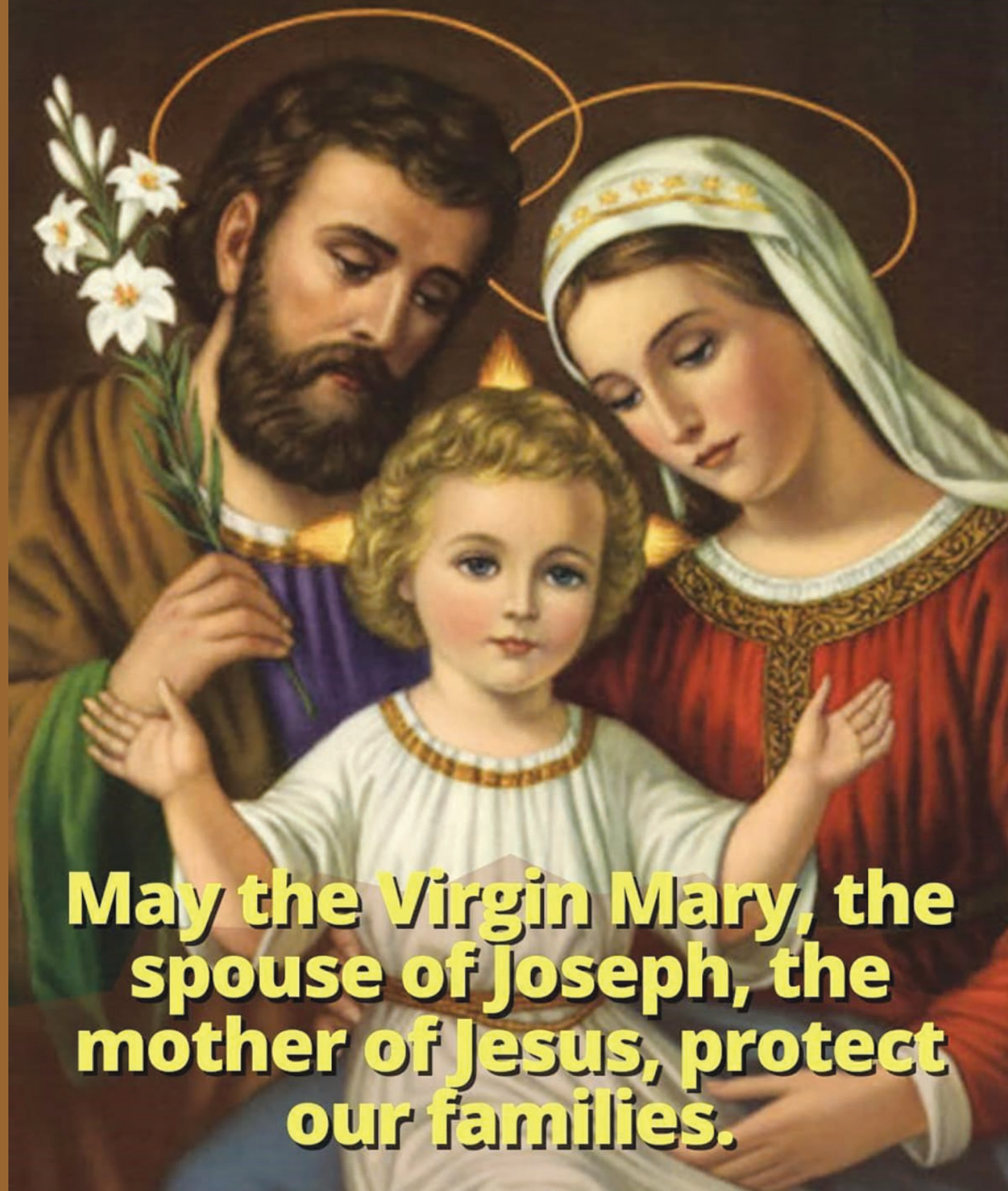


SAINT HELENA CHURCH

December 29, 2024  
The Holy Family

1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422  
610-275-7711 (Phone) 610-879-3701 (Fax)



**May the Virgin Mary, the spouse of Joseph, the mother of Jesus, protect our families.**



# 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  
Seminararian: 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., December 28 - the Holy Innocents**

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Living & Deceased Members of the Saint Theresa Guild  
4:00 PM - St. Helena Church  
† Robert DiBenedetto  
Req. by his Wife & Family  
4:30 PM - St. Titus  
† Charlie Nugent  
Req. by Irene Nugent

**Sun., December 29 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

7:30 AM - St. Helena Church  
† For the People of the Parish  
9:00 AM - St. Helena Church  
† Ed Kurek  
Req. by Rita Kurek  
10:00 AM - St. Titus  
† Steve Drochek  
Req. by Marie Drochek  
11:00 AM - St. Helena Church  
† Kate Frye  
Req. by Mary Connolly

**Mon., December 30**

8:00 AM - St. Titus  
† Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Titus  
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Beatriz Aquino

**Tues., December 31 - St. Sylvester I**

8:00 AM - St. Titus  
† Maria Rush  
Req. by Nancy & Hank Kolenda  
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Patricia M. DeTreuX  
Req. by William A. Hall  
4:00 PM - St. Helena Church  
† Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass

**Wed., January 1, 2025 - Solemnity of Mary**

9:00 AM - St. Helena Church  
† Ed Smigelski  
12:15 PM - St. Helena Church  
† Anna & John Piskai  
Req. by the Piskai Family  
10:00 AM - St. Titus  
† New Year's Blessings to All

**PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS Continued**

**Thur., January 2 - St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen**

8:00 AM - St. Titus  
† Special Intention  
Req. by Claude & Nancy Granese  
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† George Shal  
Req. by John & Denise Janick

**Fri., January 3 - The Holy Name of Jesus**

8:00 AM - St. Titus  
† Regina Grillo  
Req. by Joseph & Michelle Benvenuti  
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Thomas SanFelice  
Req. by the Tronoski Family

**Sat., January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Living & Deceased Members of the Saint Theresa Guild  
4:00 PM - St. Helena Church  
† Dr. James O'Brien  
Req. by Karen Loeper  
4:30 PM - St. Titus  
† George Medica  
Req. by the Dos Santos Family

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TITHE!**

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.

**Collection for weekend of December 22 and Christmas will be posted in the next Bulletin.**

**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](http://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, 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, Nicolette Theisen, Al Slusarz,
- Joseph Leary, Msgr. Beach, Mary Ann Keyes,
- Sue Eason.

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,

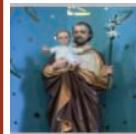
**JEAN PIERRE GUILAVAGUI**  
**1ST ANNIVERSARY**

Requested by Gina Malony

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel burns in honor of,

**EDWARD & ROSEMARY ADAMCZYK**

Requested by the Rectory Office Staff



A Candle burns at St. Joseph in memory of

**JOHN A. WHITE**

Requested by his wife Joan & Family



### 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

### WEDNESDAY ROSARY GROUP



Come pray the Rosary WEDNESDAYS, 11:30 AM in the St. Theresa Chapel. New meditations are offered each week for contemplation. All ages welcome. Bring your children, family and friends. Praying the rosary will change your life, your heart and our world.

### THE SHEPHERD IS LOOKING FOR LOST SHEEP

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (& or) Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



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

### ALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

**JANE MARIE DOWNEY**

**AGNES "DORIS" CARDWELL**

**FRANK J. MAIELLO**

**HELEN MICHELE PILEGGI (CASINELLI)**

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, DECEMBER 29 - THE HOLY FAMILY

- Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
- Knights of Columbus: Holy Family Prayer Card Distribution

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- NO School
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: 12:30 PM - Lady of Fatima

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- NO School
- NO PREP Classes

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 - SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - NEW YEAR'S DAY

- Masses: 9:00 AM & 12:15 PM - Church
- NO School

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- NO School

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- NO School
- Senior Board Meeting: 10:00 AM - Our Lady of Mercy

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

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

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

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

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

JANUARY 4 & 5

### CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

#### Saturday, January 4

4:00 PM Fr. Sam (Deacon Claude)

#### Sunday, January 5

7:30 AM Fr. Sam

9:00 AM Fr. Kyle

11:00 AM Fr. Kyle

### Lectors

#### Saturday, January 4

4:00 PM M. Voigt, T. Rogers

#### Sunday, January 5

7:30 AM T. Donohue, K. McGowan

9:00 AM C. Buzad, MJ Mrazik

11:00 AM P. Lorenzo, R. Gomes

### Ministers of Holy Communion

#### Saturday, January 4

4:00 PM Deacon Claude, J. Coyle, J. Schmidt, M. Valle

#### Sunday, January 5

7:30 AM J. Kushnerick, J. Oberlies, T. Reigle

9:00 AM J. Dalhoff, J. O'Doherty, J. Waitkus, M. Watts

11:00 AM M. Baxter, D. Nolen, N. Tagliamonte, V. Thompson

### Altar Servers

#### Saturday, January 4

4:00 PM B. Byrne, S. James, J. Koop

#### Sunday, January 5

7:30 AM J. McIlvaine, C. McIlvaine, E. Rakow

9:00 AM M. Findley, R. Hillsley, C. Kovatch

11:00 AM B. Dion, K. Lynch, J. Romano

## St. Helena Men's Group

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



## *The Beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony!*

### Engaged Couples

Congratulations on your engagement! You have made the biggest decision of your life & the Parish community shares your joy & excitement! As you know, marriage is a Vocation—a call by God to a man and woman to be one---to reflect in their lives the unconditional love that God has for each of us. A strong, focused preparation for your new life will make your Marriage faithful and true, with Christ at its center. Call the Parish Office (610.275.7711) to begin the process.

### Were you married outside the Church?

All Baptized Catholics are expected to marry in the Church, with the Priest or Deacon witnessing their Union before God and His Church. However, for a variety of reasons, some couples get married by Civil Union, entering marriage without the grace of the Sacrament.

We would like to assist such couples to prepare to receive the Sacrament. The term is “Convalidation”. This is not some vague blessing of your Civil Union, but rather, the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church, that is, assisting a couple to enter into a Sacramental Union

The process is not difficult nor time consuming. A valid Sacramental union allows for the receiving of the Eucharist at Mass, receiving Absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and standing as a sponsor at Confirmation or godparent at Baptism. For more information, call the Parish Office

**For more information please contact the Rectory Office**

**[Parish@sainthelenachurch.org](mailto:Parish@sainthelenachurch.org)**

## Are you Separated or Divorced?

Whenever a couple gets married, it is understood that the marriage will last for life. But many, many times, issues arise that lead to separation and divorce. Those suffering from broken relationships are not to bear that pain by themselves. The Church continues to walk with you, to assist you and helps to heal the feelings of brokenness and sorrow.

As part of the journey of healing, the Church offers the possibility of an Annulment. In the Annulment process, the Church reviews the divorced marriage to see if someone entered the marriage with an understanding, ability or intention contrary to the Church's teaching on marriage. The Church can examine the presumed valid marriage bond to see if the bond really existed. A Declaration of Nullity is declared by the Church if the marriage in question is judged to have been null and void from the very beginning, thus, enabling the persons to marry in the Catholic Church. The Tribunal through the annulment process, exists to help people participate more fully in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church.

Here is a QR Code to begin the process: Petitioner Questionnaire  
For more information, contact one of the parish priests.



## RESPECT LIFE CORNER

**“As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”** *Joshua 24:15*



For all parents awaiting the birth of their child: May they look to the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph and follow their example of cherishing and protecting human life, *let us pray to the Lord.*  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all Christians: May the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ awaken in our hearts wonder at the precious gift of every child, *let us pray to the Lord.*  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all families: As the domestic Church, may they pursue holiness, pass on the faith, and persevere in love, *let us pray to the Lord.*  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

(Intercessions from USCCB)

## ST. HELENA SCHOOL NEWS

### Miss Britt's Mercy Minutes: Exciting Saint Helena School Happenings

I hope that everyone had a joyful and blessed Christmas. Here at Saint Helena School, we were grateful to share in many special moments together as we prepared for this holy season. One of our most cherished traditions is the Saint Helena School Christmas Show, and this year's performance was no exception. Under the direction of our talented music teacher, Mrs. Caldwell, the students brought to life a heartwarming rendition of *The Polar Express*. It was a beautiful reminder that, at Saint Helena School, we can still hear the ringing of the bell.

Both *The Polar Express* and the story of the Nativity invite us to reflect on the wonder of faith and the joy that comes when we open our hearts to hope and the endless possibilities that lie ahead.



On another note:

**Billy Byrne** has received a Xaverian Scholarship from Saint Joseph's Preparatory School.

**Andrew Tedesco** has received a Xaverian Scholarship from Saint Joseph's Preparatory School.

**Kyle Whelan** has received a Xaverian Scholarship from Saint Joseph's Preparatory School.

I wish all of you a Happy New Year!

Miss Denise Britt  
dbritt@sainthelenaschool.org



**LOOKING TO START 2025 OFF RIGHT?  
JOIN US FOR OUR WINTER  
FAITH FORMATION SERIES**

***ROMANS: The Gospel of Salvation***  
**Discover what it means to "be saved"**  
A VIDEO SERIES BY ASCENSION PRESS

Wednesday Evenings  
7.00 to 8.15pm

January 8, 15, 22, 29  
February 5, 12, 19

St. Helena Church - Empress Room



Want to learn more or sign up?  
Scan the QR Code or  
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## Saint Helena Youth Group Upcoming Schedule

Our youth group is for all teens in 8th - 12th grades and their friends. We meet Sunday evenings from 7 - 8.15pm in the Parish Convent. We look forward to seeing you!

**12 Jan.** **"Embracing Our Baptismal Call"**  
Make PB&J Sandwiches and bagged lunches for the homeless & Gospel reflection on our baptisms

**02 Feb.** **"The Presentation: Walking in Faith"**  
Write Valentine's Day cards for homebound & Gospel reflection on making our lives gifts to God

**23 Feb.** **"Seeing Others as God Sees Them"**  
Gospel reflection on living purely and loving each person as a unique gift from God.

 **remind**



Join our text group to receive messages on events and meetings!

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

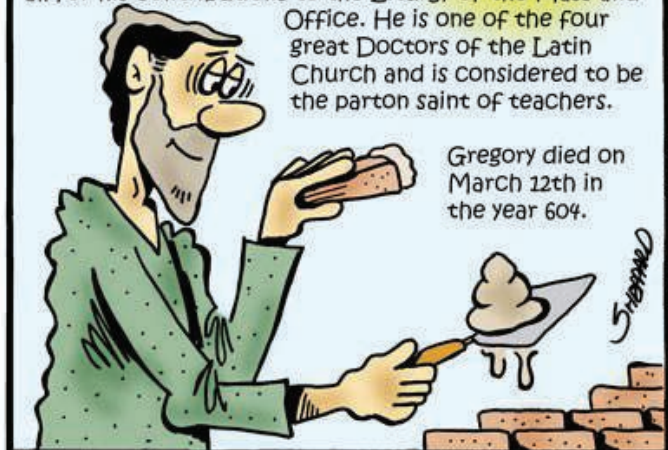
## SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Gregory was born in Rome around 540. At age 34 he was appointed Chief Magistrate of Rome. He built six monasteries in Sicily and a seventh in his own home in Rome. He became a priest at 35.

He was unanimously elected Pope and is known above all for his contributions to the Liturgy of the Mass and Office. He is one of the four great Doctors of the Latin Church and is considered to be the patron saint of teachers.

Gregory died on March 12th in the year 604.



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ARE YOU A YOUNG ADULT  
LOOKING TO...  
...SHARE YOUR FAITH?  
...MAKE WHOLESOME FRIENDSHIPS?  
...STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?

YOU ARE INVITED TO A...

# BIBLE Study

OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION


THURSDAYS - 7:00-8:15PM  
Starting January 9

**OUR THEME**  
**Revelation:  
The Kingdom Yet  
to Come**

St. Helena Parish Convent  
(1301 Yost Road)

Reach out to us - we'd love to hear  
from you! Contact Christian at  
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## JOIN ARCHBISHOP PERÉZ ON PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY



FOR THE CANONIZATION  
OF  
BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

APRIL 23 - 29, 2025  
\$3171 pp + air

Please consider joining Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez on pilgrimage to Italy for the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis this spring! This pilgrimage has been facilitated by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Malvern Retreat House in partnership with Virginia-based Pro Rome Tours.

The dates of the trip are April 23 - 29, 2025, with an optional extension to Assisi from April 29 - May 1, 2025. With luxury accommodations at the five-star Westin Excelsior in Rome, the trip features a flexible touring program in order to accommodate all ages. As this is a large group (up to 200 pax), the daily program will be organized in order to run as smoothly as possible. Mass and dinner will be group events, whereas part of the day will be optional (yet always included in the price). Highlights include the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis in Saint Peter's Square, the Papal Basilicas and Holy Doors, the Catacombs, the Pantheon and so much more.

For more information or to register please visit [www.prometours.com/adop](http://www.prometours.com/adop) (password "carlo") or contact Pro Rome Tours directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at [office@prorome.com](mailto:office@prorome.com).



Looking to rekindle your faith this year?  
Has it been a while since you've felt God working in your life?

Who do YOU say Jesus is?

We invite you to join us for our series...

# "METANOIA"

A JOURNEY WITH CHRIST TO CONVERSION

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MARCH 12, 19, 26 AND APRIL 2 & 9

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CTHOMPSON@SAINTHELENACHURCH.ORG




Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Matthew 19:14



**20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**ANNIVERSARY!**

## BECOME A SPONSOR

St. Helena's 20th Annual CYO Memorial Invitational Basketball Tournament will be held Thursday, January 16th thru Monday, January 20th, 2025. This is a special year as our tournament is turning 20 and we know this will be the best one yet! This St. Helena community event is fun for the whole family. Our tournament is highly respected and competitive, with many teams vying for an invitation.

Becoming a tournament sponsor is a valuable opportunity to connect with the community. By partnering with us, you will gain significant visibility through event promotions, on-site branding, and digital outreach. Beyond advertising, your sponsorship demonstrates a commitment to supporting local sports and youth development. It's a chance to be part of an exciting event that brings people together while highlighting your company's dedication to community impact and shared success.

Scan the QR code for more information about the tournament and the different sponsorship levels!





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### 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.

### 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.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO REMEMBER SAINT HELENA IN YOUR WILL?

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