

SAINT HELENA CHURCH
Blue Bell . PA

June 8, 2025



Pentecost

A day of celebration
and joy brings hope!



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 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., June 7

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Living & Deceased Members of the St. Theresa Guild

4:00 PM - St. Helena Church

† Jack Schmidt

Req. by the Schmidt Family

4:30 PM - St. Titus

† Ruth & Bill Ruths

Req. by the Van Buren Family

Sun., June 8 - Pentecost Sunday

7:30 AM - St. Helena Church

† For the People of the Parish

9:00 AM - St. Helena Church

† Madeleine McKeon

Req. by the McKeon Family

10:00 AM - St. Titus

† Claudio Granese

Req. by the Granese Family

11:00 AM - St. Helena Church

† Denise A. Vargo

Req. by Claire Carson

Mon., June 9 - The B.V. Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† David DeColli

Req. by Phyllis DeColli

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Steven Curry

Req. by Sean Duffy & Family

Tues., June 10

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Titus

9:00 AM - St. Helena Church

† Albert Dickson

Req. by Gina Malony

Wed., June 11 - St. Barnabas

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Kellan Ford

Req. by the Olivetti Family

Thur., June 12

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† Preston Giambrone

Req. by Patricia Giambrone

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Antoni & Bertha Bazydlo

Req. by their Daughter & Husband

PARTNER PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

Fri., June 13 - St. Anthony of Padua

8:00 AM - St. Titus

† George Spelling

Req. by the Perna Family

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Mattie Radu

Req. by Deirdre Collins

Sat., June 14

9:00 AM - St. Helena Chapel

† Living & Deceased Members of the St. Theresa Guild

4:00 PM - St. Helena Church

† Joseph Getzfread

Req. by his Family

4:30 PM - St. Titus

† Anthony Cianciulli

Req. by the Timinski 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, Marsha Tinti, Jong Soo Sohn, Carletta Sohn, Kevin Hogan, Charlotte Yacovelli, William Yacovelli, Sarah Jammer, Sr. Fran Reinhardt O.S.F., Richard Kellerman, Danny Matoney, Nicolette Theisen, Nancy Matozzo, Anthony Grasso, Thomas Grasso, Kaye Grasso, Serli Pucci, Kieran Daly, Sr.



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, LTJG John W Bushner, CPT Christopher Rongione



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

ALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED

FERNANDO "FRED" SONSINI

GERALD SCALLEY

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

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.

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 no longer send envelopes to the parishioners who give electronically.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

JUNE 14 & JUNE 15

CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

Saturday, June 14

4:00 PM St. Helena Fr. Kyle

4:30 PM St. Titus Fr. Joe (Deacon Claude)

Sunday, June 15

7:30 AM St. Helena Fr. Joe

9:00 AM St. Helena Fr. Kyle (Deacon Claude)

10:00 AM St. Titus Msgr. Beach

11:00 AM St. Helena Fr. Sam

MEMORIALS FOR THIS WEEK



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns in honor of

ALL NEWLY BAPTIZED IN MAY

Req. by the Parishioners of St. Helena



BAPTISMS



Welcome to the newest members of our parish family who were Baptized in May

Brendan Jude, Jr., son of
Brendan & Natalie (Brasch) Filippone

Eleanor Addison, daughter of
Jason & Brittany (Flynn) Palaigos

Enzo Screnci, son of
Christopher & Jennifer (Screnci) Matozzo

Evelyn Brianna, daughter of
Kevin & Carolyn (Zawislak) Gillin

Michael James, son of
Mark & Jennifer (Wood) Bender

Lila Ann, daughter of
Devin & Megan (Bagonis) Carosi

Evander Hugo, son of
Kevin & Kaitlyn (Gregory) Lyons

Miles Edward, son of
Edward & Kelly (Barrett) Sobeck

Lucy Marie, daughter of
Koory & Allison (Montgomery) Esquibel

CONGRATULATIONS and GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

NEW ASSIGNMENTS

LET'S GIVE A WARM
WELCOME TO
BRANDON SCHMIDT



Hi! My name is Brandon Schmidt I am very excited to be assigned to Saint Helena and Saint Titus this year. My home parish is Assumption B.V.M. in Feasterville. I attended Archbishop Wood High School and following graduation entered Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. I just finished my seventh year at the seminary, with two more to go before Ordination (God willing!). My hobbies include watching the Philly sports (especially overreacting to a Phillies bullpen loss), running, and spending time with family and friends. I look forward to meeting you all!



WELCOME BACK NIRVOY DIBRA
Nirvoy is a seminarian for the Diocese of Mymensingh in Bangladesh. He is studying for the priesthood at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

Let us hold them in prayer as they minister among us. Please warmly welcome Brandon and Nirvoy to St. Helena.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

- Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
- Youth Group: 6:00 PM - Convent

MONDAY, JUNE 9

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: 12:30 PM - Lady of Fatima

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Mommy & Me: 10:00 AM - Our Lady of Mercy
- 8th Grade Graduation: 6:00 PM - Church
- Adult Basketball: 5:30 PM - Rec. Center
- 3 on 3 Basketball: 7:30 PM - Rec. Center

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- NO SCHOOL
- Respect Life Mtg.: 6:45 PM - Lady of Fatima
- Knights of Columbus: 7:00 PM - Our Lady of Mercy

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Church
- NOON DISMISSAL - Summer Vacation Begins

FRIDAY, JUNE 13

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Senior Club: 10:00 AM - Empress Room

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Men's Fellowship Group: 7:00 AM - Convent
- Semi-Annual Clothing Drive: 9:00 AM - School Pkg.
- Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM - Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 15 - FATHER'S DAY

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

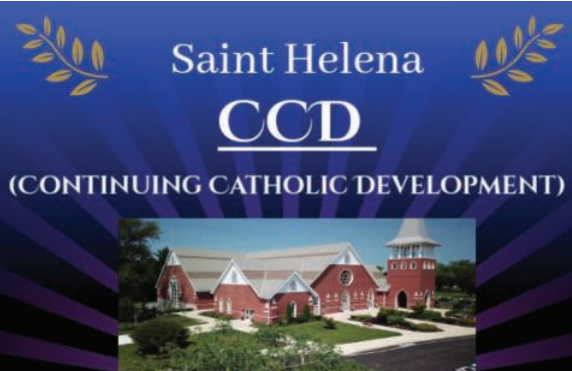


SEMI-ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

Spread the word!

On **SATURDAY, June 14** from **9 AM to 12 noon** members of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul, Philadelphia Archdiocese and the Thrifty Irishman will be in **the Upper School Parking Lot.**

Donating your gently used clothing and household items not only allows you to clean out closets, basements, attics, and garages but also to support the work of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul in the Philadelphia Archdiocese.



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)



CATECHISTS, SUBSTITUTES, MASS AIDES & STAFF *Needed* for 2025-2026

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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Special Request--From our pastor Fr. Joe.

As I approached the second anniversary as the Pastor of St. Helena Parish, I have begun the work of creating and installing a new Pastoral Council. An effective Pastoral Council represents all the various constituents of our community. With open discussion and prayer, the Council develops a pastoral plan addressing the current needs of our Faith Community, but more importantly, helps to set a plan of action for the future.

If you are interested in offering your time and talents to serve the parish as a member of the Pastoral Council or if you have any questions, suggestions or recommendations, please send an email to

*[Pastoralcouncil@
sainthelenachurch.org](mailto:Pastoralcouncil@sainthelenachurch.org)*



ANNUAL MANNA BAG COLLECTION

This year we are changing our Manna Collection a little. Manna Bags will be in the Narthex June 14 through July 12, we ask that you take one, fill your bags and kindly return it to the Information Room in the Church, no later than Sunday, July 20.

Canned food items in greatest need are: **Bagged White Rice, Black Beans, Kidney Beans, Canned Corn, Diced Tomatoes, Spaghetti Sauce, Cereal, Cereal Bars, Oat Meal Packets, Canned Meats, ie. Tuna, Chicken, Spam.**

If you are not able to bring a filled bag, feel free to donate to Martha's Choice Marketplace at:
www.marthaschoicemarketplace.com/ways-to-support

We "Thank You" for your continued support in helping our neighbors in need.

Manna Prayer

Jesus, many times throughout Your life
You fed hungry people and
You called others to help.

You called the young child with the
Loaves and fishes to share his gifts.
You call each one of us today.

Open our eyes to see the needs of others.
Open our ears to hear your call to share.
Open our hearts to welcome all
People to the table of love.
Amen.



Help save lives. Give blood.



Charitable Service and Fraternity

Join the Knights for free www.kofc.org

Grand Knight, Ted Pantaleo tpantal@msn.com

Save a Life: Red Cross Blood Drive - June 28

Make an online appointment at
redcrossdblood.org to donate blood on
Saturday, June 28 from 9 am to 2 pm
at St Helena School cafeteria.

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)

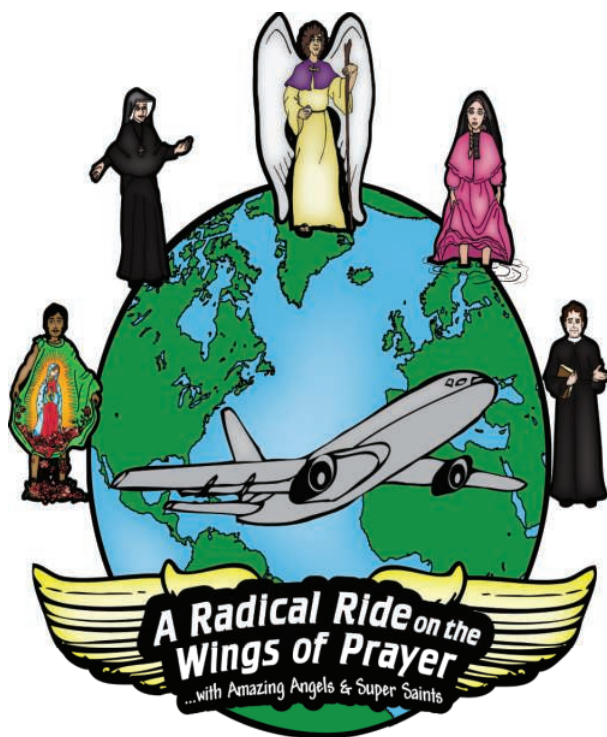
For Teens: All rising 6 — 12 grade students are welcomed as Teen Leaders

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

Registration is now 100% online — Please scan the QR code to register!

Registration is closing in one month on July 5. Please sign up today!

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



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...

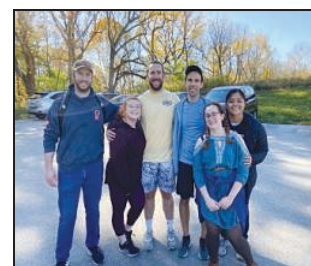
Saturday, June 28 — Outdoor rosary walk

Our previous events were...

Thursday, May 22 — Service Night (making pasta dishes for the homeless)

Wednesday, May 28 — Lectio Divina & Ice Cream Sundaes

Wednesday, June 4 — Rosary & Water Ice



RESPECT LIFE CORNER**Bereavement Ministry of Mary Mother of the Redeemer (MMR) and St. Stanislaus**

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
Psalm 34:18

Bereavement Support Group meetings will be offered in June & July when there will be discussion about how relationship with God can grow after the death of a loved one. The morning sessions are at Mary Mother of the Redeemer (MMR) parish from 10 - 11:30 AM in the Matthew Walsh Room.

The evening sessions are at St. Stanislaus' Parish Center from 7 - 8:30 PM.

Questions? Email Mary at mary_coakley@yahoo.com.

The next two meetings are:

June 12th - The Many Faces of Loss

July 10th - The Value of Memories

In seeking to protect & support every life, we offer the following resources:

Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

Domestic Abuse: 1-866-Safe-014

PA Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313

Food: 1-610-279-7372 (Martha's Choice Market-place)

National Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888

Pregnancy Hotline: 1-800-712-HELP

Post-Abortion Counseling Hotline: 1-877-HOPE-4-ME

Abortion Pill Reversal: 1-844-204-0005

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



MARTIN SAINTS
 CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL
 A CHESTERTON ACADEMY

Fiber Arts Summer Workshop**Sewing, Embroidery, and Weaving**

June 9th-13th, 2025 | 9 am-2:30 pm

Open to ages 8-15 | BYO Lunch

3000 Keenwood Rd. East Norriton PA

\$275 (tools & materials included)



Scan QR to Register

Contact Mrs. Holly Guertin | hguertin@martinsaintsclassical.org



**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: _____

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."



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.



WEDNESDAY ROSARY GROUP

The *Wednesday Rosary Group* will meet at 11:30 AM in Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, down behind the church (in the chapel if it rains). Follow the red stone path next to the chapel down to the grotto or drive around past the Empress Room to walk the back level path. There are cement benches or you can bring a cushion or a lawn chair. New meditations each week. Children are welcome. Bring family and friends. Praying the rosary will change your life!



Retrouvaille
... a lifeline for Marriages

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 1 - 3, 2025 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.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry invites all who love to knit/crochet to offer their time and special talent by making blankets for our newly baptized and for the families of our departed.

For more information about this Ministry please contact Suzanne Staffieri at 610-279-0948.



PRE-CANA CLASSES

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia requires that all couples attend a Pre-Cana class before marriage. To register go to the Archdioceses website: Archphila.org, under Marriage preparations to take the class on line.

Requirements for Sponsorship

The Code of Canon Law specifies the requirements for serving as a godparent or sponsor. Canon Law (Church Law) references are Canons 851.2, and 872-874. Godparents and sponsors must meet all of the following requirements, so please review them carefully before choosing godparents and sponsors.

The requirements to be a godparent/sponsor:

Must be someone other than the parent of the one to be baptized.

Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Must be at least 16 years of age.

If there will be two Godparents (for Baptism), one must be male and one must be female.

A Godparent/sponsor must be leading a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken; therefore, if married, must be married in the Church. If single, must be striving to live a chaste life and cannot be living with a person outside of marriage.

Must be a practicing Catholic, registered in a parish, who regularly attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days and receives the Holy Eucharist. Registration in their local parish is encouraged so that they may participate fully in the life of the Church through their parish.

WE REMEMBER

and we gratefully acknowledge the following families who so thoughtfully asked that donations in memory of their loved one be sent to Saint Helena Church.

We ask that you please keep them in your prayers:

Kathleen & James Fenerty, Louis R. DiMaria, Jim Dougherty, Elsie McDermott, Rita Sciarra, Maria C. Salvitti, Dorothy Barry, John "Jack" Keidel, Edward Wykstra, Daniel Bagley, Frank Groarke, & Connie Swan.

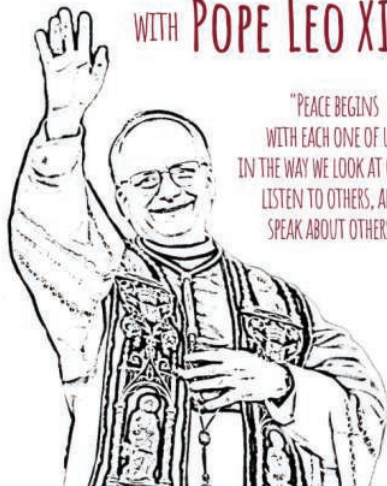
BEQUESTS

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

WEEK TWO

DRAWING GOD WITH POPE LEO XIV



"PEACE BEGINS
WITH EACH ONE OF US:
IN THE WAY WE LOOK AT OTHERS,
LISTEN TO OTHERS, AND
SPEAK ABOUT OTHERS."

Hello, Friend!

In this wonderful season of welcome, join us in honoring the new pope of the Catholic Church, Pope Leo XIV. As you learn about the ways he will DRAW all of us closer to God, you just might discover that he is just like you and me...

The *Drawing God* book creates an opportunity to DRAW closer to God through our hearts, minds, and imagination. In the book, *Drawing God*, Emma, the young artist with a big dream, turns to God for inspiration as she decides to draw God. When her friends can't see God in her drawings, what does she do? Emma prays to God and asks for help. We can also pray to inspiring leaders of faith, like Pope Leo XIV. Let's imagine Pope Leo walking by our side in our faith journey, and ask him to help us draw closer to God.

We learn from the *Drawing God* book that everyone sees God differently. Emma quietly shares her contagious faith and helps her classmates open their eyes to God's presence. At first, her classmates don't understand and make fun of her. But her steady faith inspires a change of heart. Pope Leo tells us that through kindness and peace, each of us can make a difference, just like Emma. He says, "Peace begins with each one of us: in the way we look at others, listen to others and speak about others."

Everyone is invited! Children, parents, grandchildren, grandparents, and adults, come together to get to know Pope Leo and reflect on the ways he has already shown us how to DRAW closer to God. Explore this special **Drawing God with Pope Leo Kit** and join us as we creatively celebrate and welcome the Holy Father.

TIME TO LEARN!



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Lectio Divina: Pray Like an Augustinian

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LECTIO MEANS "READ."

READ THE SCRIPTURE SLOWLY OUT LOUD, AND NOTICE A WORD THAT CATCHES YOUR ATTENTION. CAN YOU DRAW WHAT THIS WORD MAKES YOU THINK OF?

MEDITATIO MEANS "MEDITATE," OR "REFLECT."

THINK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE AND IMAGINE GOD'S VOICE SPEAKING THESE WORDS TO YOU. CAN YOU DRAW HOW YOU FEEL GOD'S LOVE?

"YOU ARE PRECIOUS
IN MY SIGHT, AND HONORED,
AND I LOVE YOU.
DO NOT BE AFRAID.
I AM WITH YOU."

ISAIAH 43:4

CONTEMPLATIO MEANS "CONTEMPLATE," OR "THINK ABOUT."

BE STILL FOR A MOMENT, AND FEEL GOD LOOKING AT YOU WITH GENTLE LOVE. CAN YOU DRAW SOMETHING YOU LEARNED OR UNDERSTOOD THROUGH THIS PRAYER?

ORATIO MEANS "PRAY."

TALK TO GOD ABOUT THIS VERSE—YOU MIGHT ASK A QUESTION OR SAY THANK YOU. CAN YOU DRAW YOURSELF HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH GOD?

When the pope was born, his parents named him Robert Francis Prevost. Family and friends called him Bob before he became a priest. He has two older brothers, Louis and John. His father was in the Navy, and his mother was a librarian who worked for the Church.

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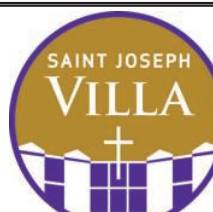
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