



**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 29, 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 29<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>**

**SATURDAY, May 28, 2011**

4:30PM Betty Voscauge

**SUNDAY, May 29, 2011 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM Agnes Roi Thu Vu

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM Quy T. Pham

12:30PM Carmen Julia Ortiz

**MONDAY, May 30, 2011 Memorial Day**

9:00AM Chi Pham

**TUESDAY, May 31, 2011 Visitation of the BVM**

6:30AM St. Helena Parishioners past & present

8:00AM Marciano Arocena

**WEDNESDAY, June 1, 2011 St. Justin**

6:30AM St. Helena Parishioners past & present

8:00AM Rosa Maria & Joseph Gai

**THURSDAY, June 2, 2011 Ascension of Our Lord**

6:30AM St. Helena Parishioners past & present

8:00AM Dominique & Marie Nguyen

9:00AM Sarah J. & Bill Lehmann

7:00PM St. Helena Parishioners past & present

**FRIDAY, June 3, 2011 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions**

6:30AM St. Helena Parishioners past & present

8:00AM Frank Dettore

9:00AM Maria Nguyen Thi Chuyen

7:00PM Joseph Chiet and Rosa

**SATURDAY, June 4, 2011**

8:00AM Thomas That Nguyen

4:30PM Raymond Ales

**SUNDAY, June 5, 2011 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM Martha Mat Do

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM Nally Family

12:30PM Fr. Michael Marzurchuk

*Please remember our deceased,  
especially Marciano Arocena.*

*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 Koveseck	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
Yvonne Marie Oestreich		

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17      1 Pt 3: 15-18      Jn 14: 15-21

**MONDAY (30)**      Acts 16: 11-15      Jn 15: 16-16:4a

**TUESDAY (31)**      Zep. 3: 14-18a      Lk 1: 39-56

**WEDNESDAY (01)**      Acts 17: 15, 22-18:1      Jn 16: 12-15

**THURSDAY (02)**      Acts 1: 1-11      Eph 1: 17-23

                                 Mt 28: 16-20

**FRIDAY (03)**      Acts 18: 9-18      Jn 16: 20-23

**SATURDAY (04)**      Acts 18: 23-28      Jn 16: 23b-28

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**John 14: 15 - 21**

*Jesus said: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always . . . I will not leave you orphans: I will come to you."*

**Reflection:** (Reflection by Sr. Louise Alf)

When my niece was 2, her parents went away for few weeks and asked me to babysit. Given my schedule, I could only offer one week but it was arranged that her grandfather would come and stay when I left. After my week was up I was packing to go home. I noticed my niece sitting by the window with a terrified look on her face. She turned to me and, trying to hold back the tears, said in a quivering voice: "Who is going to take care of me now?" I had failed to assure her that her grandfather was coming before I left. What unnecessary anxiety I caused because I failed to communicate the message that we would never leave her alone. What beautiful imagery Jesus uses us in today's gospel. "I will not leave you orphans." As Jesus speaks to his friends of his eventual departure he wants to remind them that the Holy Spirit, the Advocate will be with them always. This Advocate will not only be **with** them, but **in** them! Fear has a way of taking up residence in our minds and hearts, convincing us that we have to face the challenges of life alone. Jesus assures us that He will come and make His dwelling within us. Spiritual orphans? Never! We will always be the sons and daughters of God!!



# Gospel RAMA MASS



St. Helena's Catholic Church Presents a **Gospel RAMA MASS at 11:00am** on **May 29<sup>th</sup> 2011**. This is a special Gospel Mass that will lift the spirit of all people to another level. This is a lifetime event! All Are Welcome!

**Celebrant:** Monsignor Joseph T. Trinh

The Gospel Artists will be: The Blue Gates of Harmony

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Mr. Brouycie P. Isley

Talk Show Host of WTMR, Camden, NJ & Philadelphia Wait to see what happens when Jesus shows up!

## News from Bishop McDevitt High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the Third Quarter Reprot. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Congratulations to the following students from Bishop McDevitt High School who achieved first honors...**Maylyn Jamil '11, Anthony Joseph Nguyen '11, Thu Pham '11, Mary Grace Estampa '12, Christine Nguyen '12, Allan Terciano '12, Camille deRamos '13, and Joy Jamil '13.**

Congratulations to the following students from Bishop McDevitt High School who achieved second honors...**Nhan Do '11, Larry Nguyen '11, Tamika Pierre-Louis '11, Ricardo Pomales '11, Elizabeth Tong '13, and Neil Liwanag '14.**

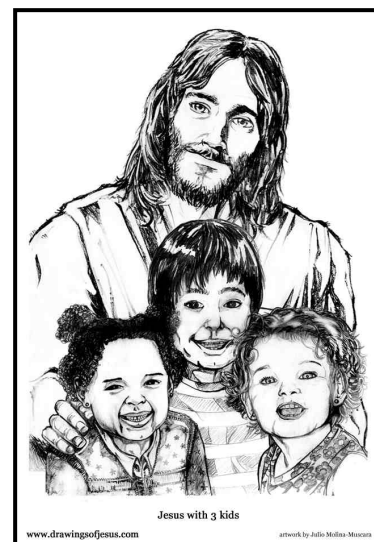
## CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORY HOUR

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month  
June 5, 2011, Sunday,  
after the 11 am mass

**WHERE:** School Gym

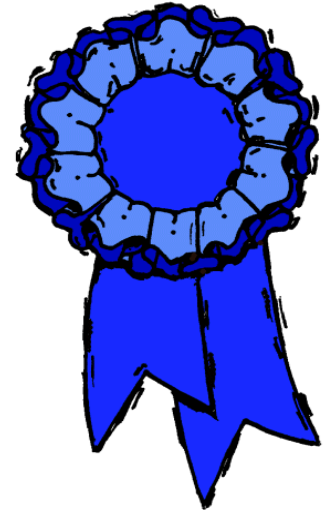


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# Blue Ribbon Commission on Catholic Education

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](http://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 8<sup>th</sup>.



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.



## Memorial Day - Monday, May 30th



Memorial Day is a day to celebrate and remember the lives that have been lost at the service of our nation. While you might not know someone who gave the ultimate sacrifice protecting our civil liberties, you probably have come in contact with someone who has. Here are a few ways you can celebrate the patriotism of the day:

- **Join us for the 9:00am Mass in the Lower Church.**
- Have a picnic with family and friends and talk about what Memorial Day means to you.
- Venture to a parade or memorial service locally.
- Participate in a **National Moment of Remembrance at 3 p.m.** local time to pause and think about the true meaning of the day.
- Throw an informal barbecue with all the fixings. Have guests wear patriotic gear and fly the American flag.

**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.....\$ 6198.00  
 5/23/10.....\$6162.00  
**5/22/11.....\$6185.00**

Number of Envelopes from Mass	295	Loose Collection from Mass	\$1034.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$4639.00	Drop Off Collection	\$506.61

Maintenance & Improvement Collection.....\$1814.00  
 Children's Envelopes.....\$3.00



## **Last But Not Least**

**Today we celebrate the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.** In our gospel today, Jesus has just told them, "The one who believes in me will do the works I do." Believing is more than just sitting somewhere alone feeling smug. Believing is doing, and it's doing what Jesus did. If Jesus were physically standing there next to us watching every move, would it be any easier? He was preparing them for his physical absence. After he was no longer visibly among them, they were supposed to keep on doing what he had already told them to do. They were not going to have to do this alone. He gave them the promise that God would send to them an Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, who would abide with them and be in them. As we anticipate the Ascension of Our Lord on Thursday, let us take time this week and ponder how we are called to do the work of the Lord and then ponder what our response is?

I would like to thank all those who participated in our annual Parish **Mary, Mother of All Nations Celebration** last Sunday. It was such a tribute to our Blessed Mother to see so many of you who came out and honored her. I would like to thank especially those First Communicants and newly Confirmed students who participated by honoring Mary with roses and carrying the flags of the various nations that represent our parish. May Mary continue to watch over you!

This Sunday, **May 29<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00am Mass** we will have a special **Gospel Rama Mass with The Blue Gates of Harmony Gospel Choir** and Rev. Mr. Brouycie P. Isley as the homilist. I would like to thank the Blue Gates Gospel Choir for joining us today.

**Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> is Memorial Day** and a special day we honor those men and women who lost their lives in the service of our nation. There will only be one Mass at 9:00am. Please join us for this special Mass of Remembrance.

Finally, **Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> is Ascension Thursday.** Our Mass schedule is as follows...6:30am, 8:00am, 9:00am and a tri-lingual Mass at 7:00pm. All Masses will be in the Lower Church. Thanks for reading...have a good week.

Your brother and shepherd,  
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh