

## Feast of the Holy Family December 26, 2010



## Welcome to St. Helena Church



### St. Helena Church is a Tithing & Evangelizing Parish Mission Statement

We, the Parish of St. Helena, are rooted in Jesus Christ and nourished by Eucharist. We are aware of our present diversity and the changes that enrich us. We strive with all that God has given us to live and to share the Gospel of love by creating a welcoming and united community. We seek to integrate actively people of all ages, races, and cultures into every area of life.

### Masses for the Week Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **SATURDAY, Dec. 25, 2010** *Birth of Christ*

8:00am Mass in English  
9:30am Mass in Vietnamese  
11:00am Mass in English  
12:30pm Mass in Spanish

#### **SUNDAY, Dec. 26, 2010** *Holy Family*

8:00AM (E) Fitzmaurice & Pokorny Families  
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention  
11:00AM (E) Sarah J. Lehmann  
12:30PM (S) Mariela Martinez

#### **MONDAY, Dec. 27, 2010** *St. John*

6:30AM Peter Le Quang Khanh  
8:00AM Joseph Chiet & Rosa

#### **TUESDAY, Dec. 28, 2010** *Holy Innocents*

6:30AM Joseph & Marie Lain  
8:00AM Patrick McKee

#### **WEDNESDAY, Dec. 29, 2010**

6:30AM Anna Tran Thi Ngoan  
8:00AM John Adair

#### **THURSDAY, Dec. 30, 2010**

6:30AM Peter Tran Tuyen  
8:00AM Anna Nguyen Thi Nguyen

#### **FRIDAY, Dec. 31, 2010**

6:30AM Unknown Soul  
8:00AM Joseph Chiet & Rosa  
4:30PM St. Helena Parishioners  
11:00PM St. Helena Parishioners

#### **SATURDAY, Jan. 1, 2011** *Mary, Mother of God*

8:00AM St. Helena Parishioners  
9:30AM Personal Intention  
11:00AM St. Helena Parishioners  
12:30PM St. Helena Parishioners

#### **SUNDAY, Jan. 2, 2011** *The Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00AM Thanksgiving for Nguyen Family  
9:30AM Personal Intention  
11:00AM Dominique & Marie Nguyen  
12:30PM Julio C. Mosquera

**Please remember in your prayers the deceased members of our parish, families, and friends.**

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.

### We Remember in Prayer...Our sick

Theresa Palmer	Patricia Komly	Tina Hosgood
Judy Kovescek	Taryn & Jack	Betty Masi
Rita Klienknecht	Bernie Black	Rita Voras
Grace Sweeney	Donald Panaro	Priscilla Nguyen
Joseph Voras	Charles T. Benner	Charles Ball
	Rosa Di Nicola	Robertta Pohl

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### **SUNDAY, Dec. 26, 2010** *Feast of the Holy Family*

Sir 3: 2-7, 12-14 Col 3: 12-21 Mt. 2: 13-15, 19-23

<b>MONDAY (27)</b>	1 Jn 1: 1-4	Jn 20: 1a, 2-8
<b>TUESDAY (28)</b>	1 Jn 1: 5-2:2	Mt 2: 13-18
<b>WEDNESDAY (29)</b>	1 Jn 2: 3-11	Lk 2: 22-35
<b>THURSDAY (30)</b>	1 Jn 2: 12-17	Lk 2: 36-40
<b>FRIDAY (31)</b>	1 Jn 2: 18-21	Jn 1: 1-18
<b>SATURDAY (01)</b>	Nm 6: 22-27	Gal 4: 4-7
	Lk 2: 16-21	

## Feast of the Holy Family

The feast of the Holy Family (the Sunday following Christmas) celebrates the first community that blessed Jesus and was blessed by him. It would be easy to miss this quiet feast this year because it is celebrated the day after Christmas. The Holy Family of Nazareth is a model and example for every human family. The hallmark of the Holy Family was that Jesus was at its centre and all the other aspects of life at Nazareth were in and through this central figure, namely Jesus. Family prayer, family work, family togetherness, family meals, family recreations and family celebrations were all centered around the person of Jesus. So it has to be in a true Christian family. Christ has to be the centre of our life. As a beautiful and very popular quotation puts it: "Christ is the head of this household, a welcome guest at every meal and a silent listener of every conversation." If only every Christian family would follow this simple rule, how happy, peaceful and united our families would be! The family is called the "domestic church" and it is here that we are able to model Christ's love to one another. Here we accept each other where each is at, with unconditional love. We are called to pray each of our family members to eternal life. We are called to ask for and to give each other forgiveness. This Christmastide let us remember the angel's greeting to the shepherds, "Peace on Earth" by striving to find that peace in our families.

## **Sisters of St. Joseph Chance Drawing Winners**

**\$10,000 Grand Prize Winner: Ms. Jean Sawyer, Philadelphia, PA**  
**Ticket sold by: S. Evelyn Mignone**



### **\$500 Winners**

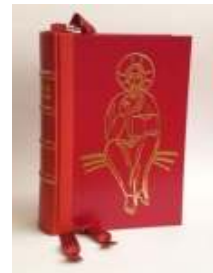
Rose Anne Rosenstock  
Catherine Hazzard  
Louis Izzo  
Bob Kamuka  
The Spindlers  
Peg McGlory  
Rida Scarpisnato  
Lydia de Jesus  
Ken Hampton  
Robin F. Gallagher DMD &  
W. Gregory Mauro DMD

### **Tickets Sold By:**

S. Sue Lindinger  
S. Roseann Quinn  
St. Jerome Convent, Philadelphia, PA  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Convent Maple Shade, NJ  
S. Mary Pat McCrane  
Star of the Sea Convent Cape May, NJ  
Stella Maris Convent Philadelphia, PA  
Saint Anne Convent Philadelphia, PA  
S. Joan Krukoski  
S. Rose Agnes White



# ***New Roman Missal Information***



As you may already know, the words we use in the Mass are scheduled to change within the next few years. The 2001 Vatican document *Liturgiam Authenticam* (“On the Use of Vernacular Languages in the Publication of the Books of the Roman Liturgy”) outlined new rules and principles for translation, requiring that English and other vernacular versions of the *Roman Missal* match the original Latin texts more closely (or literally). Since then the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has been working with the Holy See (and other organizations) to revise and approve the new English translation of the *Roman Missal* (*Sacramentary*).

The new translations affect the Order of Mass, including both the presider’s and people’s parts (responses). Lectionary readings, including responsorial psalms, are not affected at this time. The process for approving and implementing the new translations is long and complex.

### **When will this be implemented for liturgical use?**

The approved text of the Order of Mass has been released as a text for study and formation, but is not intended for liturgical use, that is to say it cannot be used in the celebration of the Mass. The intention of the Congregation for Divine Worship and of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is to enable and encourage a process of preparation and catechesis for both priests and the faithful, as well as to make the texts available to composers of liturgical music who can begin to set the texts, especially the acclamations, to music in anticipation of the implementation of the texts for liturgical use. It is hoped that when the time comes to use the texts in the celebration of the Mass, priests will be properly trained, the faithful will have an understanding and appreciation of what is being prayed, and musical settings of the liturgical texts will be readily available.

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# *Christmas Schedule 2010*

## **Vigil of Christmas – Friday, Dec. 24, 2010**

6:00pm Mass in English (UC)

7:00pm Mass in Spanish (LC)

9:00pm Mass in Vietnamese (UC)



## **Christmas – Saturday, Dec. 25, 2010**

8:00am Mass in English

9:30am Mass in Vietnamese

11:00am Mass in English

12:30pm Mass in Spanish



## **Saturday, Dec. 25, 2010**

4:30pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

## **Sunday December 26, 2010**

Regular Sunday Schedule

## **New Year's Eve – Friday, Dec. 31, 2010**

4:30pm Mass in English

11:00pm Mass in English

## **New Year Day – Friday, Jan. 1, 2011**

8:00am Mass in English

9:30am Mass in Vietnamese

11:00am Mass in English

12:30pm Mass in Spanish



## **Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011**

4:30pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

## **Sunday, Jan. 2, 2010**

Regular Sunday Schedule

**Suggested Christmas  
Offering \$100.00**

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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**

12/14/08.....\$6754.00  
 12/13/09.....\$5860.50  
**12/12/10.....\$6000.00**

Number of Envelopes from Mass	339	Loose Collection from Mass	\$995.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$3905.00	Drop Off Collection	\$1094.00

**Children's Envelopes.....\$6.00**

**Religious Retirement Collection.....\$1672.00**

**Christmas Flowers.....\$2361.70**

**Immaculate Conception Collection.....\$1466.00**

## **Last But Not Least**

*Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family.* We are still in the afterglow of Christmas. The beautiful scene of Bethlehem, marked by simplicity and splendor, has the power to tap the deepest springs of human tenderness and love in every person's heart. That is why Christmas has always been a season of peace, joy, love, unity, fellowship, compassion and service. Every time we gather around the Eucharistic table, we do so as brothers and sisters, members of one family, God's family, with God as our common Father. To be church is to be the family of God. May Jesus, Mary and Joseph teach us to love one another as Jesus loves us so that we may truly be brothers and sisters to one another building our families as model Christian families.

*I hope you had a Blessed Christmas and that the New Year will be filled with peace, joy, good health and prosperity for you.* By now, everyone should have received *my Christmas Letter* which gave a report of the state of our parish. I hope you were able to take some quiet time to read the letter. If you have any comments or questions, please contact me. I will be happy to speak to you. If for some reason you did not receive this letter, call the rectory office and we will send one out to you.

*My sincere thanks to all of our volunteers who participated in the cleaning of the upper church and the decorating of both the upper and lower church and the outside of the church and rectory.* If you have not yet done so, I invite you to stop by the lower church and visit the manger of the Christ Child.

As we prepare to ring in the year 2011, may the peace of the Christ Child bring you joy and remain with you throughout the year. *All are invited to our Vigil Mass for New Year's Day, Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm and 11:00pm in the lower church.* Our regular Sunday mass schedule will be followed for Saturday, New Year's Day. Why not plan to join us and start the year out in praise to the Lord! Thanks for reading and have a great week!

Your Brother and Shepherd,  
 Msgr. Joseph T. M. Trinh