



SAINT HELENA CHURCH

Center Square

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May 2, 2021



**I am the
vine, you are
the branches.
Those who
abide in Me
and I in
them bear
much fruit,
because apart
from Me
you can
do nothing.**

*~ The Gospel
of Saint John 15: 5 ~*

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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. Peter J. DiMaria
 Deacon: Deacon A. Kenneth Belanger
 Deacon: Deacon Francis Cavaliere

PARISH OFFICE:

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

**+ ALL MASSES ARE
 LIVE-STREAMED! +**

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)

**The True Vine is a painting
 by Michele Davis, 2016**

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)

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 Second (2nd) Sunday of each month at 12:30 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 7:00 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.



NIC NOTES

DEAR PARISHIONERS:

Last year shortly after Ash Wednesday (which was in March —14 months ago), the whole world turned “upside down”. I remember so vividly that after we had the first Stations of the Cross for the children, the Principal, Facilities Director, and I had a meeting to talk about the “what if’s” if the schools would have to go virtual. Not even 15 minutes after we concluded our meeting, the Governor of Pennsylvania closed all the schools in the state. Never did I think in my wildest imagination that that was going to happen let alone the fact that the Governor of Pennsylvania also closed all the Churches in the state. All of a sudden it seemed as if the whole world was closed and locked down. I think everyone including myself became overwhelmed in the sense that you felt that the world was “coming to an end”. For several months the fear level and anxiety level of people were through the “roof”.

It wasn’t until about mid June that the churches were allowed to reopen to parishioners. People were still “paranoid” and overwhelmed. During these very difficult times we had to maneuver with many restrictions and precautions to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism and Marriage. Funerals were able to be celebrated with only 12 people allowed to attend the Mass. We had to postpone the First Communion of our children several times. We were finally able to celebrate in the Fall of 2020 with two Masses. We also had to postpone the Sacrament of Confirmation for nine months and those children were able to make it in December. We also had to postpone First Penance from December of 2020 to February 2021. We split the children making Penance into two groups. We split the Confirmation Class for this March into two groups. Our First Communion Class will also be divided into two groups. This is being done to ensure there is much more space between the people in the Church. We at Saint Helena always went over and beyond and took more precautions than what the regulations/ guidelines of the state as well as CDC gave. The safety, welfare, and health of our parishioners was and is our first priority.

We are now in the season of Easter and so I encourage each and every one of our parishioners to avail themselves to the Sacrament of Penance. We have them every Saturday afternoon at 3 PM.

Please make every effort to participate in Mass and in our Devotions/Formation/Activities. Please check our website as well as our Constant Contact so that you can be in the know. There are some events that are in-person only.

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

*Love & prayers
Msgr. Nicolò*



Manna Food Ministry

It is time for our **ANNUAL MANNA FOOD COLLECTION** scheduled for the weekend of *May 15 & 16*.

Manna Bags will be available after Masses on *May 8 & 9*. You can also pick up a bag during the week after the 9 AM Daily Mass, and in the Chapel.

Our Manna Collection will go to the Patrician Society and Martha’s Choice (Catholic Social Services) this year.

The Patrician Society has been handing out 2.5 tons of food every Tuesday and Thursday throughout this year. They are in need of Peanut Butter, Cereal, Soup, Laundry Detergent (in small containers), Dish Soap, Wipes, Diapers and Cleaning Supplies.

Martha’s Choice (Catholic Social Services) has asked for our help with Personal Care Products, Baby and Adult Wipes, Cleaning Products, Diapers and Laundry Detergent in small containers.

Please consider helping our neighbors!

Mass Intentions

- Mon., May 3** 9:00 AM **Saints Philip & James**
IMO RICHARD TROW
Req. by Joann & Robert Schailey
- Tue., May 4** 9:00 AM
IMO RALPH E. REEVES, JR.
Req. by Ed Bringhurst
- Wed., May 5** 9:00 AM
IMO CECELIA KLENK
Req. by The Klenk Family
- Thu., May 6** 9:00 AM
IMO JACK MALKIN
Req. by Mary Jane & Thom Mrazik
- Fri., May 7** 9:00 AM
IMO ADAM J. DEPIETRO
Req. by Bob & Diane Mayfield
- Sat., May 8** 9:00 AM
For the Living & Deceased
Members of the Saint Theresa Guild

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

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3RD



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns
in honor of

ALL OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Requested by the Rectory Staff

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel burns
in memory of

GERADINE KRISHNAN

Requested by Her Family



A Candle burns at the Altar of the Blessed Mother
in memory of

ANTOINETTE CANNON

Requested by Gina Malony



A Candle burns on the Altar in the Chapel
in memory of

ELSIE McDERMOTT

Requested by Msgr. Nicolo, Fr. DiMaria
& the Rectory Staff

MADELEINE'S MESSAGE

The following **"PRAYER AT A CHILD'S FIRST COMMUNION"** is a prayer for those children preparing for their First Holy Communion and reflects our great appreciation of the Holy Eucharist:



Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred Food so that they turn to You for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship. Thank You for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extended in anticipation of Your Body and Blood, inspire all of us to cherish this Sacred Sacrament. Amen.

This Saturday May 8th our Saint Helena PREP children will receive their First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers. Thank you Sally Pavlick and Terry Reigle for preparing our Level Two students.

Have a good week!

Madeleine

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

MAY 8TH/9TH

+ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER +

CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

SATURDAY, MAY 8

4:00 PM: Monsignor Nicolo (Deacon Ken)

SUNDAY, MAY 9

7:30 AM: Father DiMaria (Deacon Ken)

9:00 AM: Father DiMaria

11:00 AM: Monsignor Nicolo

LECTORS

SATURDAY, MAY 8

4:00 PM: C. Kain

SUNDAY, MAY 9

7:30 AM: R. Gomes

9:00 AM: P. Boylan

11:00 AM: P. Schaeffer

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

SATURDAY, MAY 8

4:00 PM: Deacon Ken, J. Coyle, R. Ryan

SUNDAY, MAY 9

7:30 AM: Deacon Ken, D. DeLaRosa, J. Oberlies

9:00 AM: M. Gerstemeier, K. McWilliams, H. McWilliams

11:00 AM: L. Iannello, S. Iannello, R. Maiorano

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, MAY 8

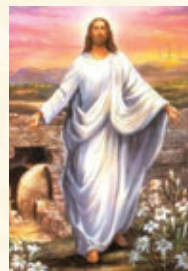
4:00 PM: M. Cherico, H. Elliott, B. Gallo

SUNDAY, MAY 9

7:30 AM: Adult Server Needed

9:00 AM: E. Gallagher, C. Gallagher, K. Gallagher

11:00 AM: K. Duffy, O. Duffy, C. Zulick



PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

Especially for

**MICHAEL GAUGHEN,
ELSIE McDERMOTT &
WILLIAM DOYLE**

May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest in peace.



SAINT HELENA KNIGHTS COUNCIL
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Join Online www.kofc.org

ROSES FOR MOTHERS' DAY MAY 9TH

Honoring all Mothers who have given the greatest gift of life. The Knights wish to have each Mother take home a rose in gratitude and appreciation. Take home a rose as you leave after your weekend Mass.

**ORDER BY MAY 7TH ~ CAPT'N CHUCKY'S
SPRING SPECIALS!**

Always popular. Your favorite quality foods. Family variety pack deals. 3 easy ways to pre-order at www.shkofc.com. Pick-up orders on May 16th at Capt'n Chucky's store on DeKalb Pike. Proceeds support charitable needs in the parish & local community.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
KNIGHTS FUNDRAISERS!**

Your generous support has led to donations to St Helena Church and School, Ronald McDonald House, A Baby's Breathe, a Seminarian at St, Charles Borromeo Seminary, Martha's Choice Pantry and PA State Knights Charities for Catholic school scholarships.

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**For the week of
May 2nd ~ May 9th**

SUNDAY, May 2

Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church & Virtual
High School Youth: 7:00 PM - Convent

MONDAY, May 3

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Church & Virtual

TUESDAY, May 4

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM (School students: grades 6-8)
Church & Virtual
PREP: 6:30 - Virtual

WEDNESDAY, May 5

Daily Mass : 9:00 AM - Church & Virtual
RCIA: 7:00 - Convent - Our Lady of Fatima

THURSDAY, May 6

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Church & Virtual

FRIDAY, May 7

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Church & Virtual

SATURDAY, May 8

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Church & Virtual
Men's Fellowship Group: 7:00 AM - Convent:
Our Lady of Lourdes
1ST HOLY COMMUNION (PREP): 10:30 AM—Church
Confessions: 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM - Church
Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM - Church & Virtual
◆ Blessing of Mothers at the Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, May 9

Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church & Virtual
◆ Blessing of Mothers at all Masses

This week, the bread & wine for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass are offered



in loving memory of

MAUREEN SHANNON JOLY

requested by
The Smith Family



RESPECT LIFE CORNER



**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION
OF UNBORN
HUMAN LIFE**

Since September, members of Saint Helena Parish have prayed daily for an unborn child at risk of being aborted. Most have given their spiritually adopted child a name. We will soon have a baby shower for these children!

**OUR ANNUAL BABY SHOWER WILL BE HELD ON
THE WEEKEND OF MAY 22 & 23.**

During these past months, we have showered these unborn babies with prayers. Now we can shower them with our gifts. More details will be provided in the upcoming bulletins.

Please remember to pray every day for the life of this tiny baby, which you have spiritually adopted:

O my Jesus, by the intercession of Mary, Your Mother, who bore You so lovingly, and of St. Joseph, strong man of faith, who protected You both, I pray to You for the life of the unborn child I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion. Please give the parents of this child the grace and courage they need to bring their baby to birth. Amen.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE FINAL UPDATE:

**755 babies saved, 3 more abortion centers closed
& 11 more abortion workers fully converted,
by the grace of God through your prayers!**

**“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**

**PRAY FOR SICK
& INFIRM**



In your charity, please pray for our sick & home-bound parishioners, as well as those living in health or nursing facilities. In particular, please remember the following:

- Patrick Banicki, Marie Marrongelli,
- Joshua Gelenberg, Guido Perfetti,
- Linda & Chuck Basile, James Pishock, Louis Drozd,
- Ceara Hughes, McGrail & Flynn Families, Patricia Gabel,
- John Piecyk, Bonnie Piecyk, Elizabeth Foster,
- Suzette Eason, Christine Hoffman, Kaye Grasso,
- Kellan Ford, Kathy Foley, Kathleen Leahy, Peg O'Hara,
- Colleen Coll, Kieran Daly, Peter Cook, Bernice Zwigaitis,
- Jack Keidel, Juan Barba, Sister Antonette Schmidt,
- Peter J. Cissone, Jr., Dave Colman, Ed Mitchell, Thomas & Linda Cullen, Bobbi Smisko, Theresa Smyth,
- Diane Bambino, Becky, Forest & Ezra Beitzel, Marie Becker,
- Cyril (Cy) Seddon, Anne Jolly, Arlene Monti,
- MaryAnn McCauley, Tom Collins, Elisa Stong,
- Albert Sinopoli, Christine Lattanze Ross, Peter H. Cook,
- Ann Marie Stepler, Diane Mackin,
- Jim Miller & all suffering with the Coronavirus.

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



*The Third Month of the
Saint Joseph Nine Month
Novena & Rosary
will be held on*

**WEDNESDAY
EVENING,
MAY 19TH**

at 7:00 PM in the
Saint Theresa Chapel.

You are cordially invited to
attend either in person or
by Virtual livestream.

E-link to prayers:

<http://archphila.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Novena-to-St.-Joseph.pdf>

[Icon by ~ <https://store.redwoodsabbey.org/products/copy-of-icon-of-st-joseph-with-the-child-jesus>]

KEN'S CACHE

This week we continue the discussion on the Sacrament of Marriage as outlined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

EFFECTS OF THE SACRAMENT

The first effect of the Sacrament of Matrimony is the gift of the bond between the spouses. “The consent by which the spouses mutually give and receive one another is sealed by God himself” (CCC, no. 1639). “The marriage bond has been established by God himself in such a way that a marriage concluded and consummated between baptized persons can never be dissolved” (CCC, no. 1640).

The grace of this Sacrament perfects the love of husband and wife, binds them together in fidelity, and helps them welcome and care for children. Christ is the source of this grace and he dwells with the spouses to strengthen their covenant promises, to bear each other’s burdens with forgiveness and kindness, and to experience ahead of time the “wedding feast of the Lamb” (Revelation 19:9).

DO ALL YOU CAN TO STRENGTHEN MARRIAGE

The pastoral care of the Church for the support of marriage is shown by a variety of programs to help men and women to know God’s plan for marriage and the Church’s teaching. Remote preparation, which can begin in the family, takes on a more organized character in the form of courses in high school and college years. As engaged couples draw closer to the celebration of marriage, there are more intense programs of preparation (frequently called “pre-Cana programs”).

These programs are all the more necessary because cultural changes in recent times have undermined God’s will for marriage. The so-called sexual revolution, aided by artificial contraception, has made it culturally acceptable for men and women to have sexual relations without having to marry each other. The legalization of abortion has reduced the pressure on men and women to worry about the consequences of unwanted pregnancies. The casual acceptance of unmarried cohabitation—and of couples’ entering marriage without a permanent commitment—contradicts the very nature of marriage. The political pressure for the legalization of same-sex unions is yet another step in the erosion of God’s plan for marriage and the understanding of marriage in the natural moral order of creation.

More next week.

God Bless!

Deacon Ken



HELP US KEEP SAINT HELENA'S BEAUTIFUL BY ADOPTING A GARDEN!

The Garden Club maintains various flower beds on the Church campus grounds. We are asking for your help in keeping our gardens looking beautiful. Maybe a family or a Church ministry group could adopt one of the gardens to upkeep during the spring, summer, and fall months. We are asking that the gardens are weeded weekly or as needed. If area is dry when you are weeding, please water. The areas in red are already adopted.

Please start as soon as possible and keep a safe distance if others are around. Initial weeding and mulching was done which should make it much easier to keep up. Please contact Teresa Smith via the Parish Office for more information. **THANK YOU!**

- Two Large Plots in Front of Church - Laurel Murphy
- Front and Side of Bell Tower - Laurel Murphy
- Right Side of Church including area near steps - The Bushner Family
- Blessed Mother Statue - The Bushner Family
- Stations of the Cross - Christine Knapp
- Wayside Garden near Stations - Gina Malony
- Rosary Garden – Christine Knapp
- Garden by Transformer across from Stations of the Cross
- Island in front of Empress Room AND in Front of the Empress Room
- Eight (8) Urns at Church, 2 Urns at Chapel - Andrea Caperilla/Debbie Rehak
- Four (4) Urns at Social & Rec Center – Helen DeLeonard
- Front and Side of Information Center – Laurel Murphy
- Left Side of Church including Divine Mercy Hydrangea Garden – The Malloy Family
- Left Side of Church from Divine Mercy Corner to Transformer – The Malloy Family
- Garden on side of Chapel, Calvary Garden
- Row of Holly Bushes between Church and Chapel
- Azalea Garden and Fence on Top of Grotto
- Saint Joseph Statue - Mike Pelone
- Lower Left Side of Church near Grotto
- Saint Francis Garden -Thom Mrazik
- Pond in Front of Rectory - Mike Pelone
- Saint Theresa Statue and Plot Behind Statue -Thom Mrazik
- Front of Rectory - Ann Bottcher
- Saint Helena Statue and Plot Behind Statue - Thom Mrazik
- Hedges in Front of Rectory
- Father Higgins' Grave
- Sacred Heart Statue - Mike Pelone
- Light Posts and Mailbox in Front of Rectory
- Six Angels going in and coming out of Campus
- School – Front of Library
- School – Front Left Side
- School – Front Right Side
- Rhododendron Garden by School Kindergarten
- Ten (10) Urns on Lower and Upper Sides of School - Andrea Caperilla/Debbie Rehak
- Islands in School Parking Lot AND Side of Convent Meeting Rooms and Pre-K Gardens
- Berm (Would need several people)
- Front of Meeting Center (Convent) - Laura Banmiller
- Row of Crepe Myrtles near Grotto
- Grotto (Would need several people)
- The Area behind the Grotto Altar



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 Smees, Sr., James Bottinger, Anne Nolen, Martha Flannery, Joan Cannon, Hilda Carr, Joseph Wallin, Kathleen & James Fenerty, Louis R. DiMaria, Jim Dougherty & Elsie McDermott.

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, Depends (adult sizes) 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 Mama 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
Basketball: 3 on 3	James Humes
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	Joe Smee
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. DiMaria
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

Principal	Carl Jankowski
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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 DURING COVID

NEWS WAYS OF MEETING TO CONTINUE OUR FAITH

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, Fr. DiMaria or Deacon Ken Belanger.

(Msgr. Nicolo or Fr. DiMaria 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 theresacsmith@verizon.net

MOMMY & ME

Calling all Moms with young children! The Saint Helena Mommy & Me Group is always looking to welcome new faces. While we haven't been meeting regularly due to COVID, we will be meeting this spring outside as weather permits. Please email Katie Dalhoff at katiedalhoff@gmail.com (610-952-5148) for more information.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The St. 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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8:25 AM <> Monday — Saturday

11:30 AM <> Wednesdays

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

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET RECITATION in the CHAPEL

3:00-3:15 PM <> Monday-Friday

CHAPEL MEDITATION in the CHAPEL

6:30 AM — 9:00 AM <> Monday through Friday

8:00 AM — 5:00 PM <> Saturdays

7:00 AM — 5:00 PM <> Sundays



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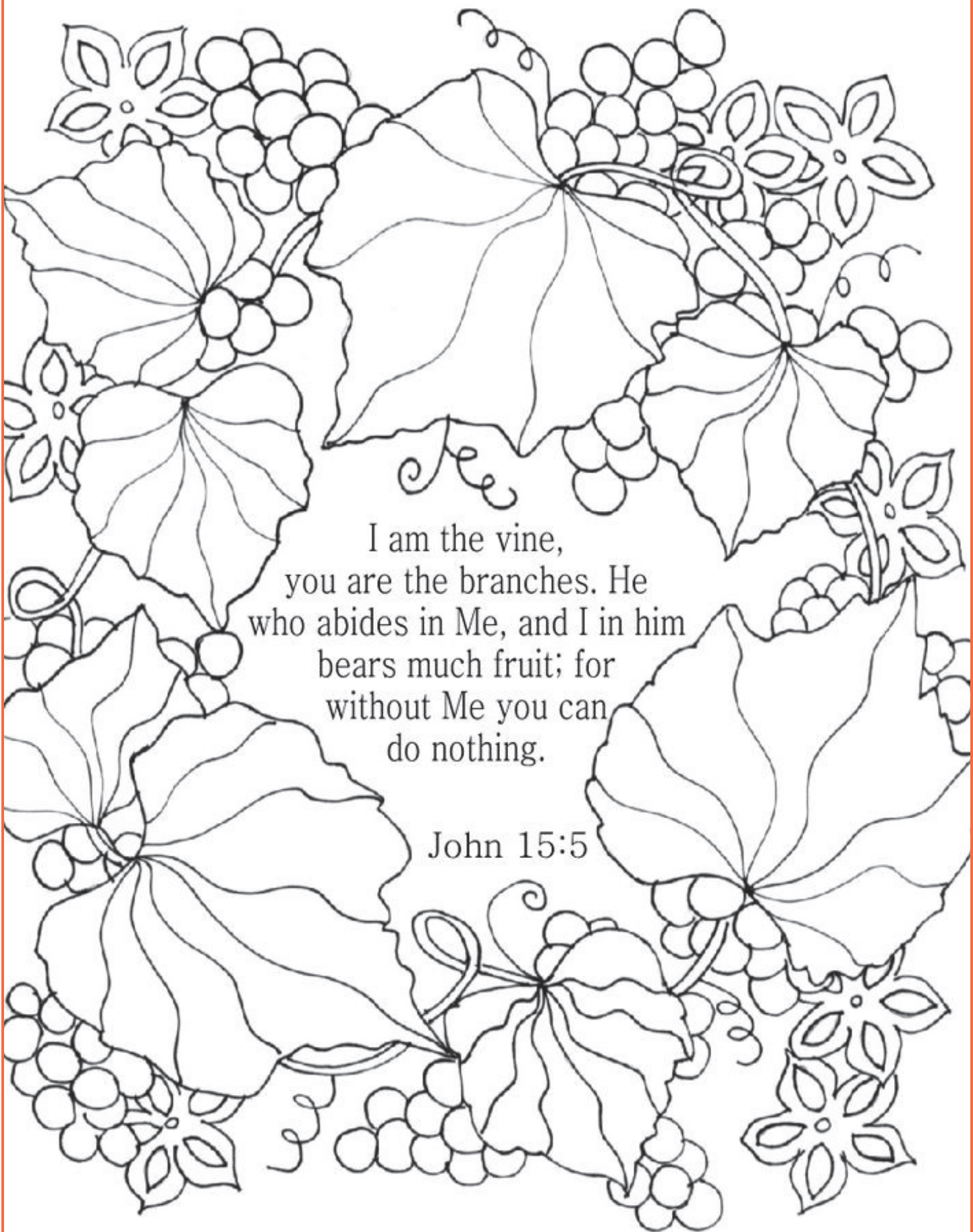


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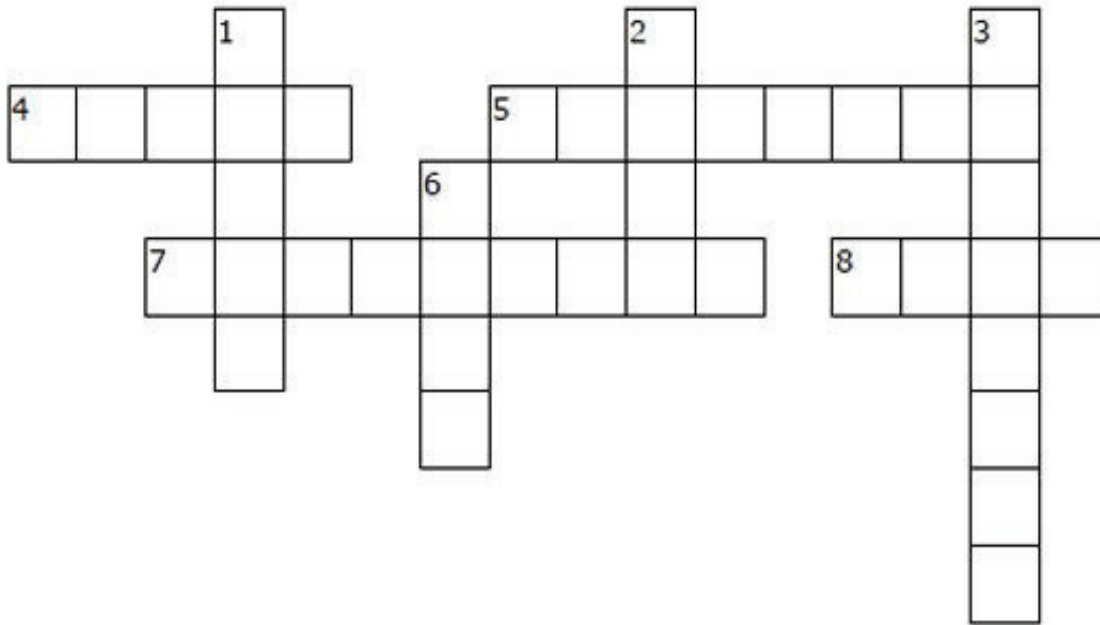
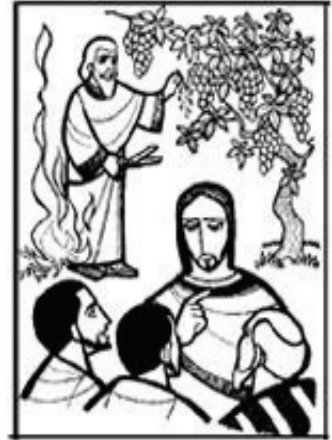
I am the vine,
you are the branches. He
who abides in Me, and I in him
bears much fruit; for
without Me you can
do nothing.

John 15:5

I Am the Vine

"I am the vine: you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.," John 15:5 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 15:1-8



ACROSS

- 4. Praise or honor
- 5. A person who works with plants and flowers
- 7. Those who follow Jesus
- 8. A plant that climbs or creeps along the ground

DOWN

- 1. The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
- 2. The opposite of false
- 3. Arms that grow out from the trunk of a tree
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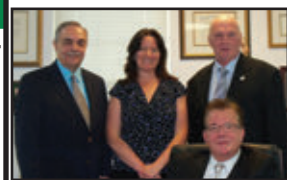
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