BEEN BEDRIDDEN ALL DAY WITH ILLNESS, AND THAT GOD KNEW THE TRUTH. INCENSED, THE JUDGE SPREAD THE LIE ALL OVER PARIS.

SOMETIME LATER, THE REAL THIEF CONFESSED. HE HAD MADE A DELIVERY TO THEIR RESIDENCE, SAW THE MONEY IN THE CUPBOARD, AND TOOK IT.

THE JUDGE WAS SO EMBARRASSED AND FRAZZLED BY HIS MISTAKE AND HIS RUMOR MONGERING THAT HE INSTANTLY WROTE A LETTER OF APOLOGY TO THE GREAT SAINT OFFERING TO GET DOWN ON HIS KNEES AND BEG FORGIVENESS.



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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.

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.

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!

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

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COSMAS AND DAMIAN WERE TWIN BROTHERS IN THE 200'S AD. THEIR FATHER DIED WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG. THEY WERE RAISED BY THEIR MOTHER WHO WAS A CHRISTIAN.



BOTH BROTHERS WERE VERY GOOD STUDENTS. THEY BECAME GREAT DOCTORS.



THEY HEALED PEOPLE'S BODIES



AND CARED FOR THEIR SOULS TOO.



COSMAS AND DAMIAN WOULD NOT TAKE ANY PAY FOR THEIR WORK.



WHEN A PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS BEGAN THE BROTHERS WERE ARRESTED AND TORTURED.

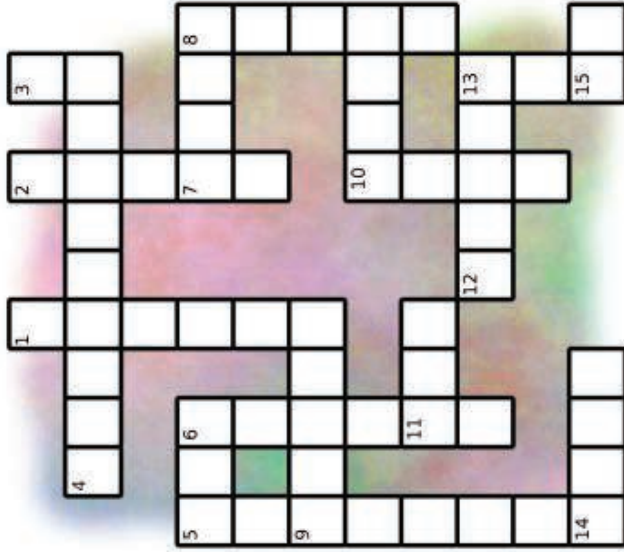


BUT THEY WOULD NOT GIVE UP THE FAITH. THEY WERE THROWN IN THE WATER, BURNED AND CRUCIFIED, BUT DID NOT DIE UNTIL THEY WERE BEHEADED.

SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN IMITATED JESUS IN HIS CARE FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING PEOPLE. THEY ARE PATRON SAINTS OF DOCTORS AND SURGEONS. WE CAN LEARN FROM THEM TO CARE FOR OTHERS LIKE JESUS DID. WE SHOULD ALSO IMITATE THEIR PERSEVERANCE IN THE FAITH IN SPITE OF PERSECUTION.

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Psalm 54 Cross- Word



Unscramble the words in today's Psalm to fit them into the puzzle.

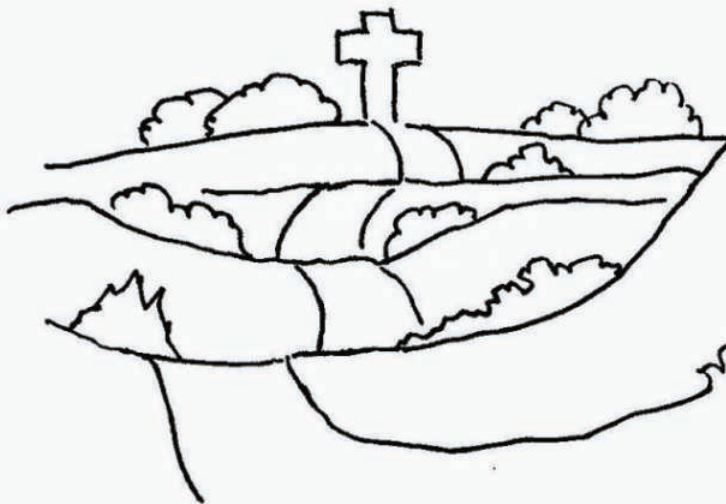
a=Across d=Down

O God, by your name (ESAV 14a) me,
and by your (THGMI 2d) (FENDEED 6d) my cause.
O God, (ERHA 7a) my (YREPRA 1d);
hearken (OT 15a) the (DROWS 12a) of my mouth.
For the haughty have (NERIS 8d) up against (EM 3d),
the ruthless seek my (FLEI 10a);
they (TES 13d) (NTO 11a) God before their eyes.
Behold, (DGO 5a) is my helper,
the (DOLR 10d) sustains my life.
Freely will I (EFFOR 9a) you (FICESACIR 4a);
I will praise your name, O Lord,
for its (NSSEGDOO 5d).



I AM
THE GOOD
SHEPHERD,
THE GOOD
SHEPHERD
LAYS DOWN
HIS LIFE FOR
THE SHEEP

John 10:11



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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.

WEDNESDAY ROSARY GROUP

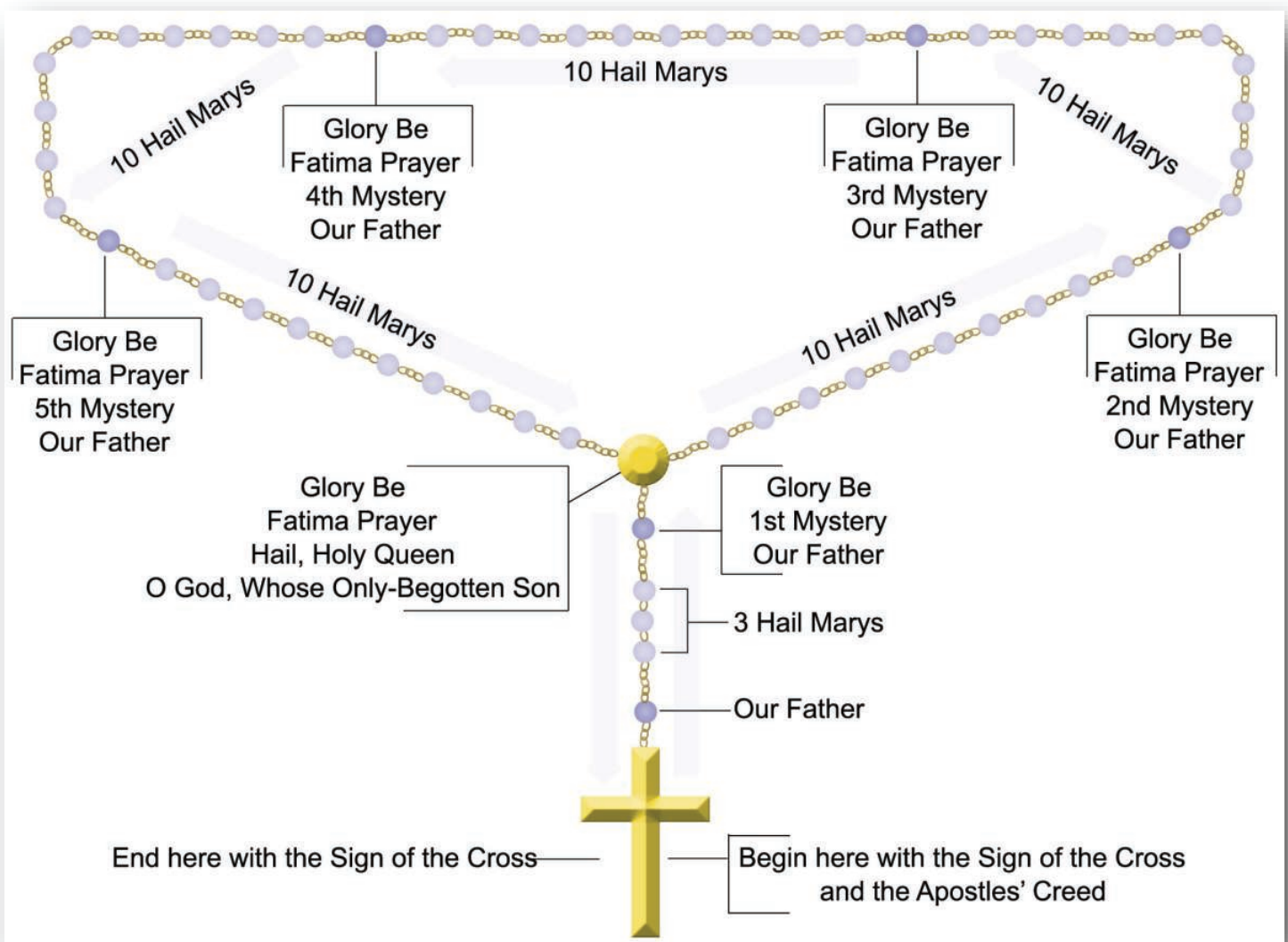
Please join us: The Wednesday Rosary at 11:30 is moving outside for the warm weather to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto (if it rains, meet in the Chapel). The Grotto is located down behind the Church. Follow the red stone path by the chapel or drive to Empress Room parking lot and follow the level asphalt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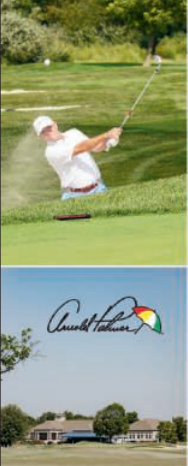
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