

**17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 24, 2011**

Welcome to St. Helena Church

Our Church is a center for spiritual growth, where positive attitudes are developed, where good people become better, where hurts are healed, where lessons are learned, where friendships are developed, where marriages restless find peace, where love is alive, where God is understood, where the Holy Spirit leads, and where Jesus Christ is Lord. Together, let us spread the message of the Gospel to our neighbors.

Masses for the Week July 24th to 31st

SATURDAY, July 23, 2011 St. Bridget of Sweden
4:30PM Agnes Kopiec

SUNDAY, July 24, 2011 17th Sunday of Ord. Time
8:00AM Margaret Harrington
9:30AM Personal Intention
11:00AM Sarah J. & Bill Lehmann
12:30PM Henry Gonzalez

MONDAY, July 25, 2011 St. James
8:00AM Chi Pham

TUESDAY, July 26, 2011 Sts. Joachim & Anne
8:00AM Joseph Chiet & Rosa

WEDNESDAY, July 27, 2011
8:00AM Marta Pham Thi Ninh

THURSDAY, July 28, 2011
8:00AM Rev. John McGinty, SJ

FRIDAY, July 29, 2011 St. Martha
8:00AM Fr. Eugene Watrin, SJ

SATURDAY, July 30, 2011 St. Peter Chrysologus
8:00AM Charles Geib
4:30PM Thomas Killgallon

SUNDAY, July 31, 2011 18th Sunday of Ord. Time
8:00AM Margaret Harrington
9:30AM Personal Intention
11:00AM Sarah J. & Bill Lehmann
12:30PM Henry Gonzalez

***Please remember in your prayers
Anthony Cortez, Hien Thi Pham, Rose
Dover and the deceased benefactors
and friends of St. Helena Church.***

We Remember in Prayer...Our sick

Winnie McGinty	Patricia Komly	Jim Butterly
Theresa Palmer	Taryn & Jack	Betty Masi
Judy Kovescek	Bernie Black	Rita Voras
Rita Klienknecht	Donald Panaro	Priscilla Nguyen
Geraldo Acevedo	Charles T. Benner	Charles Ball
Joseph Voras	Rosa Di Nicola	Roberta Pohl
Sharon Doneker	Joan Taft	Noreen Blyweiss
Andre Clarke	Jack Ruggero	Fressia Moya
Eleanor Garin	Joseph Knox	David Spieser
Ray Tiegs	Ellen Moffa	

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, July 24, 2011 17th Sunday of Ord. Time
1 Kgs 3: 5, 7-12 Rom 8: 28-30 Mt 13: 44-52

MONDAY (25) 2 Cor 4: 7-15 Mt 20: 20-28
TUESDAY (26) Ex 33: 7-11; 34: 5b-9, 28
Mt 13: 36-43

WEDNESDAY (27) Ex 34: 29-35 Mt 13: 44-46
THURSDAY (28) Ex 40: 16-21, 34-38 Mt 13: 47-53
FRIDAY (29) Lv 23: 1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37
Jn 11: 19-27 OR Lk 10: 38-42

SATURDAY (30) Lv 25: 1, 8-17 Mt 14: 1-12

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Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

(God said) "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "Give your servant an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong". . . (God said) "I do as you requested."

Reflection: (reflections written by Sr. Louise Alff, OSF)
If God came in your dream tonight and offered to grant you one wish, what would you request? Success, popularity, job security, money, love? As a young king Solomon had many legitimate needs. He needed wealth, military might, fame, security, prosperity, long life and happiness. But when God came, he requested only one thing - wisdom. The scriptures put it in these words: *"an understanding heart to judge your people and the ability to distinguish right from wrong."* How different our lives would be if that was our prayer. An understanding heart - to know how to be a wise parent, to know what to say to a distressed co-worker, to know when to speak up and when to remain silent, to appreciate the giftedness of those around us, to be humble enough to recognize our own faults and to seek advice, to distinguish right from wrong. God is pleased with Solomon's request and gives him a heart that is wise and understanding. God desires to do the same for us.

Reflect:

- At this time in my life, what do I request from God?
- In what situation could I use some wisdom right now?

Congratulations to our HS Students

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school student on the End of Year report. We are proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence. Congratulations to...

Mount St. Joseph Academy High School... Mary Kate Glenn '10 achieved first honors, and Kathleen Sharaf '12 achieved second honors.

Saint Helena School News

- Saint Helena School has FULL DAY Pre-K and Kindergarten classes.
- The School Office is open for the Summer during the following hours: Monday thru Thursday 8:30am to 2:00pm and Friday 8:30am to 12:00Noon.
- Summer School Hours are Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 11:30am.
- To schedule an appointment to register, please call the school office at 215-549-2947 during the business hours.
- SHS will be **introducing the NEW Common Core State Standards**

A Message from Deacon Isley

There will be a Gospel Rama held at Chestnut Hill Pentecostal Church 1159 E. Chelten Avenue in Philadelphia, PA 19138 on August 13, 2011 at 6:00pm until 8:00pm. The Blue Gates Of Harmony Gospel Artist will perform.



In Loving Memory



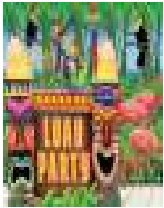
We gratefully acknowledge the following donations in memory of our beloved deceased...\$50.00 in memory of Mare Hegarty from Helene Spause, \$50.00 in memory of Colomba McDonnell from Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, \$25.00 in memory of Colomba McDonnell from Edward F. and Carol A. O'Neill, \$50.00 in memory of Colomba McDonnell from Tasty Baking Company, and \$325.00 in memory of Colomba McDonnell from friends of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP.



St. Helena Church



3rd Annual Luau



August 14, 2011

FUN FOR ALL AGES



2:00pm - 5:00pm

Front Lawn of the US



\$4.00 per adult \$1.00 per child children under 4 – FREE

**Purchase reduced price tickets from July 9 to August 7
If we do not have 50 tickets sold by August 7th
the Luau will be cancelled!**

After August 7th \$5.00 per adult \$2.00 per child

Bring lounge chair
Games, Swimming Pool



Hot Dogs, Macaroni Salad, Meat Balls
Ice Tea, Water Ice, Music, BYOB



St. Helena Parish is a Tithing Parish since Jan. 19, 2003. God has provided for us in wonderful ways and we are committed to "making a return to the Lord for all His goodness to us." All we are and have is due to God's goodness.

Stewardship Report



7/19/09.....	\$6387.00
7/18/10.....	\$5465.00
7/17/11.....	\$6045.00

Number of Envelopes from Mass	275	Loose Collection from Mass	\$816.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$4375.00	Drop Off Collection	\$854.00
Maintenance & Improvement Collection.....		\$1957.00	
Air Conditioning.....		\$1956.00	



Last But Not Least

Today we celebrate the **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Today Jesus tells us one of those “kingdom parables”. What is the Kingdom of Heaven or Kingdom of God like? He answered this question many ways. Today we will focus on the two short kingdom parables – the hidden treasure, and the fine pearl. We will consider questions of ultimate value. And we will be reminded of what (who) is truly priceless, and how. What a great treasure we have in these parables of Christ. They illustrate the great value of belonging to his kingdom, and I believe even more, the great value that God places on us by paying the ultimate price for us at the cross. May we always treasure Him who has treasured us so. In the precious, precious, name of Jesus, Amen. The parables of the Hidden Treasure and Fine Pearl are not only about how valuable the kingdom is to the believer. They also show how valuable we are to God – who would send his only Son to die – that we might be his.

We are still accepting **registrations for the 2011-2012 school year**. I remind you that the School Office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30am to 2:00pm and on Friday from 8:30am to 12:00Noon.

Don't forget our **3rd annual Luau** on the grounds of the Upper School. This year, we will have the Luau on a **Sunday, August 14th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm**. (see page 3 for more information). I encourage you to take part in this special FUN activity and **purchase your tickets early at a reduced price. All tickets after July 31st go up \$1.00 in price. If we do not sell 50 tickets by August 7th, we will have to cancel the Luau.**

Finally, as you may have heard by now, at a news conference Tuesday morning, **Cardinal Justin Rigali officially announced his resignation** and **Pope Benedict XVI named Archbishop Charles Chaput the 13th bishop and ninth archbishop of Philadelphia**. Archbishop Charles Chaput will be installed Sept. 8, the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. Let us remember both of these spiritual leaders and ask God's blessing on both of them. Thanks for reading and have a great week.

Your brother and shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh