



SAINT HELENA CHURCH

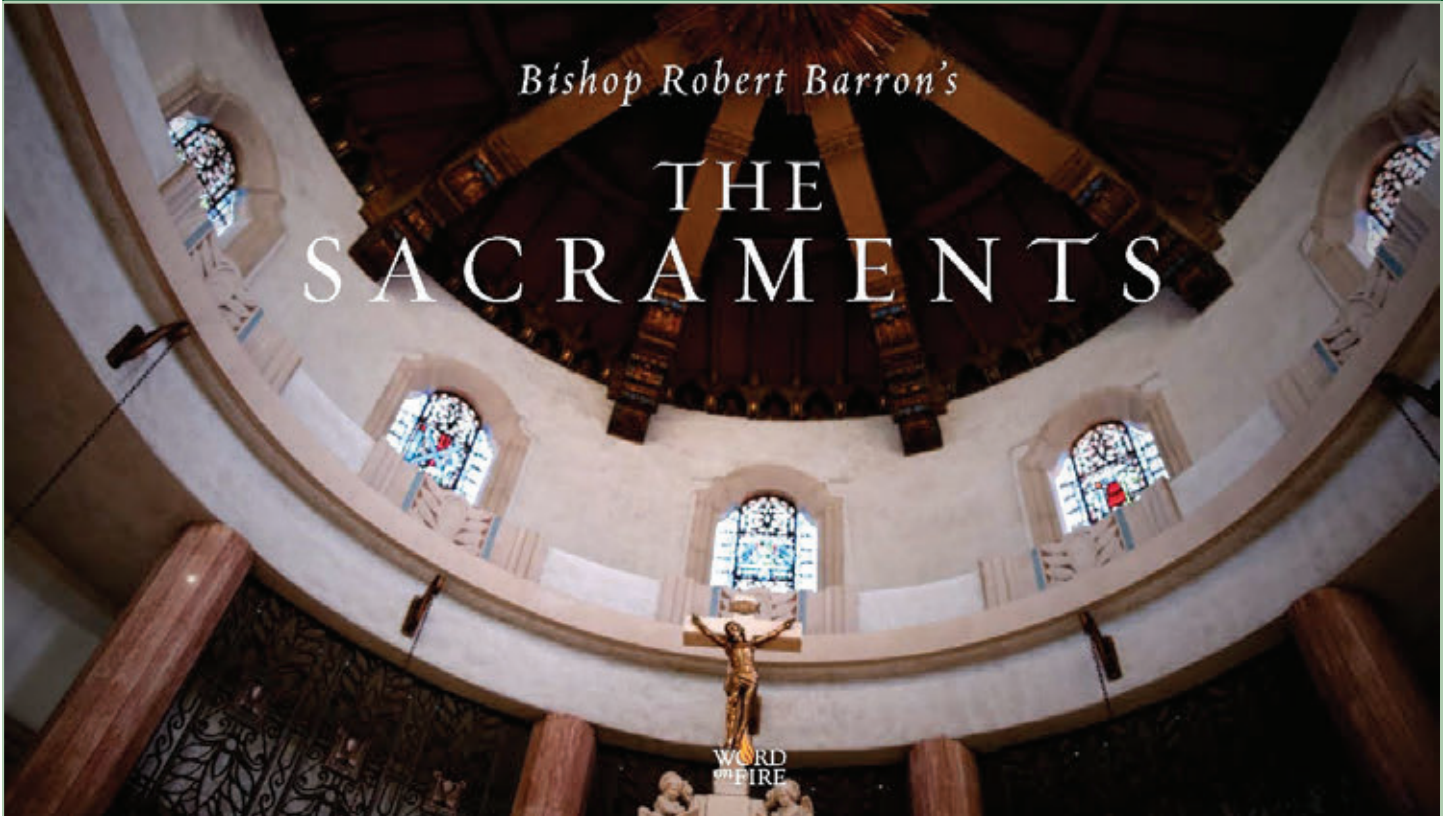
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**SEPTEMBER
19, 2021**



Bishop Robert Barron's

THE SACRAMENTS

WORD
AND
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: Br. Raymond, O. de M.
Phone: 610-275-7711 <> Fax: 610-275-7610
 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,

Our Blue Mass was celebrated on September 11. It was a very fitting tribute. Our Police, Fire, Rescue and First Responders from our community were very, very well represented. Local Officials along with some County and State Officials were also present. As you realize, this year was the 20th Anniversary of those horrific events. The 9/11 terrorist attacks have left an indelible mark on those families who suffered the great loss of loved ones as well as all those who continue to suffer from ill health because of those evil acts. This was our 15th remembrance of that horrific day that we were able to celebrate with our Police, Fire, Rescue, and First Responders as well as Local, County and State Representatives. Last September 11, we were not able to gather together as a community of believers remembering and praying for all those who suffered and still suffer due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. Following the Blue Mass, everyone was invited to the Empress Room for light refreshments. I am very grateful to our Knights of Columbus for all they did to organize this event. I also want to thank the Boy Scouts who were present for this event. God bless all of you and God bless America!

Our grade school children in Saint Helena School are very happy to be able to be in person for instructions and able to enjoy the company of their classmates and friends, just as we were able to do that last year. Once again I want to thank their teachers for their extraordinary dedication. Our children in PREP are having in person instructions this year. Last year their instructions was via Zoom. I want to thank the PREP teachers for all that they do and will be doing for our children who attend public and non-Catholic private schools.

This year, our Census and Stewardship Collection will be called "A Census and Revitalization Collection." Like last year the Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia will be assisting us with this collection. Because of the Covid 19, Mass participation is not where we were pre-pandemic and Time, Talent, and Treasure has been affected. We will be "actively seeking/soliciting" to have people return to in-person worship with the ability to receive Holy Communion and to strive to get more people involved in parish ministries.

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

*Love & prayers
Monsignor Nicolò*



FOR THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 20TH

- Mon., Sept. 20 9:00 AM SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gon
Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions
IMO CECELIA & LES SCHMALBACH, SR.
Requested by Anna Marie & Les Schmalbach**
- Tue., Sept. 21 9:00 AM SAINT MATTHEW,
APOSTLE & EVANGELIST
IMO RALPH REEVES, SR.
Requested by St. Helena School Faculty & Staff**
- Wed., Sept. 22 9:00 AM
IMO SOPHIA SOUTHERLING
Requested by The King Family**
- Thu., Sept. 23 9:00 AM Saint Pius of Pietrelcina
IMO DEACON JOSEPH F. SEXTON
Requested by Edie Woods**
- Fri., Sept. 24 9:00 AM
IMO SHARON (ZALESKI) GLODEK
Requested by Anna Marie Walsh**
- Sat., Sept. 25 9:00 AM Blessed Virgin Mary
For the Living & Deceased
Members of the St. Theresa Guild**

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

Monsignor Nicolò & the Garden Club would like to thank Colin Cherico and the JV Soccer team for weeding **THE LADY OF LOURDES GROTTO**.

Also the Confirmation Students and other students who weeded the areas around the Empress Room.

They all did a wonderful job, their effort and time was greatly appreciated.

On October 2, the Villanova Students will be coming to Saint Helena Church. We would like to invite all groups, Confirmation students and individuals to help beautify **our** Church Campus.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL
THERESA SMITH AT 215-646-7636.**

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19



The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church burns
IN MEMORY OF

FATHER THOMAS DUFFY

Requested by Karen & Michael Ciaccio, Jr.

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel burns
IN HONOR OF

DOLORES BAMBACH & CAROL MOORE

Requested by Arlene Matthews



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

SALVATORE BOCELLA

Requested by Joe & Barb Oberlies

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

JOHN R. DUCHOSSOIS, JR.

Requested by Patricia Lewullis



A Candle burns at the Altar of Saint Joseph
FOR THE HEALTH OF

FATHER RICHARD S. RASCH, O. de M.

Requested by the Mercedarian Friars



MADELEINE'S MESSAGE

The mission of the Parish Religious Education Program ["PREP"] of Saint Helena Parish is to assist parents in the religious, moral, and spiritual formation of their children.

Parents are the primary educators of their children, teaching by word and example.

Our parish catechists support the parents and the students by providing quality religious education in a nurturing faith filled environment. Through the cooperative effort of parents, catechists, and students, our children will grow in their love for God and knowledge of their Catholic faith.

They will develop their God-given gifts and talents, and live as contributing, respectable citizens through their commitment to service as Catholic Christians.

Have a great week!

Madeleine Fitzgerald



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES
SEPTEMBER 25/26
26TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

4:00 PM: Father B. Connolly

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

7:30 AM: Father B. Connolly

9:00 AM: Monsignor J. Nicolo (Deacon Kenneth)

11:00 AM: Monsignor J. Nicolol

LECTORS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

4:00 PM: T. Pantaleo, T. Rogers

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

7:30 AM: J. Trembl (sub requested), C. Buzad

9:00 AM: T. Yezzi, L. Fickett

11:00 AM: R. Maiorano, P. Schaeffer

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

4:00 PM: B. Cooper, J. Coyle, R. Koller, R. Ryan, M. Valle

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

7:30 AM: G. Berti, D. DeLaRosa, K. Wurtenberg

9:00 AM: Deacon Ken, D. DeBrakeleer, K. McWilliams, H. McWilliams, J. Viscanti

11:00 AM: K. Krumenacker, T. McGarvey, J. McLaughlin, F. Ramos, J. Ramos

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

4:00 PM: C. Albertelli, I. Masucci, C. Pizzirani, R. Weber

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

7:30 AM: J. Trainor, M. Wagner, C. Zapalac

9:00 AM: L. Freimuth, C. Freimuth,

Two (2) servers requested

11:00 AM: C. Gallagher, K. Gallagher, E. Gallagher, A. Ormond



**SAINT
HELENA'S 15TH
ANNUAL BLUE
MASS**



On the 20th Anniversary of 9/11, Saint Helena Parish honored our local cadre of first responders - police, firefighters and EMT's



~ at the 4 PM Mass. Many thanks with deep gratitude are owed to them for their every day protection and service

to both our local and parish communities.



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

PARISH EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 19 ~ SEPTEMBER 26

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel & Virtual
Back to School Night: 6:30 PM - Education Center
CYO Volleyball: 5:00 PM - Social & Recreation Center

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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 22

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel & Virtual
Scripture Study: 7:00 AM - VIRTUAL
Walking With Purpose: 9:30 AM - Convent - Our Lady of Mercy
Pastoral/Finance Councils: 7:00 PM - Rectory
Young Adult Group: 7:00 PM - Convent
CYO Volleyball: 5:00 PM - Social & Recreation Center

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel & Virtual
Parent Volunteer Meeting: 9:00 AM - Library
Mercy Day: 8:00 AM - Education Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church & Virtual
CSC: 2:00 PM - Cafeteria
CYO Volleyball: 1-4 PM - Social & Recreation Center
High School Youth Group: 7:00 PM - Convent



**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 daily 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 or at 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!**



**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

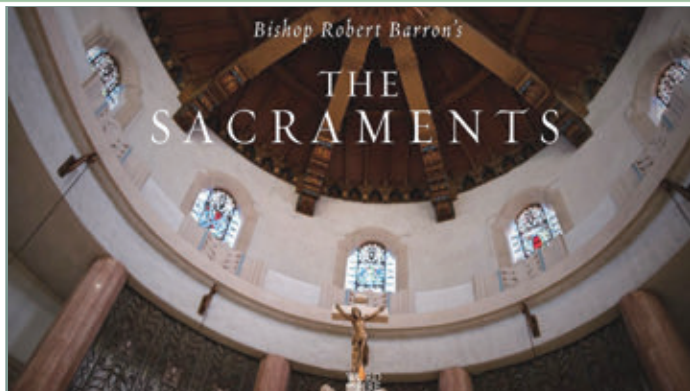


SAINT HELENA YOUNG ADULTS

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

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.

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL	Msgr. Nicolo
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PARISH YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

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

PREP	
PREP Coordinator	Madeleine Fitzgerald

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS	
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	
Interim Principal	Denise Britt

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 theresacsmith@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

EUROPEAN TRAVEL PLANS!

Saint Helena's is planning on a Spectacular Switzerland, Lake Como & Milan trip in August 2022. Details of this trip should be out sometime in November. Our trip to Israel is on hold. This trip will be re-scheduled when conditions in the region are safe.

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL THERESA SMITH AT 215-646-7636.

JOIN OUR DAILY SPIRITUAL DEVOTIONS!

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

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

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

ROSARY RECITATION in the CHAPEL

8:25 AM <> Monday — Saturday

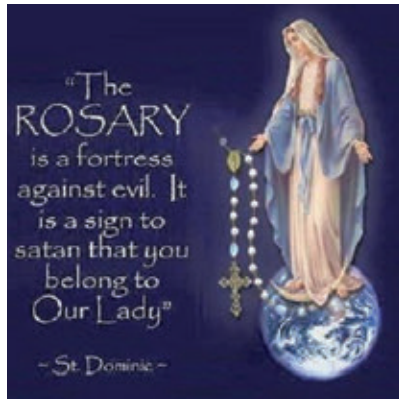
11:30 AM <> Wednesdays

Pray the Rosary with us:

Wednesday 11:30 - 12 noon

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

Please consider giving 30 minutes to pray the Rosary Wednesday, 11:30 am in **OUR LADY OF LOURDES GROTTO** behind the church ~ beautiful outdoor setting! We meet in the chapel if it is raining or too hot. Bring your children, family and friends. (There's easy, level access behind the Empress Room in the far back parking lot)



**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 <> **Sunday**

SAINT JOSEPH NOVENA AND ROSARY will continue SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, Saint Therese Chapel at 7:00 PM. All are welcome and encouraged during this special "Year of Saint Joseph." to join us for these devotions. Livestream is also available.

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...
 Spouse 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...
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 Example to parents, pray for us...
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 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.



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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

YOM KIPPUR known as the **DAY OF ATONEMENT**, is the holiest day of the year in Judaism. Its central themes are atonement and repentance. Jews traditionally observe this holy day with a day-long fast and intensive prayer, often spending most of the day in synagogue services. *Yom* means "day" in Hebrew and *Kippur* is translated to "atonement." The common English translation of Yom Kippur is Day of Atonement, however, this translation lacks precision.

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The name Yom Kippur is based on the biblical verse, "...but on the 10th day of the seventh month it is the day of *kippurim* unto you..." (Leviticus 23:27). The literal translation of *kippurim* is cleansing. Yom Kippur is a Jewish day to atone for misdeeds and become cleansed and purified from them.

Yom Kippur is "the tenth day of [the] seventh month" (Tishrei) and is also known as the "Sabbath of Sabbaths". Rosh Hashanah (referred to in the Torah as *Yom Teruah*) is the first day of that month according to the Hebrew calendar. Yom Kippur completes the annual period known in Judaism as the High Holy Days or *Yamim Nora'im* ("Days of Awe") that commences with Rosh Hashanah. The ten days from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur correspond to the last ten days of the 40-day period Moses was on Mount Sinai receiving the second set of tablets.

According to Jewish tradition, God inscribes each person's fate for the coming year into a book, the Book of Life, on Rosh Hashanah, and waits until Yom Kippur to "seal" the verdict. During the Days of Awe, a Jew tries to amend their behavior and seek forgiveness for wrongs done against God (*bein adam leMakom*) and against other human beings (*bein adam lechavero*). The evening and day of Yom Kippur are set aside for public and private petitions and confessions of guilt (*Vidui*). At the end of Yom Kippur, one hopes that they have been forgiven by God.

So ends our 2-week review of the Jewish High Holy Days, beginning with the celebration of Rosh Hashanah and concluding with the celebration of Yom Kippur. This is to emphasize our relationship to our Jewish neighbors as a Judeo-Christian people.

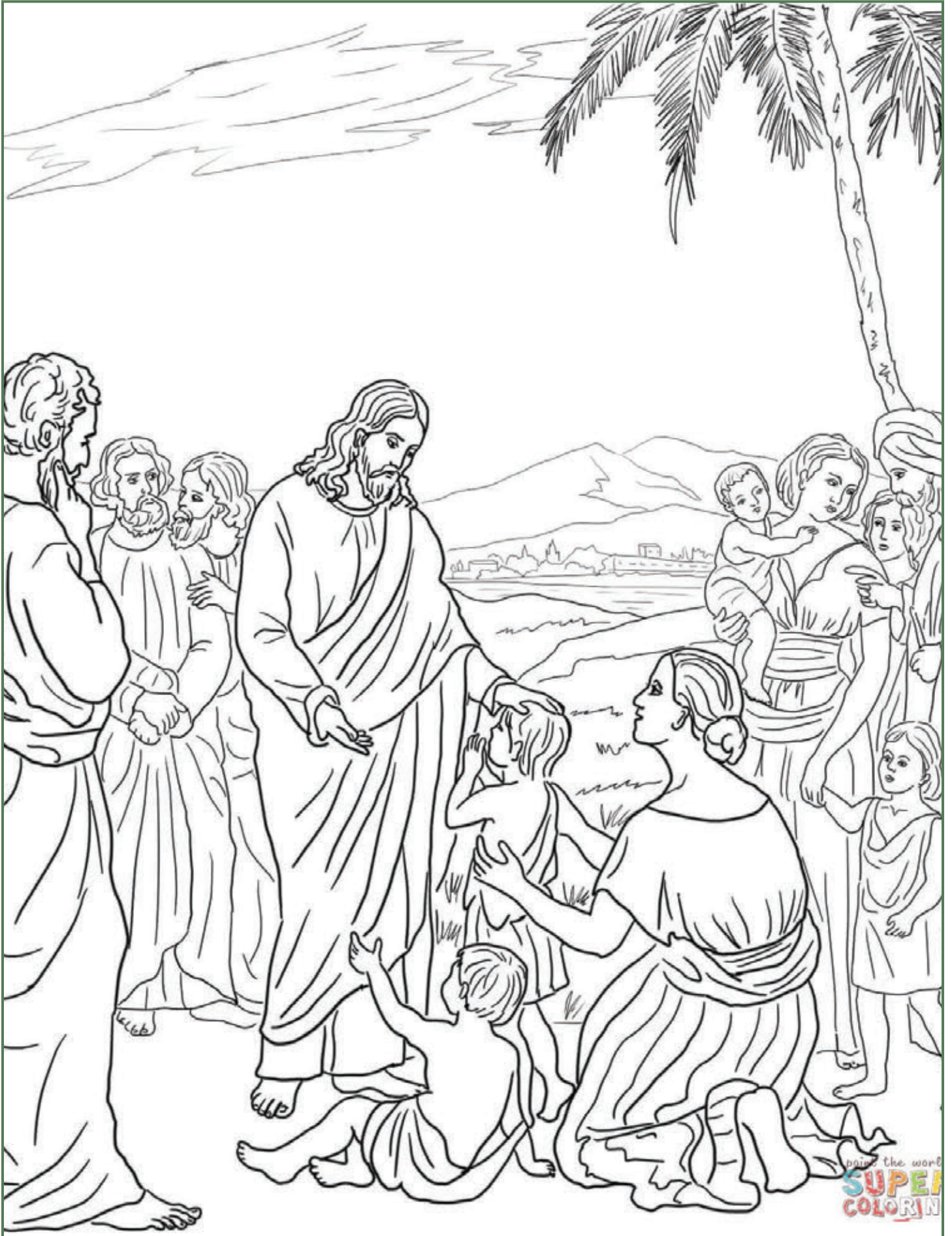
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