

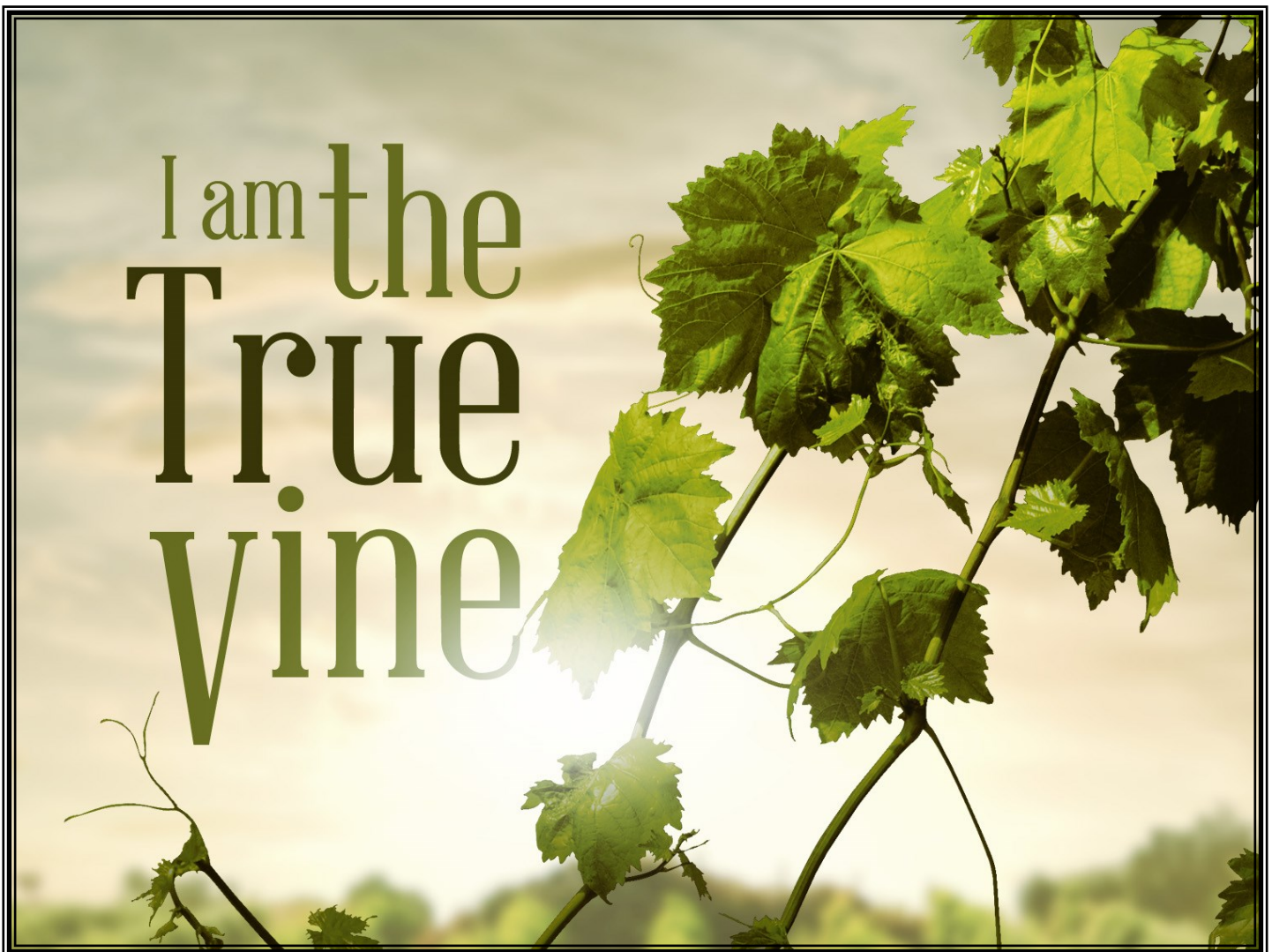
May 3, 2015



Saint Helena

One Family, One Heart, One Faith

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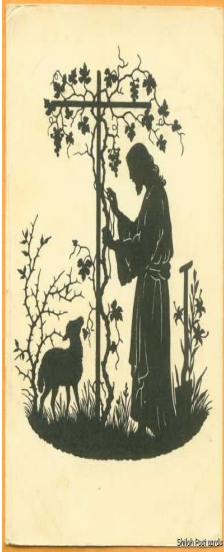


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Visit Our
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Parish Mission Statement

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.

PARISH STAFF

Parish Priest: Rev. Msgr. Joseph J. Nicolo
 Parochial Vicar: Rev. George J. Szparagowski, II
 Parochial Vicar: Rev. Tadeusz Gorka
 Weekend Ministry: Rev. Joseph Eddy, O. de M.
 Parish Deacon: Deacon A. Kenneth Belanger
 School Principal: Sr. Cathe Shoulberg, RSM
 Director of Religious Education: Mrs. Madeleine Fitzgerald
 Business Manager: Ms. Cathy Neugebauer
 Facilities Director: Mr. Vince Thompson
 Parish Secretaries: Gina Malony, Stephanie Donley
 School Secretary: Mrs. Phyllis Cissone
 Director of Youth/Young Adults/Adults: Mr. Kurt Zampier

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 PM

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 7:30 PM in the Education Center. Call 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 Pre-Cana class. Please contact Rob & Lena Gelenberg at Robgel@comcast.net or 610-292-8359 for class information and registration.

Our next Pre-Cana class will be held in the fall of 2015.

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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



Stewardship
a way of life

"TITHING IS GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING"

"God will never be outdone. Thank you for Tithing."

Msgr. Nicolo

"You can never do good, you can never perform an act of charity, without somehow, somewhere, sometime, receiving a return. God's word is sure and certain. There's no doubting it."

Parishioner

NIC NOTES

Dear Parishioners,



I am so very grateful to our Tithing Guest Speakers last week. They took the time, made the sacrifice, had the courage and shared their story with us. I'm sure that God will continue to bless us as we make Him first in our lives. I deeply appreciate you, our wonderful parishioners, for prayerfully considering

Tithing. As our speakers reiterated that many blessings, spiritual and material, come to the parish who adopts what might be called "God's Plan for Giving". Our parish adopted this practice in 2005. I also shared in my talk that I have tithed for over 20 years and that my reasoning for telling you that was so that you would know that I would not ask you to do anything that I have not done. So, I ask you to prayerfully consider joining me in this beautiful act of faith and love of God. Thank you!

Saturday at 10:30 AM we celebrated First Holy Communion for the second graders in our parochial school and PREP. It was such a special time not only for these children and their families but also for our Parish. To all of our children who made their First Holy Communion I say, God bless you and congratulations. To your parents, I say congratulations and do all that you can to keep these children close to our Lord by your good example and, most especially, by bringing them to Mass every week. A family that prays together stays together. Holy Mass is much more important for you and your children than any other activity. Do not let sports or things of that nature ever get in the way to what is really important in their lives of you and your children. Mass always comes first.

On Monday and on Tuesday we will be having our May Processions. On Monday at 7 PM it will be our school May Procession. You are certainly invited to it. On Tuesday at 6:45 PM it will be for our PREP. Our PREP will also have their closing ceremonies that evening. You are also most welcome to come. May is the month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. I would strongly encourage all our parishioners, most especially, during this month to honor our Blessed Mother by making a May Shrine and also praying the Rosary, even if you say at least one decade a day as a family or individually.

May God through the intercession of St. Helena bless us!

Love and Prayers, Msgr. Nicolò



ANNUAL ADOPT A BABY SHOWER

Last fall we renewed our *Spiritual Adopt A Baby Program*. Parishioners were asked to spiritually adopt an unborn baby and pray for their baby each day.

Each year, as we approach the 9th month of prayer, we have a baby shower on Mother's Day weekend, May 10th. Gifts are then given to A Baby's Breath in Jeffersonville.

A Baby's Breath's primary mission is to "help a mother to see her child take his/her first breath." This year they are in need of baby wipes, baby lotions, diapers, etc.

There will be a play n' pack in the Narthex for your gifts.

Thank you to everyone who helps to make this Baby Shower a success.

Mass Intentions

MON, May 4 9:00 AM *The Pastella Family*
Req. by Mr. and Mrs. Brady

TUE, May 5 9:00 AM *Cecilia Klenk*
Req. by her children

WED, May 6 9:00 AM *Cpl. Angelo Pasella*
Req. by his family

THU, May 7 9:00 AM *Mary C. Uccelletti*
Req. by her family

FRI, May 8 9:00 AM *Joe O'Hara*
(first anniversary)
Req. by Gina Malony

SAT, May 9 9:00 AM For all living & deceased
members of the **St. Theresa Guild**

Msgr. Nicolò celebrates Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation for the People of Saint Helena Parish.

Pray For Our Deceased

Please remember in your prayers all our deceased Parishioners and Thomas Moshinski, Josephine Purcell, Kathy Stephens, and Joe Ruggiero.



Memorials for Week of May 3, 2015



The Sanctuary Candle in the Church burns this week in memory of **Agnes Ferrera** at the request of Salvatore, Mary, Drs. Joseph and Anthony, Elsie Puleo and Joseph Ferrera.



The Sanctuary Candle in the Chapel burns this week in memory of **Deacon Don Kretsch** at the request of Lisa and Rick Uhrich.

Pray For Our Sick



Please keep in your prayers our sick, homebound, & those in healthcare facilities including: Landon Vargas, Patrick Banicki, Earl Mignogna, Maricar Collins, Walter Small, Jen McAlary, Michelle Young, Vince & Rosemary Scaramuzza, Mary Kretsch, Dale Burr, Patricia McCarthy, Bob DeStefano, Esther Tofini, Frank DeVito, Mary E. McDonnell, Frank Pulli, Joe Walker, Kaytie O'Hara, Joe & Linda Burke, Julia Mielcarz, Marilyn Cokas, Carletta Sohn, Marge Brady, Cyril Seddon, Phyllis Donofrio, Joseph Sortino, Tony Bello, Sr. Mary Sharon, John Arena, Jerry Marinella, Janet Stead, Mary Scatarige, Craig Hardy, Dorrine Contreras, Sr. Joan Schroeder OP (Dominican), Felipe Hernandez, Sammy Smith, Donna Bloomquist, Joseph Gravinese, Jessica DeGroot, Louise Deneski, Charles Courtney & Joseph Collins.



Pray for Our Military

Please pray for these and all our Military personnel: Pvt. Mathew Loggins, Sgt. Ross Gallagher, Lt. Bert Geis, Capt. Rimas Radzius, Maj. Michael Magee, Lt. Col. Michael Dehner, Maj. James M. Asman, Sgt. David Gentner, Sgt. David Carlson, PO3 Elizabeth Fenerty, Capt. Kevin Maguire, 1st Lt. Steven Zahuranec, Maj. Pamela DiPatrizo, Capt. Karl Van Haute, Capt. Christopher Jones, Cpl. Angelo Pastella, 1st Lt Andrew B. Gray, Maj. Nathan Edwards, Lt. Brian Asman, 2nd Lt. Timothy Fallon, SSgt. Joshua Wartchow, Capt. David Collins, Lt. Joseph Pawke, Lts. Daniel & Maili Neverosky, and Ryan Calef.



MINISTRIES SCHEDULED FOR MAY 9-10

CELEBRANT

- 5:00 PM** Fr. Gorka with Deacon Ken
- 7:30 AM** Fr. Joseph
- 9:00 AM** Fr. Szparagowski
- 11:00 AM** Mgr. Nicolo

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- 5:00 PM*** J. Eisele, M. Kihm, J. Schmidt, M. Valle, G. Berti, K. Sheehan
- 7:30 AM** N. Harris, V. Horn, T. Reigle
- 9:00 AM** D. Moore, D. Nolan, J. O'Doherty, K. Ryan, M. Thompson
- 11:00 AM** L. Geiger, B. Geiger, L. Basile, F. Boccella, S. Esbensen

LECTORS

- 5:00 PM** Kain
- 7:30 AM** Donohue
- 9:00 AM** Barry, Nyman
- 11:00 AM** Kushnerick, Lorenzo

MUSIC

- Organ/Cantor
- Organ/Cantor
- Contemporary
- Organ/Cantor

ALTAR SERVERS

- 5:00 PM** Stack, Stout, Summerville, Sweeney
- 7:30 AM** Szente, Tomlinson, Wurtenberg
- 9:00 AM** Tronoski, Wagner, Wenz, Zulick

MANNA BAGS

Manna Bags will be distributed at all Masses on the weekends of May 16 & 17 and May 23 & 24. We ask that you kindly return your filled Manna Bag the weekend of May 30 & 31. Canned food items in greatest need are: *beef stew, tuna, fruit, and vegetables, as well as peanut butter, jelly, pasta, soups, and pork & beans.* Thank you for reaching out to our neighbors in need.



PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS
WEEK OF MAY 3, 2015

SUNDAY, May 3

- Knights of Columbus - Pro Life Roses: After all Masses - Narthex
- Eagle Scout Speaker: At all Masses - Church

MONDAY, May 4

- Prayer Shawl Meeting: 12:00-2:30 PM- Parish Meeting Room
- May Procession: 7:00 PM - Church
- Divorce Survival Group: 7:00 PM - Parish Meeting Room

TUESDAY, May 5

- PREP May Procession/Closing: 6:30 PM - Education Center
- Adult Basketball: 7:30 PM - Social & Recreation Center
- Stephen Ministry: 7:00 PM - Parish Meeting Room
- Young Adult Basketball: 6:30-7:30 PM - Social & Recreation Center

WEDNESDAY, May 6

- Girl Scout Bridging Over Ceremony: 6:00 PM - Cafeteria and Social and Recreation Center
- RCIA: 7:30 PM - Parish Meeting Room
- John Shapiro Superheroes 5K Meeting: 7:00 PM - Library

THURSDAY, May 7

- Bells: 6:30 PM - Church
- CYO: 6:00-9:00 PM- Social and Recreation Center
- Pastoral Council Meeting: 7:00 PM- Rectory Meeting Room
- Scripture Study: 7:30 PM- Parish Meeting Room

FRIDAY, May 8

- Mommy and Me: 9:15-10:30 PM - Social and Recreation Center

SATURDAY, May 9

- Men's Fellowship Group: 7:00 AM - Cafeteria
- High School Youth Group Flower Sale: After all Masses - Narthex
- Mother's Day Blessing: After Mass - Church

SUNDAY, May 10

- High School Youth Group Flower Sale: After all Masses - Narthex
- RCIA Dismissal: 9:00 AM - Empress Room
- High School Youth Group Meeting: 6:00-8:00 PM - Parish Meeting Room
- Mother's Day Blessing: After all Masses—Church

KEN'S CACHE

This week we continue look at the ISIS (ISIL) situation and why we need to keep our Christian brothers and sisters and others who have suffered greatly at the hands of this group in our prayers.

The group originated as *Jama'at al-Tawhid wal-Jihad* in 1999, which was renamed *Tanzim Qaidat al-Jihad fi Bilad al-Rafidayn*—commonly known as al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI)—when the group pledged allegiance to al-Qaeda in 2004. As *Jama'at* and later AQI, beginning in August 2003, the group participated in the Iraqi insurgency, which had followed the March 2003 invasion of Iraq. In January 2006, it joined other Sunni insurgent groups to form the Mujahideen Shura Council, which in October 2006 proclaimed the formation of the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI). ISI gained a significant presence in the governorates of Al Anbar, Diyala and Baghdad.

Under the leadership of al-Baghdadi, ISI sent delegates into Syria in August 2011 after the Syrian Civil War had begun in March 2011. This group named itself *Jabhat an-Nusra li-Ahli ash-Shām* or al-Nusra Front, and established a large presence in Sunni-majority areas of Syria within the governorates of Ar-Raqqa, Idlib, Deir ez-Zor and Aleppo. In April 2013, al-Baghdadi announced the merger of his ISI with al-Nusra Front, and announced that the name of the reunited group was now the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). However, both Abu Mohammad al-Julani and Ayman al-Zawahiri, the leaders of al-Nusra and al-Qaeda respectively, rejected the merger. After an eight-month power struggle, al-Qaeda cut all ties with ISIL on 3 February 2014, citing its failure to consult and "notorious intransigence"

ISIL is known for its well-funded web and social media propaganda, which includes Internet videos of the beheadings of soldiers, civilians, journalists and aid workers, as well as the deliberate destruction of cultural heritage sites.

The group gained notoriety after it drove the Iraqi government forces out of key western cities in Iraq. In Syria, it conducted ground attacks against both government forces and rebel factions in the Syrian Civil War. It gained those territories after an offensive, initiated in early 2014, which senior US military commanders and members of the US House Committee on Foreign Affairs saw as a re-emergence of Sunni insurgents and al-Qaeda militants. This territorial loss almost caused a collapse of the Iraqi government that prompted renewal of US military action in Iraq.

More next week.

**God Bless You,
Deacon Ken**

CATHE'S CORNER

On Tuesday, April 21, 2015, the school children participated in a special Liturgy to celebrate Earth Week.

At this liturgy, a special presentation was made to **Isabel Llopis**, for her courage and bravery during the bus accident on Tuesday, March 24, 2015. At the time of the accident, because of her quick thinking, Isabel was able to evacuate and lead the children on the bus to safety. Jesus chose Isabel to be his eyes, his hands, and his heart!

We are grateful to God for blessing the SHS community so abundantly!



*Have a wonderful week!
With love, Sister Cathe*

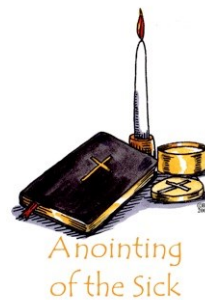
MADELEINE'S MESSAGE

Saint Helena PREP will close the school year on May 5th with our May Procession and Student Awards. Each of our first graders will receive a "Well Done" award, and all of the eighth graders will receive an award.

A big —CONGRATULATIONS! to all of our students and their parents for all of the support they have given to our Parish Religious Education Program throughout this year. Thanks to **Monsignor Joseph J. Nicolo, Colleen Mroz, Anna Schoppe, Maria Mitchell, Helen Winterbottom, Dolores Bird, Theresa Reigle, Bill Bogle, Pam Ohler, Alice Buettler, Debra Erthal, Sarah Finnegan, Joanne Palmer, Susan Hammond, Wit Hammond, Jim Dougherty, Lisa Filoon, Jill Martin, Frank Reigle**, and our faculty and staff for their commitment to Saint Helena and our Religious Education program.



*Have a great week!
Madeleine*



Anointing of the Sick

Our Annual Mass of Anointing will be held on Sunday, May 17th, at 11:00 AM. Those who will be anointed are asked to sign-in at one of the tables in the Narthex and an usher will escort you to one of the seats that will be reserved for just the people that are being anointed.

Thank You Saint Helena Parishioners!



The teens of the High School Youth Group would like to thank the Saint Helena community for supporting them recently during their Steubenville pulpit appeal.

Your incredible generosity raised **\$3,117.65**. Thank you also for your continued prayers and well wishes that we may have a fulfilling and deepening encounter in our faith during our trip.

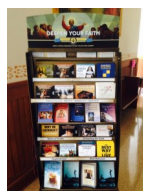
If you would still like to offer a donation to defray the cost of the trip, you may do so by: **1) Place an envelope in the collection marked "Youth Group", 2) Call Kurt Zampier, our Youth Minister at 610-930-0349 or 3) Stop by the Rectory.**



LIGHTHOUSE
CATHOLIC MEDIA
STEWARDSHIP
A MISSION OF FAITH

Today's Gospel reminds us that unless we **"remain in"** Christ, we cannot **"bear fruit"**.

During this Easter Season, let us **reflect** on how we can more deeply "remain" in Christ. An easy and effective help is listening to an engaging and inspirational Catholic talk on CD.



Choose one just right for you in our Resource display.

Even the busiest person can manage to listen to a CD while driving, doing chores, or exercising.

3rd Annual Superheroes 5K
in memory of our very own
John Shapiro



Saturday, June 6, 2015 8:30
a.m.

Race starts and finishes at Saint Helena
Sponsorship opportunities available!



Last year, we had over 900 registered individuals participating and raised over \$30,000 to benefit local children battling cancer!

To learn more about how you can be a
Superhero, please contact:

Colleen Corace Connor 610-457-2747

colleenconnor3@verizon.net

Ann Winkowski 484-410-3454

ann.winkowski@gmail.com

Time sensitive so please contact one of us
ASAP if interested!



Senior Bus Trip to
American Treasure Tour

St. Helena's Senior Club is sponsoring a bus trip to the American Treasure Tour in Oaks, Pa. for a two hour guided tram ride, includes a hot buffet lunch, then on to the Sands Casino in Bethlehem, Pa. for four hours and also receive \$20.00 coin money and \$5.00 food voucher on Wednesday, December 9, 2015. Cost is \$65.00. For more information and to reserve a seat call Mary McKenna - 610-275-0121.

THE BROTHER HOUSE

The Legion of Mary, who runs the Brother House in Norristown, provides homeless men a place to shower, clean clothes, and a warm meal.

They need your donations of the following items: T-shirts, white athletic socks, underwear, and work pants. These items are needed *all year around*.

Please, place your donations in the plastic bin in the Information Room off the Narthex.



The Ladies of Helena will
be sponsoring a *Designer*
***Bag Bingo* on November**

8th. All ladies are invited to
attended. Mark your calendars now!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in posting a bulletin announcement? Please email **sdonley@sainthelenachurch.org** with the word "bulletin" and the date(s) for publication in the subject line. Requests are due on Thursdays - 10 days prior to publication.

American Girl
CAMP



June 22-26, 2015 St. Helena School

9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Girls age 6-12 welcome.

Travel to new places and times to learn how young girls lived from 1854 to today! Every day is a new theme, featuring an American girl story. Design new clothes and accessories for you and your doll! Make food from different cultures! Fashion Show and Tea Party Grand Finale! Fee \$125. Email **mabrophy4@yahoo.com** for details by April 15th. Space limited to 20 campers.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry News

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

What's New for May!

**Mother's Day Weekend
Flower Sale**

May 9-10 - All Masses

Sunday, May 17

**Youth Night, Parish Mtg. Room
6-8 p.m.**

Sunday, May 31

**Graduating High School Senior
Celebration, Freddy Hill
6-8 p.m.**



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COMING IN TWO WEEKS!

CSC & CYO Mass

Join us for the Community Service Corps
and Catholic Youth Organization Mass on

Sunday, May 17th at 9:00 a.m.

The children will be serving as lectors, greeters,
collectors, offertory and handing out the bulletin.

REMINDER:

(CSC/CYO children) When you come to Mass,
please wear your CYO uniform or clothing
with Saint Helena on it!

Summer 2015

Vacation Bible School Register Now!



Who: Kids going into K thru 5th Grade

Where: Saint Helena Education Center

When: August 10-14, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30/participant

*Kids & leaders will take a Wilderness Adventure
to better understand the 7 Sacraments
& deepen their love for Jesus.*

Questions? Contact Kurt Zampier at (610) 930-0349
or kzampier@sainthelenachurch.org

Steubenville Youth Conference June 19-21, 2015

Trip open to 8th Grade Grads and all
High School teens.



For more info, check the Youth & Young
Adult table for an information sheet or,
e-mail Kurt Zampier at
kzampier@sainthelenachurch.org



DO YOU EVER WONDER WHY...

Why do we ask our children to bring non-perishable food items to Mass with them?

We want our children to appreciate helping others, and get used to giving to the Church.

What do we do with the non-perishable food items?

We send them to the Patrician Society.

What is the Patrician Society?

It is Neighbors Helping Neighbors! The Patrician Society has been serving families in our area for over 33 years. This past year they provided assistance, in one form or another, for 1,465 verifiably needy families. The Emergency Food Cupboard alone serviced 5,815 families.

This is what our children are making possible.

For those of you who would like to assist with this ministry you can drop off your donations in the Information Room, just off the Narthex.

Offering of Bread and Wine

The rite of carrying up gifts of bread and wine connect us with the traditions of the early Church. The priest receives these gifts in the community's name.

If you or your family are willing to carry forward the gifts of bread & wine after the collection, please see an Usher *before* Mass. They will be glad to direct you.



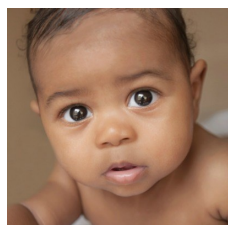
SEMI-ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

Time to clean out those closets and get ready for summer!

Our semi-annual clothing drive will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015. A truck will be in the School parking lot from 9 AM till 2 PM .

We can accept: gently used clothes & shoes, bedding, blankets, kitchenware, small appliances and games.

Please NO large appliances, furniture or electronics - this includes computer monitors and all tube TVs.



Month 8 - Developing Baby

"I Like Listening to My Mommy's Voice!"

Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight; he/she might be making his/her mother uncomfortable with his/her size. He/she will need a layer of fat to help him/her stay warm after he/she leaves the perfect temperature inside his/her mother's womb. For some weeks now he/she has recognized his/her mother's voice. In a short time, her baby will be born. Our baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.

PRAY

"Dear 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 the courage to bring their baby to birth and to the life You have planned for him/her. Amen."



Light in a Dark World Monthly Theme - May 2015

At its best, the family is a school of love, justice, compassion, forgiveness, mutual respect, patience and humility in the midst of a world darkened by selfishness and conflict. In these ways, the family teaches what it means to be human. However, many temptations arise which try to coax us into forgetting that male and female are created for covenant and communion. For example, poverty, affluence, pornography, contraception, philosophical and other intellectual mistakes can all create contexts that challenge or threaten healthy family life. The Church resists these things for the sake of protecting the family.

To prepare for the World Meeting of Families and Pope Francis's visit, we are studying a catechesis on family life called *Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive*.

Chapter 7: Light in a Dark World

Pope Francis observed that the Church is popular with the world when Catholics work for social justice. But, the Pope continued, with respect to "the cultural crisis" facing the family, "we find it difficult to make people see that when we raise other questions less palatable to public opinion, we are doing so out of fidelity to precisely the same convictions about human dignity and the common good." This chapter carefully examines subjects such as pornography, contraception, and so-called same-sex marriage. These are topics where Catholic teaching tends to be at odds with current worldly opinion. Reading this chapter in its entirety is an opportunity to consider the reasons for the Church's teaching. Each one of these issues deserves more space than this summary paragraph can offer. But as we said at the start of this catechesis, all Church teaching about marriage, the family, and sexuality flows from Jesus. Catholic moral theology builds upon basic Christian convictions about God's creation and covenant, humanity's fall, and Christ's incarnation, life, crucifixion, and resurrection. These teachings involve costs and suffering for all who would be Jesus' disciples, but they also open up new opportunities for beauty and human flourishing. This chapter is your chance to explore how it all fits together, even when it might mean taking unpopular stances in our culture. This chapter explains how every time the Church says "no" to something which secular society accepts, it is for the sake of enabling a deeper "yes" to God and his plan for our lives.

Christopher C. Roberts, catechism editor

We Remember

And we gratefully acknowledge the following families who so thoughtfully asked that donations in memory of their loved one be sent to St. Helena Church. We ask that you please keep them in your prayers:

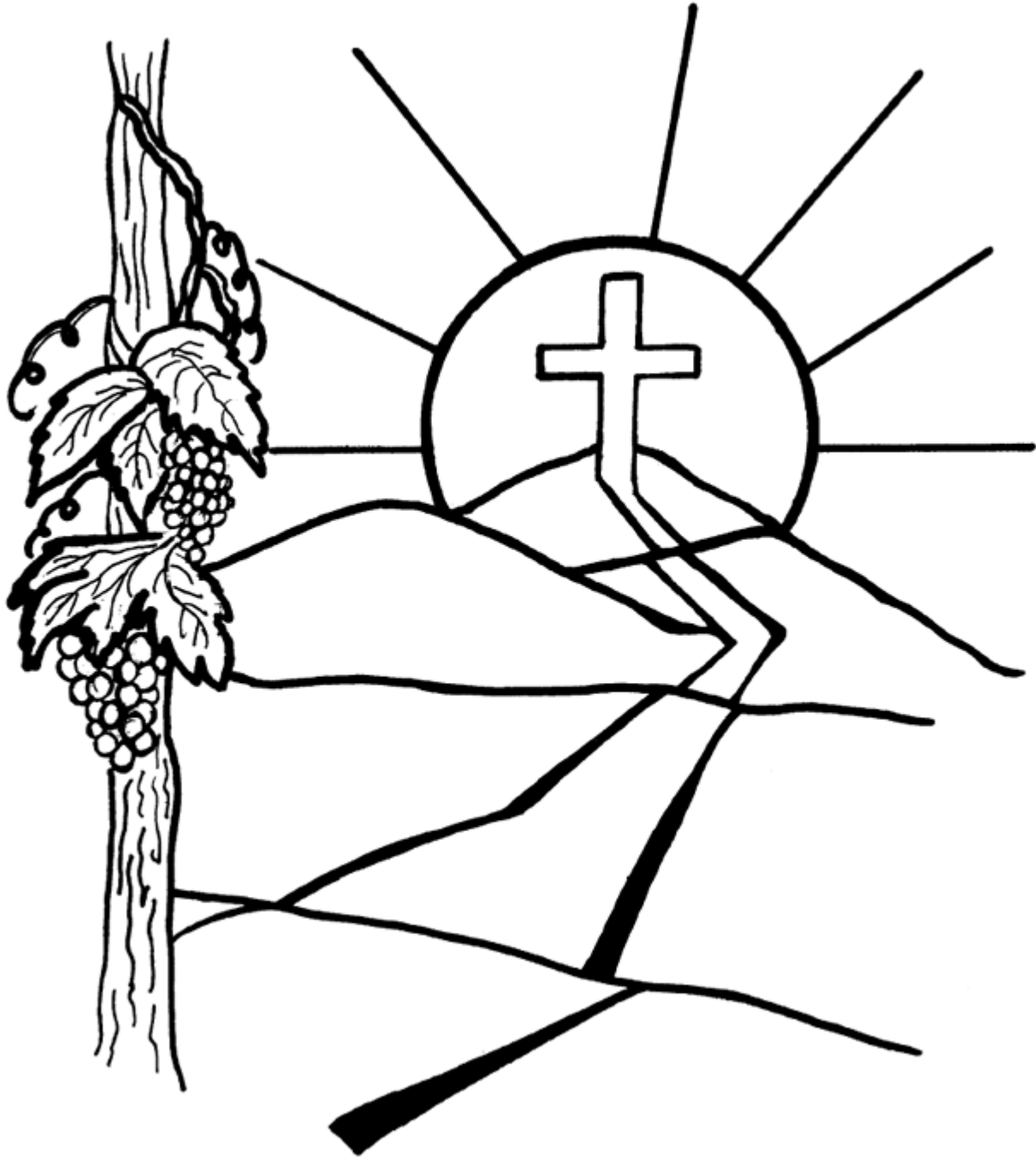
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The following people made bequests in their will to Saint Helena Church. Please remember them in prayer as well.

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, and Rev. John Coates.

Bequests

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."



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Jumbled Word Clues

1. A sweet food that grows on a tree or a bush.
2. To destroy by fire.
3. To produce fruit; it could also be a large brown animal.
4. The light and heat by a flame



STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

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May 3, 2015

5th Sunday of Easter

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If you move, change your phone number or e-mail address, please notify the Parish Office so our records can be brought current. Parish Office hours are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Monday through Friday (closed 12 to 1 PM).



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We are glad you decided to celebrate with our Parish Family. If you have recently moved into the parish area and would like to register as a parishioner, please fill in the information below and place the form in the collection basket. Someone from the Parish Office will call you. You are also welcome to call the Parish Office at 610-275-7711 if you have questions.

Please be sure to visit our Parish website at www.sainthelena-centersquare.net

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