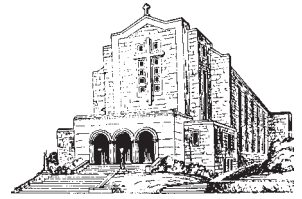




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## CHURCH OFFICE

The church office in the rectory is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, except for the 12:00 to 1:00 lunch hour.

## MASSES

Saturday Vigil - 4:30PM Mass in English

Sunday - 8:00 AM Mass in English

9:30 AM Mass in Vietnamese

11:00 AM Mass in English

12:30 PM Mass in Spanish

Weekdays - 6:30, 8:00 AM

Saturdays 8:00 AM

Obligatory Holy Days - (except Jan. 1 & Christmas)

6:30, 8:00, 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

First Fridays - 6:30, 8:00,

(also 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR)



## SACRAMENTS

### Confession

Saturdays 4:00-4:30 PM; 15 minutes after Mass (5:30 - 5:45)

### Baptisms

Baptismal Preparation Classes the 1st Sunday of each month at 3:00pm in Room E. Please call the rectory to set up an interview with one of the priest before you begin planning for the baptism. Spanish Baptisms - 3rd Sunday of each month. English Baptisms - 4th Sunday of each month. Baptisms take place in the chapel at 2:00 pm

### Christian Initiation of Adults

Sundays 11:00 AM Mass followed by session until 1:30 PM in Room E

### Sick Calls

Priests & Eucharistic Ministers regularly visit shut-ins. Please phone the rectory if you are confined to the house or entering the hospital.

### Parish Religious Education Classes

Sunday 9:15 AM - 10:30 AM

## DEVOTIONS

**Eucharistic Adoration** - Every Thursday in Chapel 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM followed by Evening Prayer.

**Daily Rosary** - Monday through Friday after the 8 AM Mass

**Miraculous Medal** - Saturdays 7:45 AM

**Our Lady of La Vang Devotions** - Saturday 8:30 AM

**Grupo Carismático** - Tenemos circulo de oración en

español todos los miercoles a las 7:00 pm en la iglesia de abajo.

Estan todos invitados.

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS

**Senior Citizens** - 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month, 12 Noon Room 4 of the upper school.

**Parent School Committee** - meets monthly

**Parish Council** - meets six times a year

**Finance Council** - meets four times a year

**Cub Scouts** - Tuesdays, 7-8 PM - School Hall

**Boy Scouts** - Wednesdays, 7-9 PM - School Hall

**Evangelization Committee** - 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM in Rectory Meeting Room.

**Liturgy Committe** - 1st Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room

## SERVICE MINISTRY

**(Community Neighborhood Organizing)** - Meets Monthly

**Aid for Friends** - an organization providing the elderly with food and friendship

**Parish Nurse Facilitator** - Sr. Anna Marie Lesutis, RSM, 215-329-0110

**WE WELCOME NEWCOMERS! PLEASE PHONE 215-424-1300 TO MEET WITH A PRIEST.**



# January 11, 2009

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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 of Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**SATURDAY, Jan. 10, 2009** *Most Holy Name of Jesus*  
4:30PM Stephen Yhost

**SUNDAY, Jan. 11, 2009** *Baptism of Our Lord*  
8:00AM (E) John & Marie Nguyen (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention  
11:00AM (E) Denise Lanzaro  
12:30PM (S) St. Helena Parishioners

**MONDAY, Jan. 12, 2009**  
6:30AM John L. tetley  
8:00AM Peter Huan Tran

**TUESDAY, Jan. 13, 2009** *St. Hilary*  
6:30AM Ella McCaffrey  
8:00AM Charles Petrovich

**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 14, 2009**  
6:30AM Joseph McCaffrey  
8:00AM Fr. John Donahie

**THURSDAY, Jan. 15, 2009**  
6:30AM Maria Phien Nguyen  
8:00AM St. Helena Alumni

**FRIDAY, Jan. 16, 2009**  
6:30AM Margaret Nally  
8:00AM Karl Wicher

**SATURDAY, Jan. 17, 2009** *St. Anthony*  
8:00AM Sr. Anthony Joseph, ssj  
4:30PM John Kopiec

**SUNDAY, Jan. 18, 2009** *Baptism of Our Lord*  
8:00AM (E) Mary Rohrbacher  
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention  
11:00AM (E) Gloria McCosker  
12:30PM (S) Difunto Juaquin Perez

## *A New Life in Jesus*



What an exciting time this is -- the beginning of a New Year. Some people make New Year's Resolutions. That means they make promises to

## 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 are strengthened, where families are bonded, where the 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.*

### We Remember in Prayer

#### *Our sick and those who care for them*

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Margaret Barr         | Patricia Komly     |
| Veronica Hellwig      | Charles Ball       |
| Martha Skinner        | Cindy Halleck      |
| Judy Kovescsek        | Marie Halleck      |
| Chiet Doan            | John Adair         |
| Helen Robinson        | Alton Fenstermaker |
| Noel Lopez            | John Quinn         |
| Rita Klienknecht      | Bob Moffatt        |
| Joan A. Lowery        | Marie Riehl        |
| Lawrence Arockiaswamy | Bill Sadler        |
| Emma Vockenhuber      | Madelyn Burke      |
| Charles T. Benner     | Joseph Langan      |
| Robert F. Taylor, Jr. |                    |

### We Remember in Prayer

Those who have died, especially John Adair, Bill Sadler and Carlton Simmons (nephew of Betty Simmons).

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### **SUNDAY, Jan. 11, 2009** *Epiphany of Our Lord*

Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7    Acts 10: 34-38    Mark 1: 7-11

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| <b>MONDAY (12)</b>    | Heb 1: 1-6     | Mk 1: 14-20 |
| <b>TUESDAY (13)</b>   | Heb 2: 5-12    | Mk 1: 21-28 |
| <b>WEDNESDAY (14)</b> | Heb 2: 14-18   | Mk 1: 29-39 |
| <b>THURSDAY (15)</b>  | Heb 3: 7-14    | Mk 1: 40-45 |
| <b>FRIDAY (16)</b>    | Heb 4: 1-5, 11 | Mk 2: 1-12  |
| <b>SATURDAY (17)</b>  | Heb 4: 12-16   | Mk 2: 13-17 |

themselves about things they hope to do in the New Year. Did you make any New Year's Resolutions this year? Maybe some of you resolved to honor and obey your parents. Or perhaps you resolved to keep your room clean, or to make better grades in school. Those are very worthwhile resolutions for boys and girls to make. Don't you agree? Whether you make any resolutions or not, the new year gives you the chance to forget your past mistakes and look forward to doing better in the year ahead. I hope all of you will take advantage of the fresh start the New Year offers us.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The preparation process to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation begins on January 14<sup>th</sup> at the parent meeting for the children in St. Helena Parish who are in the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Students preparing for Confirmation attend classes either in the Religious Education Program which meets on Sundays from 9:15am to 10:30am, during the Vietnamese Confirmation class time on Sunday, or in St. Helena School as part of the religion curriculum.

### **Confirmation Preparation Meeting**

Parents and Sponsor (if available) must plan on attending the scheduled meeting on

**Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Room 4 of the Upper School.**

**Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation**

will be....

**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in the Upper Church.**

During this exciting time, young people often find they have many questions about their faith and life's choices. The preparation process for Confirmation provides a time to explore one's Catholic identity and what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. We look forward to working with you.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The preparation process to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation begins on January 10<sup>th</sup> at the parent meeting for the children in St. Helena Parish who are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or up.

Students preparing for Reconciliation attend classes either in the Religious Education Program which meets on Sundays from 9:15am to 10:30am, during the Vietnamese Reconciliation class time on Sunday, or in St. Helena School as part of the religion curriculum.

### **Reconciliation Preparation Meeting**

Parents must plan on attending the scheduled meeting on

**Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Room 4 of the Upper School.**

**Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

will be....

**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm in the Lower Church.**

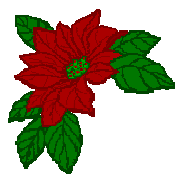
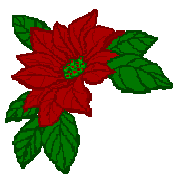
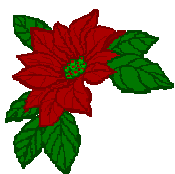
Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation (also called Confession or Penance) normally takes place in the second grade for children baptized in the Catholic Faith or for children in upper grades who have not yet received the Sacrament. Essential for the preparation of First Reconciliation is regular worship in Sunday Mass, participation in religious education, and a commitment on the part of the parents to the religious education of their children after the first reception of Reconciliation. We look forward to working with you.

# *Announcements*

- ◆ **Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls** is holding an Open House and Registration evening on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in public and parochial schools, along with their families are welcome to come and meet with the LF faculty, staff and students. For more information, please visit our website at [www.littleflowerhighschool.org](http://www.littleflowerhighschool.org) or call 215-455-6900 ext. 162.
- ◆ **Ascension of Our Lord Parish School** is hosting a 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion for the Class of 1958 on Saturday, March 21, 2009 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm at Torresdale-Frankford Country Club (Grant & Frankford Ave). For more information call 610-888-9448 or write to [runadvte@rcm.com](mailto:runadvte@rcm.com)
- ◆ **St. Vincent de Paul** will be holding a clothing drive on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Incarnation of Our Lord Church.

## **Thank you...Thank you...**

**To all who helped decorate our churches for Christmas. As we conclude our Christmas Season this weekend with the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, it is with sadness that our decorations will be taken down this Sunday after the Spanish Mass. The poinsettias were so beautiful this year...if you wish to take one home with you, feel free.**



**To those who made a monetary donation to the manglers, we thank you. As Fr. Steve mentioned, the donation will be sent to the Marion Bolger Foundation. Next week, we will let you know the total collected, along with the Christmas and New Year's Collection. Last count, was over \$500.00.**

**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



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| 12/31/06.....        | \$7323.00        |
| 12/30/07.....        | \$6114.00        |
| <b>12/28/08.....</b> | <b>\$6342.00</b> |

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| Number of Envelopes from Mass | 376       | Loose Collection from Mass | \$1207 .00 |
| Envelope Collection from Mass | \$4419.00 | Drop Off Collection        | \$697.00   |
| Children's Envelopes          | \$19.00   |                            |            |

**Good Deeds:** I cleaned my bed. I helped carry the couch to the attic. I helped Brandon go to the bathroom. I watched my baby sister while she was playing. I helped clean the bathroom. I did my chores.

|                     |                  |
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| 1/07/07.....        | \$6006.00        |
| 1/06/08.....        | \$6861.00        |
| <b>1/04/09.....</b> | <b>\$6812.00</b> |

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| Number of Envelopes from Mass | 307       | Loose Collection from Mass | \$1168 .00 |
| Envelope Collection from Mass | \$4817.00 | Drop Off Collection        | \$787.00   |
| Children's Envelopes          | \$40.00   |                            |            |

**Good Deeds:** I helped take care of my cousin. I helped my mom clean the kitchen. I swept the house without my mom telling me to do so. I vacuumed the house. I held the baby bottle filled with milk and put it in my baby sister's mouth. I helped my mom make stew. I helped clean the bathroom.

# Last But Not Least

***"I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."***

Today we celebrate the **Baptism of our Lord**...this Sunday marks the **end** of the **Christmas Season** and the **beginning of Ordinary Time**...our beautiful decorations will be taken down today after the 12:30 mass...our poinsettias will be placed in the rear of the church...please feel free, next week, to take one home with you and continue to enjoy it's beauty.

By tomorrow, you should receive a mailing inviting you to Mass next weekend where our witnesses will speak to you about the importance of **Tithing** in our lives...for new members, this is a time to begin tithing; for others, it is a time to renew our tithing promise...I hope you will attend mass and listen carefully to our witnesses as they open their hearts and let you know how tithing has changed their lives.

**Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets** are still available in the rear of the church...to date we have had fifteen returns...please take one home with you today and if you can help out in any way, fill out the form and return it as soon as possible.... thanks to all who share their time and talents with our parish.

We are in need of a **nighttime receptionist in the rectory**...if you are retired or a senior citizen who would be able to work **Monday thru Friday from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm for a small stipend**, please contact me or Father Steve at the rectory – 215-424-1300...please remember in your prayers our former receptionist, Maria Repsch, who has taken ill...may the Lord bless her and restore her health. Thanks for reading...have a good week.

Your Brother & Shepherd,  
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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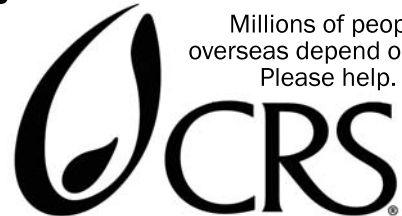
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