

**SAINT HELENA CHURCH**

One Family, One Faith, One Heart

**November 24, 2024**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe**

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# MY KINGDOM DOES NOT BELONG TO THIS WORLD.

JOHN 18:36





# 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  
Seminarian: Przemek Rozestwinski

### PARISH OFFICE:

Phone: 610-275-7711  
Web Site: [www.sainthelena-centersquare.net](http://www.sainthelena-centersquare.net)  
Email: [parish@sainthelenachurch.org](mailto: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: 10:00AM  
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](http://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., November 23**

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Living & Deceased Members of the Saint Theresa Guild  
4:00 PM - St. Helena Church  
† Beatriz Aquino  
4:30 PM - St. Titus  
† Anthony & Rose Dos Santos  
Req. by Georgeann Dos Santos

**Sun., November 24**

7:30 AM - St. Helena Church  
† For the People of the Parish  
9:00 AM - St. Helena Church  
† Landon Vargas  
Req. by his Family  
10:00 AM - St. Titus  
† Joseph Graham  
Req. by Brian & Mary Ann Graham  
11:00 AM - St. Helena Church  
† Susan Follo-Tossoni  
Req. by Jonathan DeMent

**Mon., November 25 - St. Catherine**

8:00 AM - St. Titus  
**Special Intention**  
Req. by Nancy Granese  
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Joseph F. Wallin - on his Birthday  
Req. by Mae Wallin & Family

**Tues., November 26**

8:00 AM - St. Titus  
† Anthony DeColli  
Req. by Phyllis DeColli  
9:00 AM - St. Helena Church  
† Landon Vargas  
Req. by his Family

**Wed., November 27**

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Jimmy Tygh  
Req. by Dad & Mom

**Thur., November 28 - Thanksgiving Day**

8:00 AM - St. Titus  
† Paul Timko  
Req. by Matt & Barb Quinn

**PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS  
Continued**

**Thur., November 28 - Thanksgiving Day**

9:00 AM - St. Helena Church  
† Kathleen M. Rooney  
Req. by the Rooney Family

**Fri., November 29**

8:00 AM - St. Titus  
† Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Titus  
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Marie Hilferty  
Req. by the Hilferty Family

**Sat., November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle**

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Living & Deceased Members of the Saint Theresa Guild  
4:00 PM - St. Helena Church  
† Christine Marinari  
Req. by Jim & Pat Tygh  
4:30 PM - St. Titus  
† Karen Roberts  
Req. by Ruth Papale



**Bread & Wine**

The Bread & Wine this week is offered in memory of **Anna Mary Scalzo**  
Requested by the Smith Family.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TITHE!**

**Collection for weekend of November 17, 2024**


**PLATE: \$ 13,567**  
**E GIVING: \$ 11,272**  
**MAIL-IN: \$ 2,592**

**Envelopes Returned: 401**  
**E Giving: 204**

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.

**Thanksgiving Day Mass**, Continuing A New Tradition, all parishioners of Saint Helena and their families are invited to special Mass on Thanksgiving Day during which we will bless loaves of Bread. After Mass, each family will be presented with a loaf of blessed bread to share at your Thanksgiving table. We are providing one loaf per attending family. Mass is scheduled for 9:00 AM. While Thanksgiving Day usually includes parades, football, and families sharing a big meal, as Catholics, whenever we gather to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we “give thanks” for the many blessings, mercies and graces that flow from the very heart of our Savior, Jesus. There is no better way of expressing our “Thanks” to God, than by attending Mass and receiving Him in the Eucharis

**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, Lorraine Perri, Mike Piskai, Jr.,  
 Karen Meenan, Mary Trodden, Linda Weikert,  
 Carol Berardelli, George Cooper, Sr. Fran, Joan,  
 Patty Kurkowski, William Lawrence, Joan DiDonato,  
 Steve Malek, Casey Interrante, Alec Jensen,  
 Rose O'Donnell, Kristen Gilia, Bruce Shepherd,  
 Jong Soo Sohn, Carletta Sohn, Betty DeBlasio,  
 Shannon Sanfilippo.

### MEMORIALS FOR THIS WEEK




The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns in memory of,  
**LANDON VARGAS**  
 Requested by his Family

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel burns in memory of  
**JOSEPH F. WALLIN**  
 Requested by Mae Wallin & Family



A Candle burns at St. Joseph in memory of  
**JOSEPH F. WALLIN**  
 Requested by Mae Wallin & Family

**Pray For Our Troops**



**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




**Advent by Candlelight**

Women, are you looking to have a purposeful Advent season? Please join the women of Saint Helena's *Walking with Purpose* on Wednesday, **December 4**, for an evening of spiritual reflection as we begin the season of Advent. Light supper will be served.

Program begins at 6:00 pm, doors open at 5:30, in the St. Helena Empress Room, located beneath the church, with an outside entrance. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted.

For planning purposes, please RSVP by Nov. 22, to [sthelenawwp@gmail.com](mailto:sthelenawwp@gmail.com) or Susan at 610-952-2330.



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

**ALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED**  
 INCLUDING

**JOHN GIAMO**  
**JAMES SMITH**

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

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
- Thanksgiving Food Drive: 7:00 AM till 11:00 AM - Chapel

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: 12:30 PM - Counting Room
- Robotics: 6:00 PM - Cafeteria
- Simple Supper Mass: 6:00 PM - Church
- Simple Supper: 7:00 PM - Rec. Center

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Walking with Purpose: 1:00 PM - Convent
- Pie Pick-Up: 3:30 PM till 5:30 PM - Church Information Room
- Adult Basketball: 5:30 PM - Rec. Center
- Adult Education Class: 7:00 PM - Our Lady of Mercy
- 3 on 3 Basketball: 7:30 PM - Rec. Center

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- **Thanksgiving Day Mass:** 9:00 AM - Church with Blessing of the Bread:
- Parish Office: CLOSED

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Parish Office: CLOSED

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Men's Fellowship Group: 7:00 AM - Convent
- Vigil Mass : 4:00 PM - Church
- Brother House Winter Drive: After Mass Information Room

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

- Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
- Brother House Winter Drive: After All Masses Information Room
- Youth Group: 6:00 PM - Convent
- Advent Evening Prayer: 6:00 PM - Chapel

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

NOVEMBER 30 & DECEMBER 1

### CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

#### Saturday, November 30

4:00 PM Fr. Joe (Deacon Claude)

#### Sunday, December 1

7:30 AM Fr. Joe (Deacon Claude)

9:00 AM Fr. Kyle (Deacon Ken)

11:00 AM Msgr. Beach

### Lectors

#### Saturday, November 30

4:00 PM R. Henry, T. Pantaleo

#### Sunday, December 1

7:30 AM J. Bond, T. Donohue

9:00 AM P. Boylan, K. McGowan

11:00 AM M. Voigt, P. Lorenzo

### Ministers of Holy Communion

#### Saturday, November 30

4:00 PM T. Gallagher, T. Reigle, T. Smith, M. Valle

#### Sunday, December 1

7:30 AM Deacon Claude, J. O'Doherty, J. Schmidt

9:00 AM Deacon Ken, N. Kang, J. Kang, J. Waitkus

11:00 AM L. Buella, F. Ramos, J. Ramos, M. Watts

### Altar Servers

#### Saturday, November 30

4:00 PM S. James, J. Koop, K. Trainor

#### Sunday, December 1

7:30 AM J. Borelli, T. Bushner, E. Rakow

9:00 AM B. Crawford, A. Crawford, B. Dion

11:00 AM L. Buella, G. Cherico, P. Cherico

## BROTHER HOUSE WINTER COLLECTION



The Legion of Mary Brother House serves the homeless and poor men in Norristown.

### WINTER HATS, GLOVES AND SOCKS

Donations can be dropped off on the weekend of **November 30 & December 30**, before and after Mass. Place your items in our Information Room, in the Church.

As always we are grateful for all donations.



## ST. HELENA SCHOOL NEWS

### Miss Britt's Mercy Minutes:

This month, our school has focused on the virtues of Gratitude and Patriotism. During the month of November, we find ourselves particularly inspired by the theme of gratitude. We have much to be thankful for at Saint Helena School, including our wonderful children, dedicated teachers, supportive Home and School Association, engaged parents, and our devoted priests.

This weekend, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Father Kyle. Since his arrival at Saint Helena School, Father Kyle has been deeply involved in the lives of our students. He often warmly greets the children each morning and bids them farewell each day. His presence in the school during the day and at various school and CYO events has enriched our community. As we celebrate this weekend, *we also want to wish Father Kyle a very Happy Birthday.* Thank you, Father, for your unwavering support and dedication.

*Enjoy your special day, Father Kyle!*

*Love,*

*Your Saint Helena School Family*

**On another note-** We have more good news from our school!

**Devin Barkmeyer** has received the Principal's Scholarship to Roman Catholic High School of Philadelphia.

**Billy Byrne** has received the Presidential Scholarship to Roman Catholic High School of Philadelphia, a Principal's Scholarship to LaSalle College High School, and a St. Therese Scholarship to Lansdale Catholic High School.

**Michael Inforzato** has received a Principal's Scholarship to LaSalle College High School.

**Jianluca Romano** has received a Principal's Scholarship to LaSalle College High School and a St. Therese Scholarship to Lansdale Catholic High School

**Andrew Tedesco** has received a Presidential Scholarship to LaSalle College High School.

**John Viscanti** has received a Crusader Scholarship to Lansdale Catholic High School.

**Kyle Whelan** has received a Principal's Scholarship to LaSalle College High School.

Congratulations to Devin, Billy, Michael, Jianluca, Andrew, John, and Kyle and their parents and teachers! I hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

**Miss Denise Britt**     [dbritt@sainthelenaschool.org](mailto:dbritt@sainthelenaschool.org)

## LIVE STREAM UPDATE

Recently, Saint Helena did a review of our Live Streaming program. The number of viewers of our daily Mass, Adoration and Sunday liturgies has continued to drop in each of the last couple of years. Presently, there is only a handful of individuals who log-in on a consistent basis. During Covid, the parish embraced a 24/7 broadcast option. The costs to maintain this continue to rise and are becoming prohibitive. Additionally, because of their age, the present camera systems and computer support in both the Chapel and Church need to be updated and replaced.

Therefore, beginning this month, Saint Helena will be Live-Streaming the **9:00 AM Sunday Mass ONLY.** This Mass will be archived on the Parish Website the entire week, to be viewed at everyone's convenience. Weekday Mass and Adoration will no longer be Live-Streamed.

Realizing some homebound parishioners enjoy participating in the Mass online, there are a couple of Catholic sites that offer convenient access to Devotions and daily Mass:

### [catholictv.org](http://catholictv.org)

CatholicTV Mass: Weekdays & Saturdays at 9:30 AM ET, Sundays at 10 AM ET Live Mass from Notre Dame: Saturdays at 7 PM ET & 11:30 PM ET Live Mass from the National Shrine: Sundays at 8 AM ET

Also available is public recitation of The Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Divine Office and Stations of the Cross

All are recorded and available to watch any time.

### [Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul](#)

Sunday 11:00am Mass is live streamed and available any time to watch

### [SaVior.org](http://SaVior.org)

Perpetual live Adoration from around the world.

### [Ewtn.com](http://Ewtn.com)

**Mass** on demand available at any time

**Live Daily Mass and Sunday Mass** 8 AM ET

**Adoration** Sunday 9 AM-5 PM and

Mon-Sat 9 AM -6 PM.

**Make this the best Advent of your life!**

Advent is the time when we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus but so often we lose sight of this season because we get caught up in festive busyness and we find ourselves no more prepared and transformed on Christmas Day than we were at the start of Advent.



We invite you to take some time to reflect and listen to what God is telling us through Scripture in order to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus. We will meet each week of Advent to watch a short video reflection and to pray over and discuss the upcoming Sunday readings.

Meetings will be 7 to 8PM in the parish convent.

***Weekly Meetings and Theme***

Tues, Nov. 26 — Building trust in God

Tues, Dec. 3 — God is with us in the unknown

Mon, Dec. 9 — Be attentive in your heart

Mon, Dec. 16 — Trust in God, not in outcomes



Contact:  
Christian  
Thompson at  
610-275-7711

Scan the QR  
code with  
your phone's  
camera to  
sign up or  
learn more!



**Youth Ministry News**

Our youth group is a great place for teens in 8 - 12th grades to discover the great plan and potential for a life lived in union to our beautiful and tremendous God!

Our hope is that all teens who pass through our youth group have an encounter with Jesus, Who will provide them with a true sense of purpose. Through prayer, food, games, and personal interactions, we seek to provide teens with healthy relationships that can build a sense of purpose, from which they can spread the mission of Jesus to all those they meet!

Meetings are Sunday evenings from 7 to 8:15 PM in the Parish Convent (1301 Yost Road).

Scan the QR code to learn more about our group and to sign up for our text communications.



Contact: Christian Thompson  
[cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org](mailto:cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org)

**Upcoming Events**

**Dec. 1** — A Teenager's Guide to Advent/Christmas

**Dec. 8** — Immaculate Conception Potluck Dinner

**Dec. 15** — Sandwich-making for the homeless

**Help young families and first-time parents learn and grow in faith!**

Pass on the Good News of our Catholic Faith by becoming a catechist for our Pre-Baptism parent preparation classes! As you nurture their faith, your own faith will certainly grow too! You are welcomed to serve as often or as little as you like - you can even be a "substitute". All training and materials are provided. Classes are held the 1st Monday of each month in the parish convent from 7:00 to 8:00pm.

To learn more about how to serve... Contact - Christian at [cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org](mailto:cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org) or call the rectory 610-275-7711.



# THANGSGIVING DINNER PRAYER

Almighty Father,  
 We thank you that we are all gathered here today. Thank You for Your guidance and blessings throughout the year. Thank You for this meal on our table. Help us to remember the less fortunate and be there for them just as you are here for us. Please bless this family and our friends. Grant us long life and good health  
 In Jesus' name, we pray

*Amen*

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER



## St. Helena Giving Tree and Norristown State Hospital

We are again asking for your help in spreading Christmas cheer to the less fortunate. The Christmas gifts will be going to teens at St. Francis Home for Boys, St. Joseph Home for Girls, APHON (Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia) for Children Undergoing Bone Marrow Transplants, Dawn's Place, Brother House, and Prayer Shawl Ministry.

We **will not** be putting tags on the tree. We are asking for \$25.00 gift cards to Walmart, Target, Visa, Master Card. Or, you can make a check payable to St. Helena Church and we will buy the gift card(s). Put your check in an envelope marked Theresa Smith for Giving Tree. Also put the organization you want your gift card to go. All gift cards are due **no later than December 8, 2024.** For more information call Theresa Smith: 215-646-7636.

## Norristown State Hospital

The Norristown State Hospital would like our help in supplying Christmas Stocking Stuffers to their adult men and women patients. Suggested items: AA Batteries, puzzle books, pantyhose, handkerchiefs, stationery, earmuffs, gloves, washable slippers, change purses, powders, cards, washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lip balm, lotion, hand cream, deodorant, shampoo, powder, and plain white athletic socks for both men and women are useful. Only low-fat, sugar-free, low-calorie snacks. No sharp objects or glass containers. These gifts are not to be wrapped.

*There will be a basket in the Church Narthex for these items. Please bring items in **by December 8, 2024.** For questions, please call Theresa Smith at 215-646-7636.*

## 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.

JOIN US FOR A

# GRINCHMAS

MOVIE NIGHT

HOSTED BY

THE PARISH OUTREACH COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13  
6PM - 8PM

ST. HELENA SCHOOL GYM

OPEN TO ST. HELENA, PREP, AND PARISHIONER CHILDREN, GRADES PREK-5

\$5 per child/\$10 per family  
Visit St. Helena Church website to register!





# Ladies of Helena Fundraiser Memorial Christmas Lanterns

The Ladies of Helena are offering  
**Memorial Christmas Lanterns** for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year.  
These lanterns are a wonderful way to remember your loved one  
during the Christmas holidays.

Each lantern includes a battery-operated light and will be displayed  
outside of **Saint Helena Church** during the Masses from  
Christmas Eve through New Year's Day.

The name of the person to be remembered will appear  
on a tag attached to each lantern.

**\$25.00 for each Lantern** *(1 Name Per Lantern)*

*Cash or check made payable to Saint Helena Church*

Complete the form below and drop off with payment at Saint Helena's Parish office  
or with Ladies of Helena in the vestibule after upcoming Masses.

**Deadline for all orders is Sunday, December 15, 2024**

Pickup: Lanterns only (*shepherds crooks not included*) can be picked up in the Rectory office from  
January 6, 2025 until January 10, 2025. 10am-3:00pm

Questions - please contact: Carolyn Dittrich 215-688-2488 / [dittrichcarolyn@gmail.com](mailto:dittrichcarolyn@gmail.com)  
or Tish Barnett 610-277-5692 / [lab1125@yahoo.com](mailto:lab1125@yahoo.com)



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Yes, I would like to order a **Memorial Christmas Lantern** for \$25 per lantern

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Deceased** to go on lantern tag *(Maximum of 25 characters)*

*Please print clearly*

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*All Are Invited to the  
St. Helena Christmas Concert  
“A Candlelight Christmas”  
December 15, 2024 in  
St. Helena Church  
From 2 to 3 PM*



*A free-will offering will be  
graciously accepted.*



# Peace in the Momb

# Pro-Life Christmas Caroling

Saturday, December 14 at  
10AM

Norristown Planned Parenthood  
1221 Powell St., Norristown

*In the Christmas story, hope enters the world through the birth of a child, even in the midst of difficult circumstances.*

*Join us as we share this Christmas hope where it's needed most: the abortion facility right here in our community.*

For more information, contact:  
Joe McGuire, [jmcg6518@gmail.com](mailto:jmcg6518@gmail.com)

Organized nationally by the **PRO-LIFE ACTION LEAGUE**



### CHILDREN'S TITHE

The Children of St. Helena are taught how to Tithe by bringing a none 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.

### 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

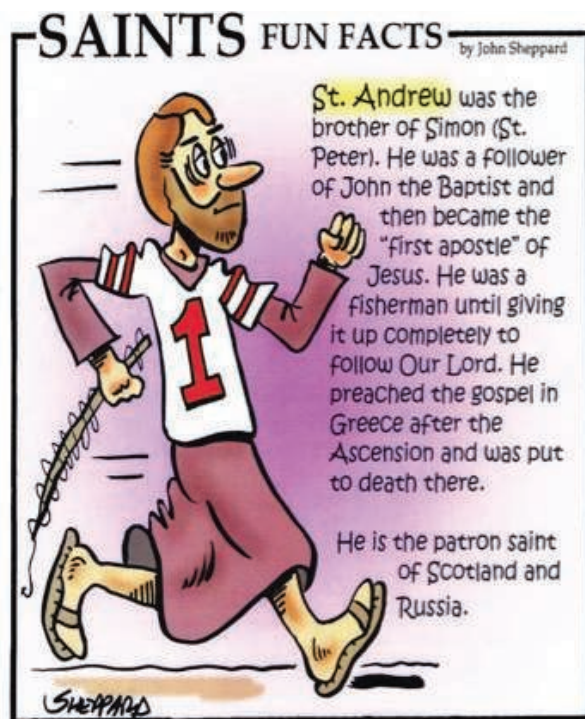
#### BREAD & WINE

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.



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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.”  
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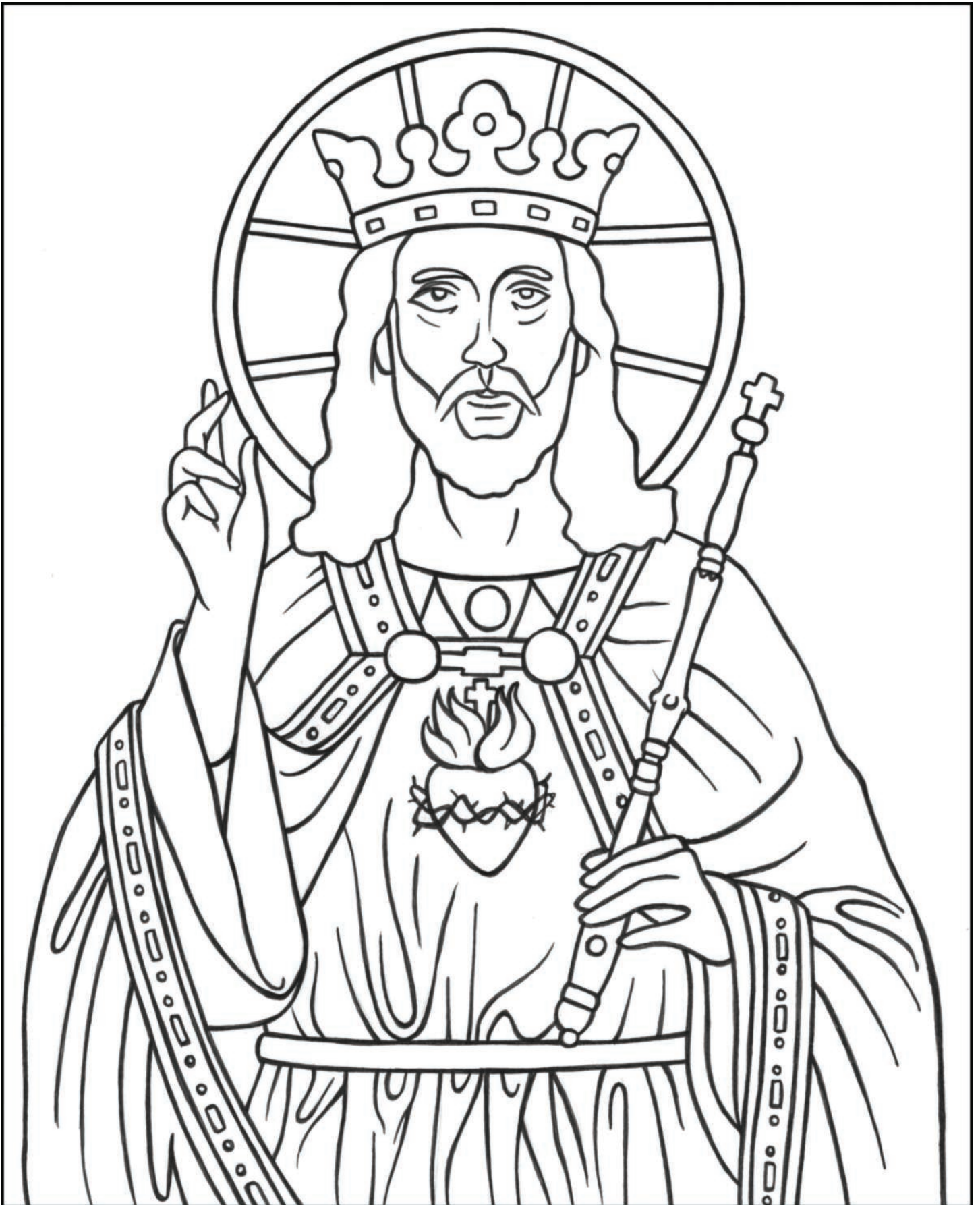
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