



**5th Sunday in Ord. Time
February 5, 2012**

St. Helena Church ~ A Tithing 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.

Declaración de Misión de Santa Helena

Nosotros, la parroquia de Santa Helena, estamos enraizados en Cristo Jesús y alimentados por la Eucaristía. Estamos conscientes de nuestra diversidad actual y de los cambios que nos enriquecen. Buscamos, con todo lo que Dios nos ha dado, vivir y compartir el Evangelio de amor creando un ambiente de acogida y una comunidad unida. Buscamos de integrar activamente en toda área de la vida a cada persona de toda edad, raza y cultura.

Giáo Xứ Thánh Helena – Giáo Xứ Thập Phân – Tôn Chỉ

Chúng tôi, Giáo Xứ Thánh Helena bắt nguồn từ Chúa Giêsu Kitô và được nuôi dưỡng bằng bí tích Thánh Thể. Chúng tôi nhận biết sự đa dạng của Giáo xứ và những thay đổi làm chúng tôi được phong phú hơn. Chúng tôi cố gắng, với tất cả những gì Chúa ban, sống và chia sẻ Tin mừng của Tình thương bằng cách xây dựng một cộng đoàn hiệp nhất và chào đón mọi người. Chúng tôi luôn tìm cách kết hợp mọi người sống hòa đồng với nhau không phân biệt tuổi tác, sắc tộc hay văn hóa.

We Remember in Prayer... Our Sick

Winnie McGinty	Patricia Komly	Charles Ball
Theresa Palmer	Taryn & Jack	Betty Masi
Judy Koveseck	Bernie Black	Rita Voros
Donald Panaro	Charles T. Benner	Joseph Voros
Geraldo Acevedo	Tam Tri Nguyen	Robert Pohl
Noreen Blyweiss	Barbara Eldred	Joan Schaller
Andre Clarke	Ellen Moffa	Eleanor Garin
Baby McClintock	Baby Avery William	Patricia Sobel

We Remember in Prayer... Our Deceased

Anna Hilton Mary Dollarton

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 Feb. 5th to Feb. 12th

SATURDAY, Feb. 4, 2012

4:30pm Living & Dec. Members of the Mather Fam.

SUNDAY, Feb. 5, 2012 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Mary Rote
9:30AM Personal Intention
11:15AM Joseph Wecher, III (30th Anniv)
12:30PM St. Helena Parishioners

MONDAY, Feb. 6, 2012 St. Paul Miki & Companions

7:00AM
8:00AM Gus Ruckle

TUESDAY, Feb. 7, 2012

7:00AM
8:00AM

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 8, 2012 St. Jerome Emiliani & St. Josephine Bakhita

7:00AM Maria Kim Phuong Do
8:00AM Joseph Chiet & All Souls

THURSDAY, Feb. 9, 2012

7:00AM
8:00AM

FRIDAY, Feb. 10, 2012 St. Scholastica

7:00AM Peter Buu Chuong
8:00AM Maria Thinh Doan

SATURDAY, Feb. 11, 2012 Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00am Dominic Gia Cong Tran
4:30pm Joe Owens

SUNDAY, Feb. 12, 2012 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Peter & Anna Van Nguyen
9:30AM Personal Intention
11:15AM Stella Quinn
12:30PM

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Jb 7: 1-4, 6-7 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23 Mk 1: 29-39

MONDAY (06) 1 Kgs 8: 1-7, 9-13
Mk 6: 53-56

TUESDAY (07) 1 Kgs 8: 22-23, 27-30
Mk 7: 1-13

WEDNESDAY (08) 1 Kgs 10: 1-10
Mk 7: 14-23

THURSDAY (09) 1 Kgs 11: 4-13
Mk 7: 24-30

FRIDAY (10) 1 Kgs 11: 29-32; 12:19
Mk 7: 31-37

SATURDAY (11) 1 Kgs 12: 26-32; 13: 33-34
Mk 8: 1-10





Our Catholic Faith



Feast of St. Blaise & the Blessing of Throats

Why does this blessing of the throat take place on the feast of St. Blaise?

St. Blaise, a physician and bishop, asked God to cure a child who was choking to death on a fish bone and the child's life was saved. Thus, **St. Blaise is the patron saint of healthy throats.**

Prayer to Saint Blaise

Dear bishop and lover of souls, you willingly bore heavy crosses in faithful imitation of Jesus. Similarly, with Christ-like compassion you cured many sufferers. Then after undergoing horrible torture, you died as a martyr for Christ. Obtain a cure for these {describe the afflictions} ills if this is agreeable to God. Amen.

St. Helena will bless throats after all the Masses this weekend.



Catholic Social Teaching

The Eucharist should be the place of solidarity where, through our sharing, the miracle of the loaves and fishes continues in the world today. (Pope John Paul II) We must repeat that the superfluous goods of wealthier nations ought to be placed at the disposal of poorer nations...If prosperous nations continue to be jealous of their own advantage alone, they will jeopardize their highest values, sacrificing the pursuit of excellence to the acquisition of possessions. (Pope Paul VI Populorum Progressio) (*Compliments of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia: www.ssphila.org*)

St. Helena School Dates



Pennies for Patients to benefit Leukemia & Lymphoma Society School & Youth Programs

Kids with Leukemia and other blood cancers need our help!!!!

How to help? *Collect & bring in pennies and lose change to your classroom.*

Feb 20th - Students off for Presidents' Day...

Congratulations to Jennifer Dang who is Tech Student of the Week.



St. Helena Alumni Beef and Beer



Calling All St. Helena School Alumni and Parishioners!!!

WHAT: St. Helena School Alumni First Annual Beef and Beer

WHEN: Saturday, March 3, 2012

TIME: 6:30pm to 10:30pm

WHERE: St. Helena School Hall (5th and Spencer Streets)

HOW: For Tickets and Information
e-mail pjs.shs70@gmail.com

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Tickets are also available at: St. Helena School
6101 N. 5th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19120
Attention: Sister Marie Albert, SSJ
Alumni Office – 215-549-8299



FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2012

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2012, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl, which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

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



1/31/10.....	\$6611.00
1/30/11.....	\$5729.00
1/29/12.....	\$5549.00
Number of Envelopes from Mass 312	Loose Collection from Mass \$1236.00
Envelope Collection from Mass \$4036.00	Drop Off Collection \$174.00
Children's Envelopes.....\$3.00	



Last But Not Least



Today we celebrate the *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*. This weekend we will bless throats after all the Mass for the Feast of St. Blaise.

All contributions received for the year 2011 have been entered into our computer system. Mrs. Giacomelli and Mrs. Devlin have been working on tax letters for the 2011 tax year. ***Tax Letters were mailed on Wednesday, February 1, 2012.*** If you did not receive your letter by February 11th, please contact the rectory office at 215-424-1300. Once again, thank you for your generosity during the year 2011. May the Lord will reward you for your dedication to St. Helena Parish.

FYI: An update on the Blue Ribbon Commission Recommendations. The implementation committees from Incarnation and ourselves have agreed upon the name ***"St. Helena – Incarnation Regional School"***. The final approval will come from 222. We are still in the process of discussing other details. ***By March 25th, we should have a Principal named and the name of the School. We are planning an open house for March 25th for ourselves and Incarnation.*** As decisions are made, I will keep you informed.

As we move into the winter months, I hope all of you are keeping warm. ***The annual Fuel letter and envelopes were mailed this past week. The collection will take place on February 26th.*** I know that you have been generous to the many collections over the past months. I thank you for your continued support. I do hope that you will be able to continue your generosity with the Fuel Collection. Whatever you give, is greatly appreciated.

Finally, this weekend we celebrate ***Lunar New Year***, or Spring Festival which will be held on Sunday in our School Hall from 12:30pm to 8:00pm. The festival traditionally begins on the first day of the first month of the Lunar calendar and ends with Lantern Festival which is on the 15th day. Lunar New Year's Eve is a day where families gather for their annual reunion dinner. It literally means "Year-pass Eve". Lunar New Year is the longest and most important festivity in the Lunar Calendar. Thanks for reading and have a great week!

Your Brother & Shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh