

**19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 7, 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 Aug. 7th to 14th

SATURDAY, August 6, 2011

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

MONDAY, August 8, 2011 St. Dominic

8:00AM Yem Hoang

**TUESDAY, August 9, 2011 St. Teresa Benedicta
of the Cross**

8:00AM Maria Mai Lam

WEDNESDAY, August 10, 2011 St. Lawrence

8:00AM Joseph Chiet & Rosa

THURSDAY, August 11, 2011 St. Clare

8:00AM Edward Smakulski

FRIDAY, August 12, 2011 St. Jane Frances deChantal

8:00AM Gerard Fenano

**SATURDAY, August 13, 2011 Sts. Ponitian &
Hippolytus**

8:00AM Peter & Maria Dien Nguyen

4:30PM Jean Wicher (15th Anniv)

SUNDAY, August 14, 2011 20th Sunday of Ord. Time

8:00AM Edna Eldred & Helen Gross

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM Sarah J. & Bill Lehmann

12:30PM Janique Abuchale

***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, August 7, 2011 19th Sunday of Ord. Time

1 Kgs 19: 9a, 11-13a Rom 9: 1-5 Mt 14: 22-33

MONDAY (08) Dt 10: 12-22 Mt 17: 22-27

TUESDAY (09) Dt 31: 1-8 Mt 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

WEDNESDAY (10) 2 Cor 9: 6-10 Jn 12: 24-26

THURSDAY (11) Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17
Mt 18: 21-19:1

FRIDAY (12) Jos 24: 1-13 Mt 19: 3-12

SATURDAY (13) Jos 24: 14-29 Mt 19: 13-15

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Aug. 7, 2011 (A)

Reading: Matthew 14: 22-33

Jesus went up on the mountain by himself to pray. Meanwhile the boat, (which the disciples were in) was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. . . . Jesus, walking on the sea said to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

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

This section of Matthew's gospel is often termed "the book of the church". The boat represents the church, a church, at that time, tossed about by persecution, opposition and apostasy. In the midst of the turmoil, it was the abiding presence of Christ that saved them. The serene composure of Jesus throughout the narrative is intended as a message of encouragement in difficult circumstances throughout the ages. Like the church, Jesus is also responding to storms that exist in our human condition. Storms within ourselves, conflicts within our families, tensions in the workplace, strained relationships. Storms we have been in for a long time and storms that seem to come out of nowhere. We wonder if anyone cares. But if we look clearly into the darkness we see a pierced hand reaching out to us, and a voice saying: "*Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.*"

Reflect:

- Think of those who are going through a storm at this time in their life. How could you help them?

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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.

A Message from Deacon Isley

There will be a Gospel Rama held at Chestnut Hill Pentecostal Church 1159 E. Cheltenham 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 Saturday/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: _____



**From the desk of
Sr. Sophie Yondura, ssj. D.Min.**



Registration for Parish Religious Education Classes (PREP) and Adult Faith Formation Classes (RCIA)

St. Helena Parish offers *Religious Education classes* for children in grades 1 to 8 who are attending non-catholic schools. Classes will **begin on September 18th at 9:15am.** If you have a son or daughter or know of someone who needs religious instruction, please contact Sister Sophie at 215-424-1300. Registration will take place every Sunday during August after all the Masses in the back of Church. If you are new to the program, please bring your child's Baptismal Certificate with you. **Classes begin on Sept. 18, 2010 at 9:15am. All PREP fees must be paid in full by September 10th to avoid a late fee of \$35.00.**

St. Helena Parish offers **Faith Formation Classes** for young adults and adults interested in the Catholic Faith, those baptized in another faith tradition and wish to become Catholic, or for any Catholic adult who wishes to complete his or her Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist & Confirmation). If you or you know of someone who would like faith formation classes, please contact Sister Sophie at 215-317-9168. **Classes begin on Sept. 18, 2010 at 12:30pm.**



St. Helena Parish Feast & Celebration of Forty Hours



INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS

*Our annual celebration of 40 hours will open **Sunday, September 11th** after the 12:30pm Mass and continue until **Wednesday, September 14th**. Below is the schedule for adoration.*

Opens on Sunday, September 11th after the 12:30pm Mass

Closing on Wednesday, September 14th 7:00pm with a Tri-Lingual Mass

Schedule of Adoration

Sunday, September 11th – 2:00pm to 5:00pm (Evening Prayer with Guest Speaker)

Monday, September 12th – 8:30am to 7:00pm (Evening Prayer with Guest Speaker)

Public Adoration all day - School Children adoration 9:30am to 2:00pm

Tuesday, September 13th – 8:30am to 7:00pm (Evening Prayer with Guest Speaker)

Public Adoration all day - School Children adoration 9:30am to 2:00pm

Wednesday, September 14th – 8:30am to 7:00pm (Tri-Lingual Mass)

Public Adoration all day - School Children adoration 9:30am to 2:00pm

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



8/02/09.....	\$5716.00
8/01/10.....	\$5798.00
7/31/11.....	\$5081.00



Number of Envelopes from Mass	263	Loose Collection from Mass	\$1152.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$3787.00	Drop Off Collection	\$142.00

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 **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Last week we read the account of Jesus feeding the 5,000. You remember, the crowds had gathered to hear Jesus, and as the day wore on, Jesus tells the disciples, "Give the people something to eat." After the feeding of the 5,000 was all over, Jesus dismisses the crowd and sends them home. Then he tells his disciples, "Get in the boat and cross the lake. I'll join you later, but right now I need to be alone for awhile to pray." Well, a few hours later we find the disciples caught in the middle of the lake in a wind storm. The waves are rolling, the wind is blowing and they are getting nowhere. It takes everything they have just to try to keep the boat into the wind, let alone make it across to the other side. Now, remember: Why are they out in the middle of the lake in the first place? Jesus told them - really, ordered them, commanded them - to get in the boat and cross the lake. They are doing exactly what Jesus had told them to do, and by being obedient to him, discover themselves now caught in a big storm! Do faith and obedience always mean smooth sailing in life?

We are still accepting **registrations for the 2011-2012 school year**. We have openings in some of our grades. Contact the school office for more information. 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.

I invite you to take some time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament during our **upcoming celebration of 40 hours and Parish Feast**. Please see page 3 for a detailed schedule for this special spiritual activity of our parish.

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

