



# SAINT HELENA CHURCH

*Center Square*

1489 DeKalb Pike Blue Bell PA 19422

610-275-7711 (P) - 610-275-7610 (F)

[www.sainthelena-centersquare.net](http://www.sainthelena-centersquare.net)

January 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2022







# 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:

Parish Priest: Rev. Monsignor Joseph J. Nicolo  
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Brian T. Connolly  
Deacon: Deacon A. Kenneth Belanger

### PARISH OFFICE:

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Business Manager: Ms. Cathy Neugebauer  
Parish Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Gina Malony  
**Phone: 610-275-7711 <> Fax: 610-275-7610**  
Web Site: [www.sainthelena-centersquare.net](http://www.sainthelena-centersquare.net)  
Email: [parish@sainthelenachurch.org](mailto:parish@sainthelenachurch.org)

### EDUCATION CENTER:

1499 DeKalb Pike Blue Bell PA 19422  
**Phone: 610-279-3345 <> Fax: 610-279-3272**  
Interim School Principal: Miss Denise Britt  
School Secretary: Mrs. Rene Ryan  
School Nurse: Mrs. April Maxwell

### PREP: Phone: 610-277-3573

Director of Religious Education:  
Mrs. Madeleine Fitzgerald  
Dir. of Parish Services: **Phone: 610-930-0349**  
Mr. Christian Thompson  
Facilities Manager: **Phone: 610-322-5749**  
Mr. Vince Thompson  
Director of Facilities:  
Robert Malony



### PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

<+> Saturday Vigil is celebrated at 4:00 PM <+>

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM  
Weekdays: Mon - Sat 9:00 Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 PM  
Holy Days: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, & 12:15 PM  
(Except on Saturdays)

### SPIRITUAL DEVOTIONS:

Most Holy Rosary: Mon-Sat 8:25 AM (Chapel)  
Wednesdays: 11:30 AM  
in the Grotto  
Eucharistic Adoration: Mon-Fri 9:30 AM-7:30 PM  
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Mon-Fri 3:00 PM (Chapel)

### CHAPEL HOURS:

The St. Theresa Chapel is open Monday – Friday from 6:30 AM to 9PM; Saturday from 8 AM - 5 PM; & Sunday from 7 AM to 5 PM. On **First** Thursdays & Fridays, special devotions are prayed at Mass.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are celebrated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month *after* the 11:00 AM Mass. Please stop by the Parish Office for information on scheduling Baptism for your child. Pre-Jordan classes are required for parents & optional for Godparents, and are *usually* offered the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Convent. Call the Parish Office to register for class. Letters of eligibility are due at the Parish Office *before* a date can be confirmed for Baptism.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must be made with a priest at least 6 months *prior* to your desired wedding date. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia requires that all couples attend a Pre-Cana class. Please contact the Rectory at 610-275-7711 or send an e-mail:

[parish@sainthelenachurch.org](mailto:parish@sainthelenachurch.org) for class information & registration.

### 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 [610-275-7711] **to make an appointment.**

### MEMORIALS:

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

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS:

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





**NIC NOTES**

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

With the Solemnity of the Epiphany, we close the Christmas Season. Here is another wonderful example of how Christmas songs can be catechetical in nature:

**THE ORIGIN of the TWELVE DAYS of CHRISTMAS**

“The Twelve Days of Christmas” was composed in England as one of the “Catechism songs” to help young children learn the tenets if their faith-a memory aid. At a time when getting caught with anything on paper that indicated an adherence to the Catholic Faith or the Roman Church could not only get you imprisoned, it could possibly get you executed for high treason.

The gifts mentioned in the song are coded messages with “hidden meanings” used to teach the faith without arousing suspicion. The “True Love” mentioned in the song does not refer to any earthly suitor, but to God Himself. The “me” who receives the gifts refers to every baptized person. The “partridge in a pear tree” is none other than Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury in order to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings. This also reminds us of the expression of Christ’s sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: “Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered you under my wings as a hen does her chicks, but you would not have it so.”

The other symbols signify the following:

- 2 Turtle Doves: The Old and New Testaments...
- 3 French Hens: Faith, Hope and Charity...
- 4 Calling Birds: The Four Evangelists...
- 5 Golden Rings: The first five books of the Bible — the Pentateuch which gives us the history of man’s Fall from grace...
- 6 Geese-a-laying: The six days of Creation...
- 7 Seven Swans a-swimming: The seven Sacraments and the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit...
- 8 Maids a-milking: The 8 Beatitudes...
- 9 Ladies dancing: The nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit...
- 10 Lords a-leaping: The 10 Commandments...
- 11 Pipers piping: The 11 Faithful Apostles...
- 12 Drummers drumming: The 12 points of the Apostles’ Creed.

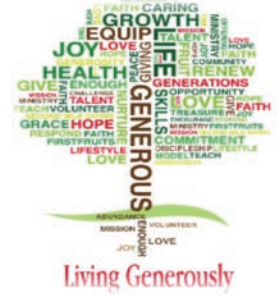
REMEMBER! WE ARE NOW “IN” THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS!

**C E L E B R A T E !**

HAVE A BLESSED AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*May God, through the intercession of Saint Helena,  
bless us!  
Love & prayers,  
Monsignor Nicolo*

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
TITHE!**



Collection for the weekend of December 26th

<b>PLATE:</b>	<b>\$ 19,738</b>
<b>E-GIVING:</b>	<b>\$ 4,315</b>
<b>MAIL-IN:</b>	<b>\$ 8,672</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK  
OF JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

- Mon., Jan. 3** 9:00 AM Holy Name of Jesus  
IMO FRANCIS MASHAINTONIO  
Requested by John & Terry Duff
- Tue., Jan. 4** 9:00 AM Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton  
IMO JOSHUA MOSER  
Requested by The Dare Family
- Wed., Jan. 5** 9:00 AM Saint John Neumann  
IMO ANDREW KOSVITCH  
Requested by The Kosvitch Family
- Thu. Jan. 6** 9:00 AM Saint André Bessette  
IMO CAROL DAMIANI  
Requested by her Husband
- Fri., Jan. 7** 9:00 AM Saint Raymond of Penafort  
IMO ALBERT L. CARSON  
Requested by Claire Carson
- Sat. Jan. 8** 9:00 AM Christmas Weekday  
The living & deceased members of the Saint Theresa Guild

*Monsignor Nicolo offers Mass for the People of the Parish on every Sunday & the Holy Days of Obligation*





**MEMORIALS FOR THE  
WEEK OF JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns  
*in memory of*

**JOSEPH BRAUNER**

Requested by The Scherneck Family

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel burns  
*in honor of*

**STACEY E. DELPINO**

Requested by her husband Aiden DelPino

A Candle burns at the Altar of the Sacred Heart  
*in memory of*

**DEREK HLADUN**

Requested by Derek C. Hladun

A Candle burns at the Altar of Saint Joseph  
*in memory of*

**RAYMOND R. COLOMBARO**

Requested by Bro. Raymond, O. de M.

A Candle burns at the Altar of Saint Joseph  
*in memory of*

**JOHN HLADUN**

Requested by Derek C. Hladun



**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**

In your charity, please pray for our sick & home-bound parishioners, as well as those living in health/nursing facilities. In particular, please remember the following individuals:

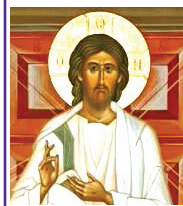
Patrick Banicki, Marie Marrongelli, Linda & Chuck Basile, McGrail & Flynn Families, Kathy Foley, Bernice Zwigaitis, Peter J. Cissone, Jr., Dave Colman, Ed Mitchell, Teri Smyth, Diane Bambino, Becky, Forest & Ezra Beitzel, Marie Becker, MaryAnn McCauley, Tom Collins, Ann Marie Stepler, Mary Reedy, Patricia Leedom, Maureen Barron, Jennifer Young, Maryann Tinti, John Leedom, Yen Smink, Samantha Hunsecker, Eleanor Burke, Linda Burke, Christina Hoffmann, Thomas Pomager, John Thurston, Tracy Porter, Daniel Kerns, Ann Jolly, Megan Martin, Juan Barba, Sharon George, Claudia Restrepo, Juan Carlos Valencia, Claudia Valencia, John Sajda, Ronald Agresti, Marco Martinelli, Matthew McDonnell, Baby Benjamin Berkowitz & Isaiah Bradwell  
**To have someone listed, please call the Parish Office at 610-275-7711. Names will stay listed for 2 weeks.**

**A PRAYER for  
our MILITARY**

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.

*Please pray for all our military personnel especially:*

POI ELIZABETH FENERTY, CPT KEVIN MAGUIRE,  
SFC JAMES KILGORE, CDR DANIEL NEVEROSKY,  
TSGT JAMES LAPORTE, SGT JOHN Z. MATEJA,  
LT NICHOLAS HUMES,  
CPL ANTHONY J. CICCARONE,  
CPT EMILY M. LORENZO-WOMACK,  
CPT JONATHAN R. WOMACK,  
SSGT JOSEPH P. LORENZO,  
LT CHRISTINA TAORMINA-LAPORTE,  
LTJG BRENDAN J. KOCH,  
LTJG ANDREW J. SCHUTTA  
& LTC ELIZABETHANNE CAIN



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

**BELOVED  
DECEASED,**

especially the following:

**RICHARD DEFALCO  
& MARY PALAIA**

May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

**Saturday, January 8**

4:00 PM Monsignor Nicolo (Deacon Ken)

**Sunday, January 9**

7:30 AM - Monsignor Nicolo

9:00 AM - Father Connolly

11:00 AM - Father Connolly

LECTORS

**Saturday, January 8**

4:00 PM C. Kain & T. Rogers

**Sunday, January 9**

7:30 AM - J. Bond & K. McGowan

9:00 AM - T. Yezzi & M. J. Mrazik

11:00 AM - P. Lorenzo & B. Nyman

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF  
HOLY COMMUNION

**Saturday, January 8**

4:00 PM - Deacon Ken, J. Coyle, J. Schmidt, J. Smith  
& Theresa Smith

**Sunday, January 9**

7:30 AM - D. DeLaRosa, L. Montgomery & K. Wurtenberg

9:00 AM - J. Dalhoff, D. Matoney, K. & H. McWilliams &  
J. Viscanti

11:00 AM - J. Baker, R. Maiorano, J. McLaughlin, M. Valle &  
J. E. Valencia

ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday, January 8**

4:00 PM - L. Dubas, C. & E. Gallagher & K. Rose

**Sunday, January 9**

7:30 AM - T. & K Dwyer & J. Trainor

9:00 AM - C. & L. Freimuth, M & C. Traver

11:00 AM - C. Cheeseman, P. Cherico, N. & G. Sheldon



**"75 YEARS"  
ANNIVERSARY GALA**

Catholic War Veterans & Auxiliary  
of the United States of America

**SAVE the DATE!**

Norristown Post 1180 on

Sunday, January 16, 2022

*If interested, please contact:*

Toni Auriemma at 610-554-3821  
or Phyllis Sylvester at 610-272-5846

PARISH EVENTS:  
January 2 to January 9

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 + THE EPIPHANY +

- Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
- CYO Basketball: 1:00 - Social & Rec. Center
- High School Youth Group: 7:00 PM - Convent

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- School classes resume
- CYO Basketball: 4:30 PM - Social & Rec. Center
- First Lego League: 6:00 PM - Cafeteria
- Choir Practice: 6:30 PM - Church
- Walking with Purpose: 6:45 PM - Convent
- Pre-Jordan Class: 7:00 PM - Convent

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Adult Basketball: 5:30 PM - Social & Rec. Center
- PREP: 6:30 PM - Education Center
- 3 on 3 Basketball: 7:30 PM - Social and Recreation Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

+ SAINT JOHN NEUMANN +

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- CYO Basketball: 4:30 - Social & Rec. Center
- New Beginnings II: 6:30 PM - Cafeteria
- RCIA: 7:00 PM - Convent

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

- Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Walking with Purpose: 11:00 AM - Convent
- CYO Basketball: 4:30 PM - Social & Rec. Center
- Bell Choir Practice: 6:30 PM - Church
- Scripture Study: 7:00 PM - Virtual

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Church
- CYO Basketball: 4:30 PM - Social & Rec. Center

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

- Confessions: 3:00 PM - Church
- Mass: 9:00 AM - Church

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

+THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST +

- Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
- CYO Basketball: 1:00 PM - Social & Rec. Center
- High School Youth Group: 7:00 PM - Convent



## MADELEINE'S MESSAGE

Thoughts for parents as we begin a new year.

Each year we all hope to make the faith formation experience meaningful and lasting. As teachers we will only be with your child 90 minutes a week!

It is very important that the family reflect and enhance the weekly topics.

Below are some ways to work with your child at home.

Be an interested parent. Review the materials with your child each week. We ask that each child read a chapter at home for each class. A schedule will be sent to you for your child's class.

Pray together as a family. Use anytime the family is gathered together as an opportunity for prayer. Today's world sends mixed messages to our children. Let the faith of your family be seen consistently in a variety of ways in the family.

To all our PREP families and our Saint Helena parish families, a Blessed New Year 2022!

Madeleine



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SECOND GRADE STUDENTS! THEY RECEIVED FIRST PENANCE ON DECEMBER SIXTH.



MAY GOD BLESS THEM NOW AND ALWAYS!



### NOTHING COMPARES TO *BEING THERE*

***"I HAVE GREATLY DESIRED TO EAT THIS MEAL WITH YOU."***

All of us know instinctively that nothing compares to "being there" in person. Whether it's being at a friend's wedding, sitting down to have a heart-to-heart conversation, comforting a family member while she is grieving or watching as your baby takes his/her first steps, we all know that being physically present makes all the difference. The same logic applies to our life as Catholics.

Especially when it comes to the Mass, truly, nothing compares to *being there*. The *Nothing Compares* initiative is an opportunity for parishes to issue a heartfelt invitation to parishioners to return to the in-person celebration of the Mass after the many long months of the pandemic. It draws upon the central truth of our Christian faith that Jesus Christ encounters and saves us *in the flesh*, through in-person presence.



## High School Youth Group

### 2022 Calendar HSYG Meeting Dates

Sunday evenings 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Convent.

**January 2** - *An Introduction to the Bible*

**January 9** - *“The Early World”*

**January 16** – *“The Patriarchs”*

**January 23** – *“Egypt & Exodus, Joshua, and Judges”*

**January 30** – Service Event –  
Writing Cards to the Elderly/Sick



## SAINT HELENA YOUNG ADULT GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE

**January 13** - *“Sin and Mercy”*

**January 20** - *“Jesus Prays”*

**January 27** - *“Hunger and Thirst”*

Rosary at 6:45 P.M. followed by our meeting in the parish convent from 7 - 8:30. Join us for the continuation of the series *“Metanoia”* by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR

**Contact...Christian Thompson at [cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org](mailto:cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org) or by phone at (610) 930-0349.**

*St. Therese of Lisieux, pray for us!*

We will be studying Salvation History (God’s working throughout time) through the Scriptures with the Great Adventure Bible Timeline provided by Ascension Press.

By encountering God through Scripture, we can develop a relationship with Him and abandon the false perceptions and lies we have of God and experience who He truly is: a loving Father who desires our salvation more than we can ever know.

*“Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ.” – St. Jerome*

*“Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are.”*  
Pope Saint John Paul II







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**Happy New Year !**

Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years, for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets. We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

Remember us, O God;  
from age to age be our comforter.

You have given us the wonder of time,  
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.  
Bless your children at the turning of the year and  
fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is  
ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God,  
living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen.

Help to Kentucky Knights for Tornado Disaster Relief  
~~ The Kentucky State Knights of Columbus report  
tornado devastation in 3 of 4 Dioceses. The Knights  
plan to do what is necessary to help as many Kentucki-  
ans as they can. Read more at [https://kykofc.com/  
disaster-relief-for-tornado-victims/](https://kykofc.com/disaster-relief-for-tornado-victims/)

To help those in great need, St. Helena Knights of  
Columbus sent a \$550. donation to support the relief  
needs of the Kentucky State Knights. As well, the  
Pennsylvania State Knights donated \$1000. If you wish  
to help, send a donation check payable to K of C  
**Kentucky State Charities, Inc. to:**  
**K of C Kentucky State Charities, Inc.**  
c/o Cameron Peck  
796 Wellington Way  
Lexington, KY 40503

**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."



**ST. MARTHA CLEANERS**

*We are Seeking New Volunteers*

We have a current need of volunteers  
to assist us with light cleaning of the  
Church and Chapel, once a month, on  
Friday mornings.

For additional information or  
questions, please contact Gina Malony at the Parish  
Office, 610-275-7711.

**CORPORAL WORKS  
OF MERCY:**

**FEED THE HUNGRY...  
CLOTHE THE NAKED.**

As a Parish Family, we support many of our neighbors,  
now is the time to make sure that we've not forgotten  
them!

**THE BROTHER HOUSE**

One of the missions of The Brother House is to clothe the  
homeless. You help to make this happen by donating to  
this cause. At this time, they are in need of slightly used  
backpacks and duffel bags. They are always in need of  
newly purchased men's underwear, socks, and slightly  
used clothing. We have a cabinet in the Information Room  
of the Church for these items.

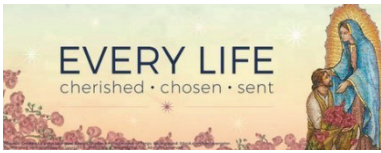
**THE PATRICIAN SOCIETY**

The Patrician Society is a food bank in East Norriton that  
we help to keep stocked with the non-perishable food that  
our children and several parishioners bring to Church. We  
also have several Food Collections throughout the year as  
well as our Annual Manna Bag Collection in May. If you  
can help, please bring your non-perishable items to  
Church on the weekend or to daily Mass and leave them  
in the Information Room. A representative from The  
Patrician Society usually comes in on Monday mornings to  
pick up our donations.

**CARING FOR FRIENDS**

This ministry asks you to cook a fresh meal or to take your  
left-overs and put them in the containers provided. Bring  
them to the Church and place them in the freezer in the  
Information Room. *NEEDED SUPPLIES ARE NOW LOCATED INSIDE  
THE DOUBLE-DOOR CLOSET. INSIDE THERE IS ANOTHER SHELF WITH  
MORE SUPPLIES.* We have dinner containers and soup  
containers available together with instructions on how to  
prepare the meals. Please remember to date your dinners.





# RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Here is the next part of Archbishop Cordileone’s letter to the students of Archbishop Riordan High School, a Catholic school in his diocese:

I’m old enough to remember a time when our society cherished this gift (fertility) and protected it; indeed, in effect, society organized itself around it. It is true that back then, women were deprived of many opportunities that they now enjoy, and this is progress to be celebrated. However, it should not come at the cost of women having to cancel out this awesome gift. **To the young men** I say: There used to be a time when, if a man did something that caused inconvenience in his life, he would be a real man and take responsibility for it. It was also much more common for a man to respect a woman as his equal, and not use her for his own selfish pleasure. He would not engage in an act by which he might become a father unless he was ready to take responsibility for that: a life-long commitment of fidelity to the woman with whom he fathers his children, and of caring for the children they together bring into the world. You still have a ways to go before you mature into full manhood. If you want to remain a boy forever, then spend your life caring only about yourself and every little immediate pleasure that you desire, because **to be a real man requires a life of sacrifice and virtue**. It also means acting responsibly by showing respect toward women as your true equals and cherishing and respecting that awesome gift she has of bringing new life into the world. (to be continued)

## UPCOMING EVENT

**January 6 -St. Helena First Thursday Prayer Vigil, from 7:30AM on at Norristown Planned Parenthood.**



### DEVOTIONS IN THE CHAPEL.

#### DAILY MASS

9:00 AM ~ Monday - Saturday

#### ROSARY RECITATION

8:25 AM ~ Monday - Saturday

11:30 AM ~ Wednesdays

3:15 PM ~ Monday—Saturday



Give the gift of prayer of the New Year - a Spiritual Bouquet! Come and pray the Rosary for your intentions - Wednesdays, 11:30 in the Saint Therese Chapel.

#### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

3:00 PM ~ Daily, followed by the Rosary

#### CHAPEL IS OPEN FOR DAILY MEDITATION

6:30 AM - 9:00 PM ~ Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM ~ Saturday

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM ~ Sunday

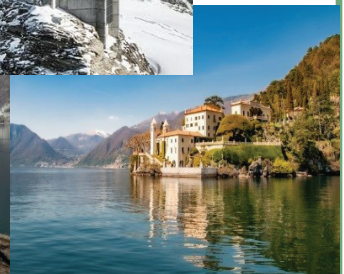
QUESTIONS? CALL MARY JANE MRAZIK AT 610-733-0814.

## EUROPEAN JAUNT NEXT SUMMER

### SWITZERLAND, LAKE COMO & MILAN

You are invited to join Monsignor Nicolo on a Spectacular Switzerland, Lake Como and Milan trip from August 14, 2022 to August 26, 2022. The price of the trip is \$5,450 double occupancy and single supplement is \$1,380.

For more information call Theresa Smith at 215-646-7636 or email [theresacssmith@verizon.net](mailto:theresacssmith@verizon.net).



## KEN'S CACHE

Well, we've made it. We've managed to get through the hustle and stress leading up to Christmas. We somehow got to the point of actually slowing down enough to enjoy Christ's birthday, to enter into the reason why we celebrate this day. Hopefully, we went to Mass, to take the time to worship and bless the God who shared his son with us so that we could enjoy his company for eternity. Hopefully, we were able to share this time with those we love, to rest in the presence of Jesus who walks with us each day. Hopefully, we were able, during the Advent Season, to share with those who are not able to rest comfortably because of lack of heat or food or shelter.

Hopefully, we shared with contributions of food, or clothing or to shelters. However, you were able to share yourself; your time, talent or treasure, it meant a blessing for someone who now thanks you from the bottom of their soul even if they don't know your name. Hopefully, this will be the start of a year full of blessings for you and your loved ones.

**God Bless You!**  
**Deacon Ken**



## OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

**RCIA** is an educational process of instruction, faith sharing, prayer and spiritual edification. It is a personal and communal journey toward Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Participants may be unbaptized, baptized in another Christian faith tradition, or a baptized Catholic whose faith journey has been interrupted. To learn more about RCIA, please call **MONSIGNOR NICOLO** at the parish Rectory at 610-275-7711 or **DEACON KEN BELANGER** at 610-909-1909. This group meets weekly and follows COVID precautions.

**LADIES OF HELENA** provides spiritual, social and Christian service activities for women of all ages. We are always look for new ideas. At this time, we are communicating via email. Contact Theresa Smith at [theresacsmith@verizon.net](mailto:theresacsmith@verizon.net)

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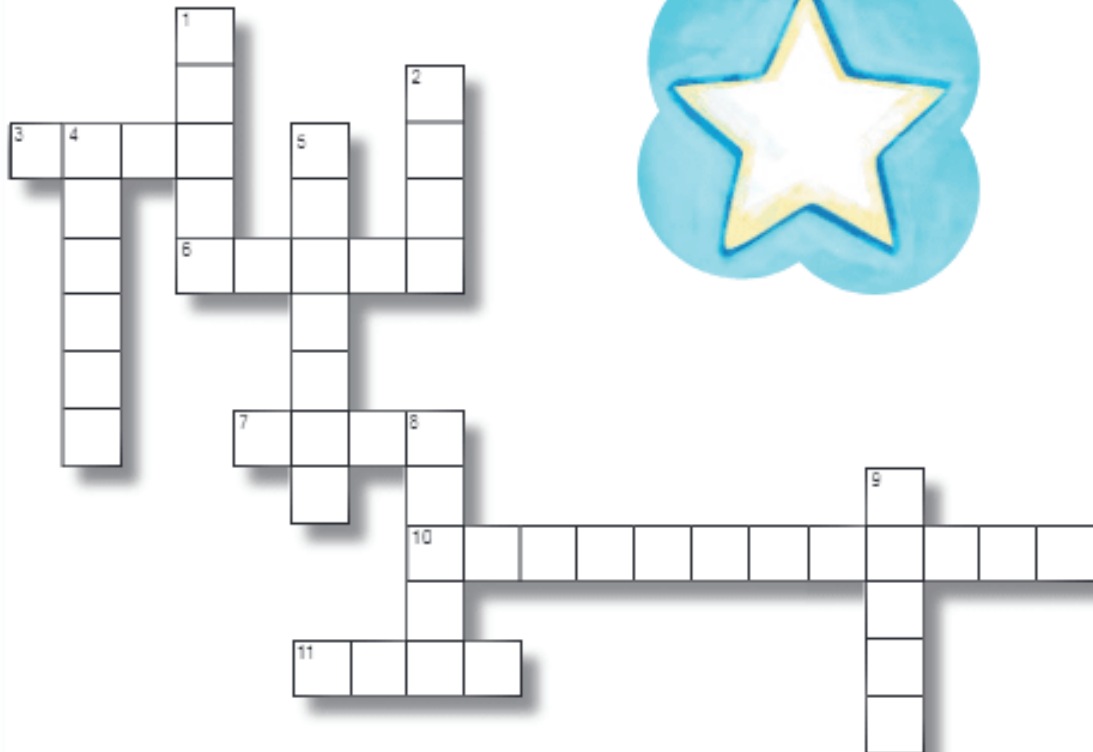
Dear Jesus, our Redeemer King, as You led the Wisemen from the East to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we in appear in loving humility before You in Your majesty. Amen







# Wise Men Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- 3. It guided the wise Men.
- 6. The ruler of Judea when Jesus was born
- 7. A monarch or ruler
- 10. One of the wise men's gifts
- 11. Full of knowledge or experience

### Down

- 1. The wise men gave Jesus this.
- 2. Another gift to Jesus
- 4. Journey to a different place
- 5. Praise or adore
- 8. The wise men gave three \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.
- 9. The wise men went to Bethlehem to see the Baby \_\_\_\_\_.



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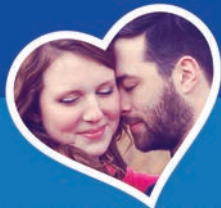


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