



SAINT HELENA CHURCH

Center Square

1489 DeKalb Pike Blue Bell PA 19422

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www.sainthelena-centersquare.net

December 26, 2021



NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE 2022



~ **MASSES** ~

Friday,
December 31st 2021
4:00 PM

Saturday,
January 1st 2022
9:00 AM &
11:00 AM

There's
NO 4:00 PM
Mass on New
Year's Day
afternoon





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. Monsignor Joseph J. Nicolo
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Brian T. Connolly
Deacon: Deacon A. Kenneth Belanger

PARISH OFFICE:

Monday through Friday: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Business Manager: Ms. Cathy Neugebauer
Parish Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Gina Malony
Parish Bulletin Editor: Bro. Raymond, O. de M.
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EDUCATION CENTER:

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Phone: 610-279-3345 <> Fax: 610-279-3272
Interim School Principal: Miss Denise Britt
School Secretary: Mrs. Rene Ryan
School Nurse: Mrs. April Maxwell

PREP: Phone: 610-277-3573

Director of Religious Education:
Mrs. Madeleine Fitzgerald
Dir. of Parish Services: **Phone: 610-930-0349**
Mr. Christian Thompson
Facilities Manager: **Phone: 610-322-5749**
Mr. Vince Thompson
Director of Facilities:
Robert Malony



PARISH MASS SCHEDULE:

<+> Saturday Vigil is celebrated at 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)

SPIRITUAL DEVOTIONS:

Most Holy Rosary: Mon-Sat 8:25 AM (Chapel)
Wednesdays: 11:30 AM
in the Grotto
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 9PM; Saturday from 8 AM - 5 PM; & Sunday from 7 AM to 5 PM. On **First** Thursdays & Fridays, special devotions are prayed at Mass.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd 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 & optional for Godparents, and are *usually* offered the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Convent. 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.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must be made with a priest at least 6 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.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Arrangements can be made by calling the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/ CONFESSION:

Saturdays at 3:00 PM in the Church or contact the Parish Office [610-275-7711] **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.

SANCTUARY 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,

Both New Year’s Day and the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord fall within the Christmas Season. Christmas, as you know, has to do with the birth of our Messiah, Jesus Christ. His birth gives us reason to both rejoice and to have a renewed sense of hope. As we rejoice and have hope, we realize that Jesus calls us to live His new life. Just as a child learns, sometimes, we too need to re-learn the true meaning, the “new” message of Christmas. Sometimes, as we grow older, we pick up a lot of “baggage” along the way that weighs us down. We sometimes resort to “short-cuts” rather than do what we learned as children. Maybe as we prepare to celebrate the New Year 2022, we could...

- Mend a quarrel...
- Seek out a forgotten friend...
- Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust...
- Write a love letter...
- Share some treasure...
- Give a soft answer...
- Speak a kind word...
- Encourage youth...
- Manifest loyalty in word and deed...
- Keep a promise...
- Find the time...
- Forego a grudge...
- Forgive an enemy...
- Listen...
- Apologize if you are wrong...
- Banish envy...
- Try to understand...
- Ease your demands on others...
- Appreciate...
- Be kind and gentle...
- Laugh a little...
- Laugh a little bit more...
- Deserve confidence...
- Return charity for malice...
- Decry complacency
- Express gratitude...
- Go to Church...
- Welcome a stranger...
- Gladden the heart of a child...
- Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of God’s creation...

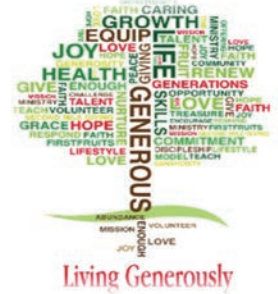
HAVE A BLESSED & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022!

Our anticipates Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God will be at 4:00 PM Friday, December 31st —New Year’s Eve. Masses for the Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God on Saturday, January 1, 2022 —New Year’s Day will be at 9:00 AM and at 11:00 AM.

*May God, through the intercession of
Saint Helena, bless us!
Love & prayers,
Monsignor Nicolo*

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
TITHE!**

Collection for the weekend of
December 18th & 19th



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK
OF DECEMBER 27TH**

- Mon., Dec. 27** 9:00 AM SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE
IMO ED KUREK
Requested by Rita Kurek
- Tue., Dec. 28** 9:00 AM THE HOLY INNOCENTS
IMO RALPH E . REEVES, JR.
Requested by Jennifer Young & Heather Johnson
- Wed., Dec. 29** 9:00 AM Fifth Day in the Christmas Octave
IMO MARYANN BROWN
Requested by Maria & Jim McLaughlin
- Thu. Dec. 30** 9:00 AM Sixth Day in the Christmas Octave
IMO EDWARD J. O’HANLON, SR.
Requested by Bernie & Jacki Dwyer
- Fri., Dec. 31** 9:00 AM Seventh Day in the Christmas Octave
IMO ELEANOR TOTO
Requested by her Family
- Fri., Dec. 31** 4:00 PM Vigil of Holy Mary, Mother of God
- Sat. Jan. 1** 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Holy Mary, Mother of God

**PLEASE NOTE:
THERE IS NEITHER CONFESSIONS
NOR THE 4:00 PM “VIGIL MASS”
ON THE AFTERNOON
OF NEW YEAR’S DAY.**

**MEMORIALS FOR THE
WEEK OF DECEMBER 26TH**



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns
in honor of

HERB & LUCILLE MACE

Requested by Saint Helena Parish

The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel burns
in honor of

HERB & LUCILLE MACE

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

JOAN NATALIE COLOMBARO

Requested by her family



A Candles burn on the Altar in the Chapel
in memory of

MARILYN M. BUMBY

Requested by Monsignor Nicolo,
Father Connolly & the Rectory Staff



A Candles burn on the Altar in the Chapel
in memory of

LOUIS DROZD

Requested by Monsignor Nicolo,
Father Connolly & the Rectory Staff

A PRAYER for our MILITARY

Lord God, Almighty Father, Creator of humankind 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. 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 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

This week, the bread & wine for the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is Given by the Saint Helena Parish community
in honor of
HERB AND LUCILLE MACE.

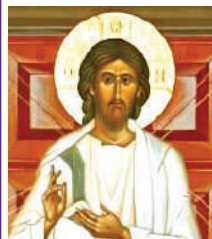


**PRAY FOR
OUR SICK**

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

- Patrick Banicki, Marie Marrongelli, Linda & Chuck Basile, McGrail & Flynn Families, Kathy Foley, Bernice Zwigaitis, Peter J. Cissone, Jr., Dave Colman, Ed Mitchell, Teri Smyth, Diane Bambino, Becky, Forest & Ezra Beitzel, Marie Becker, MaryAnn McCauley, Tom Collins, Ann Marie Stepler, Mary Reedy, Patricia Leedom, Maureen Barron, Jennifer Young, Maryann Tinti, John Leedom, Yen Smink, Samantha Hunsecker, Eleanor Burke, Linda Burke, Christina Hoffmann, Thomas Pomager, John Thurston, Tracy Porter, Daniel Kerns, Ann Jolly, Megan Martin, Suzetta Eason, Juan Barba, Sharon George, Claudia Restrepo, Juan Carlos Valencia, Claudia Valencia, John Sajda & Ronald Agresti.

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



Keep in mind our
**BELOVED
DECEASED,**
especially the
following:

**DEACON JOSEPH SEXTON,
RICHARD DEFALCO, MARY PALAIA**
May their souls and the souls of all the Faithful Departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.

Liturgical Ministries
SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

CELEBRANTS & DEACONS

Sunday, January 2

7:30 AM - Father Connolly
9:00 AM - Father Connolly (Deacon Ken)
11:00 AM - Monsignor Nicolo (Deacon Ken)

LECTORS

Sunday, January 2

7:30 AM - K. McGowan, J. Trembl
9:00 AM - L. Fickett, C. Buzad
11:00 AM - M. & J. Neugebauer

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF
HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, January 2

7:30 AM - D. DeLaRosa, K. Krumenacker,
N. Tagliamonte
9:00 AM - J. Dalhoff, S. & L. Iannello, D. Nolen,
J. O'Doherty
11:00 AM - C. Interrante, R. Maiorano, T. McGarvey,
B. Mulhern, V. Thompson

ALTAR SERVERS

Sunday, January 2

7:30 AM - G. & J. Capperella, M. Merone
9:00 AM - A. Durski, N. & G. Sheldon, A. Yezzi
11:00 AM - C. Cheeseman, Y. & D. Doyle, B. Vargas

PARISH EVENTS:

December 26 ~ January 2

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH THE HOLY
FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
FACILITY CLOSED

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27TH SAINT JOHN
THE APOSTLE

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
FACILITY CLOSED

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH THE HOLY
INNOCENTS

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
FACILITY CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH FIFTH
DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
FACILITY CLOSED

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30TH SIXTH DAY
WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
FACILITY CLOSED

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST SEVENTH DAY
WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Daily Mass: 9:00 AM - Chapel
FACILITY CLOSED

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST HOLY MARY,
THE MOTHER OF GOD

Mass: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM - Church

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"VIGIL MASS" ON THE AFTERNOON
OF NEW YEAR'S DAY.**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND THE
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Masses: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 AM - Church
FACILITY CLOSED

FACILITY WILL RE-OPEN ON JANUARY 3, 2022



**"75 YEARS"
ANNIVERSARY GALA**

Catholic War Veterans & Auxiliary
of the United States of America

SAVE the DATE!

Norristown Post 1180 on
Sunday, January 16, 2022

If interested, please contact:

Toni Auriemma at 610-554-3821
or Phyllis Sylvester at 610-272-5846



MADELEINE'S MESSAGE

We wish Reverend Monsignor Joseph Nicolo, Father Brian and all of our Saint Helena Parish family a Blessed Christmas.

May the birth of Our Savior bring peace and many blessings into your homes.

With love from: Natalie Coughlin, Maria Mitchell, Amanda Hunt, Terry Reigle, Nancy Harris, Dolores Bird, Janice Baker, Gertrude Lyons, Lucy Slobodzian, Karen Ciaccio, Carol Brown, Debbie Erthal, Tish Barrett, Kathy Calarco, Cathleen Pico Alison Pironti, Frank Reigle, and myself.

Have a wonderful and Blessed Christmas!

Madeleine



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SECOND GRADE STUDENTS! THEY RECEIVED FIRST PENANCE ON DECEMBER SIXTH.



MAY GOD BLESS THEM NOW AND ALWAYS!



NOTHING COMPARES TO *BEING THERE*

"I HAVE GREATLY DESIRED TO EAT THIS MEAL WITH YOU."

All of us know instinctively that nothing compares to "being there" in person. Whether it's being at a friend's wedding, sitting down to have a heart-to-heart conversation, comforting a family member while she is grieving or watching as your baby takes his/her first steps, we all know that being physically present makes all the difference. The same logic applies to our life as Catholics.

Especially when it comes to the Mass, truly, nothing compares to *being there*. The *Nothing Compares* initiative is an opportunity for parishes to issue a heartfelt invitation to parishioners to return to the in-person celebration of the Mass after the many long months of the pandemic. It draws upon the central truth of our Christian faith that Jesus Christ encounters and saves us *in the flesh*, through in-person presence.



High School Youth Group

2022 Calendar HSYG Meeting Dates

Sunday evenings 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Convent.

January 2 - *An Introduction to the Bible*

January 9 - *“The Early World”*

January 16 – *“The Patriarchs”*

January 23 – *“Egypt & Exodus, Joshua, and Judges”*

January 30 – Service Event –
Writing Cards to the Elderly/Sick



SAINT HELENA YOUNG ADULT GROUP MEETING SCHEDULE

January 13 - *“Sin and Mercy”*

January 20 - *“Jesus Prays”*

January 27 - *“Hunger and Thirst”*

Rosary at 6:45 P.M. followed by our meeting in the parish convent from 7 - 8:30. Join us for the continuation of the series *“Metanoia”* by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR

Contact...Christian Thompson at cthompson@sainthelenachurch.org or by phone at (610) 930-0349.

St. Therese of Lisieux, pray for us!

We will be studying Salvation History (God’s working throughout time) through the Scriptures with the Great Adventure Bible Timeline provided by Ascension Press.

By encountering God through Scripture, we can develop a relationship with Him and abandon the false perceptions and lies we have of God and experience who He truly is: a loving Father who desires our salvation more than we can ever know.

“Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ.” – St. Jerome

“Dear young people, let yourselves be taken over by the light of Christ, and spread that light wherever you are.”
Pope Saint John Paul II





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MERRY CHRISTMAS !

‘For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.’
+ Luke 2:11



Our warmest wishes for a joyful Christmas and a grace-filled New Year. St. Helena Knights are grateful for being able to help support charitable needs in our parish and local community.

ARMED WITH THE FAITH CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS SENT TO MILITARY

In November, Knights of Columbus delivered the first of 100,000 copies of the new 6th edition of the Armed with the Faith Catholic prayer book to the Edwin Cardinal O’Brien Pastoral Center in Washington, D.C., home base for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The prayer books will be sent to Catholic active-duty U.S servicemen & women, including those in National Guard and reserve units.

Since 2003, more than 600,000 copies of Armed with the Faith, developed in partnership with the AMS, USA, have been given out. Read more at www.kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/armed-with-the-faith.html

WOULD YOU LIKE TO REMEMBER SAINT HELENA IN YOUR WILL?

Ask your attorney to include such words as these in your will: “I give, devise, or bequeath to Saint Helena Church, 1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422, for its general purposes all, (or state a fraction or percentage) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, whether real or personal.” OR “I give to Saint Helena Church, 1489 DeKalb Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422 (\$X..00) to be used for the general purposes of Saint Helena Parish.”



ST. MARTHA CLEANERS

We are Seeking New Volunteers

We have a current need of volunteers to assist us with light cleaning of the Church and Chapel, once a month, on Friday mornings.

For additional information or questions, please contact Gina Malony at the Parish Office, 610-275-7711.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY:

**FEED THE HUNGRY...
CLOTHE THE NAKED.**

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 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. We also have several Food Collections throughout the year as well as our Annual Manna Bag Collection in May. If you can help, please bring your non-perishable items to Church on the weekend or to daily Mass and leave them in the Information Room. A representative from The Patrician Society usually comes in on Monday mornings to pick up our donations.

CARING FOR FRIENDS

This ministry asks you to cook a fresh meal or to take your left-overs and put them in the containers provided. Bring them to the Church and place them in the freezer in the Information Room. *NEEDED SUPPLIES ARE NOW LOCATED INSIDE THE DOUBLE-DOOR CLOSET. INSIDE THERE IS ANOTHER SHELF WITH MORE SUPPLIES.* We have dinner containers and soup containers available together with instructions on how to prepare the meals. Please remember to date your dinners.



"Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family and its beauty in God's plan."

—Amoris Laetitia, 325

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

Here is the continued letter to the students of Archbishop Riordan High School from

Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone. He wrote this after he learned that some students walked out in protest when a pro-life speaker spoke to them in a student assembly:

This action put on full display one of the blind spots of youth due to young people's lack of extended life experience: gullibility. Let me explain. While every generation has valued science and contributed to its advancement, your generation, more than any other in the past, looks to science as a guide for navigating oneself through life. Let's then look at what science has to say about abortion.

Abortion is the killing of a human life. This is a scientific fact. The fetus in the mother's womb is a unique, growing human being, with its own unique DNA.

The method of killing depends on the stage of pregnancy and type of abortion, but often involves such techniques as dismembering the limbs, crushing the skull, and burning the body. No matter the method, abortion is a horrendously violent act. This is not hyperbole. It is scientific fact. Science is a very important guide for us, but it is not the only one—nor the most important, for that matter, since the knowledge we acquire from science is always evolving. Abortion, just as any other major social issue, has many other dimensions to it: political, societal, emotional, spiritual, relational, economic, and so forth. Primarily, though, it is, like any other major social issue, a moral issue.

To the young women I say: Your fertility is a blessing to be cherished, not a problem to be "fixed" or an appliance with an on-and-off switch to be flipped at will. God has given you the awesome gift of being able to conceive and bring to the light of day a new, unique human being, with an immortal soul.



Archbishop of San Francisco,

✠ Salvatore J. Cordileone



DEVOTIONS IN THE CHAPEL.

DAILY MASS

9:00 AM ~ Monday - Saturday

ROSARY RECITATION

8:25 AM ~ Monday - Saturday

11:30 AM ~ Wednesdays

3:15 PM ~

Give the gift of prayer - a Spiritual Bouquet! Come and pray the Rosary for your intentions -

Wednesdays, 11:30 in the St. Therese Chapel.



DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

3:00 PM ~ Daily, followed by the Rosary

CHAPEL IS OPEN FOR DAILY MEDITATION

6:30 AM - 9:00 PM ~ Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM ~ Saturday

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM ~ Sunday

QUESTIONS? CALL MARY JANE MRAZIK AT 610-733-0814.

EUROPEAN JAUNT NEXT SUMMER

SWITZERLAND, LAKE COMO & MILAN

You are invited to join Monsignor Nicolo on a Spectacular Switzerland, Lake Como and Milan trip from August 14, 2022 to August 26, 2022. The price of the trip is \$5,450 double occupancy and single supplement is \$1,380.

For more information call Theresa Smith at 215-646-7636 or email theresacssmith@verizon.net.



RAYMOND'S RECITATION

HAPPY FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH OF NAZARETH!

The current liturgical calendar of the Church places this feast on the Sunday after Christmas. When there is no Sunday available after Christmas, it is celebrated on December 30th. The celebration of the Holy Family, amidst the glorious sights, sounds and smells of our Christmas celebrations—both in Church and in our family homes, to pause and think about ourselves. The Church in her maternal wisdom calls us to ponder the unique situations of our families in light of the mystery of the Holy Family. Despite the profound spiritual beauty of each of the individual members of the Holy Family, they were likely perceived by their contemporaries as quite ordinary local people: children of Father Abraham and heirs of the Kingdom promised to David.

Mary is a young mother at the age of fifteen or so, with a husband in Joseph who according to Tradition was twice her age. They are also targets of domestic terrorism with the slaughter of the holy Innocents at the mad caprice of King Herod the Great and as a result become refugees in Egypt to escape his murderous wrath. The shepherds of Bethlehem come and go as do the Wisemen from the East. Jesus, Mary and Joseph called to live “ordinary lives” so as to give us a model of how to live within the human dynamic of our own families. For us as for them, life is bittersweet.

Witness a few of the symbols that adorn our windows, doors and family rooms. The evergreen wreathes and trees call to mind immortality and everlasting life garnered for us by the gift of the Dying and Rising of Christ. The prickly sharpness of holly with its bright red berries reminds us of the Crown of Thorns much as the Christmas Tree represents the Tree of the Cross. These symbols of the Passion also find a place in the familiar carol about the Three Kings ‘traversing afar’ with gold, frankincense and myrrh. The radiant gold symbolized the Kingship of Christ Crucified. The aromatic frankincense alludes to the Godhead of Christ the High Priest and the bitter myrrh calls to mind the burial rites of the divine Sacrificial Victim.

Let us pause and ponder these simple, yet profound symbols of our Faith. May the “newly-born” life of Christ Jesus find a place in our hearts so that they will be richly blessed.

Peace and Grace!

Brother Raymond



OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

RCIA is an educational process of instruction, faith sharing, prayer and spiritual edification. It is a personal and communal journey toward Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Participants may be unbaptized, baptized in another Christian faith tradition, or a baptized Catholic whose faith journey has been interrupted. To learn more about RCIA, please call **MONSIGNOR NICOLO** at the parish Rectory at 610-275-7711 or **DEACON KEN BELANGER** at 610-909-1909. This group meets weekly and follows COVID precautions.

LADIES OF HELENA provides spiritual, social and Christian service activities for women of all ages. We are always look for new ideas. At this time, we are communicating via email. Contact Theresa Smith at theresacsmith@verizon.net

MOMMY & ME is a group for parents and guardians of young children. You are invited to “drop in” for our Mommy & Me Playgroup events! We are currently meeting monthly at Saint Helena or in the park (weather permitting). For more information, please call Katie Dalhoff at 610-952-5148.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY is dedicated to promoting the sanctity of God’s gift of human life from natural conception to natural death. Our mission is to inform our parishioners with regard to the Word of God in Scripture, in the teachings of the Catholic Church as well as in current spiritual/cultural issues that relate to the Respect Life agenda. We promote the innate dignity of human life at all stages. Events and activities are scheduled throughout the year to enable our parishioners to be active pro-life disciples of Christ the Lord through prayer, fasting, evangelization and the support of local pro-life agencies. For more detailed information, please contact Mary Ann Schieve at this e-address: respect-life@sthelenachurch.org.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE is a specially designed Bible study program for women of all ages and backgrounds. Ladies! Please consider joining us! No previous experience is necessary. Just come as you are and discover the key to a peaceful and centered heart...no matter how crazy and messy your life may be. For further information or to ask a question, please contact Mary Ann Schieve: MaryannSchieveStHelenaWWP@gmail.com.

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.

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:

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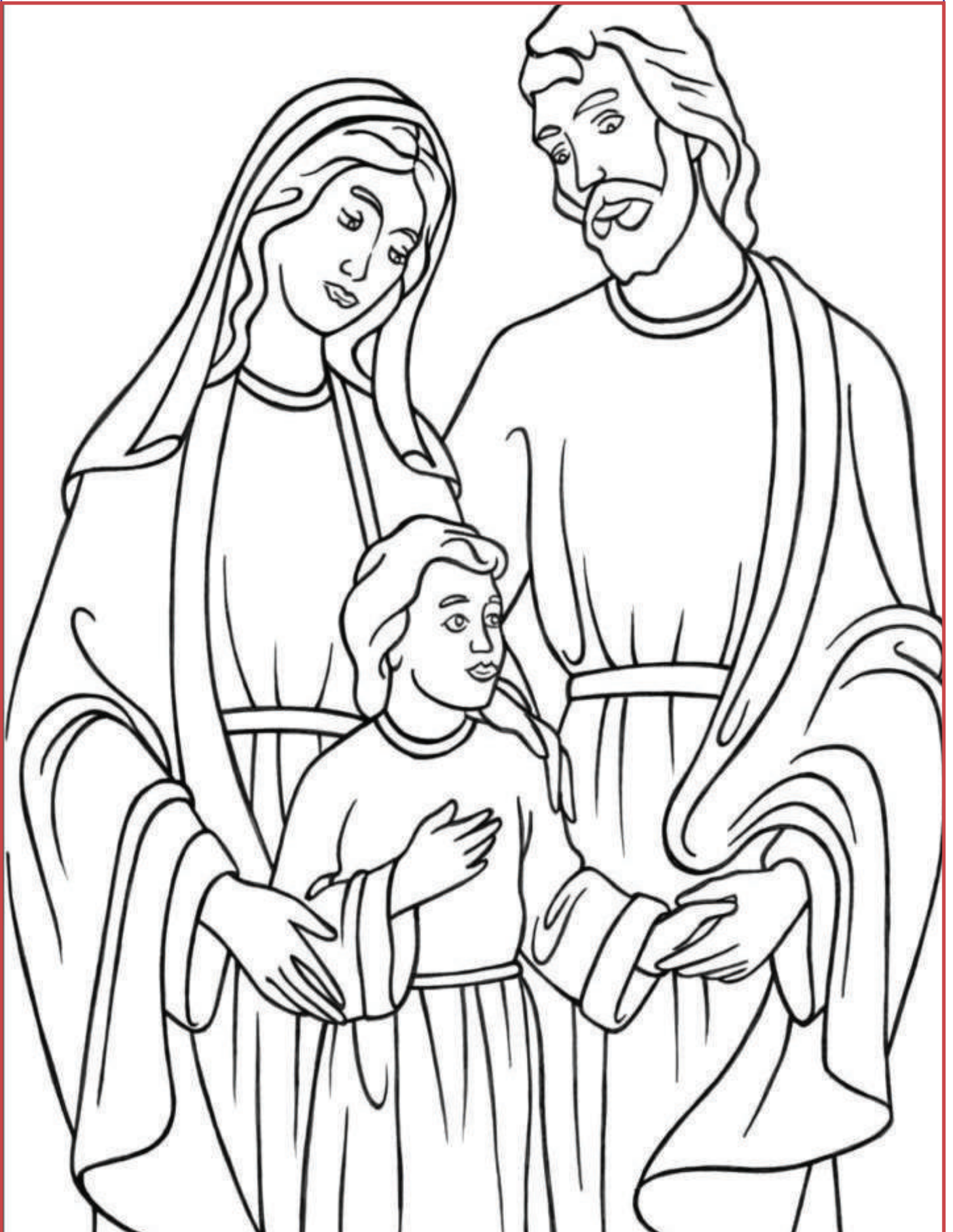
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Dear Jesus, our Redeemer King, as You led the Wisemen from the East to You by the light of a star, please draw us ever closer to You by the light of Faith. Help us to desire You as ardently as they did. Give us the grace to overcome all the obstacles that keep us far from You. May we, like them, have something to give You when we appear in loving humility before You in Your majesty. Amen





The Birth of Jesus

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 (KJV)

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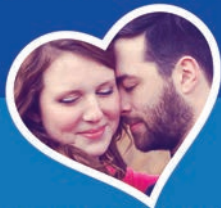


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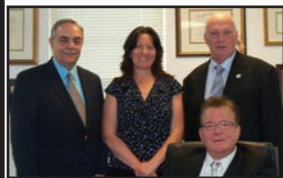
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