

**27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
October 2, 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. 2nd to Oct. 9th

SATURDAY, Oct. 1, 2011

4:30PM Joan Lowery (1st Anniv)

SUNDAY, Oct. 2, 2011 27th Sunday of Ord. Time

8:00AM Dominique & Maria Nguyen

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM SJA George

12:30PM Hugo Salazar

MONDAY, Oct. 3, 2011

7:00AM St. Helena Parishioners

8:00AM Peter Buu Chuong

TUESDAY, Oct. 4, 2011 St. Francis of Assisi

7:00AM St. Helena Parishioners

8:00AM Pius Westermann

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 5, 2011

7:00AM St. Helena Parishioners

8:00AM Joseph Chiet & Rosa

THURSDAY, Oct. 6, 2011 St. Bruno and

Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

7:00AM St. Helena Parishioners

8:00AM Dominic Giao Tran

FRIDAY, Oct. 7, 2011 Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00AM George

8:00AM Joe Owens

9:00AM Dominic Giao Tran

7:00PM Helen Pecker

SATURDAY, Oct. 8, 2011

8:00AM Rosa & Joseph Chiet

4:30PM Edward Voscovage

SUNDAY, Oct. 9, 2011 28th Sunday of Ord. Time

8:00AM Dominic Giao Tran

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM Dina Rojas

12:30PM Juan Pablo Velez

***Please remember in your prayers the deceased of
St. Helena Church, especially Innocent Njemanze.***

We Remember in Prayer...Our sick

Winnie McGinty	Patricia Komly	Jim Butterly
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
Andre Clarke	Leonard Fitzmaurice	Ellen Moffa
Fressia Moya	Eleanor Garin	Patricia Sobel
David Spieser	William Ten Hagen	Ray Tiegs
Bill Christie	Carmen Isley	

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Oct. 2, 2011 27th Sunday of Ord. Time

Is 5: 1-7

Phil 4: 6-9

Mt 21: 33-43

MONDAY (03)

Jon 1: 1-2:2, 11

Lk 10: 25-37

TUESDAY (04)

Jon 3: 1-10

Lk 10: 38-42

WEDNESDAY (05)

Jon 4: 1-11

Lk 11: 1-4

THURSDAY (06)

Mal 3: 13-20b

Lk 11: 5-13

FRIDAY (07)

Jl 1: 13-15; 2: 1-2

Lk 11: 15-26

SATURDAY (08)

Jl 4: 12-21

Lk 11: 27-28

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Reading: Mt 21: 33-43

From the Sacred Heart of Jesus

To explain the kingdom of heaven I have spoken in different parables, this one speaks of investments and profits. There is no action without a reaction, just as there is no work without a reward. If men have the right to work and obtain their wages, to invest and receive their profits, is it not then appropriate for God to have the same rights and even higher? I am the Word of God that when planted as a seed in the heart of man is destined to produce fruit and bring glory to my heavenly kingdom. It is because of the action of the evil one, the lures of the world, the pleasures, the worries, the entertainment and all the dissipations of earthly life that my word is not given a chance. In fact it is despised, rejected and eventually destroyed in the same way that I was personally rejected and put to death on the cross.

The Jewish people had waited for thousands of years for the coming of the Messiah, they were waiting for their liberator, but they were so caught up in their religious rituals that they were blind to my coming. I came humbly as one of them, I came to bring light to dissipate their darkness, but they rejected me and put me to death. They failed to produce the fruits that my word was supposed to receive from them; they failed me! They were the chosen ones, but they proved to be unworthy of my gifts, therefore my kingdom has been given now to those who listen to my word and put it into practice, regardless of their background. I have come to forgive sinners and to give to everyone the opportunity to be saved. On the day of reckoning, every one will have to give an account of their talents. In the wonderful creation of God, man has been lavished with many gifts and talents; the greatest of them is my word, which serves to elevate man to the spiritual heights of salvation. Blessed is the man who listens to my words and puts them into practice, he is producing the fruits that I expect. My word becomes a curse for those who reject it because I am the word and they are rejecting me, God himself.



St. Helena Fourth 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)

October: The Month of the Rosary



On October 7, the Catholic Church celebrates a memorial liturgy in honor of Mary as *Our Lady of the Rosary*. October has also been traditionally known as the month of the Rosary. The recitation of the Rosary is a devotion based on Sacred Scripture. In 1974, Pope Paul VI wrote about the Rosary: “The Rosary draws from the Gospel the presentation of the mysteries and its main formulas . As it moves from the angel's joyful greeting and the Virgin's pious assent, the Rosary takes its inspiration from the Gospel to suggest the attitude with which the faithful should recite it. In the harmonious succession of *Hail Mary's*, the Rosary puts before us once more a fundamental mystery of the Gospel--the incarnation of the Word, contemplated at the decisive moment of the Annunciation of Mary. The Rosary is thus a Gospel prayer, as pastors and scholars like to define it, more today perhaps than in the past.” (*Marialis Cultus* 44)

News from St. Helena 55+ Club – Bus Trip



The next Seniors Meeting will take place on Thursday, October 13th at 12:00Noon 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.

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.**

PART OF MASS	PRESENT TEXT	NEW TEXT
Penitential Act, Form B	Priest: Lord, we have sinned against you: Lord, have mercy. People: Lord, have mercy. Priest: Lord, show us your mercy and love. People: And grant us your salvation.	Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord. People: For we have sinned against you. Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy. People: And grant us your salvation.
Gloria	Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.	Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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



9/27/09.....	\$6102.00
9/26/10.....	\$6004.00
9/25/11.....	\$5547.00

Number of Envelopes from Mass	377	Loose Collection from Mass	\$1307.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$3662.00	Drop Off Collection	\$574.00

Last But Not Least

Today we celebrate the **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. The Gospel reading for today speaks of a master who planted a vineyard. It talks about the care and attention the master gave in establishing and preparing His vineyard to bear good fruit. He cleared the land of stones, planted the vineyard in fertile soil, dug a winepress, built a watchtower to guard it, placed a hedge or wall around it to protect it, and entrusted it to the care of tenants to work it. Scripture reminds us to be thankful that we have been grafted into the Living Vine, which is Jesus. And by trusting in Jesus, the rejected Son, they are grafted back into that Living Vine. Since through Jesus' rejection we are welcomed into the vineyard as "tenants" and heirs, we lay hold of Jesus' merciful forgiveness that is extended to us by faith. By faith in Jesus, the Son, we receive the Son's inheritance undeservedly. For we who receive the Son, who believe in His name, have been given the power to become children of God, and co-heirs to His inheritance. So let us work with joy in His vineyard, until the time of harvest.

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. Why not consider praying the rosary as a family each night.

On **Sunday, October 23rd**, our Alumni Committee will hold their **Annual Communion Breakfast**. We will begin with **mass 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 can be purchased through Sr. Marie Albert and all **proceeds benefit St. Helena School**. Come out, have a nice breakfast and catch up on things with your fellow alumni and parishioners. We know you will have an enjoyable time.

Our **Parish Stewardship/Census** letters will go out in the next week. If you do not receive yours by the 3rd week of October, please contact the rectory office. Remember that your **reply** to the **Census questions** on the cards will **help us to update our parish records and help prepare our programs** for the upcoming year. **Your generous donations enable us to continue to serve God's People through our ministries**. Thanks for reading.... have a great week!

Your brother and shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh