

**18th Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 31, 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 31st to Aug. 7th

SATURDAY, July 30, 2011 St. Peter Chrysologus
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

MONDAY, August 1, 2011 St. Alphonsus Liguori
8:00AM Donna Miller

TUESDAY, August 2, 2011 Sts. Eusebius of Vercelli and Peter Julian Eymard
8:00AM Joe Owens (6th Anniv)

WEDNESDAY, August 3, 2011
8:00AM Marie Traegler

THURSDAY, August 4, 2011 St. John Mary Vianney
8:00AM Dominique & Marie Nguyen

FRIDAY, August 5, 2011 Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major in Rome
8:00AM Maria Sung Doan

SATURDAY, August 6, 2011 Transfiguration of the Lord
8:00AM Thomas That Nguyen
4:30PM Frances Patrick

SUNDAY, August 7, 2011 19th Sunday of Ord. Time
8:00AM Annie Pinto
9:30AM Personal Intention
11:00AM Shannon Hackney
12:30PM Anna Rosa Deanica

Please remember in your prayers 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 31, 2011 18th Sunday of Ord. Time

Is 55: 1-3 Rom 8: 35, 37-39 Mt 14: 13-21

MONDAY (01) Nm 11: 4b-15 Mt 14: 22-36

TUESDAY (02) Nm 12: 1-12 Mt 13: 1-2, 10-14

WEDNESDAY (03) Nm 13: 1-2, 25-14: 1, 26-29a, 34-35
Mt 15: 21-28

THURSDAY (04) Nm 20: 1-13 Mt 16: 13-23

FRIDAY (05) Dt 4: 32-40 Mt 16: 24-28

SATURDAY (06) Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1: 16-19
Mt 17: 1-9

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Reading: Matthew 14: 13 - 21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him . . . when he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick.

Reflection: (reflections written by Sr. Louise Alff, OSF)

How do you handle your grief? Go off by yourself? Keep busy? "Shut down" emotionally? Talk to a friend? We are so familiar with today's gospel of Jesus feeding the five thousand that we could easily miss the first line. Jesus was grieving the death of his friend, John the Baptist. Matthew records that he went off by himself. Perhaps he wanted to be alone with his pain, to pray with his grief, to recall their times together. But this quiet retreat was short-lived as the crowds disturbed pressed around him. We are told that his heart was moved with pity for them and he cured their sick. It was as if, in his grief, he was stretching his level of compassion. He knew the ache in their hearts because his own heart ached with sorrow. He knew the tears they cried because he wept himself. He understood their brokenness because something in him felt broken. The greatest way he could honor John's memory was to continue to reveal the kingdom of God. What John heralded he would continue to proclaim by his words and actions.

Reflect:

- When has sorrow brought you to deeper compassion?

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. Chelton Avenue in Philadelphia, PA 19138 on August 13, 2011 at 6:00pm until 8:00pm. The Blue Gates Of Harmony Gospel Artist will perform.

Possible Change of Mass Time Survey

We are looking to changing the 6:30am weekday Mass to 7:00am beginning in September and the 11:00am Sunday Mass to 11:15am (to help with the parking) beginning in January. The reason for the change in the daily mass is safety: one mass is over and the next mass would begin soon in 30 minutes, thus, no empty church in between masses. The reason for the change of the Sunday mass is, the parking time, so that after the 9:30 mass, people would have enough time to clear out the parking for the next mass. Please take a few minutes and fill out this form and return it to Sr. Sophie by September 1st. Thank You!

TO: Sister Sophie Yondura RE: Change of Mass Time

Name & Phone Number _____(OPTIONAL)

Mass Time you usually attend on weekdays _____

Mass Time you usually attend on Sundays _____

___ YES, I agree with changing the weekday 6:30am Mass to 7:00am.

___ NO, I do not agree with changing the weekday 6:30am Mass to 7:00am.

___ YES, I agree with changing the Sunday 11:00am Mass to 11:15am.

___ NO, I do not agree with changing the Sunday 11:00am Mass to 11:15am.

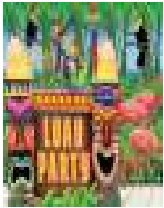
Comments: _____



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



7/26/09.....	\$602600
7/25/10.....	\$6130.00
7/24/11.....	\$4988.00

Number of Envelopes from Mass	264	Loose Collection from Mass	\$1103.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$3514.00	Drop Off Collection	\$267.00
Children's Collection.....		\$2.00	

Mass Intention Book for 2012

St. Helena Parish Mass Intention Book for 2012 will open on Tuesday, Aug. 23rd at 10:30am. We ask you to bring a written list of Masses that you are requesting.



Last But Not Least

Today we celebrate the **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Today's Gospel of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes tells us that God really cares about his people and that there is enough and more for everybody. It tells us that the ups and downs of life, whether they are spiritual, emotional, physical, or material, whether they are personal tragedies or natural disasters, are basically unavoidable but are in no way a contradiction of God's loving care for us. In fact, these things are in their own way necessary for us to grow in our awareness of where true peace and happiness lie. It tells us that a great deal of God's care and compassion devolves on our own shoulders.

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. **Our first tuition payment is now overdue**. If you missed the schedule collection day, please contact Mrs. Giacomelli in the rectory to schedule a time to make your payment.

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, we are considering changing the weekday 6:30am Mass to 7:00am and the Sunday 11:00am Mass to 11:15am (to help with the parking). **I would ask that you express your opinion on these two changes. Please fill out the "Possible Change of Mass Time Survey"** found on page 2 of this bulletin and return it to Sr. Sophie by September 1st. Thanks for reading and have a great week.

Your brother and shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh