

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
October 9, 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. 9<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**

**SATURDAY, Oct. 8, 2011**

4:30PM Edward Voscovage

**SUNDAY, Oct. 9, 2011 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ord. Time**

8:00AM Dominic Giao Tran

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM Dina Rojas

12:30PM Juan Pablo Velez

**MONDAY, Oct. 10, 2011**

7:00AM St. Helena Parishioners

8:00AM Peter Buu Chuong

**TUESDAY, Oct. 11, 2011**

7:00AM St. Helena Parishioners

8:00AM Maria Mai Lam

**WEDNESDAY, Oct. 12, 2011**

7:00AM Florence and William Bader

8:00AM Anna & Charles Petrovich

**THURSDAY, Oct. 13, 2011**

7:00AM Peter Cuong

8:00AM Dominic Giao Tran

**FRIDAY, Oct. 14, 2011 St. Callistus I**

7:00AM St. Helena Parishioners

8:00AM Mary & Charles Flanagan

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

8:00AM Fr. Dennis McCann

4:30PM John & Sarah Devlin

**SUNDAY, Oct. 16, 2011 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ord. Time**

8:00AM Joseph and Anna Dan Nguyen

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM Charles & Peggy Lehmann

12:30PM Jesus Misericordioso

***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 Kovescek	Bernie Black	Rita Voros
Rita Klienknecht	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	Carmen Isley	

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, Oct. 9, 2011 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ord. Time**

Is 25: 6-10a Phil 4: 12-14, 19-20 Mt 22: 1-14

**MONDAY (10)** Rom 1: 1-7 Lk 11: 29-32

**TUESDAY (11)** Rom 1: 16-25 Lk 11: 37-41

**WEDNESDAY (12)** Rom 2: 1-11 Lk 11: 42-46

**THURSDAY (13)** Rom 3: 21-30 Lk 11: 47-54

**FRIDAY (14)** Rom 4: 1-8 Lk 12: 1-7

**SATURDAY (15)** Rom 4: 13, 16-18 Lk 12: 8-12

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Oct. 9, 2011 (A)**

**Reading: Mt 22: 1-14**

Each of us can put ourselves into this parable because God invites each of us to the same wedding feast. God does not invite us only once. He continually invites us throughout our lives. At various times we either have or have not accepted God's invitations. Like those in the parable who do not accept the invitation, we affect others when we choose not to accept. Sometimes, we don't accept the invitation because our priorities lie elsewhere: our own interests, our own will, our personal needs. By choosing ourselves over God, we begin to break our bond with him. We gradually refuse God himself. This leads to breaking our bonds with everyone else who is being invited as well.

Unfortunately, we may also react violently to those who bear God's invitation. God sends us his invitation in many different situations and through many people: parents, guardians, children, siblings, coworkers, neighbors. When we react violently, we rupture the common relationship we share with all others who are invited to the wedding. Rather than being in communion with others, we literally dwell in isolation. We will never be truly happy or at peace until we can accept God's invitation and go to the wedding feast. Are you willing to accept the Father's invitation to the wedding?



## 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)

## 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) **Hand-made Rosaries are available for sale through Sr. Sophie**

## News from St. Helena 55+ Club – Bus Trip



The next Seniors Meeting will take place on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon in the Rectory Basement. *We are having a trip to the Tropicana Casino in Atlantic City's on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.**

At the beginning of Mass, immediately after the Sign of the Cross, the celebrant extends one of three different liturgical greetings to the people. The one that is perhaps most commonly used is "The Lord be with you." It is a familiar line that will remain unchanged with the new translation.

However, our new response will be the first major change in the Order of Mass. ***Instead of "And also with you," we will now be saying, "And with your spirit."*** This new response will also be made at the four other times during Mass when this dialogue occurs: at the reading of the Gospel, at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer, during the Sign of Peace (when the priest says, "The peace of the Lord be with you always"), and at the conclusion of Mass.

Why the change? At the most basic level, "And with your spirit" is the proper translation of the original Latin text: "*Et cum spiritu tuo.*" By correctly expressing this dialogue in English, we are actually aligning our translation with that of all the other major language groups, which have long been translating the Latin properly. For example, in Spanish, the response is "*Y con tu espíritu.*"

But even beyond the linguistic, the recovery of the word "spirit" also carries Scriptural meaning. One form or other of "The Lord be with you" appears multiple times in the Bible, including the greeting given by the Archangel Gabriel to Mary at the Annunciation: "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you" (Lk 1:28). Then, in the Pauline epistles, multiple variations of "The Lord be with your spirit" are employed as parting words to different church communities. Understood together, this liturgical dialogue in the Mass is an exchange whereby all present – both Priest and congregation – ask that the Holy Spirit (whom we call "the Lord, the giver of life" in the Nicene Creed) establish a stronger communion among us.

In addition, for the congregation to answer the Priest, "***And with your spirit,***" is actually a theological statement about what we Catholics believe regarding ordained ministers. No. 367 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* speaks of how "spirit" can refer to an elevation of the soul, whereby the soul "is raised beyond all it deserves to communion with God." Through Holy Orders, Christ has forever configured the Priest's soul to Himself in a special way, by the power of the Holy Spirit. By specifically referencing the Priest's spirit, we can affirm this transformation and pray for his ministry.

This new response of "***And with your spirit***" will be a difficult change to remember – perhaps one of the most difficult for us laity. However, it will not take long to grow accustomed to the new wording, especially given its frequency. ***Above all, we should reflect on how it conveys the content of Sacred Scripture, as well as the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church.***

**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**



10/4/09.....	\$5388.00
10/3/10.....	\$6989.00
<b>10/2/11.....</b>	<b>\$5925.00</b>

Number of Envelopes from Mass	299	Loose Collection from Mass	\$1246.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$4157.00	Drop Off Collection	\$522.00

# Last But Not Least

Today we celebrate the **28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**. If you're going to throw a party there's three things you need...you need a place, you need people and you need some preparation. If you've got a bunch of people with no place to go you have a riot. If you have a place with no people, then you're just alone. If you're prepared with no place or people you just have OCD. Just as that's true of a party at your home, it's true of the kingdom of God. Jesus in Matthew 22:1-14 gives some pretty great instructions on how to have party. God has prepared a place, a banquet is set but the seats are empty. God calls to everyone, we are the voice of God calling, compelling people to come. Some may feel unworthy – our job is to compel them saying, "Yes, this is for you!" Today we celebrate, we celebrate what God has done, what God is doing and what God will do. God has enabled us to create space, God is already filling that space and God will call to himself people to fill that space to overflowing.

On **Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Sister Marie Albert and our Alumni Committee have been working hard on our **5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Our **Parish Stewardship/Census** responses are coming in slowly. If you do not receive yours, please contact the rectory office. Visitation and house blessing will begin soon for those who requested a visit. Remember that your reply to the Census questions on the cards will help us to prepare our programs for the upcoming year and your generous donations enable us to continue to serve God's People through our ministries. **Please also update your family information on the cards so that we can update our files.**

As the cold weather approaches, we should all be mindful to winterize our homes. Our St. Joseph the Worker Group are available to help any elderly or homebound parishioners. If you need assistance, please contact me at the rectory.

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

Your brother and shepherd,  
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh