

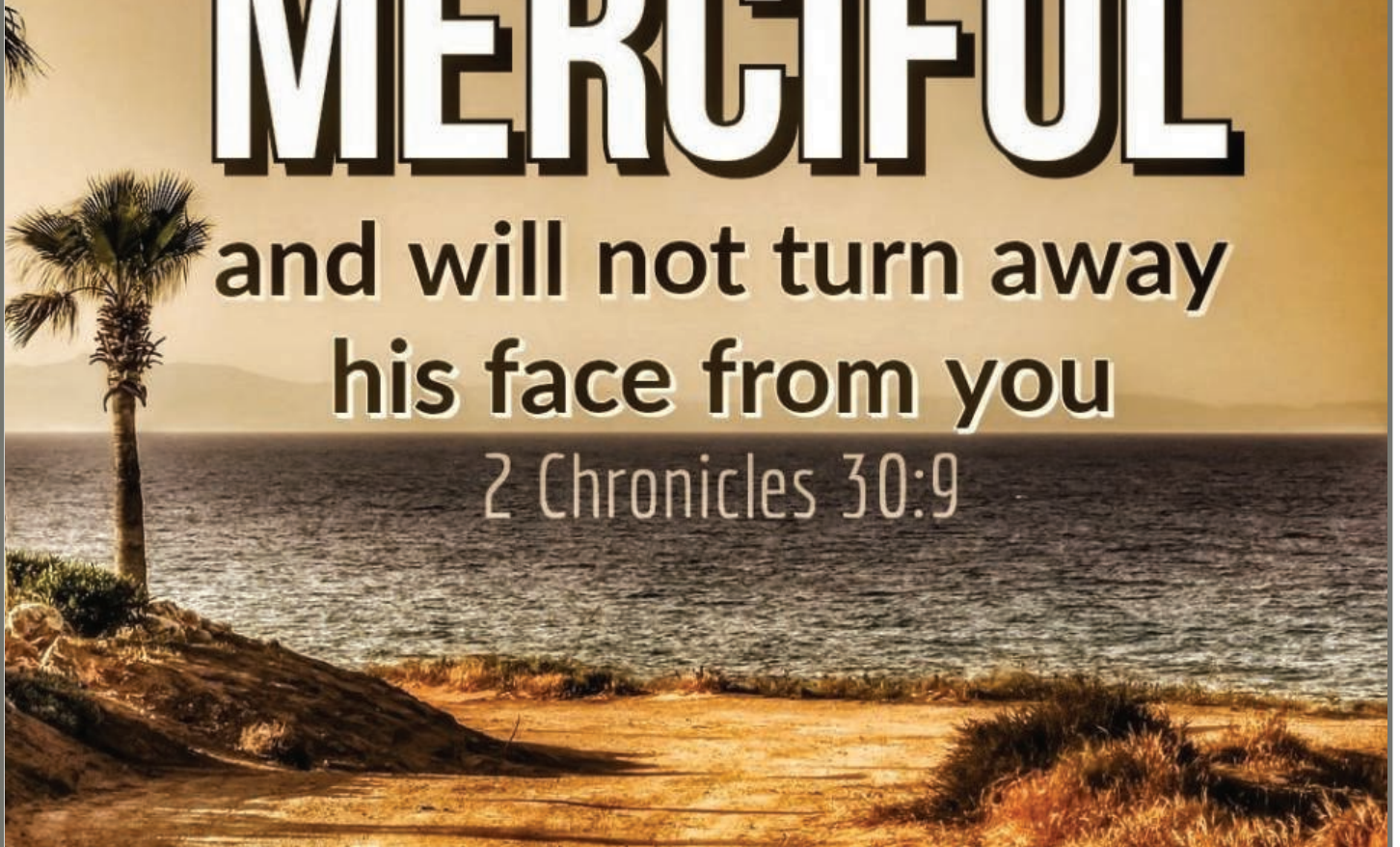
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SEPTEMBER 17, 2023
24th Sunday of Ordinary Time



The Lord your God
is gracious and
MERCIFUL
and will not turn away
his face from you

2 Chronicles 30:9





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 AM

Holy Days: Vigil 7:00 PM, 9:00 AM, & 12:15 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

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 every Sunday *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.

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.

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:

If you would like to have a spiritual memorial offered in memory or in honor of a loved one, (*Mass Cards, Candles, Bread & Wine*) stop by 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., Sept. 18** 9:00 AM
† **ALINE McGRAIL - 1ST ANNIVERSARY**
Req. by St. Helena Rectory Staff
- Tue., Sept. 19** 9:00 AM - **St. Januarius**
† **JAMES PETRINO**
Req. by Marlene Petrino
- Wed., Sept. 20** 9:00 AM - **St. Andrew Kim**
† **CECELIA & LES SCHMALBACH, SR.**
Requested by Anna Marie & Les Schmalbach
- Thu., Sept. 21** 9:00 AM - **St. Matthew**
† **JAMES & KATHLEEN FENERTY**
Requested by Breakfast Club
- Fri., Sept. 22** 9:00 AM
† **ANN DRAGON**
Requested by Rita Kurek
- Sat., Sept. 23** 9:00 AM - **St. Pius of Pietreicina**
† **The living and deceased members of the Saint Theresa Guild**

MEMORIALS FOR THIS WEEK



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church
burns in honor of
**ALL STUDENTS, THAT THEY MAY HAVE A
GOOD SCHOOL YEAR**

Requested by St. Helena Parish Family

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel
burns in memory of
ALINE McGRAIL

Requested by her sister, Michele & Paul



The Four Candles on the Chapel Altar
burn in memory of
Aline McGrail

Requested by Donna & Gina

BREAD & WINE

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



ALINE McGRAIL

requested by Paul & Michele Gerstemeier

MASS BOOK FOR 2024

OPENS

Wednesday, September 20, 2023.
Narthex from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.
Suggested Mass Offering \$20.

Monday through Friday 9:00 AM Masses.

Newly Offered: Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

The Sunday, 7:30 AM Mass will be said for the
Parishioners of St. Helena and their families.

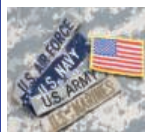
We will also have the 2024 Candle Book (\$20) and
St. Theresa Guild (\$25) available at this time.



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.



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

ALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED, INCLUDING

MARIE MARRONGELLI

MICHAEL McLENIGAN

JANET JACKSON

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace. 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, Ed Mitchell, Sr., Dave Colman,
Lorraine Perri, Teri Smyth, Juan Barba, Stephen Rosa,
Jim Smith, Elizabeth Foster, John Nowak,
Mike Piskai, Jr., Nicolette Theisen, James Humes,
Karen Meenan, Heather Flaherty, Elizabeth Kincaid,
Maxine Blystone, Kevin Sunday, Kevin Sullivan,
Kieran Daly, Tina Miller, Peter Cissone, Jr.,
Regina Phalan, Suzetta Eason.

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES WEEKEND OF SEPT. 23 & 24

CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

Saturday, September 23

4:00 PM Fr. Kelly (Deacon Claude)

Sunday, September 24

7:30 AM Fr. Kelly

9:00 AM Fr. Redcay

11:00 AM Fr. Kyle (Deacon Ken)

Lectors

Saturday, September 23

4:00 PM T. Rogers, R. Henry

Sunday, September 24

7:30 AM T. Donohue, J. Bond

9:00 AM C. Buzad, B. Nyman

11:00 AM R. Gomes, P. Lorenzo

Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, September 23

4:00 PM Deacon Claude, M. Baxter, T. Reigle,
T. Smith

Sunday, September 24

7:30 AM G. Berti, M. Watts, K. Wurtenberg

9:00 AM J. Dalhoff, S. Iannello, N. Kang, J. Kang,
D. Moore

11:00 AM Deacon Ken, C. Interrante, J. McLaughlin,
V. Thompson, JE Valencia

Altar Servers

Saturday, September 23

4:00 PM R. Bradbury, J. Koop, B. Massa, E. Rakow

Sunday, September 24

7:30 AM G. Cherico, P. Cherico, P. Richardson

9:00 AM B. Dion, A. Dougherty, M. Hoy, K. McGinn

11:00 AM A. Crawford, A. Kern, E. Richer, M. Rosko

PARISH EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
- Blessing of New Drivers & Lerner's Permits
- Erin Lemonade Stand: After All Masses

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Back to School Night: 6:30 PM - Education Center
- Choir Practice: 7:00 PM - Church

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Church
- PREP: 6:00 PM - Education Center
- Adult Basketball: 5:30 PM - Social & Rec. Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Opening of 2024 Mass Book: 10:00 AM - Narthex
- Walking with Purpose Leader Group Training:
5:30 PM - Our Lady of Mercy
- Ladies of Helena: 6:30 PM - Lady of Fatima
- RICA: 7:00 PM - St. Joseph

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Walking with Purpose Open House: 8:30 AM
Our Lady of Mercy
- School Chorus: 3:15 PM - Social & Rec. Center
- Adult Faith Formation: 7:00 PM - TBA
- Bell Choir: 7:00 PM - Church
- Parent Volunteer Mtg.: 7:00 PM - Cafeteria

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Parent Volunteer Mtg.: 9:00 AM - Library
- Robotics: 6:00 PM - Cafeteria
- Communion & Liberation: 7:00 PM - St. Joseph

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- Men's Fellowship Group: 7:00 AM - Convent
- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM - Church
- Ministry Fair: After the 4 PM Mass - Narthex

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- Mass: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
- Ministry Fair: After All Masses - Narthex

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TITHE!



Collection from the Week of
September 10, 2023

We do believe in miracles. Tithing is just one of them. Thank you for tithing.



PREPARATION FOR MASS

Celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass requires each of us to clear our minds of all the busyness of everyday life and focus deliberately on opening our hearts to the Word proclaimed and the miracle of the Eucharist to be received.

One of the beautiful traditions at Saint Helena has been the public recitation of the Parish Prayer and the Prayer to Saint Michael. Recognizing that each person prepares for entering into the mystery of the Mass in a unique way, and offers thanksgiving for reception of the Eucharist in a personal way, going forward, we are encouraging everyone to recite these prayers *privately* on their own. While the Parish Prayer and Prayer to Saint Michael will no longer be recited publically, these prayers could be offered along with your personal intentions.

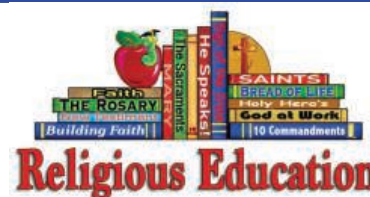
LOW-GLUTEN HOST



The procedure to receive low-gluten host at Masses: 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

Precious Lives Memorial Mass

The St. Stanislaus Respect Life Committee invites all those who lost a child Before, During or After birth to celebrate a Precious Lives Memorial Mass on Saturday, October 14th, at 11am. All those children who rest in the loving arms of God will be included in the program. Light refreshments will be served immediately after Mass in the Parish Center. Please RSVP by September 30th to Bonnie Henry @ Henrybonnie67@gmail.com or 267-449-1584.



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.

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.

2023-2024 faculty

Level 1: Eileen Brady, Natalie Coughlin, Amanda Hunt

Level 2: Nancy Harris, Gert Lyons, Theresa Reigle

Level 3: Janice Baker, Dolores Bird, Maria McLaughlin

Level 4: Jennifer Neese, Linda Simon

Level 5: Nellie Burns, Lucy Slobodzian

Level 6: Pat DePree, Michael Brown
(Completion essential before entering level 7)

Level 7: Carol Brown, Cathleen Pico
(Confirmation level)

Substitute Teachers: Cathy Calcaro,
Karen Ciaccio, Debbie Erthal, Andrea Zepp

Office: Tish Barnett

Security: Frank Reigle

Thank you and God bless our families.

Madeleine Fitzgerald

SAINT HELENA SCHOOL'S

High School Night

OPEN HOUSE

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

OCTOBER 2 6:30-8:00

Saint Helena School Gymnasium
1499 DeKalb Pike Blue Bell, PA 19422

Any questions?
CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 610-279-3345

MUSIC MINISTRY



The Saint Helena Music Ministry is recruiting new members for singing and hand bells.

The choir meets on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Church. All voices are needed.

The Saint Helena Hand Bell choir meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the church. High school students are also welcome.

For information contact Cheryl Platco at email chmo32759@aol.com or call 610 505 3038.

Saint Helena

MINISTRY

Fair

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24

JOIN US AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES FOR HOSPITALITY AND TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR VIBRANT MINISTRY GROUPS.

Contact sainthelenapoc@gmail.com with any questions.

ST HELENA

HOMEcoming

SAT., 9/30/2023
STARTS WITH

Come show your
St. Helena Spirit

Location behind the School & in the GYM **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

ACTIVITIES:
VARSITY VOLLEYBALL, SOCCER, & FIELD HOCKEY GAMES (TIMES TBD)

+
FOOD, GAMES, FACE PAINTING, MUSIC, FLES, SPIRITWEAR, AND RAF-

Young Women's Bible Study



Come discover your call as a Daughter of God with other young women

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



RESPECT LIFE CORNER



Sacrality of Human Life

The deliberate decision to deprive an innocent human being of his life is always morally evil and can never be licit either as an end in itself or as a means to a good end. It is a grave act of disobedience to the moral law, and indeed to God himself, the Author and Guarantor of that law; it contradicts the fundamental virtues of justice and charity. "Nothing and no one can in any way permit the killing of an innocent human being, whether a fetus or an embryo, an infant or an adult, an old person, or one suffering from an incurable disease, or a person who is dying. Furthermore, no one is permitted to ask for this act of killing, either for himself or herself or for another person entrusted to his or her care, nor can he or she consent to it, either explicitly or implicitly. Nor can any authority legitimately recommend or permit such an action". (EV, 57, ST. JP II)

Key Upcoming Pro-Life Events & Dates:

Wed., Sept. 20: 1:30 - 2:45 PM, *Nourish*,
Legal & Practical Aspects of Caregiving, Epiphany
of Our Lord Church, Plymouth Meeting.

Mon., Oct. 16: *PA. March For Life*, -
Bus sponsored by Corpus Christi Church. For
details call Eleanor Hentschel, 215-362-0160.

Sat., Oct. 24: 9 AM- 4 PM, *Catholic Women's Conference*, Our Lady of Czestochowa,
Doylestown. To register:

www.catholicwomensconference.org

ABINGTON LIFE CHAIN

Spend one hour, standing 8 feet apart in silent
prayer for the unborn.

Sunday, October 1, 2023

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Old York Road
(between Keith & Horace Rds.)

Signs will be provided at the two corners of Keith
and Horace Rds.

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

Overcome

Young Men Strengthening
Their Witness of Jesus Christ

2nd Monday (September - May)

St. Helena Parish Convent

Young adult men (18 - late 30's)

Prayer, fellowship, and book study.

Contact - Christian Thompson

cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org



Carnations for Life



September 30 and October 1st Carnations for Life to Support Pregnancy Centers

October is Respect Life month - after the September 30th and October 1st Masses, the Knights will hand-out carnations in the Narthex.

Donations are welcomed, all of which will be given to local pregnancy centers and maternity homes.

For every \$500. donated, the Knights will add \$100 more.



St. Philip Neri WOMEN'S GUILD 2023 DESIGNER BAG BINGO

Friday, October 13, 2023

6:45 PM, School Gymnasium, \$40pp

BYOB & Food/Snacks, Door Prizes and 50/50 Raffle

Deadline 10/10/23

For more info contact:

Paula DiGiacomo, 610-308-0797

Deanna Marrone, 267-358-8015

Look for flyer on our "SPN Women's Guild" Facebook Page
or stop in St. Helena Parish Office for a flyer.

Thank you for your support of our Women's Guild.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE



The Ladies of St. Helena Walking With Purpose invite all women to join us this season. Registration is taking place now. For those new to WWP, we will be using *Opening Your Heart*. For those who have completed that book, we will be using *Rooted and Radiant*, followed by *Fearless and Free*.

WWP Bible studies combine personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. If you desire to grow in your faith - in a supportive community of Catholic women - Walking with Purpose is for you!

We meet for 22 weeks between October and May. There are three meeting times:

Monday evenings on Zoom 7-8:30 PM

Thursdays 9:45-11:30 AM OR
12:45-2:30 PM in the Convent.

Registration fee is \$10 and women purchase their own books. Financial assistance available upon request. For questions, please contact

StHelenaWWP@gmail.com

www.walkingwithpurpose.com



SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard



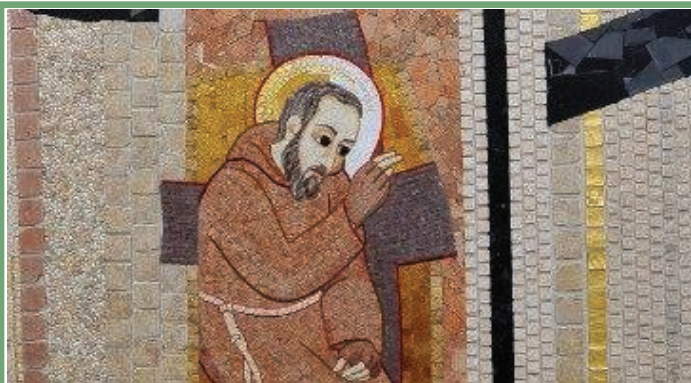
St. Andrew the Tribune is known as the Great Martyr and was a leader of converts in the Roman Army.

Andrew and his men faced a battle against the Persians and called upon Christ for aid. They were victorious.

Andrew and some of his troops became Christians and were discharged from military service.

They were baptized by Bishop Peter of Caesarea and arrested by military leaders and executed in the Taurus Mountains of Cilicia.

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SAINT PUIS OF PIETRELCINA, San Giovanni Rotondo

A poor brother who prays

Born into a poor Italian farm family, from a young age Francesco Forgione desired to be a friar. When he was sixteen, he entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Order, and took the name Brother Pius (Fra Pio). He was ordained to the priesthood in 1910; six years later, joined the convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in San Giovanni Rotondo. He spent many hours every day hearing Confessions. The height of his apostolic commitment was the celebration of the Holy Mass. He described himself as “a poor brother who prays.” “Prayer is the greatest weapon we have,” he said. It is “a key to open the heart of God.”

An extraordinary meeting

In 1948, Padre Pio heard the Confession of a young Polish priest, Father Karol Wojtyła, who thirty years later would ascend the throne of Peter, taking the name John Paul II. It was during John Paul’s pontificate that Padre Pio was declared blessed. During the rite of beatification, the Pope said that in the humble friar, we see the image of Christ suffering and risen. “His body,” he said, “marked by the ‘stigmata,’ showed the intimate connection between death and resurrection...Not less sorrowful, and humanly much more scorching, were the trials he had to suffer as a consequence, one could say, of his singular charisms.” For Padre Pio, “suffering with Christ” was a gift: “In contemplating the Cross on Jesus’ shoulders,” he said, “I always feel strengthened and I exult with holy joy... All that Jesus suffered in His Passion, I too have suffered, insofar as it is possible for a human creature.”

“Relief from suffering”

The life of Padre Pio also shows an intense commitment to alleviate the sufferings of families. In 1956 he inaugurated the “Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza” (the House of Relief from Suffering), a new state of the art

hospital. “It is the apple of my eye,” the friar said when the hospital opened. “This is the creation that Providence, with your help, has created. Gaze at it in wonder, and with me bless the Lord God. He has placed upon the earth a seed that He will warm with His rays of love.”

Death

Padre Pio died during the night of 23 September 1968, at the age of 81. On 16 June 2002, he was proclaimed a saint by Pope John Paul II. In his homily, the Pope said, “The life and mission of Padre Pio prove that difficulties and sorrows, if accepted out of love, are transformed into a privileged way of holiness, which opens onto the horizons of a greater good, known only to the Lord.”



Adult Faith Formation

6-Week Parish Faith Formation
Began Thursday, September 7th

Jesus—Priest, Prophet, King

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.

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

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



Scan the QR Code
to register!

Questions? Contact Christian Thompson at
cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org

If you want to be forgiven...

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story of a king whose servant owed him a lot of money. The king was going to punish the servant, but when the man knelt down and begged for mercy, the king forgave him. Then that same man went and punished a servant who owed him money. When the king found out about this he was very angry.



SORRY I RIPPED YOUR BOOK A BIT.



In this story Jesus is telling us that if we want God to forgive us our sins then we have to forgive the people who have hurt us.

Has anyone ever done something mean to you? How do you feel when that happens? Do you feel

loving toward that person? Jesus tells us that we must forgive those people, even when they really hurt us, because we want God to forgive us too. Every time we sin we offend God, and He will still forgive us if we are sorry. If we want God to forgive us, then it's only fair for us to forgive others.

I'M SORRY FOR TALKING RUDELY TO YOU.



an apology is a powerful way to say you're sorry and to move on.

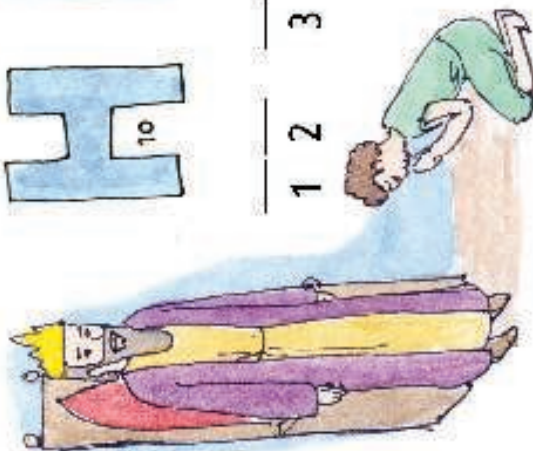
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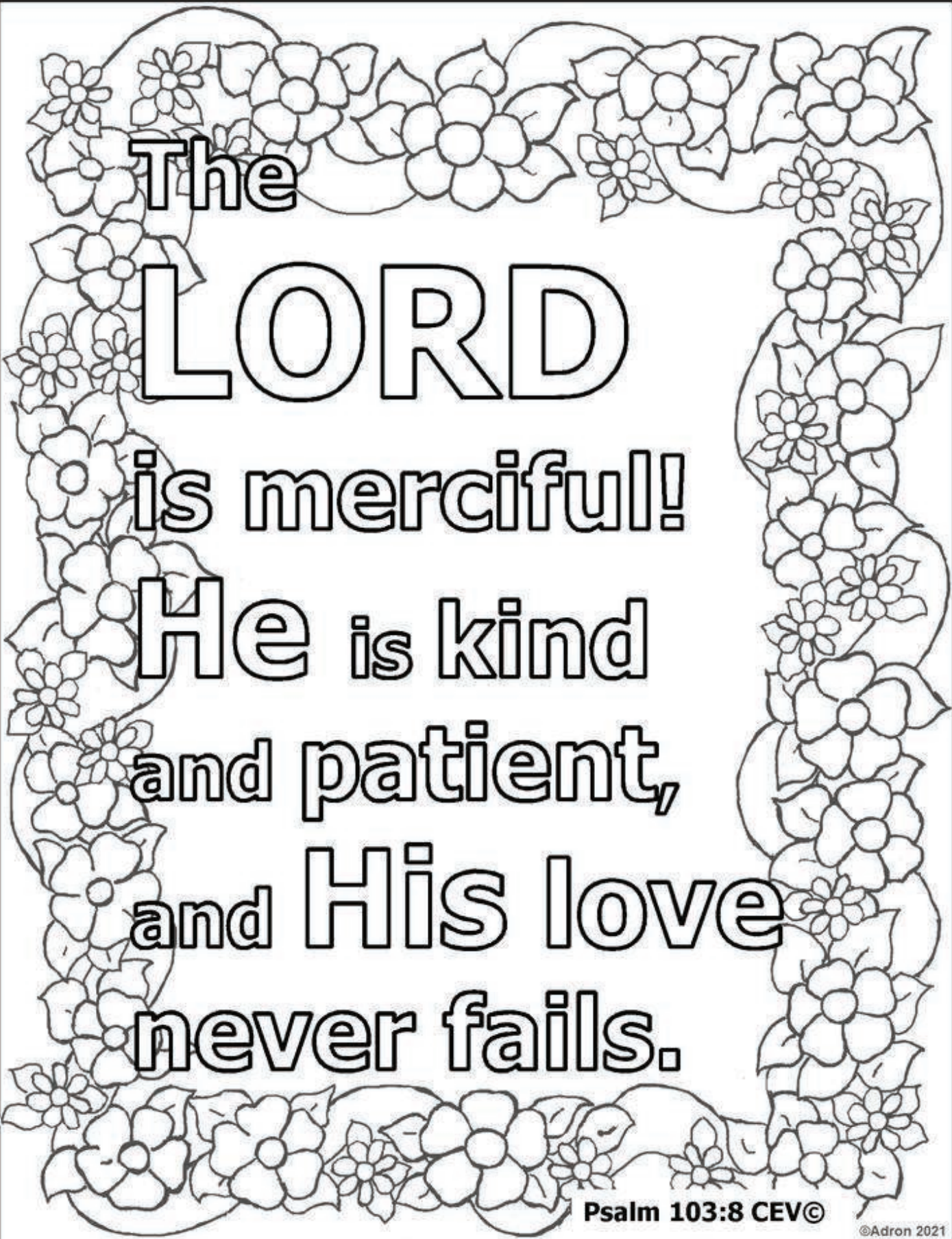
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17th, 2023

*What did the king in today's parable do to the servant who owed him much but asked for forgiveness?
Use the numbers to sort the letters and find out!*

FOHMR
VEAIR
VHFG



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12						



The

LORD

is merciful!

He is kind

and patient,

and His love

never fails.

Psalm 103:8 CEV©

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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	Ana Haynie

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
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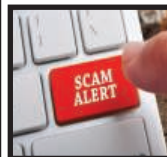
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A Prayer for the Deceased

*O God, Creator and Redeemer
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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.
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WE REMEMBER

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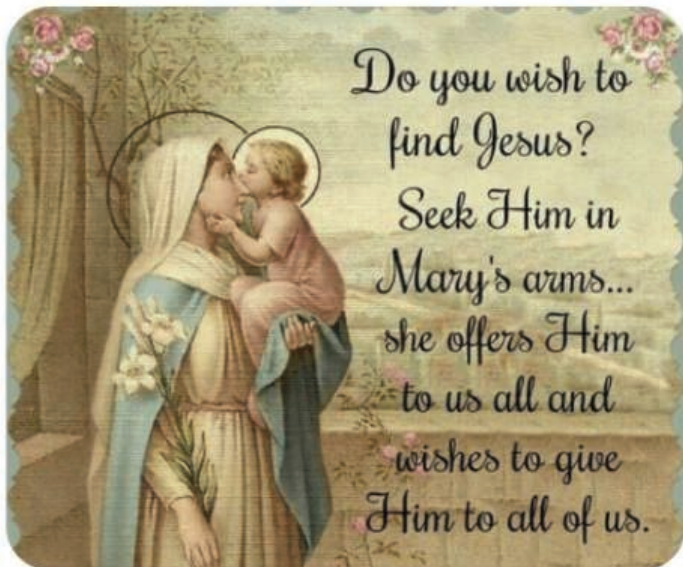
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**The following people have prayerfully made
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