

Oh woman, great is your faith!
Let it be to you as you desire.



SAINT HELENA CHURCH

1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422

610-275-7711 (Phone)

610-879-3701 (Fax)

August 20, 2023

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time



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: Parochial Admin. of St. Helena & St. Titus

Rev. Edward C. Kelly & Rev. Kyle M. Adamczyk:

Parochial Vicars, St. Helena & St. Titus

Msgr. Joseph J. Nicolo: Pastor Emeritus

Deacon A. Kenneth Belanger

Deacon Claude Granese: St. Titus & St. Helena

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 Gina 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. Rene Ryan

School Nurse: Mrs. April Maxwell

PREP:

Phone: 610-277-3573

Dir. of Religious Education: Mrs. Madeleine Fitzgerald

DIR. of PARISH SERVICES: Mr. Christian Thompson

Phone: 610-930-0349

FACILITIES MANAGER: Mr. Vince Thompson

Phone: 610-322-5749

FACILITIES DIRECTOR: Mr. Bob Geiger

Phone: 610-724-7475

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM

Weekdays: Mon - Sat 9:00 Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 PM

Holy Days: 9:00 AM, & 12:15 PM (NO 7:00 AM)

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

CHAPEL HOURS:

The Saint Theresa Chapel is open Monday - Friday from 6:30 AM to 9 PM; Saturday from 8 AM - 5 PM; & Sunday from 7 AM to 5 PM.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month *after* the 11:00 AM Mass. Please stop by the Parish Office for information on scheduling Baptism for your child. Pre-Jordan classes are 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 class. Letters of eligibility are due at the Parish Office *before* a date can be confirmed for Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must be made with a priest 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSION:

Saturdays at 3:00 PM in the Church or contact the Parish Office **to make an appointment.**

St. Titus Confessions: 3:30 to 4:00 PM.

MEMORIALS:

Mass Cards, Candles, Bread & Wine...in honor of the living or in memory of the deceased. If you would like to have a spiritual memorial offered in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

- Mon., Aug. 21** 9:00 AM - **St. Pius X**
IMO - JOSE MIGUEL MINAYA
Req. by Bariana McQuade
- Tue., Aug. 22** 9:00 AM - **The Queenship of the BVM**
IMO - Frances & Edward
Kuliczkowski
Req. by the Kuliczkowski Family
- Wed., Aug. 23** 9:00 AM - **St. Rose of Lima**
IMO - MARY TORNETTA
Requested by Rita Kurek
- Thu., Aug. 24** 9:00 AM - **St. Bartholomew**
IMO - FRANCIS CAPERILLA
3RD ANNIVERSARY
Requested by his family
- Fri., Aug. 25** 9:00 AM - **St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz**
IMO - ARTHUR J. ROONEY, SR.
Requested by the Rooney Family
- Sat., Aug. 26** 9:00 AM
The living and deceased members
of the Saint Theresa Guild

MEMORIALS FOR THIS WEEK



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church
burns in memory of
GRACE "DOLLY" REEVES
Requested by Gina Malony



A Candle burns at St. Joseph
in memory of
STEPHEN BACINO
Requested by the Bacino Family

A Candle can be purchased (\$20) to burn for the week of, in honor or in memory of a loved one. They will be lit on Saturday through the following Saturday. We have candles in the Church at the Sanctuary, Blessed Mother Statue, St. Joseph Statue and in the Narthex at the Sacred Heart Statue. In the Chapel, we have the Sanctuary and on the Altar. They can be purchased in the Parish Office during business hours.



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

ALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED, INCLUDING

Reverend Gregory J. Hickey
Anthony Matula

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 especially:*

POI ELIZABETH FENERTY, CPT KEVIN MAGUIRE,
SFC JAMES KILGORE, TSGT JAMES LAPORTE,
SGT JOHN Z. MATEJA, LT NICHOLAS HUMES,
CPL ANTHONY J. CICCARONE, LTJG BRENDAN J. KOCH,
CPT EMILY M. LORENZO-WOMACK,
CPT JONATHAN R. WOMACK, SSGT JOSEPH P. LORENZO,
LT CHRISTINA TAORMINA-LAPORTE,
LTJG ANDREW J. SCHUTTA,
COL ELIZABETHANNE CAIN, ENS. REBECCA MCCOOL,
1LT CHRISTOPHER RONGIONE &
ENS JOHN W. BUSHNER.

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.

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, Marie Marrongelli, Ed Mitchell, Sr.,
Linda Basile, Peter J. Cissone, Jr., Dave Colman,
Teri Smyth, Juan Barba, Suzetta Eason,
Elizabeth Foster, John Nowak, Mike Piskai, Jr.,
Steve Rosa, Nicolette Theisen, Anthony Duca,
MaryAnn Tinti, Eleanor Martin, Connie McAluney,
Linda Glasgow, Jim Smith, Charla Eisele,
Rosanna Slobodian, Norma Connolly, Lorraine Perri,
James Humes, Marie Valerio, Rosie Munro,
Stella Montoya, Karen Meenan, Kevin Sullivan,
Kieran Daly, Janet Jackson, Laurie Obitz,
Heather Flaherty, Elizabeth Kincaid, Maxine Blystone
& Kevin Sunday.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES WEEKEND OF AUGUST 26 & 27

CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

Saturday, August 26

4:00 PM Fr. Kyle (Deacon Ken)

Sunday, August 27

7:30 AM Fr. Bongard

9:00 AM Fr. Bongard

11:00 AM Fr. Kyle (Deacon Claude)

Lectors

Saturday, August 26

4:00 PM C. Kain, R. Henry

Sunday, August 27

7:30 AM J. Bond, A. Ilano

9:00 AM T. Yezzi, MJ Mrazik

11:00 AM P. Schaeffer

Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, August 26

4:00 PM Deacon Ken, J. Coyle, J. Eisele, R. Ryan,
J. Schmidt

Sunday, August 27

7:30 AM M. Okenquist, M. Skeels

9:00 AM C. Interrante, N. Kang, J. Kang, D. Nolen,
J. Viscanti

11:00 AM Deacon Claude, T. Gallagher, J. Kusnerick,
B. Mulhern, N. Tagliamonte, V. Thompson

Altar Servers

Saturday, August 26

4:00 PM K. Dwyer, N. Laub, S. Masucci

Sunday, August 27

7:30 AM C. McIlvaine, N. Pantaleo, K. Weber

9:00 AM L. Fegarsky, J. Viscanti, A. Yezzi

11:00 AM J. Capperella, G. Capperella

PARISH EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Choir Practice: 7:00 PM - Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Church
- Soccer & Field Hockey: 5:00 PM - Fields

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Soccer & Field Hockey: 5:00 PM - Fields

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM - Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

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

The Flowers
in the Church and Chapel
are in memory of
James P. Rooney
Requested by
the Rooney Family



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TITHE!



Collection from the Week of
August 13, 2023



BREAD & WINE

This week the *Bread and Wine* for the celebration of the
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
are offered *in loving memory of*



JAMES P. ROONEY

requested by the Rooney Family

St. Helena Religious Education Program (PREP)

St. Helena offers Religious Education Classes to children who do not attend Catholic School. This program begins at first grade and runs through seventh Grade. Since some of our children do not start in their first year of school we refer to our classes as levels not grades.

Registration for our 2023-2024 School Year will be held on Tuesday, September 5 from 6 PM to 7 PM in the Education Center. Please bring a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate, in order to complete the application for the PREP year. A \$200 tuition fee is required at the time of registration.

On Tuesday, September 12 from 6 PM to 7 PM, Level One will begin with an introduction to our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP).

Tuesday, September 19 is the official first day for PREP 2023-2024.

- Hours for Level 1 students are 6:00-7:00 PM.
- Hours for Levels 2-7 students are 6:00 to 7:30 PM.
- Tuition of \$200 per child is required on the first day for returning students.

Any child scheduled to receive Confirmation in 2024 must have completed the Pre-Confirmation instruction that was offered in Level 6.

Thank you and God bless our families.

Madeleine Fitzgerald

We are Hiring!

Saint Helena Church/School Staff Positions Needed

School Custodians (2 positions open)

40 hours guaranteed

Full-paid medical insurance offered

Vanguard retirement fund

Vacation time after first year employment

Position 1: Mon. – Fri. 7:00 AM till 3:30 PM

Position 2: Mon. – Fri. 1:00 PM till 9:00 PM

Responsibilities:

Setup and break down events

Outdoor lawn and landscaping care

General maintenance projects

Snow and ice removal

Other miscellaneous duties

Please contact either our Facilities Director: Bob Geiger at: bobg@sainthelenaschool.org or call 610-724-7475

OR the Facilities Manager: Vince Thompson at 610-322-5749 to inquire more about these positions.

CHANGE IN MASS PROCEDURE



Beginning at All Sunday Masses on September 3, 2023, the Priest who is the Main Celebrant, will have a pyx containing low-gluten hosts.

Any individual in need of receiving a low gluten host should get in the communion line of the Main Celebrant and request one when presenting oneself for Holy Communion. There will be no need to pre-arrange or notify anyone before Mass. If you have any questions or concerns, please email Father Joe: jbongard@sainthelenachurch.org



ERIN LEMONADE STAND



Thanks to the continued support of Saint Helena School and Parish, the Moore family will be hosting our *19th Annual Lemonade Stand* after every Mass on the weekend of **September 16th and 17th**.

Donations go to The Philadelphia

Foundation, c/o the

Erin Delia Moore

Fund for Children with Cancer. The Moore Family established the Fund in 2005 after Erin's brave battle with a brain tumor for nearly 5 years. Erin was able to attend Saint Helena for kindergarten and first grade. Erin's Fund provides support to services that help children and families facing the struggle of pediatric cancer. We have been blessed by your tremendous generosity over the years.

We are so grateful to be a part of the Saint Helena Community!

SAINT HELENA YOUTH GROUP 2023-2024

OPEN TO ALL TEENS
IN 8TH - 12TH GRADES

SUNDAY EVENINGS FROM
7 - 8:15 IN THE PARISH
CONVENT

Parents - to sign up for our communications and
to register your teen, please scan the QR code!



Our youth group provides a community where teens can
develop their relationship with God through prayer,
community service, and fun events.

Questions or comments? Contact -
Christian Thompson at 610 - 930 - 0349
cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org

September 17	Welcome and Kick-off Meeting - Convent
October 1	Meeting in convent - prayer, snacks, games
October 15	Corn maze, hayride, pumpkin patch - Merrymead Farms
November 5	Pizza dinner - Frank's Pizza
November 19	Service project - Homeless care packages
December 3	Meeting in convent - prayer, snacks, games
December 17	Christmas Party
January 7	Meeting in convent - prayer, snacks, games
January 21	Bowling - Our Time Alley
February 4	Service project - Letters to seminarians
February 18	Meeting in convent - prayer, snacks, games
March 10	Service project - Stuffing Easter eggs
March 17	Meeting in convent - prayer, snacks, games
April 7	Dinner at Panera
April 21	Meeting in convent - prayer, snacks, games
May 19	Pentecost Party - cake and end-of-year gifts



RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Rain or Shine - Join Us For a Hero Welcome!

Please join Honor Flight Philadelphia on September 9, 2023, at Sts. Simon and Jude Church, 8 Cavanaugh Court, West Chester, PA to thank our aging veterans as we return home (arrival time is 6:00 PM) with over 170 veterans from their day of honor and recognition in Washington, D.C. **A handshake, a smile, a hug, a thank you for the freedoms they preserved** We invite you, your family and neighbors to join us on this great day, to thank the men and women who served during World

War II, Korea and Vietnam upon their arrival as they walk the red carpet. For questions: Cell: 610.662.1812 or

andrew@honorflightphiladelphia.org

Save the Date - NOURISH Program

Legal and Practical Aspects of Caregiving

Wednesday, Sept. 20

1:30 - 2:45 PM

Epiphany of Our Lord Church, 3050 Walton Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA **Legal Topics:** Importance of an Estate Plan, Titling Assets, Living Wills, Benefits of a Durable Power of Attorney **Practical Topics:** Family Involvement in Care, Lists and Organization, Emergency Plan, The Role of Faith in Making Tough Decisions **RSVP** no later than **Sept. 6** Call: 610-828-8634 or email: eol@epiphanyofourlord.com

SAVE THE DATES!

6-Week Parish **Adult Faith Formation**
Begins Thursday, September 7th

Jesus ☐ Priest, Prophet, King

*How well do you know Jesus?
The better we understand Jesus, the better we
understand ourselves. Come journey with us
through this series, led by Bishop Robert
Barron, to better understand Jesus,
become more familiar with Scripture, and
realize your own priestly, prophetic, and
kingly mission received at Baptism.*

Thursdays 7:00 – 8:00 P.M. in the Convent

September 7, 14, 21, 28 and October 5, 12

Each night includes: Prayer, Video &
Group Discussion, Light refreshments (coffee,
tea, cookies, brownies)

*More information and how to sign up will be
released soon!*



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

The National Polish Apostolate Committee, together with Archbishop Thomas Wenski of Miami, Episcopal Liaison to Polish Apostolate, invites the faithful to the Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa to the National Shrine in Doylestown, PA (654 Ferry Road) on Sunday, August 27th. This feast coincides with the 45th Anniversary of Karol Cardinal Wojtyla's election to the Sea of Saint Peter. The theme of Pilgrimage of Polonia this year is ☐ Highlight and Support the Legacy of Saint John Paul II. ☐ His enormous spiritual and cultural legacy continues to fascinate the whole world.

This year's recipient of the ☐ Pride of Polonia ☐ award will be Fr. Krzysztof Wieliczko, OSPPE.

This event will commence with musical performances of children from Polish Saturday School at 11 AM. Followed by a solemn Mass at 12:30 PM celebrated by His Excellency Archbishop Thomas Wenski.



SENIOR CLUB MEETING

Welcome back from a long Summer break!

Due to a Senior Trip our first meeting will be on

September 15, 2023 at 10 AM in the Social & Recreation Center. All are welcome to join us!

Our Monthly Meetings will be on the second Friday of the month and our Board Meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month. Any exceptions will be on our yearly calendar.



Widowed Friends

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, September, 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the Cafeteria. All are welcome to join us!

Vocations to the Priesthood

The Knights of Columbus sponsors the *Vocation Chalice Program* at St. Helena. The program encourages individuals or families to take the Chalice home for a week and pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The priest's chalice represents the chalice used by Jesus at the Last Supper and the communion between God and men. The need for priests has never been greater. You can help with your support and prayers. Join the Knights of Columbus in this mission to increase vocations to the religious life.

More details on the Vocations Chalice program can be found at the Knight of Columbus website:

www.shkofc.com

ST TITUS FLEA MARKET

SEPTEMBER 16, 2023, 8:00AM TO 1:00PM

ST TITUS CHURCH, 3006 KEENWOOD RD, NORRISTOWN

SECURE YOUR SPOT: 484-432-5871 DHOIS130@GMAIL.COM

*Vendors
Needed*

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

Rain Date is Sep 23rd

*Reserve
by 8/19*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a45a4ae2aa0f94-sttitus#/>



DAILY BIBLE VERSES FOR THE WEEK!

Sunday, August 20: Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. (Mark 13:31)

Monday, August 21: And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac; and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him. (Genesis 17:19)

Tuesday, August 22: The words of the Lord are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. (Psalm 12:6)

Wednesday, August 23: But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ (by grace ye are saved). (Ephesians 2:4-5)

Thursday, August 24: But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. (James 5:12)

Friday, August 25: And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know Him that is true, and we are in Him that is true, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. (1 John 5:20)

Saturday, August 26: Be ye mindful always of His covenant; the word which He commanded to a thousand generations. (1 Chronicles 16:15)

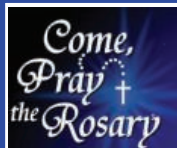
KIDS KORNER

Bible Trivia

See if you can answer the following Bible Question:

1. To whom did a heavenly host of angels announce the birth of Jesus? _____
2. How many days and nights was Jonah inside the big fish? _____
3. Who was the very first disciple of Jesus? _____
4. Which disciple of Jesus once cut off a man's ear? _____
5. On what day of creation did God create man and woman? _____

Answers on page 13



Everyone is welcome to come pray the Rosary each Wednesday at 11:30 AM in the beautiful, shaded Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, located behind the Church - follow the red stone path by the Chapel or drive to the Empress Room parking lot and follow the level asphalt path in the back. There are benches for seating or you may bring a lawn chair.

On rainy days - recitation will be in the Chapel.

Bring a friend, your intentions, and your rosary!

Students and children are encouraged to join us every week.

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by mario d. macari

SAINTE ROSE OF LIMA, THE PATRONESS OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE PHILIPPINES AND THE FIRST SAINT BORN IN THE AMERICAS, WAS SO REMARKABLY AND PERFECTLY BEAUTIFUL, SHE WOULD CAUSE PEOPLE TO STOP WHAT THEY WERE DOING TO STARE AT HER! AFRAID THAT HER BEAUTY MIGHT BE A TEMPTATION TO SOMEONE, SHE CONSTANTLY RUBBED HER FACE WITH PEPPER AND LYE SO HER COMPLEXION WOULD NOT BE SO ATTRACTIVE.



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You are invited to join a 10-day pilgrimage to Greece!

Friends of Rev. Kyle Adamczyk

June 23–July 2, 2024



For more information
please scan the QR CODE above

This pilgrimage features a 3-day
Aegean cruise!



Thessaloniki 🌀 Central Greece 🌀 Athens 🌀 Mykonos 🌀 Patmos 🌀 Ephesus

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Travel Package Inclusions

- Round-trip economy class airfare from Newark.
- U.S. departure tax; Customs user fee; security tax and all airport taxes.
- Deluxe motor-coach transportation upon arrival and available for the entire tour.
- Five (5) nights' accommodations in twin rooms in first-class hotels in Greece. Three (3) nights aboard *Celestyal Olympia* in outside standard cabins.
- Breakfast and dinner daily as per attached itinerary. On *Celestyal Olympia Cruise Line*: Three meals daily, including unlimited soft drink package.
- Full-time English-speaking tour manager for the land portion of your tour, including arrival and departure transfers. Assistance while on board *Celestyal Olympia* provided by cruise staff.
- Sightseeing with licensed, professional, English-speaking guides as outlined in the itinerary.
- Shore excursions in a private motor coach based on a minimum of 30 participants. If tour has less than 30 participants, there will be other tourists aboard your motor coach for shore excursions.
- Coordination of all liturgies, on land and aboard cruise ship, as per attached itinerary.
- Entrance fees to all sights as noted in the itinerary.
- Porter service at hotels throughout your tour (one piece of luggage, per person).

Please refer to Terms & Conditions for items or additional costs not included in the package price.

Does God Only Care for the Chosen People?

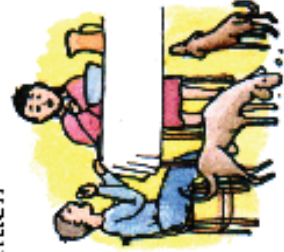
I WAS SENT
ONLY TO
THE LOST
SHEEP...



Long ago God had set aside the Israelites as His chosen people. He gave them laws and prophets and set up a covenant with them, that they would be His people and He would be their God. He promised them that He would send them a Savior.

When Jesus the Savior came, His first mission was to care for God's chosen people. In today's Gospel reading, however, a woman who was not an Israelite came to ask Jesus for help. At first Jesus refused- He had been sent to God's children, and "it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the woman said, "even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." She knew that Jesus could help her. When He saw how much faith she had, He did what she asked and cured her daughter.

Jesus wasn't trying to make the woman give up. He was giving her a chance to show how much humility and faith she had. Jesus used this to show the people that God will let anyone who believes, like this woman, become part of His chosen people.



Don't let dogs... Fill-in-the-blanks: Just, revealed, lead, servants, keep, and birth, mountain, prayer, after, house, All in prayer for.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20th, 2023



In today's Gospel reading, a foreign woman was asking Jesus to cure her daughter. But Jesus said that He was sent to care for the children of Israel, not foreigners.

The woman replied to Jesus, "But even the _____ eat the scraps that fall from their master's table!"

*What did she say she was like?
Connect the dots to find out!*



COMMUNITY MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

LOCATION - ST. HELENA

If you are interested in joining any of these Ministries or Organizations please contact the St. Helena Parish Office at 610-275-7711 or e-mail parish@sainthelenachurch.org for contact information.

Ministry/Organization

Contact Person

Aid for Friends	Micki Burns
Art & Environment	Theresa Smith
Basketball: Adult/Young Adult	Mike O'Brien
Basketball: 3 on 3	James Humes
Chapel Reposers	Vince Thompson
Collection Counters	Denise Janick
	Karen Wurtenberg

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Church	Lori/Steve Iannello
Home Visit	Jim McLaughlin
Nursing Home/Private Visit	Parish Office
Finance Council	Fr. Bongard
First Lego League	Greg Mann
Garden Club	Theresa Smith
Greeters	Larry Constable
Home & School Association	Maura Trainor
Knights of Columbus	George Gillin
Ladies of Helena	Theresa Smith
Lectors	Pat Lorenzo
Lending Library	Parish Office
Men's Fellowship Group	Joe Bushner
Mommy & Me	Katie Dalhoff

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir	Cheryl Platco
Bells	Cheryl Platco
Cantors (Scheduling)	Cheryl Platco
Children's Chimes	Natalie Perez
Contemporary Music Ensemble	Dick Lentz
School Chorus	Sara Hansell
New Beginnings II	Maryanne Fuhr
Parish Pastoral Council	Fr. Bongard

PARISH YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Fr. Kyle
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Christian Thompson
Cub Scouts	Wendy Bradbury
CYO/Community Service Corps	Tony Gallagher
CYO/Sports - President	Stephen Lynch
CYO/Sports - Athletic Director	Chris Massella
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP	Christian Thompson
Parish Outreach Committee	Amanda Hunt
Parish Religious Ed. Program (PREP)	Madeleine Fitzgerald
St. Helena School	Denise Britt
Young Adult Group	Christian Thompson
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Sr. Francis, O.S.F.
Pre-Jordan Team	Christian Thompson

MINISTRY / ORGANIZATION

CONTACT PERSON

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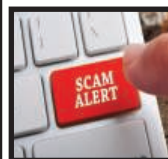
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A Prayer for the Deceased

*O God, Creator and Redeemer
of all Your faithful people,
grant to the souls of
all our faithful departed
Your mercy, light and peace.*

*Lord, we pray that those we love
who have gone before us in faith,
may know Your forgiveness for their sins,
and the blessings of everlasting life,
in company with the Virgin Mary
and all the angels and saints in heaven.
Amen.*

WE REMEMBER

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Bible Trivia Answers:

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2. Three
3. Andrew
4. Peter
5. Day Six

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