



**7th Sunday of Easter
June 5, 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 May 29th to June 5th

SATURDAY, June 4, 2011

4:30PM Raymond Ales

SUNDAY, June 5, 2011 7th Sunday of Easter

8:00AM Martha Mat Do
9:30AM Personal Intention
11:00AM Nally Family
12:30PM Fr. Michael Marzurchuk

MONDAY, June 6, 2011

6:30AM Sr. Mary Alice Snyder, ssj
8:00AM Lawrence Apparaj

TUESDAY, June 7, 2011

6:30AM St. Helena Parishioners past & present
8:00AM Maria Mai Lam

WEDNESDAY, June 8, 2011

6:30AM St. Helena Parishioners past & present
8:00AM Joseph Chiet & Rosa

THURSDAY, June 9, 2011

6:30AM Chi Pham
8:00AM Peter Buu Chuong

FRIDAY, June 10, 2011

6:30AM St. Helena Parishioners past & present
8:00AM Gerard Fenano

SATURDAY, June 11, 2011

8:00AM Peter Lam Nguyen
4:30PM Raymond Patrick

SUNDAY, June 12, 2011 Pentecost Sunday

8:00AM John Chuong & Theresa Nga Nguyen
(20th Wedding Anniversary)
9:30AM Personal Intention
11:00AM Anthony Sumuyl
12:30PM Lawrence Apparaj

*Please remember our deceased, especially
Sr. Mary Immaculate, IHM
& Sr. Mary Alice Snyder, 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
Geraldo Acevedo	Charles T. Benner	Charles Ball
Joseph Voras	Rosa Di Nicola	Roberta Pohl
Sharon Doneker	Joan Taft	Noreen Blyweiss
Joan Teel	Yvonne Marie Oestreich	

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, June 5, 2011 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1: 12-14 1 Pt 4: 13-16 Jn 17: 1-11a

MONDAY (06)	Acts 19:1-8	Jn 16:29-33
TUESDAY (07)	Acts 20:17-27	Jn 17:1-11a
WEDNESDAY (08)	Acts 20:28-38	Jn 17:11b-19
THURSDAY (09)	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11	Jn 17: 20-26
FRIDAY (10)	Acts 25:13b-21	Jn 21: 15-19
SATURDAY (11)	Acts 11:21b-26; 12:1-3	Jn 21: 20-25

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Reading: John 17:1-11a

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. . . I pray for the ones you have given me, because they are yours."

Reflection: (Reflection by Sr. Louise Alff)

A few years ago, I was staying at a retreat house and, getting up very early, I slipped into the chapel balcony. As I looked down upon the tabernacle an elderly priest came in, and assuming no one was around, he went up to the tabernacle, touched it gently and prayed out loud. I was moved by his humble and honest conversation with God. It was a privileged moment for me to overhear the thoughts of his heart. In today's gospel, we "overhear" Jesus at prayer with his Father. How much of his prayer is centered on us. "Father, they belong to you . . . I pray for them . . . they have kept your word . . . the words you gave me, I have given to them . . . they are yours." You can hear the tenderness in Jesus' words as he speaks about us, his gratitude for having the honor of being with us, the joy of knowing that we are forever connected to the Father and the passion of wanting us to experience eternal life. If we ever wondered if we are special to God, if we questioned God unconditional love, if we ever doubted our worth, we only need to reread this passage. God is crazy about us!



Hilton Casino Trip

Join us on *Wednesday, June 22, 2011*

for a trip to Atlantic City...

Casino...Boardwalk...or Beach...

YOUR CHOICE

Cost pp \$25.00 receive \$20.00 slot play

Leave 5th & Godfrey at 9:00am

& return by 7:00pm



Parking Available in St. Helena Schoolyard
Sign up through Sr. Sophie (215-317-9168)

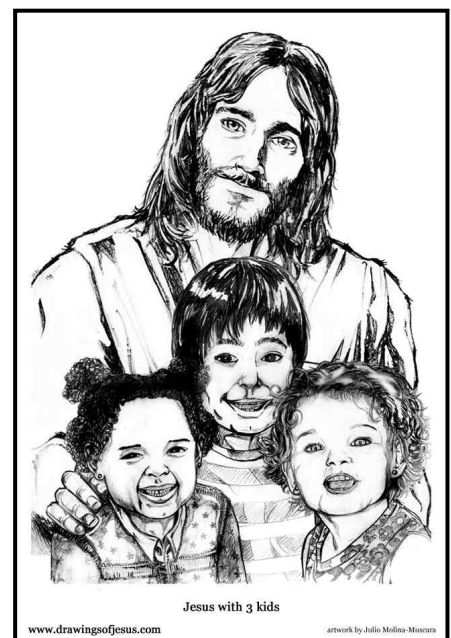
CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORY HOUR

All families with children are invited!

Learn about God and experience His love through stories, prayers, songs and other fun activities! Milk and cookies will be served.

WHEN: Every 1st Sunday of the month
June 5, 2011, Sunday, after the
11:00am Mass

WHERE: School Gym

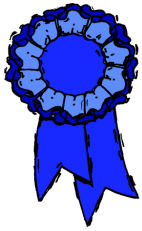


Jesus with 3 kids

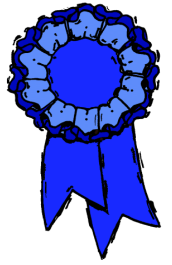
www.drawingsofjesus.com

artwork by Julia Molina-Muscara

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Blue Ribbon Commission on Catholic Education



Dear Friend of Catholic Education,

We, the members of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Catholic Education, are anxious to hear your thoughts and comments on the future of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. We are asking each family to respond to this questionnaire. You can access this questionnaire by logging onto: www.surveymonkey.com/s/C57JHHW. Please complete the questionnaire and press done. This survey will be automatically sent to the Commission. We thank you for your participation. Your thoughts, comments and ideas are very important to us. The survey will close on June 8th.

The Blue Ribbon Commission

Calling All Gardeners!



Can you help with planting and general gardening on our parish grounds? You don't need a green thumb, just willing hands and a desire to help keep our parish grounds beautiful. If you can help, please call Maria Nguyen (215-549-4076) or Sister Marie Albert (215-924-2770). If we do the work, God will give the growth. Thank you for helping.

PENTECOST SUNDAY BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

Join us next Sunday, June 12th for the 11:00am Mass to celebrate the feast of Pentecost and the Birthday of the Church. It is a time to celebrate the many cultures that make up the Universal Church. We will have a procession of flags in the entrance procession. We invite all to wear RED in honor of this great feast.



Next Sunday, we will also celebrate **"NAME TAG SUNDAY"**. As you enter church, stop at the welcome table and fill out a name tag with your first name. This helps us get to know the different people that sit around us during Mass.

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



5/24/09.....	\$ 5993.00
5/31/10.....	\$5298.00
5/29/11.....	\$5162.00

Number of Envelopes from Mass	295	Loose Collection from Mass	\$1223.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$3789.00	Drop Off Collection	\$149.00
Children's Envelopes.....		\$1.00	



Last But Not Least

Today we celebrate the 7th Sunday of Easter. "Father, the hour has come." What astonishing words to come from Jesus, this Man who had come to save all men and women, for he was not only a Man, but also God! What astonishing words to flow forth from this Heart which loved the world so much, but which, however, was going to leave it in order to go to the Father! What words, which could truly be disconcerting to us all, given the extent to which we are all attached to this world which passes away, and which we shall soon leave as Jesus did, for life is so short . . . "Father, the hour has come." Each one of us can repeat these words of the Lord for himself, for Heaven is there, close at hand, very near, and Jesus is waiting for us there! I would like to thank ***The Blue Gates of Harmony Gospel Choir*** and Rev. Mr. Brouycie P. Isley for a inspiring Mass last Sunday. A special thanks to Maria Repsch and Anita Repsch for their help in preparing the Upper Church for this special Mass.

Next Sunday, June 12th is Pentecost Sunday and our very first NAME TAG SUNDAY. This project comes from our Evangelization Committee to help us get to know the people who sit around us during Mass. As you enter church, stop at the welcome table and fill out a name tag with your first name, then wear it during Mass. Please participate in this special initiative to help us get to know one another.

Finally, as the school year winds down, ***I want to congratulate our High School students from the parish who will be graduating this year.*** We wish them good luck as they move on to college or enter the working world. As we journey to the end of our Easter Season and look forward to Pentecost Sunday, please remember our less fortunate brothers and sisters in your prayers. Also remember the sick and deceased of our parish and their families. May the Lord give them the strength to endure in their times of need. Thanks for reading and have a great week.

Your brother and shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh