

SAINT HELENA CHURCH
Blue Bell .PA

MEMORIAL DAY

May 26, 2025



REMEMBER AND HONOR

Greater love has no one than this, than
to lay down one's life for his friends.

John 15:13





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 Przemek Rozestwinski
 Deacon Claude Granese
 Deacon A. Kenneth Belanger, Retired

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
 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: 10:00 AM
 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 at 610-275-7711.

PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., May 24

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Living & Deceased Members of the
St. Theresa Guild

4:00 PM - St. Helena

† Marie & Daniel Hilferty

Req. by the Hilferty Family

4:30 PM - St. Titus

† Andrea Caperilla

Req. by Bud & Mary Munro

Sun., May 25

7:30 AM - St. Helena Church

† For the People of the Parish

9:00 AM - St. Helena Church

† Gregory Loeper

Req. by the Wisniewski Family

10:00 AM - St. Titus

† Rita Granese

Req. by John Blake & Daughters

11:00 AM - St. Helena Church

† Eric Slusarz

Req. by the Reeves/Malony Families

Mon., May 26 - St. Philip Neri

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Dorothy Hoffer

Req. by Georgeanna Kratz

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† U.S. Military Personnel who died while
serving in the U.S. Armed Forces

Tues., May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Joseph Olsovsky

Req. by the Olsovsky Family

9:00 AM - St. Helena Church

† Peter & Kay Moughan - 75th Wedding Anniv.

Req. by Mary Agnes & Family

Wed., May 28

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Alan Barile

Req. by Barbara Loeper

7:00 PM Vigil - St. Helena Church

† Robert Kenworthy

Req. by the Bushner Family

Thur., May 29 - The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† For the People of St. Titus Parish

9:00 AM - St. Helena Church

† Phyllis D'Onofrio

Req. by the Petrino Family

12:15 PM - St. Helena Church

† Ann Marie Langdon

Req. by Friends of the Langdon Family

PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

Fri., May 30

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Titus

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Carmela M. O'Donnell

Req. by Mr. Philip Guidi, Jr.

Sat., May 31 - Visitation of the Blessed Mother

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Living & Deceased Members of the
St. Theresa Guild

4:00 PM - St. Helena Church

† Florence & Joseph McGeehan

Req. by Sandy McGeehan

4:30 PM - St. Titus

† Philip, Chuck & Jerry Woods

Req. by the Woods Family

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, Dave Colman, Juan Barba, Sue Eason,
Lorraine Perri, Mike Piskai, Jr., Linda Weikert,
Patty Kurkowski, William Lawrence, Joan DiDonato,
Kristen Gilia, Al Slusarz, Bruce Shepherd,
Jong Soo Sohn, Carletta Sohn, Kevin Hogan,
Charlotte Yacovelli, Sr. Fran Reinhardt O.S.F.,
Marsha Tinti, Richard Kellerman, William Yacovelli,
Danny Matoney, Nicolette Theisen, Nancy Matozzo,
Sarah Jammer, Anthony Grasso, Thomas Grasso,
Kaye Grasso, Serli Pucci.



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

MARILYN FUNGAROLI,

JAMES R. MELINSON

THOMAS S. McKEON

FLORENCE COOPER

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

MAY 31 & JUNE 1

CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

Saturday, May 31

4:00 PM Fr. Sam

4:30 PM Fr. Joe (Deacon Claude)

Sunday, June 1

7:30 AM Msgr. Beach

9:00 AM Fr. Sam (Deacon Claude)

10:00 AM Fr. Joe

11:00 AM Fr. Kyle

MEMORIALS FOR THIS WEEK



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church & Chapel burns in honor of

REV. PREMEK ROZESTWINSKI

Req. by the Parishioners of St. Helena & St. Titus

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TITHE!

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.*



POPE LEO XIV

Born

Robert Francis Prevost, on

Pope Leo XIV is the head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State. He was elected pope in the 2025 conclave on May 8, 2025, following the death of Pope Francis.

The day after his election, on May 9, Leo celebrated his first Mass as pope in the Sistine Chapel. During the Mass he warned against the lack of faith in the world and spoke of a Church that would act as a "beacon that illuminates the dark nights of this world".



POPE LEO XIV - CONTINUED

Robert Francis Prevost was born on September 14, 1955, at Mercy Hospital in the Bronzeville neighborhood of Chicago, Illinois. His mother, Mildred (née Martínez) Prevost, graduated from DePaul University with a bachelor's degree in 1947, while his father, Louis Marius Prevost, was a United States Navy veteran of World War II. Prevost has two older brothers, Louis and John.

He was raised in Dolton, Illinois, a suburb close to Chicago's far South Side. He finished his secondary education at St. Augustine Seminary High School, a minor seminary in Holland, Michigan, in 1973.

Prevost earned a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in mathematics from Villanova University, an Augustinian college, in 1977. He earned a Master of Divinity (MDiv) from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago in 1982. He was a physics and math teacher at St. Rita of Cascia High School in Chicago during his studies. He earned a Licentiate of Canon Law in 1984, followed by a Doctor of Canon Law degree in 1987 from the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 25

- Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
- Celebrate Fr. Przemek: 9:00 AM - Church

MONDAY, MAY 26 - MEMORIAL DAY

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Church
- NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY, MAY 27

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Adult Basketball: 5:30 PM - Rec. Center
- 3 on 3 Basketball: 7:30 PM - Rec. Center

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Vigil Mass (Ascension Thursday): 7:00 PM - Church

THURSDAY, MAY 29 - ASCENSION THURSDAY

- Holy Day Mass: 9:00 AM - Church
- Holy Day Mass: 12:15 PM - Church
- Gratitude Dinner: 6:00 PM - Rec. Center
- RCIA: 7:00 PM - Our Lady of Mercy

FRIDAY, MAY 30

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Scouts Advancement Ceremony: 6:00 PM
Rec. Center

SATURDAY, MAY 31

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Men's Fellowship Group: 7:00 AM - Convent
- Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM - Church
- Annual Parish Picnic: 5:00 PM
Rec. Center Parking Lot

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

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



Saint Helena

CCD

(CONTINUING CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT)



**Registration for 2025-2026
Levels 1-8 is NOW open**

New Level 8: Faith in Action!

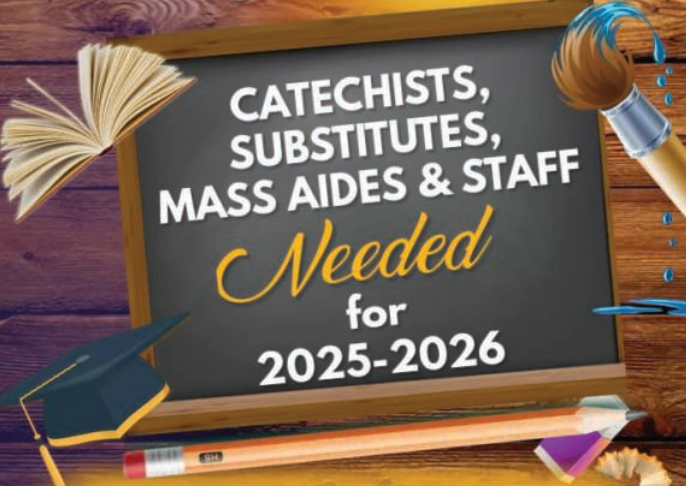
(This level is optional for children who would like to continue learning and growing in Faith. It is oriented in service and on hands mission work)



Please sign-up using the QR-CODE above

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PREP is now CCD
(Continuing Catholic Development)



If interested please contact
PREP@Sainthelenachurch.org or use the
QR-CODE below

**Sundays 9:30AM-10:45AM .
Masses 11:00AM-12:00PM**

"The primary goal in the education of children is to teach, and to give the example of, a virtuous life."
Saint John Chrysostom



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**John Shapiro's
13th Annual
SUPERHEROES 5K**

Saturday, June 7, 2025
8:30 am: 1 Mile Run/Walk
9:00 am: 5k Run
10:00 am: Kids Fun Run

Start/Finish • Saint Helena School
1499 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA

Race Information & Registration
www.johnshapirosuperheroes.org



**Prizes Awarded to
BEST DRESSED
SUPERHEROES!**

Saint Helena Church Annual Family **PICNIC**

**Saturday, MAY 31
5PM-8:30 PM
Right after 4PM Mass**



**FAMILY FUN | KIDS GAMES | MUSIC | BOUNCE HOUSE | WIFFLE BALL
GAMES | FREE FOOD | FACE PAINTING**

ALL INVITED AND LOCATED BEHIND THE SCHOOL

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MEMORIAL DAY

Written by Joe Walker

In 1868, a national day was held to remember the dead of the Civil War and to pray for reconciliation. The idea had come from Southern women who had visited battlefields in late spring to decorate the graves. Some people still call Memorial Day by its original name, "Decoration Day".

Memorial Day now honors all United States citizens who died in war. Every city and town has its war dead. Often they are remembered with a parade to a cemetery or a war memorial. With bouquets strewn over the waters, coastal cities honor those who died at sea.

In recent years, Congress has proclaimed this a day when the nation should strive for peace. As we honor those who have died, we look forward to the day when we will be willing to settle our disagreements without war.

As Christians, we also pray today for all the innocent victims of war. Across the world, millions of people are homeless because their countries are ravaged by fighting. Those people are called refugees. Many of them are orphaned children. Some are hungry. All are suffering. We probably would rather celebrate the beginning of summer. But, Memorial Day can bring with it much needed sorrow and forgiveness and peacemaking.

MASS CELEBRATION AT ST. HELENA CHURCH

On Monday, May 26, our 9:00 AM Mass in the Church will include a special remembrance of all those who have given their lives in the service of our country. A book will be placed on a table in the Narthex for you to enroll the names of your relatives and friends who have died serving this great country. The book will remain available until the beginning of the 9:00 AM Mass Monday, May 26 at which time it will be carried in the Entrance Procession.

If you have enrolled a name in prior years, you do not need to re-enroll as the name has remained in the book.

We invite all of our veterans from all branches of the military to make every effort to attend Mass.



MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace.

Embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We pray through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Vacation Bible School 2025

Radical Ride: On the Wings of Prayer

Children will **travel the world** with **Amazing Angels** and **Super Saints**, discovering the **power of prayer** and how to bring it into their everyday lives!

Each day is packed with:

- ◇ **Faith**-filled lessons that inspire
- ◇ Creative **Crafts** to take home
- ◇ Exciting **Games** to get moving
- ◇ Uplifting **Music** to sing & dance
- ◇ Delicious **Snacks** to fuel the fun

When? August 4th to 8th, 9am to 12pm

Where? Saint Helena Education Center

Who? All rising K — 5 grade students
(going into 2025/2026 school year)

For Teens: All rising 6 — 12 grade students are welcomed as Teen Leaders

Cost? \$40 for Child Campers and \$20 for Teen Leaders

Registration is now 100% online — Please scan the QR code to register!
We are currently at **51%** capacity. Registration closes July 5. Please sign up today!

Contact: Christian Thompson 610-930-0349 or cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org



Young Women's Book Study

"Sincerely, Stoneheart"

Unmask the Enemy's Lies, Find the Truth that Sets You Free

Insights for a Woman's Heart based on C.S. Lewis's
"The Screwtape Letters"

All young adult women ages 18 to late 30's are invited to journey on
this engaging story of the battle for the human heart.

What to expect:

- Weekly reflections and insights
- Faith-filled conversations
- Fellowship, prayer, and community rooted in Christ

What to bring:

- Please purchase in advance a copy of "Sincerely, Stoneheart"

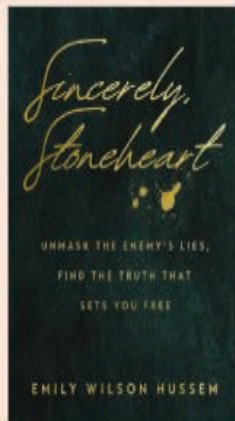
SEVEN MONDAY EVENINGS - STARTING JUNE 23

7:00 PM - SAINT HELENA CONVENT

1301 YOST ROAD

Contact - Gabrielle Thompson

gmboscaino@gmail.com



Young Men's Book Study

"The Great Divorce" by C.S. Lewis

All young adult men (18 to late 30's) are invited to journey on
an extraordinary meditation of good and evil, grace and
judgment. Through the work of C.S. Lewis, we will unpack the
themes of Catholic spirituality and authentic manhood.

Topics of discussion:

- Finding purpose in a vocation
- Romantic relationships
- Family commitments
- Physical, emotional, psychological health and wellness
- Struggles with addictions and vices

What to bring:

- Please purchase in advance a copy of "The Great Divorce"

FIVE MONDAY EVENINGS

STARTING JUNE 30

7:00 - 8:00PM

ST. HELENA CONVENT

1301 YOST ROAD

Contact - Christian Thompson

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Saint Helena Young Adult Group

NEW TO THE AREA? BACK HOME AFTER COLLEGE? LOOKING FOR A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY?

Our young adult group meets for prayer, discussion, service, and social outings — all centered on growing together
in our Catholic faith. If you're in your 20's or 30's, you're welcome to be part of our Christ-centered community!

Email Christian to join our *GroupMe* for updates on our meetings and events.
cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org

Our next events are...

Wednesday, May 28 — Holy Hour & Rita's Water Ice

Saturday, June 7 — Group Hike and rosary at Hawk Mountain

Our previous events were...

Pasta Bake Service Night

4-Week Bible Study of Luke's Gospel



RESPECT LIFE CORNER



4 Amazing Behaviors Exhibited By Unborn Babies

"You may think of him floating peacefully there in the womb, existing in a kind of dreamlike state, just waiting to be born before his real work begins. After all, he hasn't yet used his lungs, bonded with his family, or learned to organize a world of shape and color into meaningful objects.

The fetus is waiting, but he's actually working, too. Especially as the pregnancy progresses, the difference between an unborn baby and a newborn gets smaller and smaller.

It's helpful to remember that by the third trimester, that baby is just as curious, active, and engaged in his environment as he will be as a newborn — his environment might be more limited than the big outside world, but he's got plenty to learn, and plenty to do:

1. For one thing, all that kicking isn't just for fun.

A baby in her 3rd trimester (especially before she runs out of wiggle room inside mom) can kick [with up to 10.5 pounds of force](#). That kicking is strengthening her muscles, but it does more than that. [Motherly reports](#): 'Kicks and movement stimulate molecular interactions that prompt the cells and tissues of the embryo to build a functionally robust yet malleable skeleton.' This means that kick may be telling the body it needs to have a bone covered in cartilage at the joint, or a jab over there may send the signal to increase bone strength." She's not just growing in there; she's strength training.

2. She's also hard at work practicing the skills that will help keep her safe when she's born.

[By 20 weeks, babies in the womb can cry](#) — silently — and they do, when they've been startled. Her mom can't comfort her at the moment, but it's the most important way a newborn has to alert her mother to her needs. She's also learned [to self-soothe by sucking her thumb](#), a habit that will help her learn to nurse and form a close bond with mom — the person she needs to be closest to in order to feel safe.

3. She's taking in huge amounts of information about the world outside the womb, so that when she's born, she'll have a head start understanding it. She already [recognizes her mom's language and prefers it to foreign languages](#). She's getting used to certain sounds and recognizing patterns: If you've been playing her the same song every day, [she'll love to listen to it when she's born](#).

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RESPECT LIFE CORNER CONTINUES

4. Just because the baby's umbilical cord is doing its job doesn't mean she's not working hard **getting ready to earn how to eat**. [As early as 16 weeks](#), she is already getting used to some of the most common flavors in mom's diet. Later on, the same tastes that she sensed in the amniotic fluid, she'll also recognize in the breastmilk. And she's learning how to swallow, as she drinks the amniotic fluid around her for practice." (from "Aleteia" by A. O'Neil, updated 1/24)

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 for more information



HELP 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. Please start as soon as possible. Initial weeding and mulching was done which should make it much easier to keep up.

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

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.



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 SHEPHERD IS LOOKING FOR LOST SHEEP



Please help identify people who once attended Saint Helena or Saint 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: _____

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."

A Jubilee Year of Hope 2025



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

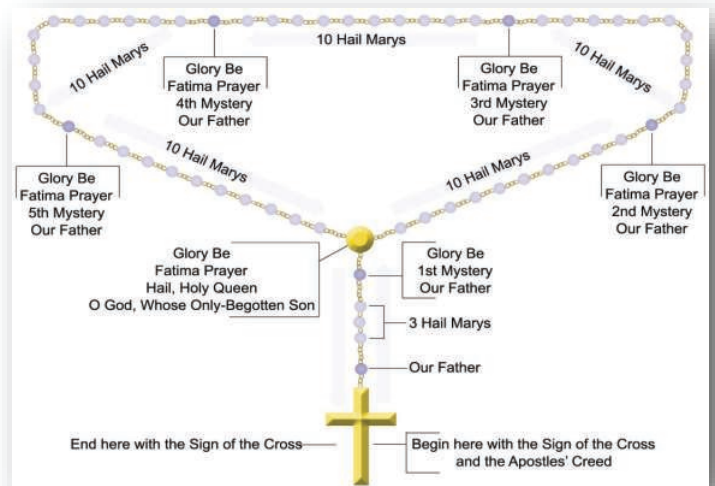
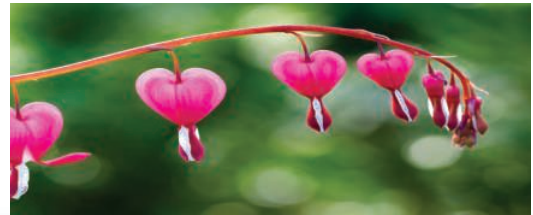
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis released a Papal Bull of Indiction which formally announced the Jubilee Year of Hope. The document was entitled *Spes non confundit* -- "Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5). In it, Pope Francis writes on the reasons for this theme for the Jubilee Year: In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years.... For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" (cf. Jn 10:7.9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as "our hope" (1 Tim 1:1). Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to

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apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. God's word helps us find reasons for that hope. ...



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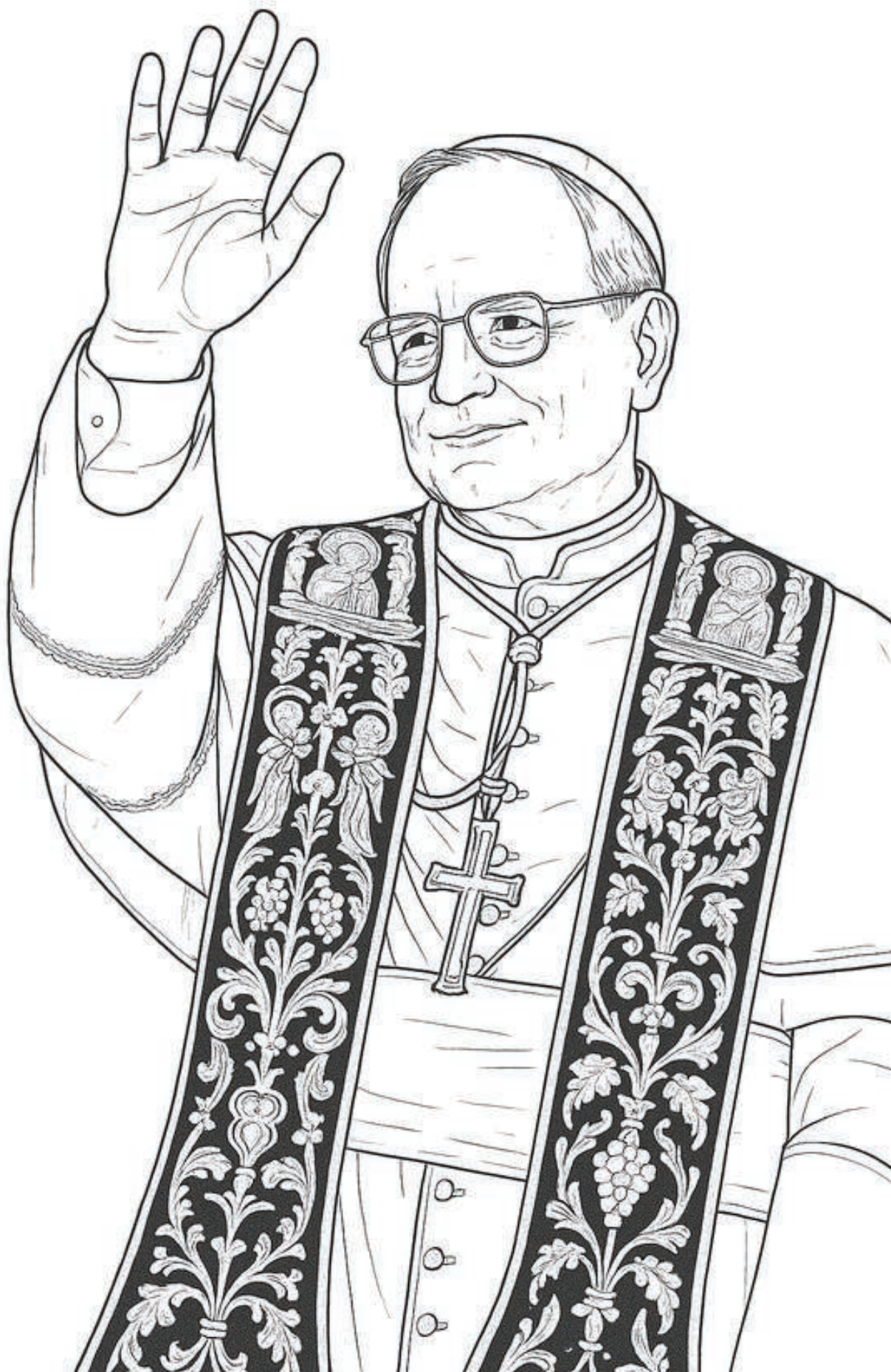
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