

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 27, 2011**



**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 Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> to March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**SATURDAY, Feb. 26, 2011**

4:30PM Helen Kopiec

**SUNDAY, Feb. 27, 2011 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT**

8:00AM Marta Pham Thi Ninh

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM Francis Repsch (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

12:30PM

**MONDAY, Feb. 28, 2011**

6:30AM Joseph Chiet & Rosa

8:00AM Eddie R. Laboy

**TUESDAY, March 1, 2011**

6:30AM

8:00AM Thanksgiving for Teresa Lam Nguyen

**WEDNESDAY, March 2, 2011**

6:30AM

8:00AM Dominique & Maria Nguyen

**THURSDAY, March 3, 2011 St. Katherine Drexel**

6:30AM

8:00AM

**FRIDAY, March 4, 2011 St. Casimir**

6:30AM

8:00AM

9:00AM Francis Struble

7:00PM Xinh Hang Nguyen

**SATURDAY, March 5, 2011**

8:00AM Thomas That Nguyen

4:30PM Ty Nguyen

**SUNDAY, March 6, 2011 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday in OT**

8:00AM Genevieve M. Black

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM Andrew Balitzky

12:30PM Olivia Ladavid Arcila

***Please remember in your prayers the  
deceased members of our parish,  
families, friends and benefactor,  
especially Sr. John Cecilia, ssj  
& Sr. Alma Dolorine, ssj.***

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**

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

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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Is 49:14-15      1 Cor 4: 1-5      Mt 6: 24-34

**MONDAY (28)**

Sir 17: 20-24      Mk 10: 17-27

**TUESDAY (01)**

Sir 35: 1-12      Mk 10: 28-31

**WEDNESDAY (02)**

Sir 36: 1, 4-5a, 10-17      Mk 10: 32-45

**THURSDAY (03)**

Sir 42: 15-25      Mk 10: 46-52

**FRIDAY (04)**

Sir 44: 1, 9-13      Mk 11: 11-26

**SATURDAY (05)**

Sir 51:12cd-20      Mk 11: 27-33

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**Reading: Mt 6:24-34**

Jesus said to his disciples: "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

**Question to Ponder...**

- What is one specific way that you know that God is with you?
- As we approach the season of Lent, jot down a few things that you might DO for Lent to keep focused on the God who cares for you and lifts you up.

# Call to Conversion and Holiness



**American  
Red Cross**

**The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood."**

It has been the consistent practice of the Church to adore Jesus present in the Tabernacle. In the first centuries the main reason for reserving the Sacred Species was that those not able to attend Mass, especially the sick, and dying, might receive Holy Eucharist. Later in history, faith in the presence of Christ in the Tabernacle led to the tradition of Eucharistic Adoration. It is in prayer before the Tabernacle that we learn to love. Through adoration of the Blessed Sacrament we draw the strength necessary to remain faithful to our love. In Eucharistic Adoration we find consolation in times of sorrow and fulfillment in times of joy. As we spend time before the Tabernacle, Jesus says to us: "Come to me, all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you." Our Lord Jesus Christ is waiting for to spend time with you.

*You are invited to read Cardinal Rigali's Pastoral Letter that can be found on the home page of the Archdiocese – [www.archphila.org](http://www.archphila.org)*



**Save this Date for  
St. Helena's Annual Blood Drive  
Sunday, April 3, 2011  
9:00am to 3:00pm  
St. Helena School Hall**

## *Announcements from St. Helena School*

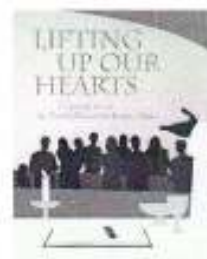
- The school pizza fundraiser for Lent has started! Please see more information on the website. Money and orders are due Wednesday February 23rd. Pick Up will be March 9th.
- Helena, the school pet is ready to travel with student and Alum of St. Helena School. Please go to the St. Helena School web site and click on the link to the left "School Pet" to find out more information about Helena.

## *Congratulations to our High School Students*

- ☺ **Javier Antonio Vazquez '11** achieved first honors from Archbishop Ryan HS.
- ☺ **Paul H. Armstrong, IV '11** achieved second honors from Archbishop Ryan HS.
- ☺ **Allison Duffey '11** achieved honors with a GPA of 3.5 from Merion Mercy Academy.
- ☺ **Maylyn Jamil '11, Larry Nguyen '11, Tamika Pierre-Louise '11 Mary Grace Estampa '12, Allan Terciano '12, and Camille deRamos '13** achieved first honors from Bishop McDevitt HS.
- ☺ **Ricardo Pomales '11 Joy Jamil '13 and Elizabeth Tong '13** achieved second honors from Bishop McDevitt HS.
- ☺ Top Ten in their classes...**Maylyn Jamil '11 was number 1, Mary Grace Estampa '12 was number 3 and Allan Terciano '12 was number 12.**



# Looking to Lent



St. Helena Church  
will offer "Lifting Up Your Hearts"  
Small Group sessions for Lent 2011

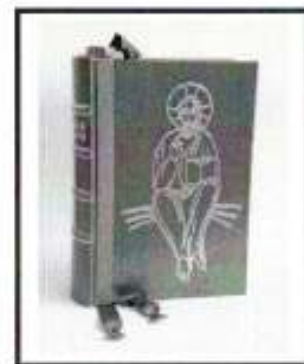
## Who can participate in the "Lifting Up Your Heart" Small Group?

- + Anyone who would like to "do something" for Lent that will deepen his/her relationship with the Lord, especially by understanding the changes in the New Roman Missal for Mass.
- + Anyone who would like to learn about and practice the changes in the New Roman Missal with other parishioners.
- + Spouses, friends, and neighbors can come together!

## What is the format for "Lifting Up Your Hearts" Small Group?

The Format is simple:

- + Opening Prayer
- + Explanation of the New Roman Missal
- + A comparison of the Old Missal responses to the New Missal Responses
- + Practice of the New Responses
- + Ways to share these new changes with your family and friends
- + Closing Prayer and Sending Forth



## When Does the Group Begin and End?

- + Groups run for six 1 hour sessions for the six weeks of Lent
- + Groups begin on Saturday, March 12, and finish on April 16.

Time: Saturday's from 11:00am to 12 Noon

Place: Rectory Basement Meeting Room

Coffee & Refreshments provided



**Sign Up with Sr. Sophie on the Weekends of  
February 19-20 and February 26-27 All are invited!**



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



2/22/09.....	\$6448.00
2/21/10.....	\$6538.00
<b>2/20/11.....</b>	<b>\$6303.00</b>

Number of Envelopes from Mass	262	Loose Collection from Mass	\$1563.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$4495.00	Drop Off Collection	\$243.00
Children's Envelopes.....		\$2.00	



## Last But Not Least

*Today we celebrate the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.* “The gospel reading we hear today addresses what may well be the most significant stressor of our day – anxiety. “Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow” and blossom, without drawing a single paycheck. “Look at the birds of the air,” he says; “they don’t plow or plant, yet harvest enough grain to fly to South America and back! God takes care of them; don’t you think God will take care of **you**? Why worry about your health—it won’t add even an hour to your lifespan! Trust God. Live in the present. Indeed, how many of us are the worry-bound weary who desperately seek rest and refreshment! And while Jesus suggests the **simplest reliance on Divine Providence** as the tonic for this insidious malady, there are other aides as well, like remembering those larger-than-life characters of former days who overcame tremendous obstacles, reminding us even today that we are capable of the same. Let the future take care of itself. Don’t let worry crowd out the important things of life.

This weekend, *the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is to help with the fuel bill* for the parish facility. *I thank you for your generous contribution to this special collection.* If you cannot make a contribution at this time and would like to do so at a later date, please drop it off at the rectory. Once again, thank you for your help.

It seems like time is going so fast since we celebrated Christmas. *On March 9<sup>th</sup>, we will begin the Holy Season of Lent.* During this sacred time, we have planned a *special program entitled “Lifting Up Your Hearts”* which will introduce you to the new Roman Missal and the changes that will begin Advent 2011 in our Mass. I would encourage as many as possible to take advantage of this program being offered on Saturday mornings during the 6 weeks of Lent.

I remind the parents and sponsors of our Confirmation Class that next Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm in the Lower Church, the candidates who will be confirmed on April 7<sup>th</sup> by Justin Cardinal Rigali will inscribe their names in the Inscription book at the Inscription Service. It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will open and enlighten the minds our candidates as they begin their final preparation for this Sacrament.

Finally, please remember in your prayers the sick, the homebound, the poor, the needy and the homeless of our parish and city, especially the family of 134 W. Sparks Street who were killed and/or seriously hurt in their recent fire. Thanks for reading and have a good week and holy Lent.

Your brother and shepherd,  
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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