



**3rd Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2011**



**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.

**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 8th to May 15th

SATURDAY, May 7, 2011

4:30PM Maggie Maye

SUNDAY, May 8, 2011 3rd Sunday of Easter

8:00AM Frances Westermann

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM Anna Petrovich

12:30PM Felicita Rosa

MONDAY, May 9, 2011

6:30AM Ty To

8:00AM Peter & Maria Tam Do

**TUESDAY, May 10, 2011 St. Damien Joseph
de Veuster of Moloka'i**

6:30AM St. Helena Parishioners past & present

8:00AM Maria Mai Lam

WEDNESDAY, May 11, 2011

6:30AM St. Helena Parishioners past & present

8:00AM Fr. Thomas Gaynard

**THURSDAY, May 12, 2011 Sts. Nereus, Achilleus,
and Pancras**

6:30AM Joseph Chiet & Rosa

8:00AM Gerard Menano

FRIDAY, May 13, 2011 Our Lady of Fatima

6:30AM St. Helena Parishioners past & present

8:00AM Joe Owens

SATURDAY, May 14, 2011 St. Matthias

8:00AM Teresa Qui Nguyen

4:30PM Robert McKeown

SUNDAY, May 15, 2011 4th Sunday of Easter

8:00AM Nally Family

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM John J. McBride

12:30PM Francisca Ruiz

***Please remember in your prayers the
deceased members of our parish, families,
friends and benefactor, especially those
mentioned on our Easter Flower Envelope.***

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		

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, May 8, 2011 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 14, 22-23 1 Pt 1: 17-21 Lk 24: 13-35

MONDAY, (09)	Acts 6: 8-15	Jn 6: 22-29
TUESDAY, (10)	Acts 7: 51-8; 1a	Jn 6: 30-35
WEDNESDAY, (11)	Acts 8: 1b-8	Jn 6: 35-40
THURSDAY, (12)	Acts 8: 26-40	Jn 6: 44-51
FRIDAY, (13)	Acts 9: 1-20	Jn 6: 52-59
SATURDAY, (14)	Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26	Jn 15: 9-17

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Luke 24: 13 - 35

Jesus said: "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They responded: "We were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel." Jesus interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures . . . then he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them."

Reflection: (Reflection by Jude Siciliano, OP, used with permission)

Luke tells us that two of Jesus' disciples were walking to Emmaus; a distance of 7 miles from Jerusalem. One is Cleopas and his companion may very well have been his wife. The feast of Passover had ended-not on a joyous note with Jesus crowned King of the Jews and the Romans put out of the country, but with his ignominious death. As they traveled together they were engaged in a conversation that touched deeply into their lives and spoke of their shattered hopes. They tell the "stranger" who had joined them what had happened to Jesus, and then add, "We were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel..." After laying out the "facts" to their newly-arrived traveling companion, they closed their mouths and listened to what Jesus had to say. As a result they learned to look at what happened in their lives from another perspective. The two disciples' recognized Jesus when Jesus broke open the Scriptures and then took, blessed and shared the bread. At every Mass, Jesus does the same for us.



Gospel RAMA MASS



St. Helena's Catholic Church Presents a **Gospel RAMA MASS at 11:00am** on **May 29th 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!



CALL TO CONVERSION AND HOLINESS



Special Need for Priestly Vocations in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia...The priest is not his own

“The Priest Is Not His Own” is the title of a well-known book written by Archbishop Fulton Sheen. This statement certainly applies to the priest’s role of service, but it also applies, in an even greater way, to the fact that the priest’s actions of grace, especially in the Eucharist and in the confessional, give life to the entire Church. Without the ministry of the priest, the Church cannot live. In that sense also, the priest is not his own. The priest does not exist to propagate himself, but to give life to all of Christ’s faithful by the priestly calling God has given him. In this way, he is never separated from female and male religious, or from married and single members of the lay faithful. They are all in need of the graces the Church provides through the ministry of priests, according to God’s plan. And the priest needs those graces as well!

Congratulations to our High School Students...

Msgr. Bonner/Archbishop Prendergast HS...Dayah Harris '12 achieved 2nd honors.

Little Flower HS...Lan-Anh Ho '13 achieved 1st honors.

Sts. John Neumann & Maria Goretti HS...Van H. Nguyen '12 achieved 1st honors.

Archbishop Ryan HS...Javier Vazquez '11 achieved 1st honors and Kyle Armstrong '13 achieved 2nd honors.

Bishop McDevitt HS Top Ten students...Maylyn Jamil '11 was #1, Mary Grace Estampa '12 was #3, and Allan Terciano '12 was #7.

Bishop McDevitt HS...Maylyn Jamil '11 achieved 1st honors, Larry Nguyen '11 achieved 1st honors, Tamika Pierre-Louis '11 achieved 1st honors, Mary Grace Estampa '12 achieved 1st honors, Allan Jamil '12 achieved 1st honors, Camille DeRamos '13 achieved 1st honors, Ricardo Pomales '11 achieved 2nd honors, Joy Jamil '13 achieved 2nd honors and Elizabeth Tong '13 achieved 2nd honors.

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May is the Month of Mary

During the Month of May -- a month both named for and dedicated to Mary -- Catholics have long honored her by placing a crown on her image. The tradition in the United States and many other countries has been for school children to have a "May Crowning" ceremony, with a procession, pretty dresses and a wreath of fresh flowers that one child gets to place on the statue. A song for these festivals, "Bring Flowers of the Fairest", with its refrain "O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May..." has been a familiar favorite for generations.



St. Helena Catholic Church



*Cordially Invites You
to Our Annual May Procession
Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 3:00 pm*

*The procession will walk around the Parish Facility.
As a faith community, we will pray the
Litany of the Blessed Virgin followed by the
crowning of the Blessed Mother in the Upper Church.
All are welcome to join in this beautiful devotion
to our Blessed Mother, Mary.*

*Volunteers are needed to carry the flags.
Please fill out the slip below if you wish to help & return to Sr. Sophie.*

Please return this slip to Sr. Sophie by May 15th for planning purposes.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

_____ I would like to carry a flag in the May Procession

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

5/03/09.....	\$6020.00
5/02/10.....	\$6067.35
5/1/11.....	\$6036.00

Number of Envelopes from Mass	479	Loose Collection from Mass	\$1574.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$3867.00	Drop Off Collection	\$594.00

Maintenance & Improvement Collection.....	\$1815.00
Children's Envelopes.....	\$1.00



Last But Not Least

Today we celebrate the 3rd Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day. The encounter of the two disciples with Jesus on the road to Emmaus is perhaps one of the most endearing human interest stories in Scripture. Jesus was a man of compassion whose strength of character and sense of fairness made people fall in love with him, the noble champion of the poor and powerless, of the good and just. In the breaking of the bread the disciples realized that Jesus was indeed still with them. Every time we break bread and share the cup we remember the mission and meaning of Jesus Christ. More importantly, we recall who he is for us, the person whose courage and conviction inspired our ancestors in the faith to carry on his passion for justice.

Congratulations and **"Happy Mother's Day"** to all of our mothers and grandmothers. May the Lord's peace be with you on this, your special day. I am happy to see so many family members came to church with their Moms. What a wonderful way to start off the day, praising the Lord. We have a small token for all of our mothers and hope that you will also do something nice for them to show your appreciation for all that they do. For those of you who are lucky enough to still have your moms with you, spend some quality time with them today and let them know that you love and cherish them. Remember in your prayers all of our deceased mothers who sleep in the Lord. This month, we will be **honoring our Blessed Mother, Mary** in several ways:

On **Tuesday, May 10th**, **our school** will be having it's annual **May Procession at 1:00 pm**. I invite all to attend this beautiful tradition of our Catholic Faith.

On **Sunday, May 22nd**, we will celebrate a Parish May Procession with the Crowning of the Blessed Mother in the Upper Church. Please see page 3 of today's bulletin for more information. Mother Remember to pray the rosary as a family during the Month of May.

Finally, the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia responds daily to the physical and spiritual needs of people with a helping hand. By opening our hearts to the cry of the needy, we begin to make it possible to open a door for them and meet their needs. The generous support of the annual **Catholic Charities Appeal** provides for a significant portion of the operating expenses of 82 ministries – ministries that daily respond to the call of Jesus to care for they needy. Please consider a gift to the Catholic Charities Appeal. Thanks for reading...have a good week.

Your brother and shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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