

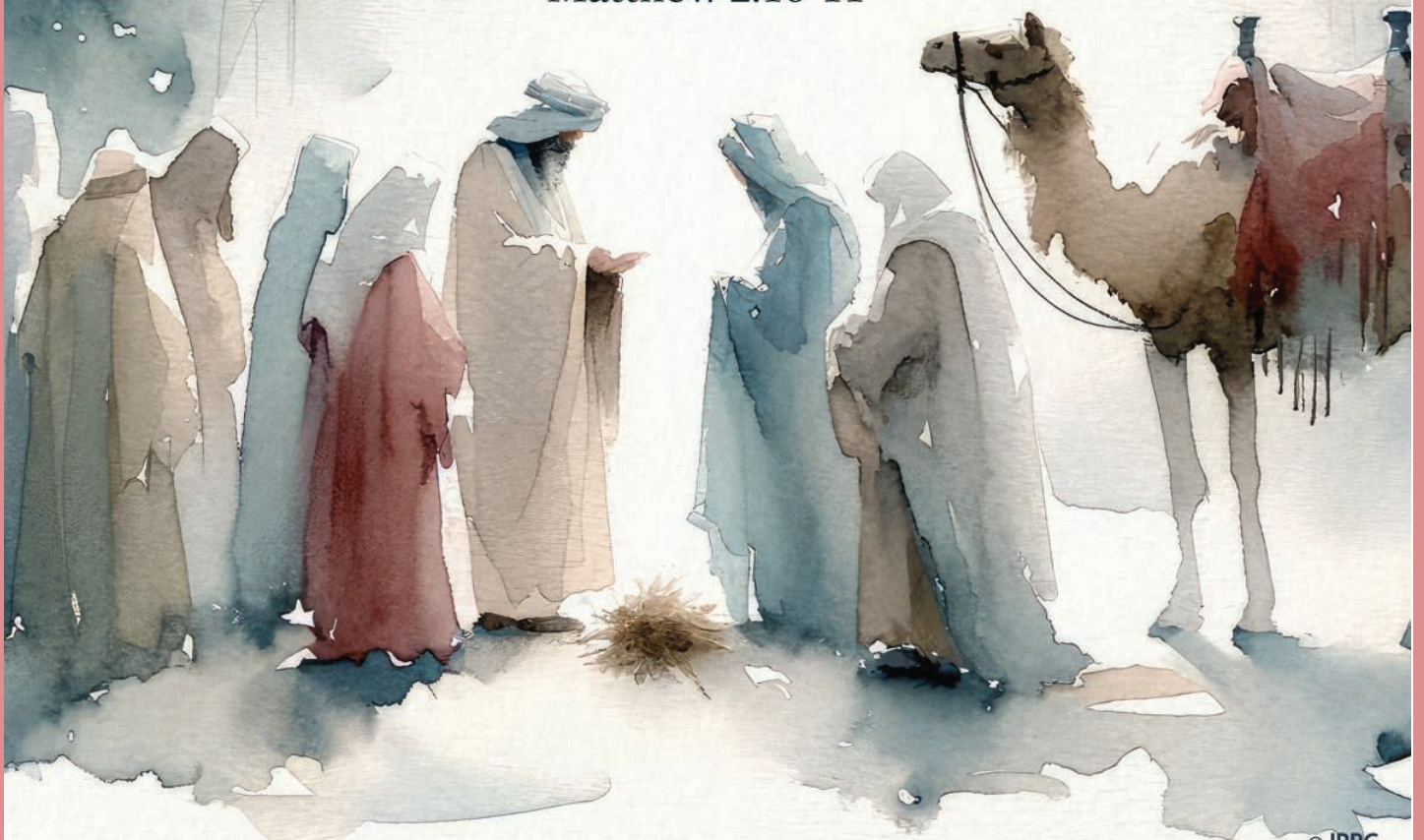
# SAINT HELENA CHURCH

JANUARY 5, 2025  
The Epiphany of the Lord

1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell .PA .19422  
610-275-7711 (Phone)

*They were overjoyed at seeing the star,  
and on entering the house  
they saw the child with Mary his mother.*

Matthew 2:10-11





# 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., 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

**Sun., January 5 The Epiphany of Our Lord**

7:30 AM - St. Helena Church  
† For the People of the Parish  
9:00 AM - St. Helena Church  
† Mary Ann Dowd  
Req. by Joe & Theresa Dowd & Family  
10:00 AM - St. Titus  
† Frances Smith  
Req. by the Tomilson Family  
11:00 AM - St. Helena Church  
† Debbie Walsh  
Req. by the Mitchell Family

**Mon., January 6**

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

**Tues., January 7– St. Raymond Penafort**

8:00 AM - St. Titus  
† Rita Harkins  
Req. by the Santillo Family  
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Cesidia Marini  
Req. by Joseph Marini

**Wed., January 8**

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Robert Alexy  
Req. by Rita Kurek

**PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS  
Continued**

**Thur., January 9**

8:00 AM - St. Titus  
† Joyce Bastian  
Req. by the Hoisington Family  
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Frances & Edward Mulligan  
Req. by their Family

**Fri., January 10**

8:00 AM - St. Titus  
† Norma J. Carfagno  
Req. by David Benson  
9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel  
† Thomas Brophy, Jr. 11th Anniversary  
Req. by the Brophy Family

**Sat., January 11**

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 Ted Terrenzio  
4:30 PM - St. Titus  
† Jay Crumlish  
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 for the

**INTENTIONS OF SAINT HELENA PARISHIONERS**

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel burns in memory of,

**FRANK ROSCIOLI**

Requested by his Wife



#### 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



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

#### ALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

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



#### Bread & Wine

The Bread & Wine this week is offered in memory of

**Pasquale "Pat" Faccenda**

Requested by the Lewullis Family.

## January 19 at 9am A Mass Honoring Deacon Ken

After serving the Church for 28 years as a deacon, Ken Belanger is retiring from active ministry. He has served the people of Saint Helena by preaching and assisting at Sunday Mass, organizing Bible study classes, presiding over prayer services, coordinating RCIA instructions, and by so many other grace-filled encounters. He and his lovely wife JoAnn have been wonderful additions to our parish community. His leadership and service will be greatly missed!

Following the 9am Mass, there will be a reception in the narthex for Deacon Ken. Please join us in wishing Deacon Ken well in the next chapter of his journey



**God Bless Deacon Ken!**

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 6

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- School Resumes
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: 12:30 PM - Lady of Fatima
- Robotics: 6:00 PM - Cafeteria
- Daisy/Brownies: 6:15 PM - Library
- Pre-Baptism Class: 7:00 PM - Convent

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Adult Basketball: 5:30 PM - Rec. Center
- PREP Classes Resume: 6:30 PM - Education Ct.
- Travelers Meeting: 7:00 PM - Our Lady of Mercy
- Walking with Purpose: 7:00 PM - Convent
- 3 on 3 Basketball: 7:30 PM - Rec. Center

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM- Church
- Spring Show Practice: 3:15 PM - Rec. Center
- New Beginnings II: 6:30 PM - Cafeteria
- Respect Life: 6:45 PM - Lady of Fatima
- Adult Faith Formation: 7:00 PM - Constantine Room
- Ladies of Helena: 7:00 PM - Our Lady of Mercy
- Knights of Columbus: 7:00 PM - Our Lady of Lourdes

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Walking with Purpose: 9:00 AM - Convent
- Spring Show Practice: 3:15 PM—Rec. Center
- Robotics: 6:00 PM - Cafeteria
- RCIA: 7:00 PM - Our Lady of Mercy

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Senior Club Meeting: 10:00 AM - Constantine Room
- Swim Team Mtg.: 6:00 PM - Cafeteria

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

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

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

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

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

JANUARY 11 & 12

### CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

#### Saturday, January 11

4:00 PM Fr. Joe

#### Sunday, January 12

7:30 AM Fr. Joe (Deacon Claude)

9:00 AM Fr. Sam

11:00 AM Fr. Sam

### Lectors

#### Saturday, January 11

4:00 PM T. Pantaleo, T. Rogers

#### Sunday, January 12

7:30 AM T. Donohue, J. Bond

9:00 AM MJ Mrazik, T. Yezzi

11:00 AM R. Gomes

### Ministers of Holy Communion

#### Saturday, January 11

4:00 PM J. Eisele, T. McGarvey, R. Ryan, T. Smith

#### Sunday, January 12

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

9:00 AM D. DeBrakeleer, S. Iannello, L. Montgomery

11:00 AM J. McLaughlin, N. Tagliamonte, V. Thompson, JE Valencia

### Altar Servers

#### Saturday, January 11

4:00 PM R. Maxwell, K. Trainor, H. Vargas

#### Sunday, January 12

7:30 AM T. Bushner, G. Sheldon, B. Sheldon

9:00 AM A. Barboza, A. Durski, M. Hoy, N. Hoy

11:00 AM R. Bradbury, A. Morris, J. Sabo



### **CHILDREN'S TITHE**

The Children of St. Helena are taught how to Tithe by bringing a non 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.



## *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.



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  
contact Christian  
cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org

www.st-helena.org

Come as you are.

## YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

“How do you define yourself?”

Sometimes we define ourselves based on what we do or what others think of us. Or perhaps we define ourselves based on our possessions or circumstances. The women of Walking with Purpose understand that what tends to drive you, tends to define you. Join us as we view the Opening Your Heart video, *Your Heart - You Are Captivating*. Just come as you are, ready to have some breakfast and meet other women while discovering your true identity as a beloved daughter of God!

No experience or preparation necessary.

Thursday 9:45-11:30 AM, January 9<sup>th</sup>

We meet in the St Helena Convent behind the school. The entrance is off Yost Road-look for our signs.

“Above all, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.” (Proverbs 4:23)

Walking with Purpose is a women’s Catholic Bible study held on most THURSDAYS 9:45-11:30AM at the St. Helena Convent from October through April. The program aims to bring women to a closer relationship with Christ. Personal study and small group discussions at WWP each week link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. For more information, email [StHelenaWWP@gmail.com](mailto:StHelenaWWP@gmail.com)

## St. Helena Youth Group

So, just what exactly IS a youth group? Why would I send my teen to a youth group? Isn't it just ONE MORE activity in an already jammed-packed schedule? Don't they get ENOUGH religion at school?

All of these are great questions to ask. Our youth group is a place for teens to discover the truths about who they are, who God is, and what is the great plan and potential for a life lived in union to our beautiful and loving 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. 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! Check our schedule below.

### 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.



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

Contact: Christian Thompson  
cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025 SAVE THE DATES!



Mark your calendars for a fun and faith-filled week this summer!

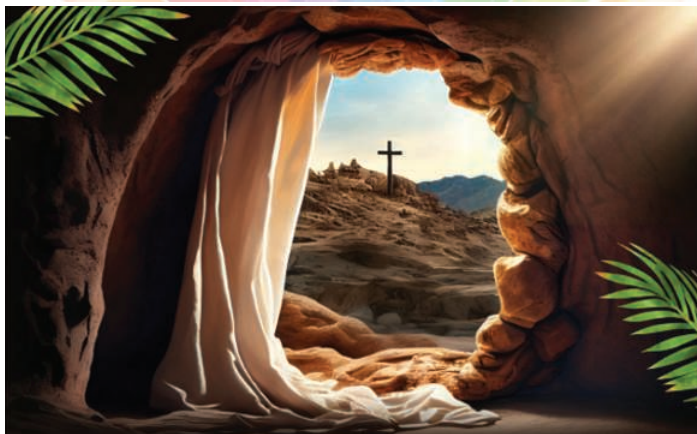
**Monday, August 4 - Friday, August 8, 2025**

**Our theme: Radical Ride - On the Wings of Prayer**

This week will help children understand the purpose of prayer and how to put prayer into action through the ups and downs of daily life.

Registration is coming in March 2025!

Want to stay updated on VBS 2025? Contact: Christian Thompson  
cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org OR 610-930-0349



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**

JOIN US FOR FIVE WEDNESDAY EVENINGS  
MARCH 12, 19, 26 AND APRIL 2 & 9



SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE

CONTACT: CHRISTIAN  
CTHOMPSON@SAINTHELENACHURCH.ORG

## 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).



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!



## St. Helena Men's Group

Please consider joining the St. Helena Men's Group. We are open to all men of the parish. We gather every Saturday morning between 7:00 and 8:00 AM in the convent. After the opening prayer, we read and reflect upon that Sunday's readings and consider their meaning and application to our lives. As men searching for stronger faith, we encourage each other and often speak about subjects that should be important to Catholic men in today's world: Do I look for opportunities in my daily life or at work when I could help lead someone to Christ? How can I pray better and lead my family in prayer? What can I focus upon in the coming days or weeks that will help bring me and those around me closer to God? In essence, the men's group is an opportunity to spend some time with other Catholic men, refocus each week on what is truly important, and support each other through the trials and challenges that we all face. Please consider joining us on any Saturday morning, as we never take a week off!

Contact Joe Bushner at [bushners@comcast.net](mailto:bushners@comcast.net) for more information

## Cultural and Historical Treasures of England, Scotland, and Wales



Cotswolds Village

Stonehenge

Cardiff Castle

You are invited to join Monsignor Nicolo on a Cultural and Historical Treasure of England, Scotland, and Wales Trip from August 3, 2025 to August 15, 2025. The price of the trip is \$5,780 double occupancy and single supplement is \$1,350. A meeting for the trip is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the Our Lady of Mercy Room in Convent. For more information call Theresa Smith at 215-646-7636 or email [theresasmith@verizon.net](mailto:theresasmith@verizon.net).



## PRE-CANA CLASSES

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMORIALS AVAILABLE AT ST. HELENA

### ANNOUNCED & UN-ANNOUNCED MASSES

Are available (\$20) in the Parish Office during business hours. We have Mass cards available for the Sick, Living & Deceased.

### SAINT THERESA GUILD

Saint Helena Parish started a *Saint Theresa Guild* many years ago. We dedicate our Saturday 9 AM Mass to the living and deceased members of this Guild. The names of the members are in a book that is present at the Mass. To have the name of a friend or loved one entered into *Saint Theresa Guild* come to the rectory office during business hours. A donation of \$25 is requested.

### CANDLES

*Candles in the Church and Chapel* can be purchased (\$20 each) in Honor or in Memory of a loved one. The candle will burn for a week, beginning Saturday's Vigil Mass till the following Saturday.

#### *Candles are available in the Church at:*

- The Sanctuary Candle
- The Blessed Mother Altar, up to 4 candles may be lit
- The St. Joseph Altar, up to 4 candles may be lit
- The Sacred Heart Statue on the Altar in the Narthex, up to 4 candles may be lit

#### *Candles are available in the Chapel at:*

- The Sanctuary Candle
- The Altar, up to 4 candles may be lit on the Altar

### BREAD & WINE

The Bread & Wine can be purchased for a week (\$30) in Honor or in Memory of a loved one.

*All Memorials can be purchased in the Parish Office during business hours.*

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

If you are interested in having fresh flowers placed on the Altar in either the Church or the Chapel, please call **THERESA SMITH** at 215-646-7636 to learn about details and availability.



## CareNotes & Lighthouse Kiosk



The two Kiosk located in the Narthex contain CD's, Pamphlets, Prayer Cards, Books, and Rosary Beads.

We have two different programs, the CareNotes, a ministry of St. Meinrad Archabbey, are booklets written to provide uplifting guidance to those who are hurting. They are free to the public, however if you would like to make an offering please contact the Parish Office.

The Lighthouse program is through the Augustine Institute. These are available at a low cost that is printed on the Kiosk.

### **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." OR "I give to Saint Helena Church, 1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422 \$X..00 to be used for the general purposes of Saint Helena Parish."

### **BEQUESTS**

**The following people have prayerfully made bequests in their Wills to Saint Helena Church. Please remember them in prayer as well.**

*Kathleen Schoemaker, Margaret Donahue, Lorraine Gigliello, Margaret (Peg) Tannenbaum, John H. Quillinan, III, David R. Bright, Mary Ann Christ, Elizabeth Foster, Marie Sommers, Martin J. Payton, Jr., Wanda James, & Angela M. Holbrook*

### **WE REMEMBER**

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**We ask that you please keep them in your prayers:**

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# Saint André Bessette

## January 7\*

ALFRED BESSETTE WAS BORN TO A POOR FAMILY OUTSIDE OF MONTREAL IN 1845. HE WAS SO SICKLY WHEN HE WAS BORN THAT HIS PARENTS BAPTIZED HIM RIGHT AWAY.

I baptize you in the name of the Father...

WHEN ALFRED WAS 9 HIS FATHER DIED IN A LOGGING ACCIDENT. HIS MOTHER DIED 3 YEARS LATER.

Now I won't be able to go to school. I guess I need to find a job.

ALFRED WAS ALWAYS SICKLY AFTER TRYING MANY JOBS HE BECAME A RELIGIOUS AND TOOK THE NAME ANDRÉ.

BR. ANDRÉ HAD GREAT DEVOTION TO SAINT JOSEPH. MANY PEOPLE WERE CURED BY HIS PRAYERS.

BECAUSE HE WASN'T EDUCATED, HIS JOB WAS ANSWERING THE COLLEGE DOOR.

THOUSANDS CAME TO TALK TO HIM. HE WAS VERY KIND TO THEM ALL. HE WOULD ALSO GO TO VISIT THE SICK.

Here's a St. Joseph medal!

BR. ANDRÉ GOT PERMISSION TO HAVE A CHAPEL, THE ORATORY OF ST. JOSEPH, BUILT ON THE HILL IN MONTREAL. HE DIED BEFORE IT WAS FINISHED, AT AGE 92.

SAINT ANDRÉ WAS A SIMPLE MAN WHO COULD HARDLY EVEN WRITE HIS OWN NAME. BUT HIS DEVOTION TO SAINT JOSEPH AND LOVE FOR THE PEOPLE MADE EVERYONE LOVE AND TRUST HIM. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS EXAMPLE THAT WE CAN HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN THE SAINTS, ESPECIALLY ST. JOSEPH!

\*His feast is January 7th in Canada, and January 6th in the U.S.

# The Wise Men Puzzle

Do you know the story of the wise men who came to worship Baby Jesus?  
What order do these pictures go in?  
Write the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes.

The wise men found Jesus and worshipped Him, giving Him gifts.

An angel told Joseph in a dream to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt.

Herod is trying to kill Jesus! Take him and Mary to Egypt!

Herod sent soldiers to kill all the babies in Bethlehem!

Some wise men in the East saw a star that was a sign of something... The Messiah must be born!

An angel warned the wise men and told them to go home another way.

Don't go back to Herod - He wants to kill the Baby!

The men went to King Herod to see if he knew where the new king was.

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