



SAINT HELENA CHURCH

Center Square

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August 15th 2021



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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

Deacon: Deacon A. Kenneth Belanger

PARISH OFFICE:

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Business Manager: Ms. Cathy Neugebauer

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EDUCATION CENTER:

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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

Director of Parish Services

Mr. Kurt Zampier: Phone: 610-930-0349

Facilities Manager: Mr. Vince Thompson

Phone: 610-322-5749

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 and devotions
in both the Church & in the 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: Starting in September:

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd Sunday of each month at **12:00 PM**. 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 Theresa
written by Nancy Oliphant*



NIC NOTES

DEAR PARISHIONERS,

We have decided that we will be re-introducing our Greeters and Ushers sometime in September. We will notify all those who so wonderfully volunteered to be Greeters and Ushers after Labor Day by email when we will have our meeting with the Greeters and Ushers with instructions. I am deeply grateful for all those who have volunteered.

This past week, I was the Retreat Master to some Friars of the Order of Our Lady of Mercy at the Norbertine Abbey. I was assisting them in making their annual retreat. It was a wonderful and enriching time as well as a demanding time. As you can imagine, a great deal of time is spent preparing a series of talks. My theme for the retreat dealt with “Searching for Mature Images of God” and “Meeting Jesus.” I was very grateful to the Norbertine Canons for their hospitality as well as for the graciousness of the Mercedarian Friars.

This Wednesday, August 18, is the Feast of Saint Helena. We will be having our Annual Parish Picnic starting at 6 PM. We will also be celebrating the Mass of Saint Helena over all of the weekend Masses of August 21st and 22nd. We will have Hospitality over the weekend in honor of our Patronal Feast Day of Saint Helena. It is always a wonderful time in the life of a parish to celebrate their Feast Day.

On August 25th and 26th, the SHS Faculty will be coming together for a Faculty Day in preparation for the Academic Year. They will also be attending an Enrichment Day as they are preparing to start the new school year. I'm very grateful to our Interim Principal, Mrs. Denise Britt, for all that she has been doing and is doing to have everything ready for the return of our school children and faculty. I am also very grateful to our faculty who so willingly give of themselves for the good of our children. I'm also grateful to our Task Force as they are coming together again to make sure that everything that can possibly be done is being done for the safety, well-being and health of our children, faculty, and staff. I am very thankful to our Maintenance Staff who have worked so tirelessly this entire summer getting everything in tip top shape for the return of our School children and our PREP children.

If someone did not work at Saint Helena or was not present in the Education Center during the summer, they would never imagine how much work and “tender loving care” is put into getting everything together.

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

*Love & prayers
Monsignor Nicolò*



for the Week of August 15th

- Mon., Aug. 16 9:00 AM Saint Stephen of Hungary**
IMO JOSEPH GRAVINESE
Requested by The Gravinese Family
- Tue., Aug. 17 9:00 AM**
IMO JOHN DUNLEAVY
Requested by Jacqueline Longo
- Wed., Aug. 18 9:00 AM SAINT HELENA**
IMO ANTOINETTE GRANESE
Requested by Anna Marie & Les Schmalbach
- Thu., Aug. 19 9:00 AM Saint John Eudes**
IMO JAMES P. ROONEY
Requested by The Rooney Family
- Fri., Aug. 20 9:00 AM Saint Bernard of Clairvaux**
IMO THE GRECA & MARRISSEY FAMILIES
Requested by Lee & John
- Sat., Aug. 21 9:00 AM Saint Pius the Tenth**
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 weekend, the floral
arrangements in both the Church
& the Chapel are placed
in loving memory of
JAMES P. ROONEY.

MEMORIALS for the WEEK of AUGUST 15TH



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns
IN MEMORY OF

JAMES P. ROONEY

Requested by The Rooney Family

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel burns
IN MEMORY OF

JAMES P. ROONEY

Requested by The Rooney Family



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

JOSEPH GRAVINESE

Requested by The Gravinese Family



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

JAMES P. ROONEY

Requested by The Rooney Family



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

LINDA L. TETI

Requested by Dottie Miles



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

WALTER KURKOWSKI

Requested by Pat Osborne



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

JAMES P. ROONEY

Requested by The Rooney Family



Four Candles burn on the Altar in the Chapel
FOR THE HEALTH OF

MARY ANN TINTI

Requested by Bill & Donna Matoney

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES: August 21st/22nd
~ Feast of Saint Helena ~

CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

Saturday, August 21

4:00 PM: Monsignor Nicolo

Sunday, August 22

7:30 AM: Monsignor Nicolo (Deacon Ken)

9:00 AM: Monsignor Nicolo

11:00 AM: Monsignor Nicolo

LECTORS

Saturday, August 21

4:00 PM: C. Kain, C. Buzad

Sunday, August 22

7:30 AM: T. Donohue, K. McGowan

9:00 AM: P. Boylan, K. McGowan

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

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF
HOLY COMMUNION**

Saturday, August 21

4:00 PM: D. Galanti, M. Guckert, K. Krumenacker,
T. Reigle, R. Ryan

Sunday, August 22

7:30 AM: Deacon Ken, M. Catalde, N. Tagliamonte

9:00 AM: J. Dalhoff, D. DeBrakeleer, D. Matoney,
J. O'Doherty, J. Viscanti

11:00 AM: T. Gallagher, C. Interrante, J. McLaughlin,
B. Mulhern M. Okenquist

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, August 21

4:00 PM: K. Duffy, O. Duffy, N. Laub, I. Masucci

Sunday, August 22

7:30 AM: M. Merone, S. Morrissey, C. Zapalac

9:00 AM: J. Capperella, J. P. Capperella, G. Capperella,
M. Wagner

11:00 AM: L. Buella, H. Elliott, K. Lynch, B. Vargas



Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, we believe in your glorious Assumption into heaven where the Angels and Saints herald you as Queen of Heaven and earth. We join with them in praising you and bless the Lord Who raised you above all creatures. With them we honor you. We know with confidence that you watch over us and those dear to us, and we ask that you intercede for us now...*mention your request*. We are comforted by our Faith in the Resurrection on the Last Day, and we look to you for wisdom and grace. After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blest Fruit of your womb, O kind, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

**O Queen Assumed into Heaven,
pray for us. Amen.**

MADELEINE'S MESSAGE

PREP Registration will be on Tuesday evening, September 7, 2021 from 6 to 7 PM. Please make sure you're registered with the Parish before registering for PREP. Registration must be completed by September 7th - only Level One and new students need to register.

In order to register, Level One needs a Baptismal Certificate and the \$150.00 tuition payment.

All new students who will be in the higher levels need to bring \$150.00 tuition and a letter from their previous parish stating the student attended and what Sacraments they have received.

All returning students please bring in \$150.00 tuition the first night of class.

I can be reached at 610-277-3573 should you have any questions or concerns.

Have a great week!

Madeleine Fitzgerald



RESPECT LIFE CORNER

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC RETURNS ON WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 18TH <> 6-8:30PM

At the picnic, there will be a Ministry Fair which includes a Respect Life Table. We invite all to stop there to meet & chat with us!



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
**CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE**

Strong and Beautiful! + Saturday, October 23, 2021
National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA

LADIES! Register Now - Space is limited! This year's conference will be a modified version of the usual event. You are invited to attend one, 2-hour, in-person mini-conference: ***Morning** (10AM-Noon) or **Afternoon** (2-4:00 PM) *** Plus** enjoy four video talks at home at your leisure. There will be interpretation in American Sign Language. **Cost is \$25, College Students: \$15.00, Religious/Consecrated Women: \$15.00**

Keynote Speakers: Lisa Brenninkmeyer (AM Session) **Mother Clare Matthias, CFR** (PM Session). Delia Larrauri, MD (from the Gianna Center) will be addressing participants in a breakout session on "Authentic Women's Health Care and Fertility". Her presentation will lead participants to reflect upon the strength and beauty of a woman's body. For Information & to register: <http://www.catholicwomensconference.org/registration2021/>

"Our God is never
out done in generosity!"

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TITHE!



SAINT HELENA SCHOOL is excited to host a School Supply Drive that will benefit the **SAINT HELENA-INCARNATION** school in Philadelphia. If you would like to contribute, please see the list of items requested by the school:

- NO. 2 PENCILS, MARKERS, CRAYONS (24 PACK)**
- DRY ERASE MARKERS, PENCIL CASES,**
- PRINTER PAPER**
- CHILD SAFE SCISSORS, HIGHLIGHTERS & GLUE STICKS**

Donated items can be dropped off in the bins in the Narthex following Mass on 8/21, 8/22, 8/28 & 8/29.

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, Guido Perfetti, Linda & Chuck Basile, Louis Drozd, McGrail & Flynn Families, Elizabeth Foster, Suzette Eason, Christine Hoffman, 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 Stepler, Diane Mackin, Jim Miller, Joan Schmidt, John Sajda, Mary Ann Freeman, Barbara Wilson, Mary Reedy, Amanda Trerotola, Patricia Leedom, Marguerite Gannon, Bob Davidson, J. Anne Joyce, Beth Delp, Maureen Barron, Jennifer Young & Maryann Tinti.

To have someone listed, please call the Parish Office at 610-275-7711. Names will stay listed for 2 weeks. If you need them to stay on, you MUST call every 2 weeks to update.



In your charity, please pray for our

BELOVED DECEASED

especially for:

MARIE O'NEILL, KAREN CANN & AGNES P. FERRARA

May their souls & the souls of all the faithfully departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace.



SAINT HELENA KNIGHTS
COUNCIL #14210

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Grand Knight George Gillin
ggillin@comcast.net

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KNIGHTS SUPREME CONVENTION

<> ANNUAL REPORT <>

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly addressed the Knights membership during the Order's 139th Supreme Convention on August 3-4, 2021.

“Charity is our highest calling, and it demands our renewed focus. Where there's pain, let us heal. Where there's grief, let us comfort. Where there's need, let us meet it, in new and creative ways.”

KEY HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A K of C-produced documentary about the life of Saint Joseph, entitled

SAINT JOSEPH ~ OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER

will air on ABC affiliates starting Oct. 10
The Ultrasound Initiative has now placed more than 1,400 of these lifesaving machines in pregnancy resource centers

Membership rose by nearly 400,000 and surpassed 2 million

Overall donations of more than \$150 million and more than 47 million volunteer hours to serve their communities

\$3.2 million and nearly half a million volunteer hours for the Special Olympics

\$1.5 million for disaster relief programs

>100,000 coats given to children in need throughout the U.S. and Canada

100,000+ wheelchairs donated around the world over the past 18 years

\$4.4 million for persecuted Christians in the Middle East.

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For the week of August 15 to August 22

SUNDAY, August 15

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

MONDAY, August 16

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel & Virtual

TUESDAY, August 17

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel & Virtual

WEDNESDAY, August 18 + Feast of Saint Helena +

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel & Virtual

Parish Picnic: 6:00 PM - Recreation Center Lot

RCIA: 7:00 PM - Convent - Our Lady of Fatima

THURSDAY, August 19

Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel & Virtual

FRIDAY, August 20

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel & Virtual

SATURDAY, August 21

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

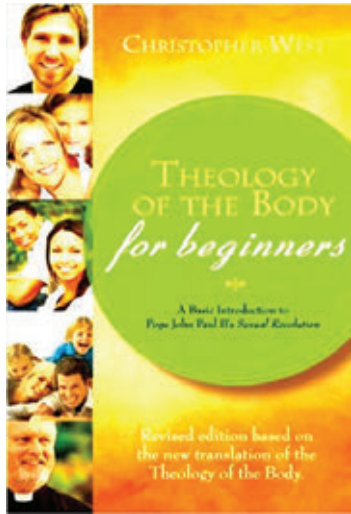
Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM - Church & Virtual

SUNDAY, August 22

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

NEW BEGINNINGS II resumes in September!

After a year off due to the COVID pandemic, New Beginnings II will resume its monthly meetings in September. New Beginnings affords widows & widowers the opportunity to socialize with people in similar circumstances. This group strives to not only provide a friendly & supportive environment at our monthly meetings, but also to provide activities, events & travel opportunities. We usually meet on the First Wednesday of the month during the school year at **7:00 PM**. Our first meeting for this year will be on September 8 in Saint Helena's School Cafeteria in Blue Bell. We will also meet on October 6 & on November 3. Please come & join us! If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Janice Baker at 484-431-2108 or by email: janlb@comcast.net.



**SAINT
HELENA
YOUNG
ADULT
GROUP**

**ALL YOUNG
ADULTS
WELCOME!**

We meet weekly on Thursday
nights from

7:00 - 8:30 P.M. in the Convent.

Contact Kurt Zampier
at 610-930-0349
or via e-mail at:

kzamper@sainthelenachurch.org

CURRENT FOCUS:

In August we are finishing
up reading & discussing the book
pictured. Get a copy
& join us! The more the merrier!!!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
NOW FOR
SEPTEMBER 17!**

The Saint Helena's Senior Club will have its
first meeting Friday morning
September 17, 2021 at 10:00
in the Gym/Recreation Center in the parish
school. Members, remember to wear your
ID badge. New members are also welcome!



RSVP TODAY!

**SAINT HELENA
PARISH PICNIC**

**THIS WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 18TH**

6:00 to 8:30 PM

*Sponsored by the Parish &
Knights of Columbus*

Picnic Dinner provided free of charge. Join us
for a great evening filled with fun and
fellowship for the whole family!

*Please bring
your own chairs!*

*RSVP on our Website or call
Kurt Zampier at
610-930-0349*

**Mark Your
Calendars!**

**THE 2022 MASS BOOK
& CANDLE BOOK**

WILL open for your intentions on Wednesday,
September 29, 2021 from 10 AM to 2 PM
in the Church.

ONLY CASH OR CHECK WILL BE ACCEPTED.
Thank you for your cooperation!

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 Smee, 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. The meal containers are in the cabinet next to the freezer. 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

Contemporary Music:	Dick Lentz
Cantor Scheduling:	Cheryl Platco

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Msgr. Nicolo

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
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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
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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. (*Msgr. 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

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ROSARY RECITATION in the CHAPEL

8:25 AM <> Monday — Saturday

11:30 AM <> Wednesdays

WHAT: Pray the Holy Rosary

WHEN: Wednesday mornings 11:30

WHERE: Our Lady of Lourdes grotto outside behind
the Church or on the Chapel if it is raining or very hot

WHO: Everyone, 0-99! Great for children to learn their
prayers. We pray for your intentions, the sick and
dying, conversions, an end to abortion, an end to
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3:15 PM <> Wednesdays (after the Chaplet
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3:00 PM <> Daily, followed by the Rosary

DAILY MEDITATION in the CHAPEL

6:30 AM — 9:00 AM <> Monday—Friday

8:00 AM — 5:00 PM <> Saturday

7:00 AM — 5:00 PM <> Sundays

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**AN ANCIENT PRAYER
TO SAINT JOSEPH**

O SAINT JOSEPH, whose protection is so great,
so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God,
I place in you all my interests and desires. O Saint
Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession
and obtain for me all spiritual blessings through
your foster Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, so that,
having engaged here below your Heavenly
power, I may offer you my thanksgiving
and homage.

O SAINT JOSEPH, I never weary contemplating
you and the Child Jesus asleep in your arms.
I dare not approach while He reposes near your
heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine
head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when
I draw my dying breath.

SAINT JOSEPH, patron of departing souls,
pray for me.

Feast of our Parish Patroness

SAINT HELENA

August 18

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Your face I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. While I contemplate, with great love and tenderness, Your five most Precious Wounds, pondering over them within me and calling to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said of You my Jesus: "They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones." Amen.



SAINT HELENA, who upon opening your mind and heart to the Light of the Gospel and upon finding the Precious Wood of the Cross was converted into the model of all the Christian virtues, help us

to break the attachments of sin, and to return to the arms of God our heavenly Father.

You found the treasure that the Gospel tells us about, since you found the Cross of Christ. May we also find that treasure: Christ living within us.

May He fill us with peace, justice and love, in the midst of our tribulations. By His grace, may we one day find ourselves in the Kingdom of Heaven, with you and all the Saints of God. Amen.

KEN'S CACHE

This week we conclude our study of Jeroboam.

King Solomon soon heard about Ahijah's prophecy and ordered Jeroboam to be killed. To escape the king's wrath, Jeroboam fled to Egypt, where he came under the protection of Pharaoh Shishak, one of the few foreign potentates with whom Solomon had not made a marriage treaty. At Solomon's death, leaders of the northern tribes of Israel sent word to Jeroboam asking him to return and lead their delegation to meet with the king's son and heir, Rehoboam, before his coronation. The decisive meeting, at which they petitioned Rehoboam to reduce the onerous burdens imposed by his father, took place at the ancient shrine of Shechem.

After conferring with his advisors, Rehoboam contemptuously rejected the appeal of the northerners: "My father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions." (1 Kings 12:14). Israel's delegation refused to acknowledge Rehoboam's accession and returned home, defiantly chanting their war cry: "What portion do we have in David? We have inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel? Look now to your own house, David" (1 Kings. 12-16).

Rehoboam made a half-hearted attempt to compromise with the Northern Tribes, to no avail. As a result, Jeroboam assumed full command of the Northern Tribes, now known as Israel and went on to lead them into a complete separation from Judah, the Southern Tribes of Judah and Benjamin. He further separated from the historic beliefs of ancient Israel, and made golden calves at strategic points as places where the people where to honor their beliefs. It's interesting that many of the most famous prophets came from the Northern Tribes namely Elijah and Elisha among others.

God bless you!

Deacon Ken



Prophets Elijah & Elisha



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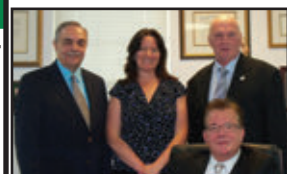
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