



**2nd Sunday in Ord. Time
January 15, 2012**

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 January 14th to 22nd

SATURDAY, Jan. 14, 2012

4:30pm Karl Wicher

SUNDAY, Jan. 15, 2012 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM John Nguyen & Maria Binh Nguyen
(8th Wedding Anniversary)

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM Gloria McCosker

12:30PM St. Helena Parishioners

MONDAY, Jan. 16, 2012

7:00AM Pray for Holy Souls

8:00AM Phero Ana Nhan Thi

TUESDAY, Jan. 17, 2012 St. Anthony

7:00AM Anna Quy Pham

8:00AM Hilda DeLucca

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 18, 2012

7:00AM Joseph Chiet & All Souls

8:00AM Maria Kim Phuong Do

THURSDAY, Jan. 19, 2012

7:00AM Leonard Williams

8:00AM Nguyen Van Ban

FRIDAY, Jan. 20, 2012 Sts. Fabian & Sebastian

7:00AM Anna Quy Pham

8:00AM Efraim C. deRamos

SATURDAY, Jan. 21, 2012 St. Agnes

8:00am Agnes Foley

4:30pm Nora Lenehan Dempsey

SUNDAY, Jan. 22, 2012 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM Maria & Dominic Nguyen

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM Bill & Sarah Lehmann

12:30PM Anna Rosa Malagon

We Remember in Prayer...Our Deceased

Patrick Longenecker
(nephew-in-law of Sr. Marie Albert)



We Remember in Prayer...Our sick

Winnie McGinty	Patricia Komly	Jim Butterly
Theresa Palmer	Taryn & Jack	Betty Masi
Judy Koveseck	Bernie Black	Rita Voros
Bill Christie	Donald Panaro	Priscilla Nguyen
Geraldo Acevedo	Charles T. Benner	Charles Ball
Joseph Voros	Tam Tri Nguyen	Roberta Pohl
Sharon Doneker	Joan Taft	Noreen Blyweiss
Andre Clarke	Leonard Fitzmaurice	Ellen Moffa
Fressia Moya	Eleanor Garin	Patricia Sobel
David Spieser	William Ten Hagen	Ray Tiegs
Joan Schaller	Mark Smith	Baby McClintock
Baby Avery Williams		

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Jan. 15, 2012 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19

1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1: 35-42

MONDAY (16)

1 Sm 15: 16-23

Mk 2: 18-22

TUESDAY (17)

1 Sm 16: 1-13

Mk 2: 23-28

WEDNESDAY (18)

1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51

Mk 3: 1-6

THURSDAY (19)

1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19:1-7 Mk 3: 7-12

FRIDAY (20)

1Sm 24: 3-21

Mk 3: 13-19

SATURDAY (21)

2Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27

Mk 3: 20-21

Feast of the Epiphany Jan. 15, 2012 (B)

Readings: Jn 1: 35-42

When the two disciples asked Jesus: "Where are you staying?" Jesus told the two: "Come and you will see." So they both went with Jesus and stayed with Him that day. The word of God is always relevant and it is so alive that it talks to us also. Perhaps, the question that we would ask Jesus now is not anymore where are you staying but: "Jesus I want to have a personal relationship with you." Jesus' answer would be the same today: "Come and you will see." Why don't we also decide to respond to His open invitation and follow Him? Once we do, I am very sure that we would choose to also stay with Him not only for a day but for the rest of our days. Jesus has said: "Come to me all of you who carry heavy burdens and I will refresh you." God's call is personal and he invites every individual to build a close relationship with him. His call is unique as he calls individuals as well as nations to be united with him.



Catholic Social Teaching



“The needs of the poor take priority over the desires of the rich, the rights of workers over profit, the preservation of the environment over uncontrolled industrial expansion, the production to meet social needs over the production of military purposes.” *Economic Justice for All—1968--# 94 (Compliments of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Philadelphia: www.ssjphila.org)*

St. Helena School Dates

Jan 16th - Day off for observance of Dr. King Day

Jan 29th - Opening of Catholic School's week Mass at 11:15am

All Students Must attend this Mass & wear school uniform

Jan 29th - Open House at the School

Feb 1st - Community Breakfast

Feb 3rd - Students off --- Faculty Retreat

Feb 20th - Students off for Presidents' Day



Announcements



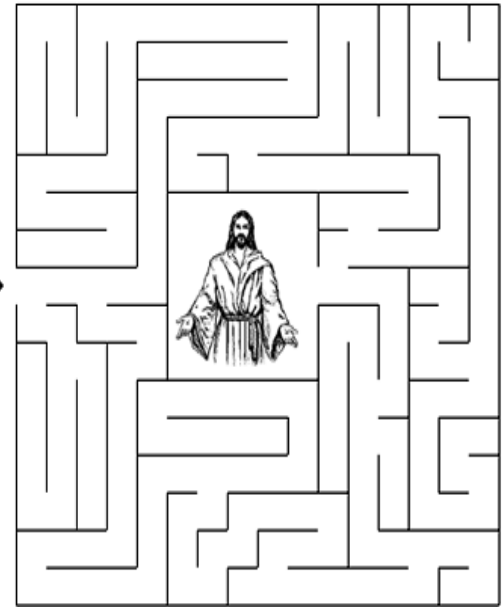
- Saint Basil Academy is sponsoring a Practice Examination for 7th grade girls on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 9:00am. The cost of the exam will be \$30.00. Refreshments will be provided. Please contact Mrs. Maureen Walsh in the Admissions Office at 215-885-6952 to request an application. Saint Basil Academy is located at 711 Fox Chase Road, Jenkintown, PA. 19046.
- Mount Saint Joseph Academy is holding a practice test for 7th grade girls on Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 8:00am to 11:30am. The cost of the test will be \$45.00. To register online go to www.msjacad.org Mount Saint Joseph Academy is located at 120 E. Wissahickon Avenue, Flourtown, PA. 19031.
- St. Helena 55+ Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. The next meeting will take place on January 26, 2012 at 12:00Noon in the Rectory Basement. If interested, see Sr. Sophie Yondura.



Children's Activity Page

Jesus Calls His First Disciples (Jn. 1: 35-42)

I U X I S R A E L K H N E N L
 R B J Q W D G R J B P I O K J
 A Q W O Z J R A X Q N W N J S
 L Q N X R Z A G L A N D R E W
 O K X U R G I W E I K F L A E
 Q H Q E Y B P M M M L S U B S
 J A T Z B I O K K E J E S U S
 F E W A L C N R G H X F E H T
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 R X K I N G L C L L N E M R Y
 Q K I Z Y U Q T S E O M T R K
 N A T H A N A E L O D W P H T



TREE	PETER	COME	CALLED	NATHANAEL
GALILEE	KING	KNOW	NAZARETH	ANDREW
PHILIP	RABBI	FOLLOW	JESUS	ISRAEL

Blue Ribbon Commission Report

Archbishop Chaput's December 8th Pastoral Letter described coming efforts to "renew our local Church with Christian charity, justice and zeal." The challenges, he wrote, would be painful. But through the power of God's love for us, we as parishioners, priests, and pastors would find the strength to meet these challenges and fulfill God's mission for our local Church. Among these challenges is the need to restructure and revitalize Catholic Education in the Archdiocese. As the Archbishop noted, any plan would likely involve the closing or merging of a number of our schools. On Friday, the results of the yearlong Blue Ribbon Commission study of Catholic education in the Archdiocese were announced and its recommendations were accepted by the Archbishop. ***Our school is being partnered with Incarnation of Our Lord School and become a Regional School. The school location will be here at St. Helena.*** Let us pray for all who are affected by these recommendations.

All of us should understand that this decision was reached only after an extended period of vigorous analysis, thoughtful debate and persistent prayer. This news is painful for our school families as well as our dedicated faculty and staff. All those affected will be assisted as much as possible at this difficult time. Our deepest concern and our heartfelt prayers are with all of them. Staff from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center will work with our school's faculty and staff in an effort to find positions for them in other schools. A website dedicated to providing the latest information about the transition plan – www.FaithintheFuture.com – will be continually updated. Thank you for your commitment to Catholic education. Please join us in praying for our school families, administrators, teachers, and staff.

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



1/10/10.....\$5867.00
 1/9/11.....\$5541.00
1/8/12.....\$6081.00

Number of Envelopes from Mass 281	Loose Collection from Mass \$1256.00
Envelope Collection from Mass \$4423.00	Drop Off Collection \$399.00
Children's Envelopes.....\$3.00	



Last But Not Least



Today we celebrate the **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Jesus came into the world to call people to repentance and faith. To be a follower of Jesus - to be a Christian is the greatest work, task, blessing in the world. There is nothing shameful about being a Christian. It is glorious. To be an ambassador for Christ is a privilege. It is interesting how God selects people for his kingdom. He doesn't go by qualifications, as the world sees them. He doesn't go by social status. He extends his call to all and their faith determines the result. An ambassador for Christ is first a person who trusts God. Let us pray that more men and women will respond to the call to "Come and Follow Jesus".

As many of you heard last Friday, the Archdiocese gave the recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Commission. As a result of that study, ***Incarnation of Our Lord School will merge with St. Helena School to become a Regional School.*** I thank all of you for your prayers and support for our Church and School during these difficult times. It is my firm belief that ***our school will remain open with the name being changed to accommodate both schools and to welcome Incarnation of Our Lord School community.*** I believe this because our buildings are in excellent condition and our enrollment has been stable over the past 10 years while others were losing students. Financially, we have been self-supporting vs. being subsidized by the Archdiocese and finally, our teachers are dedicated and loyal to our school as well as offering programs such as music, computer, art, etc. As the weeks ahead bring new developments, I will keep you updated.

Lastly, last Saturday, our St. Joseph the Worker Group replaced a lot of the rusty and broken pipes in the Lower Church. ***I am grateful to a parishioner who donated \$5,000.00 to cover the cost and the St. Joseph Group who volunteered their time to do the work.*** The heat is up and running now, although we still have more pipes to be replaced. I apologize to those who attended the 4:30pm Mass who experience "COLD" inside as well as outside. ***We are truly blest to have such an excellent group of men who certainly give of their time and talent.*** Thanks for reading and have a great week!

Your Brother & Shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh