



SAINT HELENA CHURCH

Center Square

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**SEPTEMBER
12, 2021**

Bishop Robert Barron's

THE SACRAMENTS

WORD
OF FIRE

Let's Come Together as One Family

6-Week Series: Begins Thursday, October 7th!

RSVP for all 6 weeks or just 2 or 3. See Page 7 for more.

Each night includes Dinner, Prayer, Video & Group Discussion

"There is no better time than right now to nurture your inner life, discover your spiritual needs and feed your soul" – Matthew Kelly, I Heard God Laugh

QUICK LINKS: SCAN W/ YOUR SMARTPHONE CAMERA



Parish Website



Parish Facebook



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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. Msgr. 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
 Church Bulletin Editor: Brother Raymond, O. de M.

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 Web Site: www.sainthelena-centersquare.net
 Email: 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. Kurt Zampier
 Facilities Manager: Phone: 610-322-5749
 Mr. Vince Thompson

Director of Facilities: Robert Malony

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 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)

DEVOTIONS:

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

All Masses & devotions in Church & in Chapel are streamed live.

CHAPEL HOURS: The St. Theresa Chapel is open Monday—Friday from 6:30 AM to 9:00 PM; Saturday from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM; & Sunday from 7:00 AM to 5 PM. On **FIRST** Thursdays & Fridays, special devotions are prayed at Mass.

BAPTISM: Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd Sunday of each month shortly 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 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Education Center. 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.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made with a priest at least six 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 for class information & registration.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION: **Saturdays at 3:00 PM** in the Church or contact the Parish Office *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.

ALTAR 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.

Icon of Saint Therese written by Bro. Robert Lentz, OFM





NIC NOTES

Dear Parishioners,

The remnants of Ida did a lot of damage in the Metro Philadelphia vicinity. We had some “flooding” in the cafeteria of the Education Center as well as some in the garage and other areas. Over the last couple of “major” storms we realized that we have to do some major projects with drainage. This will involve areas in the Pre-School and Cafeteria in the Education Center as well as some minor work in other buildings and areas on our Campus. Whenever there is a storm of the magnitude of Ida with the “torrential” rain there are always leaks that you had never had before. We are very grateful to God that we did not have the damages that has happened in other areas of Montgomery County and elsewhere. Let us pray for those who suffered so much because of Hurricane/Tropical Storm Ida.

We have welcomed back the students of Saint Helena School. It is such a delight to see all of them back again for in-person learning. It’s wonderful to see them having such a good time with their fellow classmates at recess and at lunch break. It’s a delight to see and to hear them running around like “little crazies” having a good time with one another. We are doing all that we can possibly do so that this academic year can be as normal as possible while keeping everyone healthy, happy and safe. I am very grateful to all of the teachers, administration, and staff for all that they have done and are doing for our children. They are heroes.

Soon we will be welcoming our PREP students for in-person religious instructions. Last year, religious education was virtual. This year it will be in-person and we will be taking all the necessary precautions to make it a happy, healthy and safe environment for them. We are looking forward to having these children in our Education Center. I am very grateful to all of the PREP teachers, administration, and staff for all that they have done and are doing for our children. They are heroes.

This Saturday the 4 PM Mass will be our “Blue Mass.” We will be honoring our Police, Fire, First Responders, Rescue, and Military. We are very grateful to each and every one of them who put their lives on the line to keep us safe. Please join us for this special Mass. After Mass, please join us for Hospitality in the Empress Room.

*May God, through the intercession
of Saint Helena, bless us!*

*Love & prayers
Monsignor Nicolò*



FOR THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 12TH

**Mon., Sept. 13 9:00 AM Saint John Chrysostom
IMO VIRGINIA & TOM
BUMBULSKY**

Requested by their daughter, April
and Jim McMillan

**Tue., Sept. 14 9:00 AM EXALTATION OF THE
HOLY CROSS**

IMO LORETTA G. BONDI
Requested by The Bondi Family

**Wed., Sept. 15 9:00 AM Our Lady of Sorrows
IMO CAROL DAMIANI**

Requested by The Wallin Family

**Thu., Sept. 16 9:00 AM Saints Cornelius &
Cyprian**

IMO PAUL GALLAGHER
(1st Anniversary)
Requested by St. Helena PREP
Faculty

**Fri., Sept. 17 9:00 AM Saint Robert Bellarmine
IMO FRANK R. GALLO**

(18th Anniversary)
Requested by Marilyn and Family

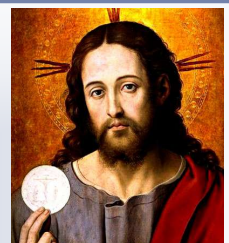
**Sat., Sept. 18 9:00 AM Blessed Virgin Mary
For the Living & Deceased
Members of the Saint Theresa
Guild**

*Monsignor Nicolò celebrates Mass
every Sunday & Holy Day for
the People of the Parish.*

This week the bread and wine
for Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
are offered
in loving memory of

ERIN MOORE

as requested
by The Moore Family



MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12



The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns
IN MEMORY OF

STEVEN TERJANIAN

Requested by Kittie & Mike Ryan

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel burns
IN MEMORY OF

RONNIE HAWKINS

Requested by Joan & Joseph Winkowski



A Candle burns at the Altar of the Blessed Mother
IN MEMORY OF

ERIN MOORE

Requested by The Moore Family



A Candle burns at the Altar of the Blessed Mother
IN MEMORY OF

CAROL D'ANTONIO

Requested by Bill & Donna Matoney



A Candle burns at the Altar of Saint Joseph
IN MEMORY OF

FATHER WALTER DOWNS, MSC

Requested by Raymond J. Colombaro



A Candle burns on the Altar in the Chapel
IN MEMORY OF

JOSE MIGUEL MINAYA

Requested by Barina
& Michael McQuade

MADELEINE'S MESSAGE

As members of Saint Helena Parish, our love extends to all persons. This love calls us to proclaim the Kingdom of God in a special way to the children and families that our program embraces. The Church clearly teaches that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the source and summit of all that we do. Thus, there is a strong emphasis on and connection to, Sunday Mass in all our classes.

Reverence for persons motivates us to create and foster an environment which promotes the development of a community of faith. Inspired by this reverence and supported by faith, we work with others in search of what is true and meaningful for our PREP students, here at Saint Helena.

We wish to welcome back all our teachers and staff who give their time and talents for our PREP children.

Welcome to all new students and returning students.

Saint Helena PREP teaches religious education to children from Level One thru Level Seven, PREP CLASSES are on Tuesdays 6:30 – 8PM.

**Thank you and God bless all our
GRANDPARENTS
on their special day.**

Have a great week!

Madeleine Fitzgerald

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

SEPTEMBER 18/19 ~ 25TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

4:00 PM: Father Connolly

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

7:30 AM: Father Connolly (Deacon Ken)

9:00 AM: Monsignor Nicolo

11:00 AM: Monsignor Nicolo

LECTORS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

4:00 PM: P. Schaeffer, C. Kain

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

7:30 AM: T. Donahue, B. Nyman

9:00 AM: R. Henry (sub req), P. Boylan

11:00 AM: P. Lorenzo, M. Neugebauer

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF
HOLY COMMUNION**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

4:00 PM: M. Baxter, J. Coyle, D. Galanti, M. Guckert,
J. Schmidt

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

7:30 AM: Deacon Ken, L. Iannello, S. Iannello

9:00 AM: J. Dalhoff, M. Gerstemeier, J. Kusnerick,
L. Montgomery, D. Nolen

11:00 AM: M. Catalde, T. Gallagher, J. McLaughlin,
B. Mulhern, N. Tagliamonte

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

4:00 PM: M. Cherico, P. Cherico, L. Rodweller,
B. Sutch

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

7:30 AM: T. Bushner, N. Laub, B. Vargas

9:00 AM: T. Dwyer, K. Dwyer, L. Fallouh,
M. Wagner

11:00 AM: N. Sheldon, G. Sheldon, M. & C. Traver



Saint Helena's Parish community
extends a warm and cordial welcome
to our new Parochial Vicar,

FATHER BRIAN T. CONNOLLY.

MAY GOD, THROUGH THE INTERCESSION
OF SAINT HELENA, BLESS YOU,
FATHER CONNOLLY, IN YOUR PASTORAL
MINISTRY AMONG US.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Saint Helena Parish is committed to the promotion and sanctity of all Human Life from the first moment of conception until natural death. Let us, together as a parish community, stand up and speak boldly for every person born and unborn.

Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-8255
 Domestic Abuse: 1-866-Safe-014
 Pregnancy Hotline: 1 -800- 712-HELP
 Food: 1-610-279-7372 (Martha's Choice Marketplace)
 Post-Abortion Counseling Hotline: 1- 877-HOPE-4-ME

Key Upcoming Pro-Life Events & Dates:

40 Days for Life Campaign – September 22—October 31
1st PA March for Life- Monday, September 27, Harrisburg

COME ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH TO THE PA MARCH FOR LIFE!

The bus leaves St. Maria Goretti's parking lot on 1601 Derstine Road, Hatfield, 19440, at **8:30 AM**. The Harrisburg Rally begins at **11:00 AM** in front of the State Capitol Building. The Speakers are Jeanne Mancini, President, March for Life, and Ryan Bomberger, the Founder of Radiance Foundation

At **Noon**, we will march around the building. The bus will leave Harrisburg at 2:30 PM. Bring your own snacks, drinks, & (just in case), masks.

The Cost is \$10. Mail your check with your name, phone number, e-mail address & a note stating that you wish to reserve a seat on the bus for the Sept. PA March for Life trip to: St. Maria Goretti Church, Attn: Bob Mc Cormick. For more information, contact Bob McCormick at 215-362-1247 or bobmcc52@gmail.com

**2021 CELEBRATE LIFE BANQUET
 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

Featuring: Rachel Campos-Duffy, Fox News Contributor, Mother of 9 & Known for her powerful defense of the right to life

Radisson Hotel Harrisburg 1150 Camp Hill Bypass Camp Hill, PA 17011 Check-in - 5 PM. Doors open - 5:30 PM Banquet - 6 PM For more info. & registration; 717-541-0034 or www.paprolife.org <> Cost - \$60; Sponsors - \$500.

“Our God is never out done in generosity!”

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TITHE!



A PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

Lord God, Almighty Father, Creator of mankind 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. Given 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

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:

- Patrick Banicki, Marie Marrongelli, Linda & Chuck Basile, Louis Drozd, McGrail & Flynn Families, Kaye Grasso, Kathy Foley, Kathleen Leahy, Peter Cook, Bernice Zwigaitis, Jack Keidel, Juan Barba, Peter J. Cissone, Jr., Dave Colman, Ed Mitchell, Bobbi Smisko, Theresa Smyth, Diane Bambino, Becky, Forest & Ezra Beitzel, Marie Becker, MaryAnn McCauley, Tom Collins, Ann Marie Steppler, Diane Mackin, Jim Miller, John Sajda, Mary Ann Freeman, Mary Reedy, Amanda Trerotola, Patricia Leedom, Marguerite Gannon, Bob Davidson, J. Anne Joyce, Beth Delp, Maureen Barron, Jennifer Young, Maryann Tinti, John Mattimore, Michael Eason, John Leedom, Wanda James & Baby James Trim.



To have someone listed, please call the Parish Office at 610-275-7711. Names will stay listed for 2 weeks.



In your charity, kindly pray for our BELOVED DECEASED.
 May the souls of all the faithfully departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace.





SAINT HELENA KNIGHTS
COUNCIL #14210
www.shkofc.com
 Grand Knight George Gillin
ggillin@comcast.net
 JOIN ONLINE WWW.KOFC.ORG

REMEMBERING 9/11 - TWENTY YEARS LATER

On September 11, 2001, more than 3,000 innocent people died from the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Flight 93.

More than 40 of those who lost their lives were members of the Knights of Columbus. We remember these brothers – 18 of whom offered a lifesaving hand in New York City – and lost their own lives as a result. We honor the memory of all of these men and the sacrifice of those who laid down their lives for others.

We pray for all of those who assisted in the recovery and rescue efforts and for the family members and friends who lost a loved one. We pray for Peace.

Read more at “We Haven’t Forgotten” <http://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/remembering-fallen-knights.html>

Come Back to Community This Fall at Saint Helena

Are you feeling discontent in your faith? Do you leave Sunday Mass wondering what any of it has to do with your day-to-day life? If you are nodding your head, we have something just for you.

We invite you to join Walking with Purpose, a Bible study program that has transformed the hearts of countless women by introducing them to a personal relationship with Jesus through Scripture while connecting them to community.

This fall at Saint Helena we are excited to offer *Opening Your Heart*, our foundational study that meets women exactly where they are. Weekly sessions start on **October 4th** (Monday evening sessions) OR **October 7th** (Thursday afternoon sessions) at the Convent **and** on Zoom. We will dig into topics like prayer, the role of the Holy Spirit, and what exactly is the point of suffering. This 22-lesson study is a MUST for the woman just dipping her toes in the faith pool and the Olympic swimmer in need of a faith refresher!

For more information, contact Maryann Schieve StHelenaWWP@gmail.com 484-437-9285 or visit Walking with Purpose online www.walkingwithpurpose.com. Come and see how Scripture applies to your everyday life! We have an open chair waiting for you!

Open House in person at the Convent & on Zoom September 30, 2021 12:45-2:30 PM (email for link)



PARISH EVENTS
 FOR THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 12
 THROUGH **SEPTEMBER 19**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church & Virtual
 CYO Volleyball: 1—4 PM Social & Recreation Center

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel & Virtual
 Pre-k Orientation: 8:00 AM - Education Center
 CYO Volleyball: 5:00 PM - Social & Recreation Center

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel & Virtual
 CYO Volleyball: 5:00 PM - Social & Recreation Center
 RCIA: 7:00 PM - Convent - Our Lady of Fatima

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel & Virtual
 Scripture Study: 7:00 AM - VIRTUAL
 Walking With Purpose: 9:30 AM - Convent - Our Lady of Mercy
 CYO Volleyball: 5:00 PM - Social & Recreation Center

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel & Virtual
 Senior Club: 10:00 AM - Social & Recreation Center
 Home & School Meeting: 7:00 PM - Faculty Room

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

CYO Volleyball: 8 AM-2 PM - Social & Recreation Ctr.
 Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel & Virtual
 Men’s Fellowship Group: 7:00 AM - Convent:
 Our Lady of Lourdes
 Confessions: 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM - Church
 4:00 PM - Church & Virtual

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church & Virtual
 CYO Volleyball: 1-4 PM - Social & Recreation Center
 Saint Joseph Novena: 7:00 PM - Chapel





**Excited to be Back starting
September 19th**

**We're Looking for Leaders =
That's You!**

Children's Liturgy of the Word is seeking
Volunteer Leaders for the
9 & 11 A.M. Masses

Things to Know:

- All materials supplied; no teaching experience is needed - just a joyful contagious attitude!
- There are 2 groups: Pre-school/K & 1st/2nd.
- A great opportunity to witness faith to the youngest members of our parish.
- You only have to lead once a month!

Interested? Contact Kurt Zampier at

610-930-0349 or kzampier@sainthelenachurch.org

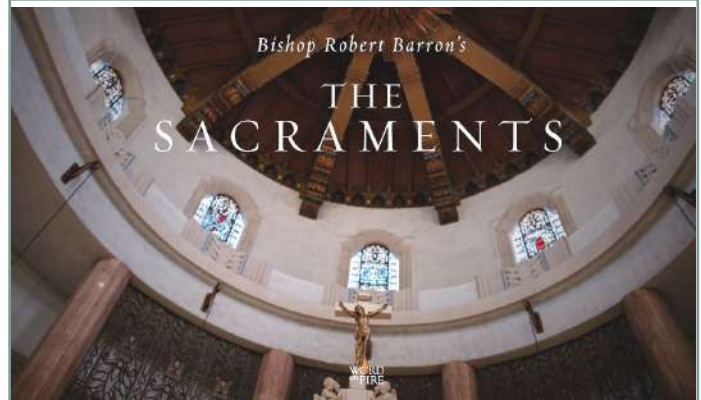


SAINT HELENA YOUNG ADULTS

ALL YOUNG ADULTS WELCOME!!!

We meet weekly on Thursday nights from
7:00 - 8:30 P.M. in the Convent
off of Yost Road.

Contact Kurt Zampier at 610-930-0349
or via e-mail: kzampier@sainthelenachurch.org
if you have any questions.



**PARISH WIDE SERIES BEGINS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7!**

Bishop Barron takes a fresh look at the seven
sacraments of the Church in all their
theological depth, spirituality, and wonder.

The great sacraments of the Church have
endured for thousands of years and
structured countless lives. Everything in the
Church's life comes from and returns to them.
But there is far more to these ancient rites
than meets the eye.

This series will explore these signs and
channels of grace and discover the secret
behind their persistence down the ages: the
presence and power of the Savior himself.

SERIES DETAILS & FORMAT

When: Six Thursday Nights - 7 to 8:45 P.M.

October 7, 14, 21, 28

November 4 & 11

for All Adults 18 & Over

Each Thursday Night includes a catered
dinner by Paravati Catering, Prayer,
a Bishop Barron video & Small Group
Discussion. **An offering of \$15.00 per session
to help cover the cost of the meal is
greatly appreciated.**

Interested? How to Sign Up:

Visit the **Parish Website** for a video
trailer of the Series and to RSVP
for 1 or 2 nights...or All 6!

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:

James Adams, John Botto, Mary Ellen Brogan, Dr. Elwin S. Carlin, Audrey F. Crause, Harry DeFazio, Ann Kelly, Jennie Dinardo, Michael Frawley, Nicholas Grant, Ann Gerlach, Eugene P. Kenworthy Sr., Peter J. Kelly, Sr., Orville Johnson, John S. Maguire, Jane O'Doherty, Lucille Mazur, Grace Migliarese, George T. McCool, Jean P. McQuade, Dorothy Nicolo, Joanna Roth, Thomas Oakes, Matilda M. Schoppet, Mary Ellen Sullivan, Gertrude Usher, Virginia Valentine, Louise Vanelli, Jean Vereb, Mary C. & Raymond F. Uccelletti, Sr., Margaret Wright, Carmen Pagliaro, Dottie Monastra, William Curran, Shawn Henry, Jack Gambone, Gasper Butera, Helen Borkowski, Mary Ryan, Edward Garbacz, John Cantarini, Dave Landers, Joseph Nicolo, Sr., Ron Miles, Harold Rodgers, Marge Fitzpatrick, Mildred Dulin, Candida Barone, Stanley Lentz, Sr., Walter P. Piecyk, Henry Orzechowski, Gasper Sclafani, Rose Trombetta, Brad Souders, Peter Nicolo, Joseph Yaccarino, Irene Koziol, Frances Lavin, Anna Silvaggio, Vincent J. Petrone, Stanley Toscani, Rita Rego, Charles Halfpenny, Sr., Gerard Geisel, Carol Piskai, Stephen Imms, Betty Haly, Ed Sciarra, Ralph Martino, Thomas Keane, Mary Russo, Marlin Souders, William Guerrini, William Schmitz, Jr., Andy Ortlieb, Nicola Rocco, Richard Duszak, Salvatore Giuffrida, Harry Neff, Sr., Ronald Lattanze, Katherine Roth, Maria Begley, Peggy Guerrini, Daniel Staffieri, Norma Leuallen, John Frawley, Rae Bordo, Veronica Graff, Thomas & Anne Yuengling, Francis Nolan, Thomas Swan, Dixie Katrina, Anna Marie Esposito, Karen DeGennaro, Catherine Murphy, Rita Curran, Ann Yaccarino, Tom Gaasche, Catherine Swanick, Agnes Dougherty, Vera Lentz, Marg Agresti, James Frawley, Suzanne Bottinger, Jack Fitzpatrick, Antoinette Cannon, Harvey Kreitzer, Nancy Cavan, Theresa Tomczak, John Barry, Nicholas Machion, Daniel Begley, Joseph Monastra, Catherine Frawley, Rev. John T. Coates, Linda Taormina Kuhn, Dorena Colonnello, Marian Curran, Alexander Piermani, III, Kathleen DePietro, Francis Zuest, Joseph O'Hara, Steve Bacino, Phyllis D'Amico, Emil Bilinski, Carol Mignogna, Edward Stimmler, Marie Neff, Joan Schmitz, Yolanda Marinari, Deacon Donald Kretsch, Charles Walters, James F. "Smitty" Smith, Sr, Edward Sciarra, Jr., Daniel Fitzgerald, Marie Litman, Elaine Thompson, Carmen Branco, Matthew Mazza, Edward Lock, Phyllis Galanti, Mary Scarafone, Anne Burr, James Bozzelli, Margaret (Peg) Tannenbaum, Barbara Souders, Joseph Smea, Sr., James Bottinger, Anne Nolen, Martha Flannery, Joan Cannon, Hilda Carr, Joseph Wallin, Kathleen & James Fenerty, Louis R. DiMaria, Jim Dougherty, Elsie McDermott & Rita Sciarra.

BEQUESTS

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

Vivian Becker, Alice P. Devlin, Mary E. Flanagan, Hon. Robert W. Honeyman, Concetta Marchesani, Mary Ellen Sullivan, Laura E. Wisniewski, Estelle Noska, Elizabeth Ann Quillinan, Jean Stock, Lawrence Marinari, Catherine Frawley, Mary Rosciola, Marian Curran, Charles Loeper, Rev. John Coates, Kathleen Schoemaker, Regina Zaleski, Margaret Donahue, Lorraine Gigliello, Margaret (Peg) Tannenbaum & John H. Quillinan, III.

**CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY:
FEED THE HUNGRY,
CLOTHE THE NAKED.**

As we begin a new year and say good bye to the past, we may start to think of things we let slip away. 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, the parishioners of Saint Helena, 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 each week. 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.



MINISTRY / ORGANIZATION

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Art & Environment | Theresa Smith |
| Bereavement Ministry | Michele Gerstemeier |
| Chapel Reposers | Jack Greenleaf |
| Divine Mercy Chaplet | Vince Thompson |

EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

| | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Church | Lori & Steve Iannello |
| Home Visit | Jim McLaughlin |
| Finance Council | Msgr. Nicolo |
| Garden Club | Theresa Smith |
| Home & School Assoc. | Sara Mann |
| Knights of Columbus | George Gillin |
| Ladies of Helena | Theresa Smith |
| Lectors | Pat Lorenzo |
| Lending Library | Br. Matthew Levis |
| Men's Fellowship Group | Joe Bushner |
| Mommy & Me | Katie Dalhoff |
| Prayer Shawl Ministry | Sr. Francis, O.S.F. |

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| MUSIC MINISTRY | Cheryl Platco |
| Contemporary Music: | Dick Lentz |
| Cantor Scheduling: | Cheryl Platco |

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| PASTORAL COUNCIL | Msgr. Nicolo |
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PARISH YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

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| Altar Servers | Fr. Connolly |
| H. S. Youth Group | Kurt Zampier |
| Young Adult Group | Kurt Zampier |

PREP

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| PREP Coordinator | Madeleine Fitzgerald |
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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

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| RCIA Leader | Deacon Ken Belanger |
| Respect Life Activities | Maryann Schieve |
| Scripture Study | Deacon Ken Belanger |
| Walking with Purpose | Margaret Malloy |
| Wedding Coordinator | Cindy Lejman |

PARISH SCHOOL

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| Interim Principal | Denise Britt |
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To get involved or for more information please call the Parish Office at 610-275-7711 and we will connect you with the contact person.

PARISH MINISTRIES

RCIA

RCIA is a process of instruction, prayer and Faith sharing, a journey towards Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Participants may be unbaptized, baptized in another Christian faith, or a baptized Catholic whose faith journey has been interrupted. To learn more about how to begin this process of discernment or embark on this journey of faith, please call Msgr. Nicolo or Deacon Ken Belanger. (Monsignor Nicolo at 610-275-7711 or Deacon Ken Belanger at 610-909-1909.)

This group has resumed meeting weekly by following the guidelines of Social Distancing and the wearing of Masks.

LADIES OF HELENA

This group provides spiritual, social, and service activities for women of all ages. We are always looking for new ideas. At this time we are communicating by email: Theresa Smith at theresacssmith@verizon.net

Mommy & Me

Parents and guardians of young children are invited to drop in for our **Mommy & Me Playgroup** events! Beginning in the Fall, we will be meeting monthly at Saint Helena or the park, weather permitting. For more information, please reach out to **KATIE DALHOFF** (610) 952-5148.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The Saint Helena Respect Life Ministry is dedicated to promoting the sanctity of God's gift of human life from conception until natural death. Our mission is to inform our parishioners in regard to God's Word in Scripture, the Catholic Church teachings, and spiritual/cultural issues relating to the respect for life at all stages. Events and activities are scheduled throughout the year to enable our parishioners to be active pro-life disciples through prayer, practice, evangelization, and the support of local pro-life agencies.

We are currently meeting by Zoom. For more information or to join this ministry, please contact Mary Ann Schieve at this electronic address: respectlife@sainthelenachurch.org

ALL ARE WELCOME!

JOIN OUR DAILY SPIRITUAL DEVOTIONS!

*Attend In-Person or Virtually
via our Parish Livestream*

Here's our schedule for Devotional Exercises
in the Saint Theresa Chapel.

*ALL DEVOTIONS ARE LIVESTREAMED & THE CHAPEL CAMERA IS "ON"
24/7.*

ROSARY RECITATION in the CHAPEL

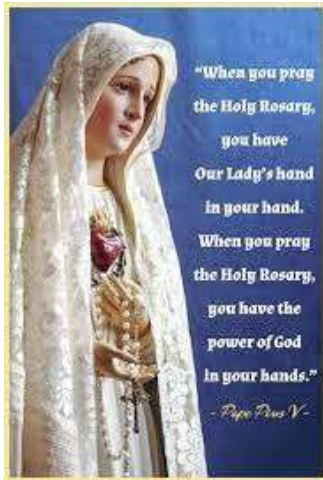
8:25 AM <> Monday — Saturday

11:30 AM <> Wednesdays

Pray the Rosary with us:
Wednesday 11:30 - 12 noon

OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTO outside and behind the Church
or in the Chapel for rain or very hot weather. Pray for your intentions,
our parish, the sick and dying, an end to abortion, conversion of hearts,
an end to violence and the needs of all. The Rosary is Most Powerful! **PLEASE JOIN US
FOR 1/2 HOUR!**

3:15 PM <> Wednesdays (*after* the Chaplet of Divine Mercy)



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET RECITATION in the CHAPEL

3:00 PM <> Daily,
followed by the Rosary
DAILY MEDITATION in the CHAPEL

6:30 AM — 9:00 PM <>

Monday—Friday

8:00 AM — 5:00 PM <>

Saturday

7:00 AM — 5:00 PM <>

Sundays

THE SEVENTH MONTH OF THE ARCHDIOCESAN NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH WILL BE PRAYED WITH THE ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL AT 7:00 PM, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19.

Pray with us either in-person or virtually via the Chapel Live-Stream.

You can access/upload the Archdiocesan novena prayer booklet: <http://archphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Novena-to-St.-Joseph.pdf>



THE LITANY OF SAINT JOSEPH



Lord have mercy...
Christ have mercy...
Lord have mercy...
God our Father in Heaven, have mercy on us...
God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us...
God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us...
Holy Mary, pray for us...
Saint Joseph, pray for us...
Noble son of the House of David, pray for us...
Light of the Patriarchs, pray for us...
Husband of the Mother of God, pray for us...
Guardian of the Virgin, pray for us...
Foster Father of the Son of God, pray for us...
Head of the Holy Family, pray for us...
Joseph, chaste and just, pray for us...
Joseph, prudent and courageous, pray for us...
Joseph, obedient and steadfast, pray for us...
Joseph, faithful and wise, pray for us...
Pattern of patience, pray for us...
Patron of artisans and craftsmen, pray for us...
Model of workers, pray for us...
Lover of poverty, pray for us...
Example to parents, pray for us...
Guardian of virgins, pray for us...
Pillar of family life, pray for us...
Comfort of the afflicted, pray for us...
Hope of the sick, pray for us...
Terror of demons, pray for us...
Patron of the dying, pray for us...
Intercessor for a happy death, pray for us...
Protector of the Holy Church, pray for us...
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us...**three times...**

V. God made him the master of His Household,
R. And put him in charge of all that He possessed.

LET US PRAY...

O God, Who in your inexpressible Providence was pleased to choose Saint Joseph to be the chaste Spouse of the Most Holy Mother of your Incarnate Son, grant, we pray that we who honor him as our protector on earth, may be worthy of his heavenly intercession. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**THE SAINT
HELENA
MUSIC
MINISTRY
IS**

**RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS FOR
SINGING & FOR HAND BELLS**

The Choir has begun to meet on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Church. All voices are needed! High schoolers are also welcome.

The Saint Helena Hand Bell Choir will be starting rehearsals on September 24 at 7:00 PM in the church. Middle and high schoolers are also welcome. Basic music reading skills are helpful but not mandatory.

The Saint Helena Children's Chime choir will begin rehearsals on September 24 (time TBD). Children who are in second grade through middle school and welcome to join.

Save the Date! The Saint Helena Music Ministry will present a Christmas Music Concert with orchestra again this year. The concert will be held on Sunday December 12, 4:00 PM in the Church. We welcome singers from the community to join us for this holiday celebration.

For information or further details about our parish music ministry, please email (chmo32759@aol.com) or call Cheryl Platco at 610-505-3038.

Thank You!

KEN'S CACHE

This past Tuesday, the 7th, marked the beginning of the Jewish High Holy Days. The following is a brief description and explanation of Rosh Hashanah, the first of the holy days.



Rosh Hashanah, literally meaning "head [of] the year", is the Jewish New Year. The biblical name for this high holy day is **Yom Teruah**, literally "day of shouting or blasting." It is the first of the Jewish High Holy Days, as specified in the Book of Leviticus 23:23-25, that occur in the late summer or early autumn in the Northern Hemisphere.

Rosh Hashanah is a two-day celebration that begins on the first day of Tishrei, which is the seventh month of the Jewish liturgical year. In contrast to the Jewish liturgical lunar New Year on the first day of the first month Nisan, the spring Passover month which marks Israel's exodus from Egypt, Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the Civil Year, according to the teachings of Judaism, and is the traditional anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve, the first man and woman according to the Hebrew Bible as well as the inauguration of humanity's role in God's world.

Rosh Hashanah customs include the ceremonial sounding the shofar (a cleaned-out ram's horn), as prescribed in the Torah, following the prescription of the Hebrew Bible to "raise a noise" on *Yom Teruah*. Its rabbinical customs include attending synagogue services and reciting special liturgy about teshuva (asking God for forgiveness of one's sins), as well as enjoying festive meals. Eating symbolic foods is now a tradition, such as apples dipped in honey, hoping to evoke a sweet new year.

**God bless!
Deacon Ken**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR

September 17!

The Saint Helena's Senior Club will have its first meeting Friday September 17, 2021 at 10:00 AM in the Social/Recreation Center in the parish school.

MEMBERS, REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR ID BADGE. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALSO WELCOME!

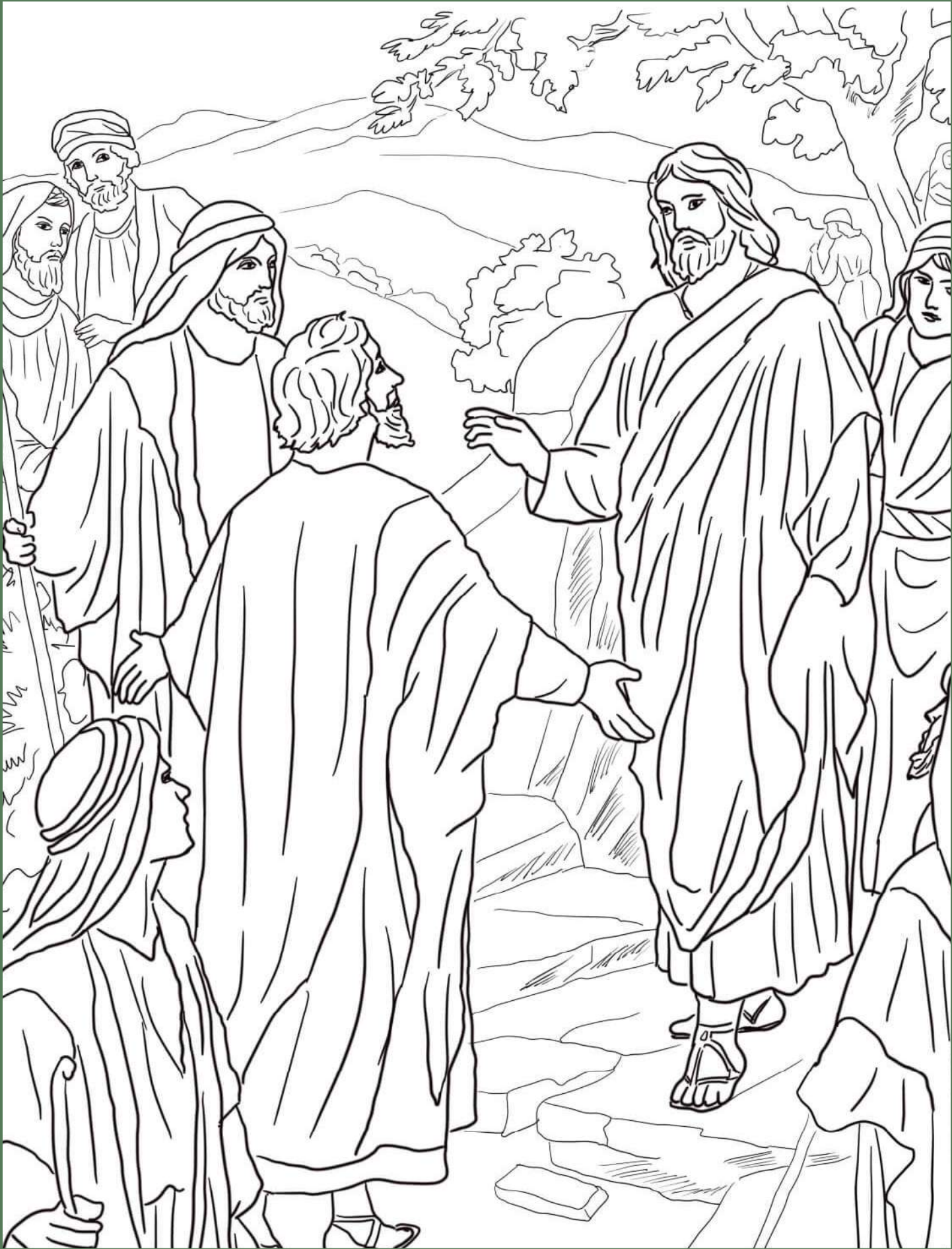
SEPTEMBER 29

The 2022 Mass Book & Candle Book will open for your intentions on

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29
in the Narthex from 10 AM to 2 PM.

ONLY CASH OR CHECK WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Thank You for Your Cooperation!



Peter's Confession of Christ

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Matthew 16:15 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)



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