

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
October 30, 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. 30<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>**

**SATURDAY, Oct. 29, 2011**

4:30PM Mary Flanagan

**SUNDAY, Oct. 30, 2011 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ord. Time**

8:00AM Dominic Ciao Tran

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM Julia Schaller

12:30PM Mr. & Mrs. Hugo Salazar & Miriam

**MONDAY, Oct. 31, 2011**

7:00AM Peter Buu Chuong

8:00AM Gloria McCosker

**TUESDAY, Nov. 1, 2011 All Saints**

7:00AM St. Helena Parishioners

8:00AM All Souls

9:00AM Julia & Frank Schaller

7:00PM Dec. Members of Doan & Nguyen Families

**WEDNESDAY, Nov. 2, 2011 All Souls**

7:00AM Marciano Arocena

8:00AM Dominique & Maria Nguyen

**THURSDAY, Nov. 3, 2011 St. Martin de Porres**

7:00AM For All the Souls

8:00AM Felicita Cartagna Rosa

**FRIDAY, Nov. 4, 2011 St. Charles Borromeo**

7:00AM For All the Souls

8:00AM Rev. John McGinty, SJ

9:00AM Charles Flanagan

7:00PM Joseph Chiet & Rosa

**SATURDAY, Nov. 5, 2011**

8:00AM Thomas That Nguyen

4:30PM Joe & Joan Lowery

**SUNDAY, Nov. 6, 2011 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ord. Time**

8:00AM Anna Pham Nguyen

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM In Thanksgiving

12:30PM Rodolfo Velez

***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. 30, 2011 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ord. Time**

Mal 1: 14b-2:2b, 8-10 1 Thes 2: 7b-9, 13 Mt 23: 1-12

**MONDAY (31)** Rom 11: 29-36 Lk 14: 12-14

**TUESDAY (01)** Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14 1 Jn 3: 1-3

Mt. 5: 1-12a

**WEDNESDAY (02)** Wis 3: 1-9 Rom 5: 5-11

Jn 6: 37-40

**THURSDAY (03)** Rom 14: 7-12 Lk 15: 1-10

**FRIDAY (04)** Rom 15: 14-21 Lk 16: 1-8

**SATURDAY (05)** Rom 16: 3-9, 16, 22-27 Lk 16: 9-15

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Oct. 30, 2011 (A) Reading: Mt 23: 1-12**

In Matthew 23:1-12, Jesus may be hammering the scribes and Pharisees, but what he says is just as relevant to us today: it's not about me. The criticisms that he levies are all about the ways religion can morph into something that is more about elevating ourselves, than about what we can do for God or our neighbor. The faith of Jesus is about finding ways to serve, and searching for ways to be a servant—to live as a servant. When the Christian faith is really and truly lived out in community everyone is a winner, and God is praised and exalted. But, when our first inclination is to isolate ourselves in our own cares and concerns, and take care of “#1” first and foremost, we actually all lose a lot. Including the faith of Jesus. The faith of Jesus that was manifest—not in serving himself, or looking after his own self-preservation or happiness—but the faith of Jesus that was manifest on the cross, just a few days after Jesus said these words in Matthew 23. He didn't just criticize the faith of the scribes and Pharisees with words, he showed them, and us, what real love, humility, and service looks like.



# St. Helena Church Thanksgiving Baskets 2011

If you or someone you know is in need of a Thanksgiving Basket, please fill out this slip and return to Sister Sophie by November 13<sup>th</sup>. We will receive 25 baskets through the kindness of Vicky Francis. Baskets will arrive on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # in Family \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you receive St. Helena Church Envelopes **YES** **NO**



## Announcements

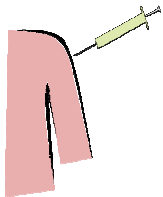


**Save this Date! Saturday, November 5, 2011**



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.



## Sister of St. Joseph Villa Chance Drive

*The Annual Sisters of St. Joseph Villa Chance Drive is underway! Our Sisters of St. Joseph will sell their chances the weekend of November 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>. Chances are \$1.00 each or a book of 6 for \$5.00.*





# The New Roman Missal

## The Nicene Creed



This Creed was originally adopted at the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325 and updated at the Council of Constantinople in A.D. 381. It is therefore also referred to as the “Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed.”

The first major change is difficult to miss: the Creed will now say “I believe” instead of “We believe.” Other language groups have been using “I believe” in the vernacular, because it is a straightforward translation of the Latin “*Credo*.” This offers a recurring opportunity to reaffirm one’s personal faith, just as when individuals respond, “I do,” if there is a renewal of baptismal promises during Mass.

The next change is from “seen and unseen” to “visible and invisible.” The Latin “*visibilium*” and “*invisibilium*” convey a more specific demarcation between the bodily and the spiritual realms. For instance, a child playing hide-and-seek may be unseen yet is still considered visible, whereas one’s guardian angel is indeed invisible by nature.

The new Creed translation also recovers Christ’s title, “Only Begotten Son” (“*Fili Unigenite*”), which we see in the revised *Gloria*. To say the Son is “born of the Father before all ages” is a profound theological truth, for the Son is not “born” in the human sense of beginning one’s life, but eternally proceeds from the Father while being always fully God. Therefore, we profess that Jesus Christ is “begotten, not made.”

Following this comes a major wording change: from “one in being” to “consubstantial with the Father.” “Consubstantial” (“*consubstantialem*” in the Latin text) is an unusual word that will require some catechesis, but it is a crucial early theological term, asserting that the Son is of the “same substance” with the Father – meaning He equally shares the Father’s divinity as a Person of the Holy Trinity.

Although it carries the same basic meaning as “one in being,” the more precise use of “consubstantial” is an acknowledgement of how the Greek equivalent of the word was so important for safeguarding orthodoxy in the early Church. In the Fourth Century, the description “*homoousios*” (“same substance”) was affirmed over “*homoiousios*” (“like substance”). The reality of who Christ is thus hinged upon a single letter!

There is another important change in the middle of the Creed: “and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.” The current wording of “born of the Virgin Mary, and became man” can easily be misinterpreted to mean that Christ did not actually become man until the time He was born. Of course, the reality is that the Son of God took on human nature from the moment of His conception in the Blessed Virgin Mary’s womb, at the Annunciation. By using the term, “incarnate,” the new translation leaves no ambiguity.

One of the remaining minor changes in the new Creed translation is “I *look forward* to the resurrection of the dead,” by which one expresses a sincere desire, rather than simply “looking for” the resurrection. The Latin “*expecto*” conveys a sense of anxious waiting and expectation!

**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**



10/25/09.....	\$5513.00
10/24/10.....	\$6683.00
<b>10/23/11.....</b>	<b>\$6114.60</b>

Number of Envelopes from Mass	255	Loose Collection from Mass	\$2022.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$3687.00	Drop Off Collection	\$403.60

## **Last But Not Least**

Today we celebrate the **31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**. In his largely Jewish Christian community the author of the Gospel noticed the abuses and hypocrisy of the Pharisees, who used the Law and their office for their own benefit, seeking the pride and honors and titles of high position. He knew that the heart and soul of the Law demanded compassion, the same compassion that Jesus required of his disciples. Hence the Jesus of this Gospel forbids the use of any titles that reflect an inner spirit of superiority and pride. As we go through the coming week, let us be conscious of what the Gospel is telling us...Titles are not important to our Lord.

I remind all involved in the Liturgical Ministries...**USHERS, LECTORS, CANTORS, MUSICIANS, EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, and the MEMBERS OF OUR LITURGY COMMITTEE** that we will have our annual **Day of Reflection on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** in the Lower Church. Rev. Louis P. Bellopede will be the guest speaker for this day which will begin at 9:00am with coffee and pastry. The day will end with lunch at 12:00noon. Please look for the letter in the mail in the next week.

Don't forget to send in your **Parish Stewardship/Census** response cards. For all those who returned them, I thank you. If you did not return yours either through the mail, collection or drop off at the rectory, I ask that you do so, as we need to **update your family information on the cards for our files**.

**Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** is **All Saints Day and a Holy Day of Obligation**. The Mass Schedule is as follows: 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:00am, and a Tri-Lingual Mass at 7:00pm. **Flu Shots** will be available on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

I would like to Congratulate **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 on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

Finally, Archbishop Chaput has inaugurated a new tradition in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Since Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> he has been hearing confession and celebrating Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul each Sunday. Thanks for reading.... have a great week!

Your brother and shepherd,  
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh