

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time October 16, 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.

Masses for the Week Oct. 9th to Oct. 16th

SATURDAY, Oct. 15, 2011 St. Teresa of Jesus

44:30PM John & Sarah Devlin

SUNDAY, Oct. 16, 2011 29th Sunday of Ord. Time

8:00AM Joseph and Anna Dan Nguyen

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM Charles & Peggy Lehmann

12:30PM Jesus Misericordioso

MONDAY, Oct. 17, 2011 St. Ignatius of Antioch

7:00AM Joseph

8:00AM Anna Quy Pham

TUESDAY, Oct. 18, 2011 St. Luke the Evangelist

7:00AM Rosa Hoan Vu

8:00AM Petter Buu Chuong

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 19, 2011 St. John deBrebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues

7:00AM St. Helena Parishioners

8:00AM Rosa Hoan Vu

THURSDAY, Oct. 20, 2011 St. Paul of the Cross

7:00AM St. Helena Parishioners

8:00AM Efraim C. deRamos

FRIDAY, Oct. 21, 2011

7:00AM Bader, Steel, & Sheer Families

8:00AM Gilbert E. & Yogewanter Leggett
(50th Wedding Anniversary)

SATURDAY, Oct. 22, 2011

8:00AM Catherine Anh Nguyen

4:30PM Dominique & Marie Nguyen

SUNDAY, Oct. 23, 2011 30th Sunday of Ord. Time

8:00AM Eddie Laboy

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM Pius Westermann

12:30PM Mercede Aracence

**Please remember in your prayers the
deceased of St. Helena Church.**

We Remember in Prayer...Our sick

Winnie McGinty	Patricia Komly	Jim Butterly
Theresa Palmer	Taryn & Jack	Betty Masi
Judy Kovesecek	Bernie Black	Rita Voros
Carmen Isley	Donald Panaro	Priscilla Nguyen
Geraldo Acevedo	Charles T. Benner	Charles Ball
Joseph Voros	Rosa Di Nicola	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
Bill Christie		

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Oct. 16, 2011 29th Sunday of Ord. Time

Is 45: 1, 4-6 1 Thes 1: 1-5b Mt 22: 15-21

MONDAY (17) Rom 4: 20-25 Lk 12: 13-21

TUESDAY (18) 2 Tm 4: 10-17b Lk 10: 1-9

WEDNESDAY (19) Rom 6: 12-18 Lk 12: 39-48

THURSDAY (20) Rom 6: 19-23 Lk 12: 49-53

FRIDAY (21) Rom 7: 18-25a Lk 12: 54-59

SATURDAY (22) Rom 8: 1-11 Lk 13: 1-9

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Reading: Mt 22: 15-21

During that period of time, the Palestine has not been an independent state since the time of the Roman Empire headed by Caesar. According to Roman law, all males from age 14 to 65 and females from 12 to 65 years old to pay taxes. The Herodians were pro-Romans while the Pharisees were pro-Jews. The Jews did not accept the Romans's tax laws. These zealots resented the fact that they have to pay taxes to the Roman ruler and they used violence against the tax collectors. The Pharisees and the Herodians are two opposing forces. However, they joined force to trap Jesus. He did not reply directly but challenged with a wise comment.

As we ponder Matthew's Gospel today, ask yourself:

- In my daily life, what do I do to make wise decisions in difficult situations?
- I usually think about being just and fair in relation with others. How do I respond to His love and His graces to me?
- What priorities do I give to God in my life?
- God creates me in His image. How do I reflect this image to others?



St. Helena Fifth Alumni/ae Communion Breakfast



On Sunday, October 23, 2011, St. Helena Fifth Alumni/ae Communion Breakfast will be celebrated with Mass and the Hall of Fame Induction at 9:30am in the Lower Church. Mass will be followed by brunch in the School Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend the 9:30am Induction Mass. Attendance at the Brunch is \$25.00, payable by check. RSVP to Sister Marie Albert if you wish to attend. (215-549-8299 or 215-549-2947)

News from St. Helena 55+ Club – Bus Trip



The next Seniors Meeting will take place on Thursday, October 13 at 12:00 Noon in the Rectory Basement. *We are having a trip to the Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City's on Wednesday, November 2nd. Cost is \$25.00 per person and receive \$25.00 in slot play.* Must pay in advance. If interested, see Sr. Sophie or call her at 215-317-9168.

 **Congratulations to our Sisters of St. Joseph as they celebrate their Founder's Day this weekend.**

Announcements



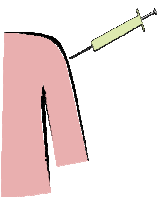
Save this Date! Saturday, November 5, 2011

St. Helena School is hosting its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the school hall. Come join us for a delicious dinner of spaghetti and meatballs, salad and yummy desserts. The students of St. Helena School will sing for us during the meal. The cost is \$8.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door. Please watch next week's bulletin for details on how to purchase your ticket in advance.



Save this Date! Sunday, November 6, 2011

We are happy to announce that Flu shots will be available at St. Helena from 10 am to 1 pm. Dr. Giang T. Nguyen, Medical Director, Penn Family Care and the medical students of the University of Pennsylvania will administer the shots. Place: Lower School Room A.





New Roman Missal Changes



While the translation will not affect the Scripture readings or the hymns, there are a number of translation precisions that have been introduced into the new edition of the missal to make it reflect more accurately and clearly the Latin missal which is normative for all translations.

The third edition of the Roman Missal in Latin was published in 2002. Our current translation goes back to 1973. The new translation reflects the effort of the Church to capture as best we can in the vernacular the rule of faith that is at the heart of the Church's public prayer.

For all of us, this moment of attention to some word changes in the Mass can provide us, as well, an occasion to reflect on the meaning of the Mass and why it is that the Mass is at the very heart of our life as members of the Church. It is right to say that "the Mass is what Catholics do." It is at the heart of Catholic life for individuals and for the entire community. **These changes go into effect on the First Sunday of Advent Nov. 27, 2011. Pew Cards will be in the pew for your convenience – We ask that you do not remove them.**

The Penitential Act immediately follows the greeting dialogue. Important changes occur in the first form of the Penitential Act, which is the commonly used formula called the *Confiteor*. "*Confiteor*" is Latin for "I confess," and comes from the first line of the prayer.

Most of this text remains the same as the version we presently use. However, there are two key modifications. The first replaces our current wording of "I have sinned through my own fault" with "I have greatly sinned." The new text reflects the Latin wording by incorporating the adverb "*nimis*," which means "very much."

The second set of changes occurs about halfway through the *Confiteor*, and is more significant. The words removed from the first section ("through my own fault") are being returned to their proper place here, but with the expression's full content. "Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault" is a direct translation of the Latin phrase "*mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa*." As a well-known line from the old Latin Mass, "*mea culpa*" has even become a familiar part of our secular parlance, by which one admits having made a mistake.

Some might wonder, why this seemingly heavier emphasis on sin in the revised English *Confiteor*? Looking beyond simple fidelity to the Latin, language that calls to mind our fallen human nature is actually very important in the Sacred Liturgy. The great Apostle of Christ, St. Paul, spoke of his complete and continual reliance on God's grace in vivid terms well after his conversion: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost" (1 Tim 1:15).

It is good to acknowledge our sinfulness at particular times, just as we should do at sacramental Confession. Unlike Reconciliation, we are not sacramentally absolved of our sins at this point during the Holy Mass. Nevertheless, it is an appropriate way to "prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries," as the Priest says at the beginning of the Penitential Act. We must strive to approach the altar of God with humble dispositions, and should receive the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ free from grave sin, and in a worthy fashion, as St. Paul exhorts us in 1 Corinthians 11:23-29.

During the *Confiteor*, the faithful should "strike their breast" while saying, "through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault." This prescribed "striking" is a symbolic tapping of the chest with a clenched fist over one's heart, signifying remorse. This is part of the beauty of our Catholic liturgy – sacramental words are complemented by sacramental actions. This action also recalls the penitent tax collector in Luke, chapter 18, who "beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'"

The *Confiteor* ends with the individual asking for the prayers of the rest of the assembly and the Saints, led by the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose sinlessness and humility are the perfect model for our own Christian lives.

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



10/11/09.....	\$6225.00
10/10/10.....	\$6194.00
10/9/11.....	\$5876.50

Number of Envelopes from Mass	256	Loose Collection from Mass	\$1268.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$4202.00	Drop Off Collection	\$403.50.00



Last But Not Least

Today we celebrate the **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. “Render to the Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” It’s still a long time until April 15th and I don’t mean to remind you of that prematurely but did you know that April 15th is not only income tax day, it is also the day the Titanic sunk and the day Lincoln was shot. Most people don’t enjoy paying taxes. We just do it. Well, the people had to pay taxes in Jesus’ time, too. Even worse, they had to pay them to a government they despised. Rome. You see, Rome was occupying their land. A portion of their income ended up in Caesar’s pocket and this made the Jews very unhappy. They were a proud people and resented this Roman domination. Thus, Jesus’ dilemma when they asked him the loaded question, “Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” The first thing we need to realize is that everything we have, everything we are, and everything we hope to be is first and foremost a gift from God. When we understand the magnitude of this reality, our hearts become captivated by the love and grace that God has lavished upon us. We then soon discover our bodies, our minds, and most importantly of all, our hearts truly belong to God.

It gives me great joy to announce that on **Monday, October 24th, Mr. Victor M. Pomales, a parishioner and a Year II Candidate for Holy Orders as a Permanent Deacon will be instituted into the Ministry of Lector**. I congratulate Victor and his family on this special day in his spiritual life and I ask that all of you pray for Victor that the Lord will continue to be with him during his formation period. We look forward to the day he will be ordained a Permanent Deacon.

On **Sunday, October 23rd**, Sister Marie Albert and our Alumni Committee have been working hard on our **5th Annual Alumni/ae Communion Breakfast**. Mass will be in the Lower Church at 9:30 am, followed by the breakfast in the school hall. Tickets to the breakfast are \$25.00 per person and all proceeds benefit St. Helena School. Join us for the Mass and come out, have a nice breakfast and catch up on things with your fellow alumni and parishioners.

Don’t forget to send in your **Parish Stewardship/Census** responses. **Please also update your family information on the cards so that we can update our files.**

Thanks for reading.... have a great week!

Your brother and shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh