

SAINT HELENA CHURCH

One Family, One Faith, One Heart

June 9, 2024

10th Sunday of Ordinary Time

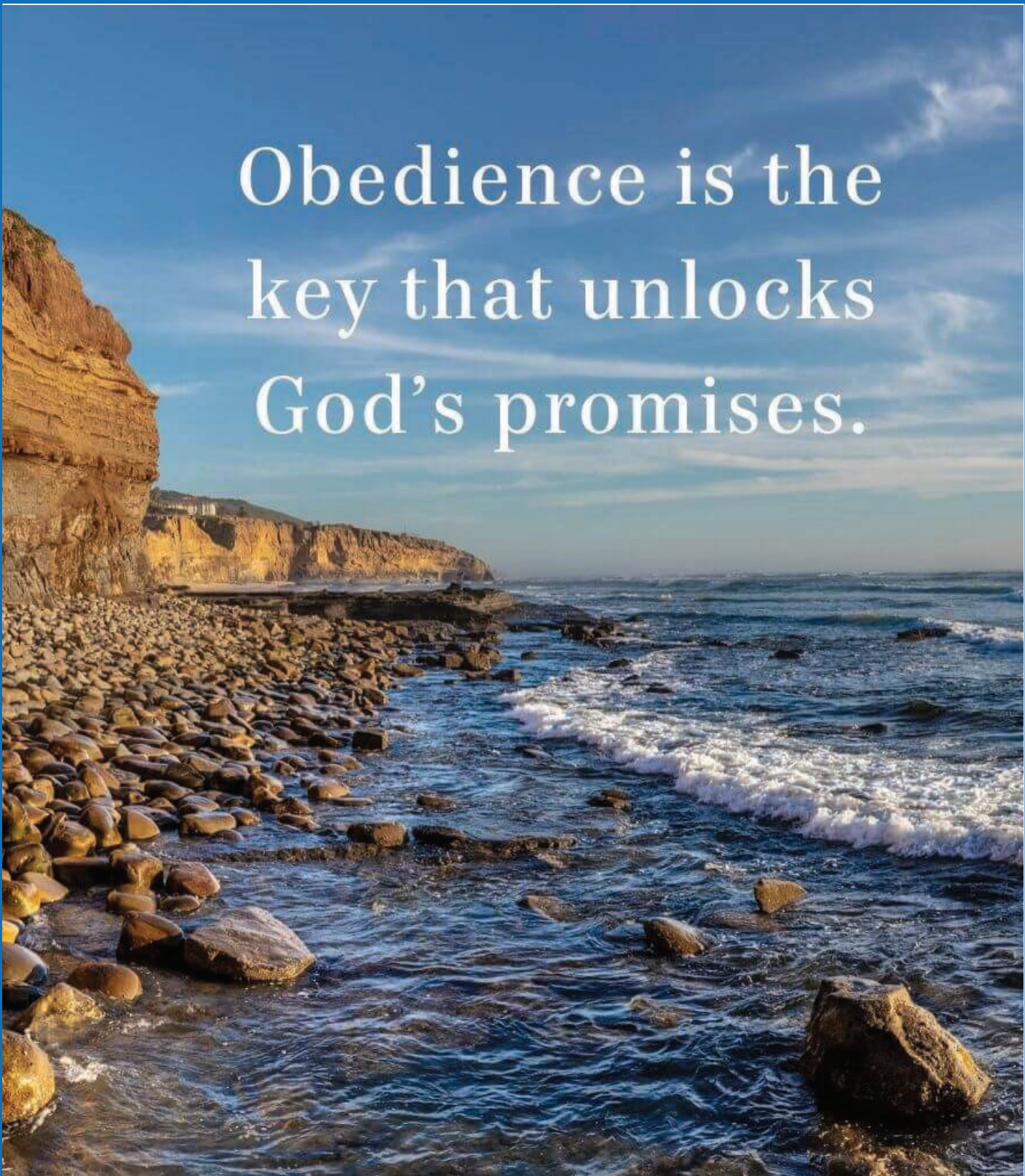
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Obedience is the
key that unlocks
God's promises.



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. Dr. Kyle M. Adamczyk, Parochial Vicar
Msgr. Joseph J. Nicolo: Pastor Emeritus
Deacon A. Kenneth Belanger
Deacon Claude Granese

PARISH OFFICE:

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Web Site: www.sainthelena-centersquare.net
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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
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School Nurse: Mrs. April Maxwell

PREP (PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM):

Phone: 610-279-3870
Interim Dir. of Religious Education: Mr. Jonathan DeMent

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Mr. Christian Thompson

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Mr. Vince Thompson

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Mr. Bob Geiger

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, 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

Sun., June 9

- 7:30 AM - St. Helena Church
† For the People of the Parish
- 9:00 AM - St. Helena Church
† Philomina & Gregorio DeStefano
Req. by Carolyn Seddon
- 10:00 AM - St. Titus
† Ryan Heflin
- 11:00 AM - St. Helena Church
† Denise Vargo
Req. by Claire Carson

Mon., June 10

- 8:00 AM - St. Titus
† Earl Henion
- 9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
† Dylan Leskusky
Req. by the Benamar Family

Tues., June 11 - St. Barnabas

- 8:00 AM - St. Titus
† Bernice & Sal Pires
- 9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
† Thomas Lepera
Req. by Marie Orsini

Wed., June 12

- 9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
† Antoni & Bertha Bazydlo
Req. by Daughter & Husband

Thur., June 13 - St. Anthony of Padua

- 8:00 AM - St. Titus
† Bernice Pires
- 9:00 AM - St. Helena Church
† Dominic Genuardi, Sr.
Req. by Karen Loeper

Fri., June 14

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

PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS Continued

Sat., June 15

- 9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel
† Living & Deceased Members of
the Saint Theresa Guild
- 4:00 PM - St. Helena Church
† Edward Whelan
Req. by Keith & Carrie Schreineri and
Michael & Emmy Clelland
- 4:30 PM - St. Titus
† Charles & Theresa Connell

MEMORIALS FOR THIS WEEK



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church
burns in honor of
PASTOR, REV. JOSEPH W. BONGARD
Requested by Parish Office Staff

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel
burns in honor of
SHS 8TH GRADE GRADUATION CLASS
Requested by St. Helena Parish



A Candle burns at St. Joseph
in memory of
DYLAN LESKUSKY
Requested by SHS Class of 2022

The Church & Chapel Livestream Has Changed

The livestreaming of our Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday Masses is only available live. They will not be saved.

Livestreaming of Funerals and Weddings are only by request of the family. A cost will be applied.

Go to the Parish Website and on the Homepage select on the right hand side of the page.

ANNUAL MANNA BAG

The Patrician Society sends a BIG “Thank you” to all who participated in our Annual Manna Bag Collection this year. We at St. Helena help to fill the shelves throughout the year but especially in May when we have our Annual Manna Bag Collection. Thank you for your continued support.

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, Juan Barba, Jim Smith, Mike Piskai, Jr., Karen Meenan, Andrea Caparella, Joe Matoney, Jr., Mary Trodden, Linda Weikert, Al Slusarz, Marcia Hardy, MayAnn Welsh, Cynthia Wirth, Kate Gilpin, Betsy Cain, Mark Hines, Lori Hines, Cheryl Calnan, Gerry Scalley, Kevin Sullivan, Baby Daly, Carol Berardelli, Suzetta Eason, Kristen Harlow, William Goerig, John Skeels, Finneas Price.

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



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, LTC JOHN LYNCH, COL ELIZABETHANNE CAIN, LTJG. REBECCA MCCOOL, CPT CHRISTOPHER RONGIONE & ENS JOHN W. BUSHNER, MAJOR GEORGE C. WARREN, III

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.



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

ALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

INCLUDING

Eric Slusarz, Helen Fucetolo

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

PARTNER PARISH SUPPORT

Saint Helena and Saint Titus Parishes are PARTNER PARISHES. This is, Masses, devotions, education programs, Bible studies, youth groups, and many other parish opportunities and offerings are open to the parishioners of each parish. Actually, the parishioners of both parishes are highly encouraged to attend and support their partner.

A question was recently raised about financial support of the Partner Parishes. The finance for the Partner Parishes are completely separate. Each parish has its own finance committees and two separate budgets are developed and maintained. So everyone understands, any Saint Helena envelopes put in the collection at St Titus are given to Saint Helena and any St. Titus envelopes put in the collection at Saint Helena are directed to Saint Titus. We will make sure the proper partner receives the support you give.

SAINT TITUS CHANGE OF MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning Memorial Day, the daily Mass Schedule will be changed. Mass will be offered at **8:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.** There will be no morning Mass on Wednesday & Saturday. On those days, all are encouraged to attend the 9:00 AM Mass at Saint Helena.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TITHE!

Collection for weekend of June 2, 2024

PLATE: \$ 15,348

E GIVING: \$ 5,030

MAIL-IN: \$ 810

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.

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 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.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 - CORPUS CHRISTI

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

MONDAY, JUNE 10

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: 12:30 PM - Our Lady of Fatima
- SOC: 6:30 PM - Convent Kitchen
- Communion & Liberation: 7:00 PM - St. Joseph

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Adult Basketball: 5:30 PM - Social & Rec. Center
- 8th Grade Graduation Mass: 6:00 PM - Church
- Adult Faith Formation: 7:00 PM - Constantine Room
- 3 on 3: 7:30 PM - Social & Rec. Center

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Respect Life: 6:45 PM - Lady of Fatima

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Church - Whole School Closing Mass
- Last Day of School: Noon Dismissal



FRIDAY, JUNE 14 - FLAG DAY

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Senior Club.: 10:00 PM - Social & Rec. Center
- Communion & Liberation: 7:00 PM - St. Joseph

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 - FATHER'S DAY

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



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

JUNE 15 & 16

CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

Saturday, June 15

4:00 PM Fr. Bongard (Deacon Claude)

Sunday, June 16

7:30 AM Fr. Kyle

9:00 AM Fr. Bongard

11:00 AM Fr. Bongard (Deacon Ken)

Lectors

Saturday, June 15

4:00 PM C. Buzad, L. Fickett

Sunday, June 16

7:30 AM T. Donohue, J. Bond

9:00 AM MJ Mrazik, B. Nyman

11:00 AM A. Ilano, P. Lorenzo

Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, June 15

4:00 PM M. Guckert, J. Schmidt, T. Smith, M. Valle

Sunday, June 16

7:30 AM T. Gallagher, R. Ryan, M. Skeels

9:00 AM J. Kusnerick, D. Matoney, D. Nolen, M. Watts

11:00 AM L. Buella, C. Interrante, J. McLaughlin, M. Okenquist

Altar Servers

Saturday, June 15

4:00 PM C. Cheeseman, H. Guckert, E. Rakow, J. Trainor

Sunday, June 16

7:30 AM G. Marino, L. Rodweller, K. Weber

9:00 AM A. Crawford, J. Lising, N. Pantaleo, J. Viscanti

11:00 AM M. Merone, H. Vargas, B. Vargas, K. Whealan

Religious Education Registration

PREP Registration is now online through Parish Giving! This is for returning students and new students. Follow the link below to access the registration form.

Tuition for the 2024 - 2025 Academic Year is \$225 per child, with a late fee of \$25 after July 15, 2024.

<https://www.onesimplifiedforms.com/user?f=EAD20B7AA341C18ED014078B9D86DDE1ADFCDCCB3DFFAD31EC2B81E6A6C7878D20B87D25B491B20576E7B20F57757C75>

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

A perpetual Mass said every Saturday at 9:00 AM for Living and Deceased members of the Guild. To enroll a member (\$25) visit the Parish Office.

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 (\$50) in Honor or in Memory of a loved one.

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

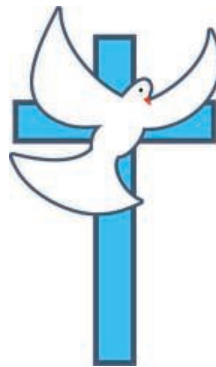
SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS (Pre-Baptism)

Your Help is Needed!



Join us in sharing the Good News of our Catholic Faith by becoming a catechist for our Pre-Baptism Classes!

Classes are held on the 1st Monday of each month in the Convent from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

You are welcomed to serve as often or as little as you like - you can even be a "substitute". All training and materials are provided.

Help young families and first-time parents learn and grow in faith. As you nurture their faith, your own faith will certainly grow too!

To learn more about how to help and serve...

Contact Christian Thompson at cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org

or call the rectory 610-275-7711 and ask for Christian.



VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Are you looking for to volunteer a small part of your time?

We are looking for someone to organize the Church Library, order pamphlets for CareNotes and Lighthouse books. CareNotes and Lighthouse are the stands in the Narthex.

Please contact Gina Malony at 610-275-7711 or gmalony@sainthelenachurch.org for more information

Join us for a Hero's Welcome



Please join Honor Flight Philadelphia on June 15, 2024, at Saints Simon and Jude to Welcome Home and thank our aging veterans as we return home with over 175 veterans from their day of honor and recognition in Washington, D.C.

There will be a demonstration by the United States Air Force Drill Team at 5:00PM followed by the arrival of 175 veterans at 6:00PM who served during World War II, The Korean and Vietnam wars

Meet the Phillie Phanatic, The Phillies Ball Girls, Face-Painting, Balloon Twisting and more.



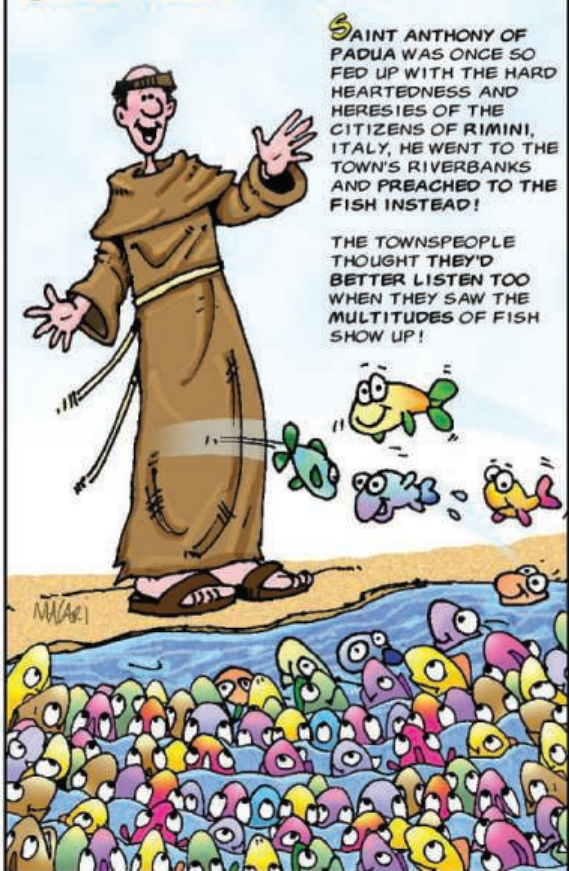
We invite you, your family, and neighbors to joins us on this great day, to thank the men and women who served during World War II, Korea and Vietnam upon their arrival as they walk the red carpet.

Saints Simon and Jude
8 Cavanaugh Ct.
West Chester, PA 19382

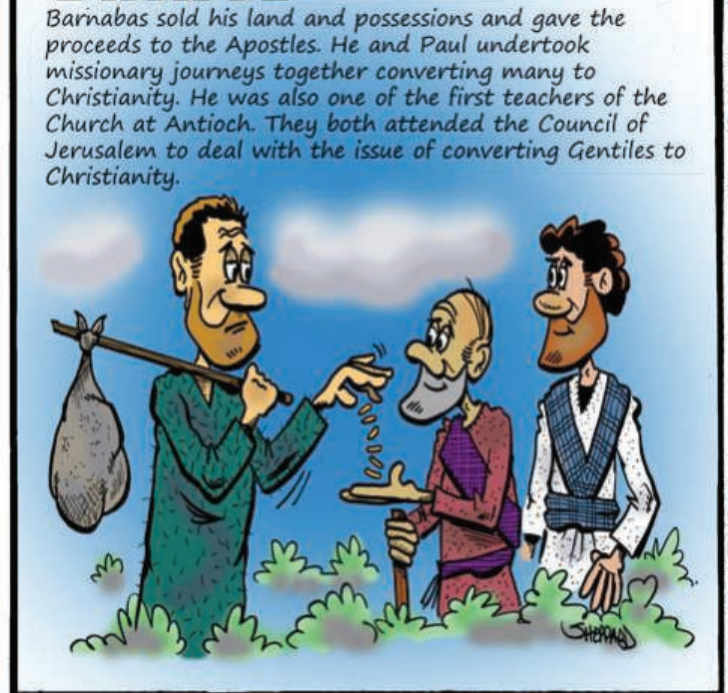
For questions: andrew@honorflightphiladelphia.org
Cell: 610-662-1812



SAINTS FUN FACTS by mario d. macari



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WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Monthly Prayer List for Our Children

June: I pray that early in life they will learn and love to pray, and that they will develop intimacy with God and become true worshippers of Him.

July: I pray that they will treat people with godly kindness in a meek and gentle spirit, without losing the ability to take a stand for what is right.

August: I pray that they will readily seek forgiveness when they sin and be quick to forgive others.

September: I pray that they will grow spiritually as quickly as they do physically and mentally.

October: I pray that they will understand who God is and love Him with all their hearts throughout their lives.

November: I pray that they will enjoy Bible stories now, and make and keep a commitment to study the Bible every day of their lives.

December: I pray that they will speak about God with boldness and become leaders for the cause of God.

(Lisa Brenninkmeyer, Founder, *Walking With Purpose*)



WEDNESDAY ROSARY GROUP

Please join us: The Wednesday Rosary at 11:30 is moving outside for the warm weather to Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto (if it rains, meet in the Chapel). The Grotto is located down behind the Church.

Follow the red stone path by the chapel or drive to Empress Room parking lot and follow the level asphalt path. Bring friends, family and children!



RESPECT LIFE CORNER

NEW: for Catholic Families this June from Holy Heroes:

“While *Made this Way: How to Prepare Kids to Face Today’s Tough Moral Issues* is a must-have book for Catholic parents, **Holy Heroes has just added two new board books for the smallest members of the family! One is for girls and the other is for boys.**



These two board books are a sweet way to **instill in your smallest children the profound truth that they have been created intentionally and nothing about their creation is a mistake.**

Being a boy is not defined by stereotypes such as clothing styles, hobbies, or skills. Nor is it defined by feelings. Our sex is part of who we are, and, like God’s love, it never changes. **Emotions are fleeting, but God’s love is eternal and provides infinite dignity and worth.** As this book shares, *Feelings change; they come and go. But something he will always know...Is that God loves the boy he is...And the boy he will be as long as he lives.* This charming book celebrates how every boy is precious and unique in God’s eyes, whether singing and dancing, climbing high, or baking an apple pie. Your children will enjoy the fun rhymes and colorful, heartwarming illustrations.

Along with its counterpart, *A Boy Is a Boy*, *A Girl is a Girl* is part of The Gift of Our Identity series. It will help you teach your daughters that every girl is dearly loved by God, and that their femininity is a wonderful thing.”
<https://holyheroes.com>

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held August 9 - 11, 2024 and again on October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA.

For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

HELP US KEEP ST. HELENA BEAUTIFUL BY ADOPTING A GARDEN!

The Garden Club maintains various flower beds on the Church campus grounds. We are asking for your help in keeping our gardens looking beautiful. Maybe a family or a Church ministry group could adopt one of the gardens to upkeep during the spring, summer, and fall months. We are asking that the gardens are weeded weekly or as needed. If area is dry when you are weeding, please water. The areas in red are already adopted. Please start as soon as possible. Initial weeding and mulching was done which should make it much easier to keep up.

- Right Side of Church including area near steps
- **Blessed Mother Statue – Christine Knapp and Family**
- Two Large Plots leading up to the Church
- Wayside Garden near Stations
- **St. Joseph Statue - Mike Pelone**
- Pond in Front of Rectory
- **Sacred Heart Statue - Mike Pelone**
- **Four Urns at Social & Rec Center – Ann Kerns**
- **Father Higgins Grave * Karen DeLeonard**
- **Eight Urns at Church, 2 Urns at Chapel - Andrea Caperilla & Debbie Rehak**
- **Ten Urns on Lower and Upper Sides of School - Andrea Caperilla/Debbie Rehak**
- Hedges in Front of Rectory
- **Stations of the Cross – Sue Haberin**
- Rosary Garden
- Left Side of Church including Divine Mercy Hydrangea Garden
- Left Side of Church from Divine Mercy Corner to Transformer
- Behind the Grotto Altar
- **St. Francis Garden – Thom Mrazik**
- **St. Theresa Statue and Plot Behind Statue – Nancy Johansson**
- St. Helena Statue and Plot Behind Statue
- Garden on side of Chapel
- **Calvary Garden – Marie Guilardi**
- Row of Holly Bushes between Church and Chapel
- Light Posts and Mailbox in Front of Rectory
- Garden by Transformer across from Stations of the Cross
- **Front of Empress Room – George Gillin**
- **Island in front of Empress Room – Joseph Ruskiewicz**
- **Right Side of Convent Meeting Rooms – High School Youth Group**
- Azalea Garden and Fence on Top of Grotto
- Front of Meeting Center (Convent)

- Front and Side of Bell Tower
- School – Front of Library
- School – Front Left Side
- School – Front Right Side
- Islands in School Parking Lot
- Front of Rectory
- Front and Side of Information Center
- Six Angels going in and coming out of Campus
- Rhododendron Garden by School Kindergarten
- Berm (Would need several people)
- Grotto (Would need several people) Entrance side of Pre-K and Pre-K Gardens

If you can help, please call Theresa Smith at 215-646-7636 or email at theresacssmith@verizon.net.

COMMEMORATION OF PADRE PIO'S CANONIZATION

National Centre for Padre Pio, 111 Barto Rd., Barto, PA
www.padrepio.org
610-845-3000

Let us prayerfully gather for the Rosary and Mass to commemorate the anniversary of the canonization of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. In one of the largest



ceremonies in history, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio on June 16, 2002. The Holy Father praised the new saint for his prayer and charity. "This is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio's teaching," said the pope. He also stressed Padre Pio's witness to the power of suffering. If accepted with love, the Holy Father stressed, such suffering can lead to "a privileged path of sanctity." Following Mass, enjoy: Padre Pio's San Giovanni, a brief 30-minute film that includes scenes from Padre Pio's last Mass and compelling testimonies by those who knew him when he was alive and others who only got to know and love him after his death.

Sunday, June 16, 2024
Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - 11:30 AM
Mass - 12:30 PM



Memorial Gifts

A Memorial Gift to the National Centre for Padre Pio is a beautiful way to remember the life of a loved one or honor a group. The Centre offers a number of memorial items available for naming, as well as the opportunity to add the name of a friend, family member, or group to the *Tree of Padre Pio* located

SAINT HELENA CHURCH

Summer Faith Formation Series

"because Church never takes a vacation"

Bishop Robert Barron's "The Creed"

We say it every Sunday... but do we understand it?

Join us as we explore the beauty and truth of our Church's teachings expressed through the Nicene Creed

To register - Scan the QR code or email Christian cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org



Watch the trailer for the series here



June 4, 11, 18, 25
July 9, 16

Tuesday's 7:00 - 8:15PM

Location: Empress Room (below the Church)



PHILADELPHIA MARCH FOR LIFE

Collection for
PHILLY'S BIGGEST BABY SHOWER
Saturday, June 22, 2024

9am Mass
Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul

10:30am March
Starts at Ben Franklin Pkwy & Race St

11:30am Rally
Independence Mall

Bring baby items to Cathedral for Philly's Biggest Baby Shower Collection

For Details and to Register:
prolifeunion.org



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 5th - 9th
9am - 12pm

Registration:
\$40 - camper
\$20 - teen helpers

Open to children going into K - 5th grades for Fall 2024

Teens in grades 6-12 are welcome to lead as counsellors!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER



2024 THEME:
"WILDERNESS ADVENTURE"
A JOURNEY THROUGH THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

- BIBLE TRIVIAS
- BIBLE STORIES
- DANCING
- SINGING
- SPORTS
- SNACKS



CONTACT: CHRISTIAN
CTHOMPSON@SAINTHELENACHURCH.ORG

Does Being Famous Matter?

Today's Gospel reading tells us that Jesus' relatives were trying to get close to Him when there was a huge crowd. But Jesus didn't get up to see them or make the other people go away. He kept teaching the people around Him. He said to them, "Who are my mother and my brothers? Here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."



Do you know why Jesus said that? He was telling us that knowing important people or being related to important people doesn't matter at all. What matters is that we love Jesus and do what He asks.

Do you sometimes wish that you were very important or popular? Being well-known isn't a bad thing, but being good is much more important than being famous. God wants us to be humble and happy loving Him and doing what we are supposed to, no matter how important we seem to others.



You are very important to God!

Answers to Cross-Word:
ACROSS: 3.may 4.cry 6.Lord 9.cars 10.dawn 13.He 15.stand 17.word 18.forgiveness
DOWN: 1.mv 2.voice 3.mark 5.redemption 7.depths 8.in 11.with 12.kindness 14.who
16.trust 17.wart

www.thekidsbulletin.com

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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 9th, 2024



In today's first reading Adam and Eve tried to hide from God because they had sinned and were ashamed. But God still loved them and He came and talked to them. Can you find them?

Saint Germaine

June 15

GERMAINE WAS BORN IN FRANCE IN THE 1500'S. HER MOTHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS A BABY AND HER STEP-MOTHER WAS CRUEL TO HER.

You can eat when we're done.

GERMAINE WAS SICKLY SO HER STEPMOTHER MADE HER SLEEP IN THE BARN, AWAY FROM HER OWN CHILDREN.

I don't want to be sick! My baby is getting sick!

Make a bed for yourself in the barn.

GERMAINE LEARNED THE CATECHISM AND FORGAVE HER STEP-MOTHER.

Jesus said, "Blessed are you who are persecuted..."

Tell us a story!

LOOKING AFTER THE SHEEP, SHE WOULD SAY THE ROSARY AND TEACH CHILDREN.

WHEN GERMAINE WENT TO MASS SHE LEFT THE SHEEP BUT THEY WERE ALWAYS SAFE!

SHE GAVE FOOD TO BEGGARS, BUT WHEN HER STEPMOTHER BEAT HER FOR TAKING FOOD HER APRON WAS FULL OF FLOWERS!

How dare you... oh!

You can stay in our spare room if you like.

I'm okay, but thanks!

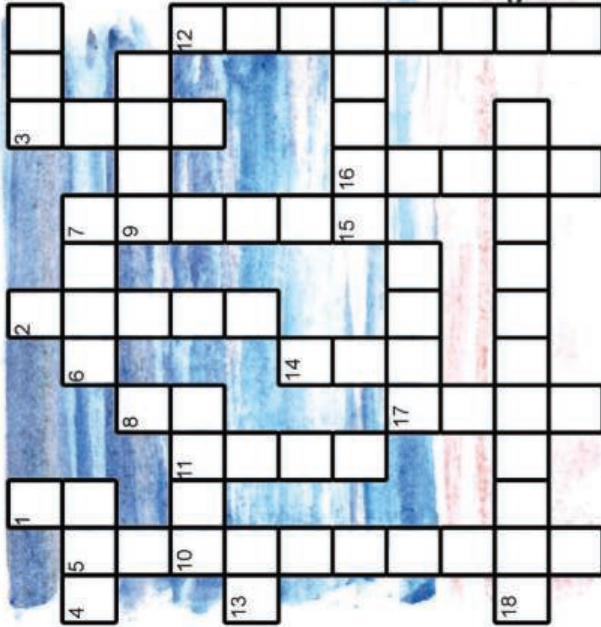
GRADUALLY PEOPLE STARTED TO BE MORE KIND TO GERMAINE, BUT SHE CHOSE TO LIVE IN POVERTY ANYWAY. SHE DIED ON HER STRAW BED AT AGE 22.

GERMAINE DID NOT SEEM IMPORTANT. SHE WAS NOT A RELIGIOUS OR A MISSIONARY OR A QUEEN. SHE BECAME HOLY BY BELIEVING IN GOD, LOVING HIM AND FORGIVING THOSE WHO WERE CRUEL TO HER. WE CAN THINK ABOUT HER WHEN PEOPLE ARE MEAN TO US. REMEMBER THAT SAINTS, LIKE JESUS, ARE FORGIVING.

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Psalm 130 Cross-Word

See if you can find the missing words from today's Psalm and put them in the puzzle!
A = across
D = down



Out of the _____ (7D) I _____ (4A) to you, O LORD;
_____ (6A), hear my voice!

Let your _____ (9A) be attentive to my _____ (2D) in supplication.
If you, O LORD, _____ (3D) iniquities, LORD, _____ (14D) can _____ (15A)?
But with you is _____ (18A), that you _____ (3A) be reversed.
I _____ (16D) in the LORD;
_____ (1D) soul trusts _____ (8D) his _____ (17A).
More than sentinels wait for the _____ (10A), let Israel _____ (17D) for the LORD.
For _____ (11D) the LORD is _____ (12D) and with him is plenteous _____ (5D) and _____ (13A) will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

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We ask that you please keep them in your prayers:

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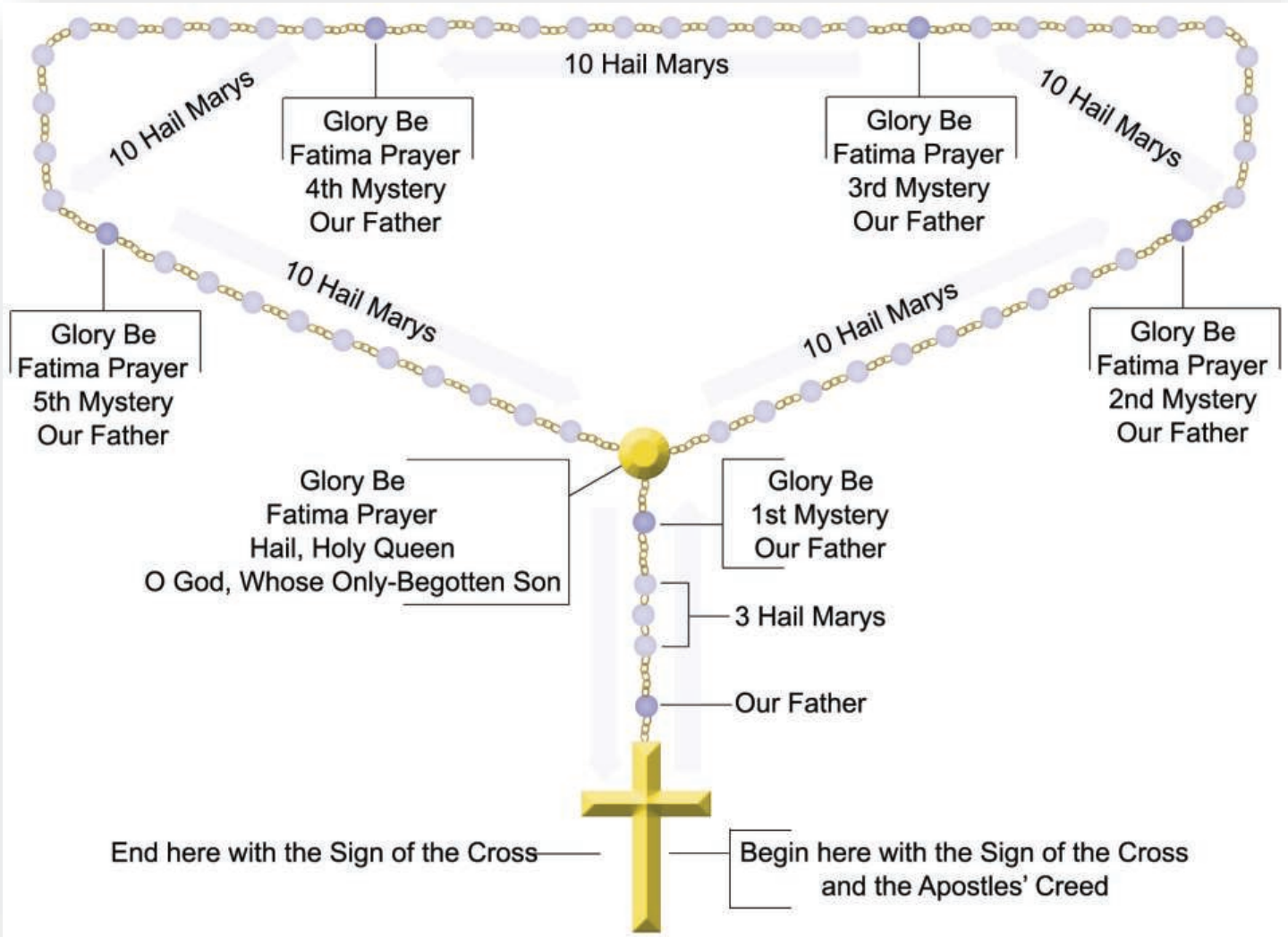
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