Saint Helena Church
Center Square
1489 DeKalb Pike
Blue Bell, PA 19422
610-275-7711 (P) 610-275-7610 (F)
www.sainthelena-centersquare.net

April Update: Over 600+ Tickets Sold to Date!

Purchase tickets online at any time or after Mass next weekend: April 13-14. More information on Page 9.

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. Lawrence F. Kozak
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Robert M. Gross
Deacon: Deacon A. Kenneth Belanger
Deacon: Deacon Francis Cavaliere

Parish Office:

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
(closed for lunch 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM)

Business Manager: Ms. Cathy Neugebauer
Parish Admin. Asst.: Mrs. Gina Malony, Mr. Tom Veasy
Church Bulletin Editor: Br. Raymond J. Colombaro

Web Site: www.sainthelena-centersquare.net
Email: parish@sainthelenachurch.org
Phone: 610-275-7711
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Education Center

School Principal: Mr. Carl P. Jankowski
School Secretary: Mrs. Phyllis Cissone
School Phone: 610-279-3345

Director of Religious Education: Mrs. Madeleine Fitzgerald
PREP Phone: 610-279-3870

Director of Youth/Young Adults/Adults: Mr. Kurt Zampier
Phone:610-930-0349

Facilities Manager: Mr. Vince Thompson
Phone: 610-322-5749
Director of Facilities: Dick Lentz
Phone: 610– 275-1253

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, & 11:00 AM
Weekdays: Mon - Sat 9:00 AM *St. Theresa Chapel*
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 PM
Holy Day: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, & 12:15
(Except Saturdays)

Devotions in the St. Theresa Chapel

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

Chapel Hours: The St. Theresa Chapel is open Monday through Friday from 6:15 AM to 9:00 PM; Saturday from 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM; and Sunday from 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated the second Sunday of each month 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 and optional for godparents and are *usually* offered the first 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 requires that all couples attend a Pre-Cana class. Our next Pre-Cana class will be in the Fall of 2019. Please contact the Rectory at 610-275-7711 or e-mail tveasy@sainthelenachurch.org for class information and registration.

Anointing of the Sick:
Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

Reconciliation/Confession:
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 PM in the Church or any time upon request. Call the Parish Office for an appointment.

Memorials: *Mass Cards, Candles, Bread & Wine*
If you are interested in having a Memorial said in memory or in honor of a loved one, please visit the Parish Office.

Altar Flowers:
If you are interested in having flowers placed on the Altar in the Church or Chapel, please contact Theresa Smith at 215-646-7636.

Check Us Out on FACEBOOK

"TITHING IS GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING!"

Our material gifts to God are our way of pledging our time and talent and our very lives for the glory of Christ, our King. Thank you for your weekly tithe.

Visit Our Website

NIC NOTES

Dear Parishioners,

The veiling of statues and images of Christ during Passiontide, i.e., the two weeks before Easter is an ancient Catholic practice which seems puzzling at first sight. Like so many Catholic Parishes, we cover our statues and crucifixes in the Church and Chapel.

Historical Background

Monsignor Elliott remarks, "The custom of veiling crosses and images has much to commend it in terms of religious psychology, because it helps us to concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption". The historical origin of this practice lies elsewhere. It probably derives from a custom, noted in Germany from the ninth century, of extending a large cloth before the altar from the beginning of Lent. This cloth is called the "Hungertuch" (hunger cloth). Some authors say the practical reason for this action was so the often-illiterate faithful had a way to know it was Lent. Others maintain that it was a remnant of the ancient practice of public penance in which the penitents were ritually expelled from the church at the beginning of Lent. Prior to the revision of the Roman Missal in 1970, crosses and images were covered with veils during Passiontide which is the last two weeks of Lent, starting from the end of the Mass for Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent. Since 1970, in the United States, the practice of veiling crosses and statues was not allowed since the USCCB had not voted on the issue. With the revision of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), the USCCB, in 2001, approved adaptations for the United States.

The Mystical Interpretation

Abbot Gueranger enlightens us with a mystical interpretation of the Gospel: As Christ hid Himself from the Jewish authorities, so now He is hidden from the world in preparation for the mysteries of His passion. "The presentiment of that awful hour [of our Savior's passion] leads the afflicted mother [the Church] to veil the image of her Jesus: the cross is hidden from the eyes of the faithful. The statues of the saints, too, are covered; for it is but just that, if the glory of the Master be eclipsed, the servant should not appear. Dom Gueranger speaks of the Spiritual Integration. In His passion, our Savior's divinity was almost totally eclipsed, so great was His suffering. Thus, the wounds He endured hid both His divinity and His humanity. For this reason, we veil with the sad purple cloth during Passiontide. This is a wonderful custom and very meaningful. We lose things during Lent like jubilant music, flowers, the word Alleluia; and the statues and images are draped in purple. After the Mass on Holy Thursday, the Blessed Sacrament is removed, the altar is stripped, bells are no longer rung and are replaced with wooden noise makers.

On Good Friday, there isn't even a Mass. This "liturgical death" of the Church reveals how Christ emptied Himself of His glory in order to save us from our sins and to teach us who we are. Also, during Lent we are asked to fast and abstain from certain foods. Veiling/covering crucifixes and statues can be seen as another form of "fasting/abstaining.

May God, through the intercession of St. Helena, bless us.
Love and Prayers,

Msgr. Nicolo

AREA LENTEN DAILY MASS SCHEDULES

6:30 AM	**St. Stanislaus, Lansdale** **St. Anthony, Ambler**
7:00 AM	**Visitation BVM, Trooper (M, W, F)** **St. Teresa of Avila, Norristown (T, W, F)**
7:15 AM	**Corpus Christi, Upper Gwynedd**
7:30 AM	**Holy Saviour, Norristown** **MMR North Wales**
8:00 AM	**St. Paul, Norristown** **St. Stanislaus, Lansdale**
8:15 AM	**Visitation BVM, Trooper (T, Th, S.)**
8:30 AM	**St. Rose, North Wales** **Epiphany, Plymouth Meeting** **St. Francis, Norristown (except W.)**
10:00 AM	**St. Teresa of Avila, Norristown (M)**
12:05 PM	**Corpus Christi, Upper Gwynedd**

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross: , April 11 at 11:30 AM & 7 PM Church

Lenten Prayer Service: April 7 at 7 PM - Chapel

Lenten Small Groups: throughout Lent Various Meeting Places

HOLY WEEK:

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper (Washing of the Feet) with Procession to the Repository in the Chapel: April 18 at 7 PM - Church (Chapel open till 10 PM)

Good Friday, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death with Holy Communion: April 19 at 1 PM - Church

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass: April 20 at 7 PM Church

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES:

April 21 at 7:30 AM, 9 AM & 11 AM - Church

Mass Intentions

MON., April 8 9:00 AM
IMO James Wenzell-1st Anniversary
Req. by the Neugebauer Family

TUE., April 9 9:00 AM
IMO Carmen Branco
Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Perez

WED., April 10 9:00 AM
IMO Alberta M. Hamaday
Req. by John & Denise Janick

THU., April 11 9:00 AM
IMO Louise Catagnus
Req. by Sheila Santoro

FRI., April 12 9:00 AM
IMO Erin Moore
Req. by The Moore Family

SAT., April 13 9:00 AM—For living & deceased members of the St. Theresa Guild

Pray for our Deceased

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died, especially for
Kenneth Butler

May they rest in peace!

Pray for our Military

Lord God, Almighty Father, Creator of mankind and Author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To You be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen

Please pray for all of our military personnel, especially:

PO1 Elizabeth Fenerty, CPT Kevin Maguire, SFC James Kilgore, CDR Daniel Neverosky, CPT David Collins, SSGT James LaPorte, SGT Brian D. Quinn, SPC John Z. Mateja, CPL Anthony J. Ciccarone, LT Nicholas Humes CPT. Emily M. Lorenzo-Womack, CPT Jonathan R. Womack, SSGT Joseph P. Lorenzo and 2ndLT Christina Taormina-Laporte.

Memorials for the Week of April 7th

The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns this week in memory of
James C. Nicolo
requested by Norma, Valentina, & Peter Nicolo

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel burns this week in memory of
James C. Nicolo
requested by Norma, Valentina & Peter Nicolo

A Candle burns this week at the Blessed Mother Statue in memory of
Anna Marie Arena
requested by Msgr. Nicolo, Fr. Kozak Fr. Bob & the Rectory Staff

A Candle burns this week at the St. Joseph Statue in memory of
Anna Marie Arena
requested by Cheri Bacino

A Candle burns this week at the St. Joseph Statue in memory of
Kenneth Butler
requested by Msgr. Nicolo, Fr. Kozak Fr. Bob & the Rectory Staff

A Candle burns this week at the St. Joseph Statue in memory of
Gerard M. Shannon
Requested by the Smith Family

Pray for our Sick

Please keep in your prayers our sick, home bound & those in healthcare facilities including:

Patrick Banicki, Marie Marrongelli, Betty Beebe, Charles Thomas Nentwig, Josephine McLaughlin, Pastor Michel, Diane Bambino, T. Volpe, J.A. Joyce, Becky Beitzel, Harry Beitzel, Gerry Butler, Ed Lopez, Jen McAlary, Flossy Meehan, Michelle Young, Jong Sohn, Helen Bertrand, Al Slusarz, Carol Mattimore, Amanda Mace, Joshua Gelenberg, Max Woodward, Kathleen Fenerty, Guido Perfetti, Donna Thourot, Patrick Gabor, Kaytie O'Hara, Suzetta Eason, Pat Gabel, Mary Ann Freeman, Jean Sammaritano, Baby Carson Yoder, Frank Gallo, Anthony Gallo, Harold Mueller, Jerry Yaccarino, Robert Cravero, Debbie O'Hara, Sharon George, Isaiah Bradwell, Robert Adams, Wretha Seinheart, Michael Costa, Geraldine Gabor, Joe King, Chip Woods, Anne Woods, Joseph Tancreta, Laura Ecock, Carl Johnson, Carol Madara, Rita Orfanelli, Nancy Matozzo, Carletta Sohn, Debi Greenfield and Evelyn Selfinger

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS
WEEK OF APRIL 7 - APRIL 14, 2019

SUNDAY, April 7

- Mass Schedule: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
- Lenten Prayer Service: 7:00 PM-Chapel
- CSC Palm Braiding: 3-4:30 PM - Dining Hall
- KofC Reservations/Fish Dinner- *after* **all** Masses - Narthex
- Easter Candy pick-up: *after* **all** Masses - Narthex

MONDAY, April 8

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Girl Scouts (5th gr. - #71024): 6-7:30 PM - Dining Hall
- Palm Braiding: 6:30 PM - Counting Room
- Lenten Small Group: 7:00 PM - Convent/St. Joseph
- Home & School Meeting: 7:15 PM Library

TUESDAY, April 9

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Church - 7th/8th grades
- PREP: 6:30 PM - Education Center
- Adult Basketball: 6:30 PM - Social & Recreation Ctr.
- 3on3 Basketball: 7:30 PM - Social & Recreation Ctr.
- Palm Braiding: 6:30 PM-Counting Room
- Lenten Small Group: 7:00 PM - Convent/ St. Joseph
- Ignatian Spirituality/Men: 7:00 PM - Convent/St. Anne
- Aid For Friends: 7:00 PM– Convent/Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, April 10

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Girl Scouts (4th gr. - #71542) 6:00 PM-Dining Hall
- Palm Braiding: 6:30 PM-Counting Room
- RCIA: 7:00 PM - Parish Meeting Room
- Superheroes Meeting: 7:00 PM - Library

THURSDAY, April 11

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Walking With Purpose: 12:45 - 3:00 PM - Convent
- Girl Scouts (3rd gr. - #7191): 6:00 PM - Dining Hall
- Palm Braiding: 6:30 PM-Counting Room
- Adult Bell Choir: 7:00 PM - Church
- Children's Chimes Choir: 7:00 PM - Counting Room
- Scripture Study: 7:00 PM - Parish Meeting Room
- Lenten Small Group: 7:00 PM - Convent/ St. Anne
- Lenten Small Group: 7:30 PM - Convent/St. Joachim
- Knights of Columbus: 7:00 PM-Convent/O. L. Mercy
- Stations of the Cross: 11:30 AM & 7:00 PM - Church

FRIDAY, April 12

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Mornings With Mom: 7:15 AM-Social & Rec. Center
- Communion/Liberation: 6:30 PM - Parish Mtg. Room
- Palm Braiding: 6:30 PM-Counting Room
- Lenten Fish Dinner: 5:00 PM - Empress Room

SATURDAY, April 13

- Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
- Men's Fellowship: 7:00 AM - Parish Meeting Room
- Matthew Kelly Ticket Sales*: after* 5:00 PM Mass-Narthex
- Anticipated Mass: 5:00 PM - Church

SUNDAY, April 14 + Palm Sunday

- Mass Schedule: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
- Matthew Kelly Ticket Sales: *after* **all** Masses-Narthex

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULE: APRIL 13 & 14

Celebrant

5:00 PM	Fr. Gross (Deacon Ken)
7:30 AM	Fr. Gross
9:00 AM	Fr. Kozak
11:00 AM	Msgr. Nicolo (Deacon Frank)

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM	J. Kang, J. R. McDugall, J. Smith, T. Smith,
7:30 AM	G. Berti, D. DeLaRosa, T. Reigle
9:00 AM	M. Gerstemeier, S. Iannello, L. Iannello, D. Matoney, D. Nolan
11:00 AM	B. Aquino, M. Catalde, J. Schmidt, V. Thompson

Lectors

5:00 PM	J. Pomeroy, C. Kain
7:30 AM	T. Donohue, P. Schaeffer
9:00 AM	B. Nyman, D. Barry
11:00 AM	R. Gomez, P. Lorenzo

Music

5:00 PM	Organ/Cantor
7:30 AM	Organ/Cantor
9:00 AM	Contemporary
11:00 AM	Adult Choir

Altar Servers

5:00 PM	N. Cheeseman, K. Janssen, H. McDonnell, M. Shields
7:30 AM	K. Cuozzo, C. Fitzgerald, C. Fitzgerald, Fitzgerald
9:00 AM	J. P. Capperella, M. Connor, S. Connor, C. Mroz
11:00 AM	J. Connaghan, K. Lafond, M. Lau, K. Rolley

VISIT SICILY & SOUTHERN ITALY

You are invited to join Monsignor Nicolo on our next trip to Sicily and Southern Italy from August 18, 2019 to September 1, 2019. The price of the trip is $4,450 double occupancy and single supplement is $890. For more information call Theresa Smith at 215-646-7636

Jankowski Jottings

St. Helena School Registration!

REGISTRATION for the 2019-2020 school year is now open. Please remind friends and families that we now offer full day and half day programs for our PreK 3 & 4 year old. Space is limited, so register today!

www.sainthelenaschool.org

Knights of Columbus

SPONSORS

St. Helena Lenten Fish Dinner 2019

Dine-In or Take-Out

WHEN: April 12th

TIMES: 5:15 PM to 7:30 PM (Make reservations for seating – 3 time slots)

WHERE: St. Helena Church - Empress Room

WHY: To gather Family and Friends for a Lenten dinner in a social, relaxed environment

MENU:
- Grilled Salmon w/ Rice and Cole Slaw
- Fried Shrimp w/ Fries and Cole Slaw
- 3 pc. Fried Fish w/ Fries and Cole Slaw
- Fried Flounder w/ Fries and Cole Slaw
- Crab Cake Sandwich w/ Fries & Cole Slaw
- Stuffed Eggplant w/ Baked Ziti
- Kid-friendly meals (Grilled Cheese, Mac & Cheese, Pizza, or Ziti)

Complimentary, Cold Non-Alcoholic Beverages or BYOB ***

COST: Adult Entrees - $11 to $13/each
Child Entrees - $5/each

RESERVATIONS: Several ways, as follows:
1). KoC Table in the Narthex after Masses –Two weekends before each date
2). Thru the St. Helena School Student Classroom or PREP Class
3). Walk-ins welcome, but Advance Reservations encouraged
4). Email Casey Moore at calanmoore@comcast.net or Brendan Dwyer at bpdwyer@gmail.com

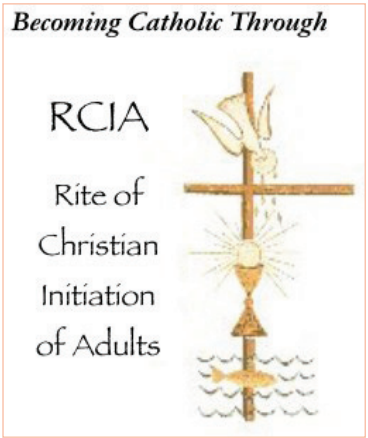
Ken's Cache

This week we want to congratulate **Wendy Hasson** on her full initiation into the Roman Catholic Church! Wendy received her Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist on Sunday, March 24th from Msgr. Nicolo at the 9am Mass. Wendy faithfully completed her period of study and participation in various liturgical ceremonies in preparation for her reception into the Church. We should add congratulations for the support of her husband and sponsor, Mike Hasson. Also, we need to acknowledge the ongoing efforts of the RCIA team who week after week devote so much time and talent in preparing our Catechumens and Candidates for reception into the Church. Finally, we want to thank Msgr. Nicolo and the staff at St. Helena Parish for the support they have provided over the years. We look forward to that support in the years to come.

We are reviewing applications for individuals who have never been baptized or have been baptized in a non-Trinitarian formula service and who wish to become fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church as Catechumens. We are also reviewing applications for individuals who have been baptized in a non-Catholic, but Trinitarian formula service who wish to become fully initiated members of the Roman Catholic Church as Candidates. It is necessary to begin that application process as soon as possible so that we can complete the required review in time for the beginning of the new RCIA year which will be September 11, 2019. You can begin the process by contacting the Parish Office at (610) 275-7711 and leave a message for me. I will contact you for an initial interview.

God Bless You!

Deacon Ken



SAFETY AND FRAUD PRESENTATION

The Ladies of Helena invite all parishioners to a Safety and Fraud Presentation by Detective Sergeant Joseph Fenerty of the Whitpain Township Police Department on Friday, April 26th at 7:00 PM in the Social and Recreation Center. Please call Theresa Smith at 215-646-7636 or email theresacsmith@verizon.net if you are planning to attend.

100th Anniversary Celebration of Saint Helena Parish

BULLETIN *COVER* CONTEST

To Celebrate our 100th Anniversary

We asked our children in School and PREP to design a Bulletin Cover.
This week's Bulletin Cover is by: **Elle Olivetti**

Winner: Darby Burke
1st runner up: Madeline Santana
2nd runner up: Ellie Coughlin
3rd runner up: Alex Winkowski
Honorable Mention: Ellie Rosa Gigliotti
Honorable Mention: Fiona McGlade
Honorable Mention: Tommy McKeown

Parishioners in Parish 50 Years or More

Parishioners who are registered in our parish and living in the parish more than 50 years, please call Theresa Smith at 215-646-7636 or theresacsmith@verizon.net by May 1, 2019.

Little Sisters of the Poor Lunch/Dinner at TECA, Newtown Square

MANGIA! Join us at a delicious fundraiser at TECA for the Little Sisters of the Poor! 20% of your bill will benefit the needy elderly residents of Holy Family Home. The event will be held on Thursday, April 11 from 11:30 AM to 10 PM. Call the restaurant at 484-420-4010 and make reservations under "Little Sisters of the Poor Day." TECA is located at 1919 South Newtown Street Road in Newtown Square. Thank you for your prayers & support.

This week, we encounter **Ona** in Gaza, where, despite the lack of economic opportunity, people are able to pursue their dreams by building businesses in order to better their lives and those of their families. How do your daily choices impact others throughout the world? How can your choices support the dignity of workers?

Visit csricebowl.org for more information.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF SAINT HELENA AND CAN'T GET TO MASS DUE TO AN ILLNESS OR HANDICAP?

If you are homebound, please give us a call at the Parish Office (610-275-7711). We will schedule a Priest to come out to visit with you hear your Confession if you'd like, and give you Holy Communion. Then he will determine, with your consent, to have an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion call you to schedule a weekly visit to administer Holy Communion until you are well enough to come back to Mass.

HELP US KEEP ST. HELENA BEAUTIFUL BY ADOPTING A GARDEN!

The Garden Club maintains various flower beds on the Church campus grounds. We are asking for your help in keeping our gardens looking beautiful. Maybe a family or a Church ministry group could adopt one of the gardens to upkeep during the spring, summer, and fall months. We are asking that the gardens are weeded weekly or as needed. Andrea Caperilla will be watering areas where there is not a watering system. If area is dry when you are weeding, please water. The areas in **Red** have already been adopted.

- Two Large Plots in Front of Church
- Front and Side of Bell Tower
- Right Side of Church including area near steps
- Blessed Mother Statue
- Stations - Cynthia Gantz
- Wayside Garden near Stations and Rosary Garden
- Garden by Transformer across from Stations
- Island in front of Empress Room – Cheryl Platco
- Front of Empress Room
- Eight Urns at Church and 2 Urns at Chapel – Andrea Caperilla
- Front and Side of Information Center
- Left Side of Church including Hydrangea Garden
- Row of Holly Bushes between Church and Chapel
- Garden on side of Chapel and Calvary Garden – Debbie Rehak
- Azalea Garden and Fence on Top of Grotto
- St. Joseph Statue – Mike Pelone
- Lower Left Side of Church near Grotto
- St. Francis Garden – Cheri Bacino
- Pond in Front of Rectory – Cheri Bacino
- St. Theresa Statue and Plot Behind Statue – Cheri Bacino
- Front of Rectory – Cheri Bacino
- St. Helena Statue and Plot Behind Statue – Cheri Bacino
- Hedges in Front of Rectory – Cheri Bacino
- Father Higgins' Grave – Nick Santo
- Sacred Heart Statue – Mike Pelone
- Light Posts and Mailbox in Front of Rectory and Church Sign on Route 202 – Debbie Rehak
- Six Angels plus 4 Planters at Social & Recreation Center – Debbie Rehak
- School – Front of Library
- School – Front Left Side
- School – Front Right Side
- Rhododendron Garden by School Kindergarten
- Ten Urns on Lower and Upper Sides of School – Andrea Caperilla
- Islands in School Parking Lot
- Berm (Would need several people)
- Front of Meeting Center (Convent)
- Row of Crepe Myrtles near Grotto Grotto (Would need several people)

If you can help, please call Theresa Smith at 215-646-7636 or email at theresacsmith@verizon.net.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul CLOTHING DRIVE

www.SVdPPickup.org

St. Helena Parish will be hosting a clothing drive benefiting the St. Vincent de Paul Society on **Saturday, May 18th from 9 AM to 1 PM.** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be using the services of GreenDrop to support their clothing drive. Look for the GreenDrop truck in the school parking lot where an attendant will be available to assist you with your donations. Please place your donations of usable men's, women's and children's clothing in plastic bags or boxes. Household items such as: kitchenware, games/toys, small appliances under 50 pounds, electronics, sporting goods, books, CDs & videos are also accepted. Unfortunately, furniture, large appliances, TVs or computer monitors cannot be accepted. For a full list of acceptable items visit www.gogreendrop.com

To learn more about GreenDrop visit their website: www.gogreendrop.com

All Are Welcome!

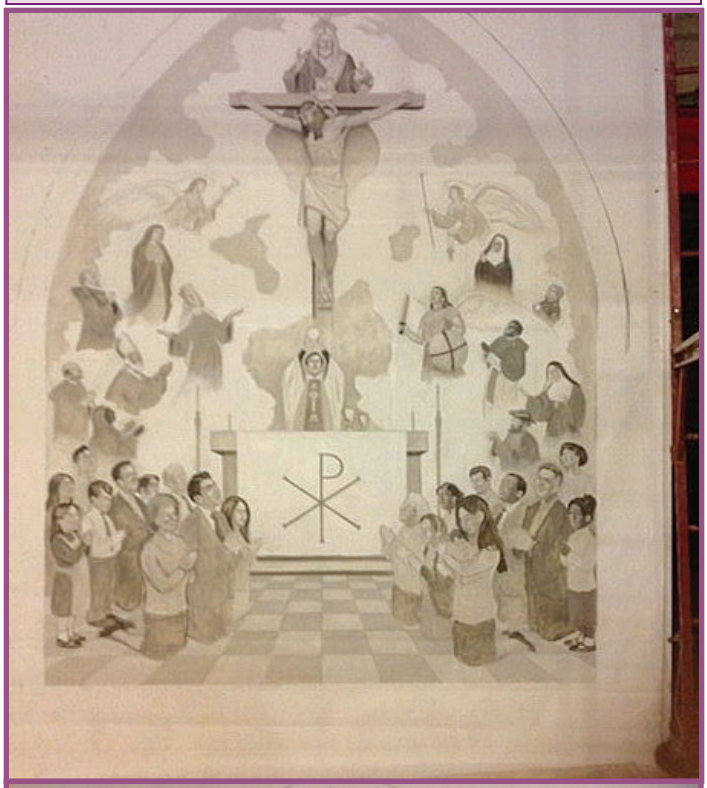
The Divine Mercy Novena this year will be held in the Chapel at 3:00 PM each day. The Novena begins on Good Friday, April 19 and runs through the following Saturday, April 27 ~ the day before the Feast of Divine Mercy. Each day, the Novena will consist of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, along with the special prayers of the day. On **Divine Mercy Sunday** itself, April 28, a prayer service will be held in the Church at 2:30 PM. This will include Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. For your convenience, Novena pamphlets with the prayers are available in the Chapel.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED!

Saint Helena School
is looking for substitute teachers from grades K through 8. Experience managing children and college credits are required.
Interested individuals, please contact the school office at 610-279-3345.

PAINTINGS IN PROGRESS!

The photographs below show the ongoing progress of the artist for the two murals that will one day adorn the walls of the sanctuary here at Saint Helena Church.



April Ticket Update
Over 600+ Tickets Sold!

Matthew Kelly will be speaking at Saint Helena on Friday, June 28, 2019 at 7 P.M. in Church.

Are you, like most of us, struggling just to survive the pressures of each day?

Come together with family and friends to learn how the wonders of the sacred can fill every moment of your day. Matthew Kelly has been helping Catholics to see the challenges and opportunities of our everyday lives in a new light. Hear him and celebrate his messages at St. Helena's on June 28th at 7:00 P.M.

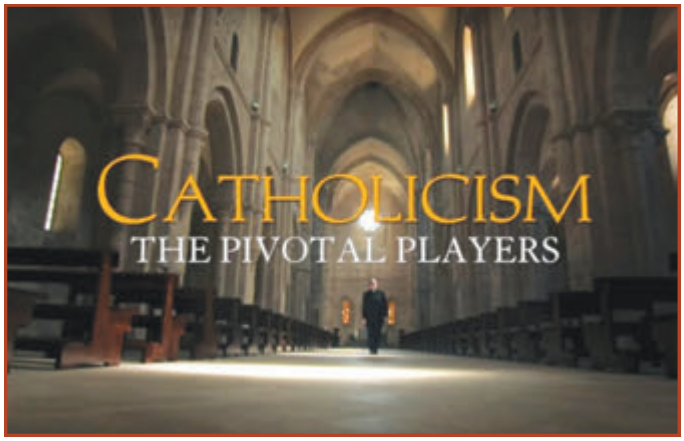
Tickets on sale after Masses in the Narthex next weekend, April 13-14 & April 27-28.

This event is sure to sell out! Don't miss it, get your tickets sooner than later. Tickets cost $39.00/person.

You can also go online to the Parish website: www.sainthelena-centersquare.net and click on the Matthew Kelly ad & find the link to purchase tickets online. Tickets are typically mailed to you within 7-10 days.

ST. HELENA SENIOR CLUB

The Club is sponsoring a bus trip for six (6) days (Mon thru Sat) September 16 - 21, 2019 to visit the new and stunning *Ark Encounter & the Creation Museum* in Ohio, along with a trip to *Newport Aquarium* in Kentucky. Price of $575.00 per person, double occupancy also includes hotel stays, all breakfasts, three dinners and driver's compensation. For more information and reservations contact Mary McKenna at 610-275-0121 or e-mail mmdoodle1@comcast.net.



Join Us: Dinner & A Movie!
3-Week Series Begins
Monday, April 29!

RSVP for all 3 nights or just 1 or 2.

Each night includes Dinner, Prayer, Video & Group Discussion

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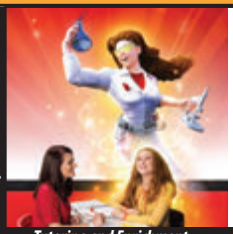

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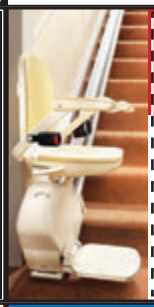

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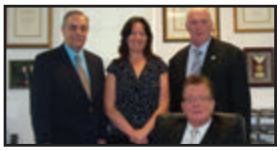

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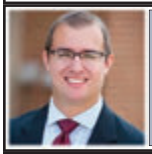

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