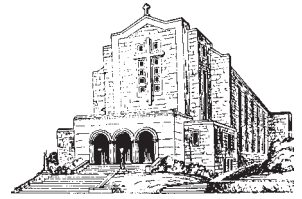




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CHURCH OFFICE

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 18, 2009

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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. 18th to Jan. 25th, 2009

SATURDAY, Jan. 17, 2009 St. Anthony

4:30PM John Kopiec

SUNDAY, Jan. 18, 2009 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM (E) Mary Rohrbacher
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) Gloria McCosker
12:30PM (S) Difunto Juaquin Perez

MONDAY, Jan. 19, 2009 Martin Luther King Day

6:30AM Mary Frances McKenna
8:00AM Thanks for Good Health for Anna Chandy

TUESDAY, Jan. 20, 2009 Sts. Fabian & Sebastian

6:30AM John L. Tetley
8:00AM Efraim C. deRamos

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 21, 2009 St. Agnes

6:30AM Katharina & Robert Rach
8:00AM Thomas That Nguyen

THURSDAY, Jan. 22, 2009 St. Vincent

6:30AM Mildred & Sam Herb
8:00AM Maria & Dominic Nguyen

FRIDAY, Jan. 23, 2009

6:30AM Margaret Nally
8:00AM Magee Family

SATURDAY, Jan. 24, 2009 St. Francis deSales

8:00AM Joseph Gallagher
4:30PM William Lawlor

SUNDAY, Jan. 25, 2009 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM (E) Rev. John Donohie
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) Sarah J. Lehmann
12:30PM (S) St. Helena Parishioners

When God Calls Your Name



Do you think God knows your name? I am sure he does. Names are very important to God. In fact, I can think of several times in the Bible when God called someone by name.

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 Kovescek	Marie Halleck
Chiet Doan	Robert F. Taylor, Jr.
Helen Robinson	Alton Fenstermaker
Noel Lopez	John Quinn
Rita Klienknecht	Bob Moffatt
Joan A. Lowery	Marie Riehl
Lawrence Arockiaswamy	Joseph Langan
Emma Vockenhuber	Madelyn Burke
Charles T. Benner	

We Remember in Prayer

Those who have died in our parish.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Jan. 18, 2009 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20
John 1: 35-42

MONDAY (19)	Heb 5: 1-10	Mk 2: 18-22
TUESDAY (20)	Heb 6: 10-20	Mk 2: 23-28
WEDNESDAY (21)	Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17	Mk 3: 1-6
THURSDAY (22)	Heb. 7:25-8:6	Mk 3: 7-12
FRIDAY (23)	Heb 8: 6-13	Mk 3: 13-19
SATURDAY (24)	Heb 9: 2-3, 11-14	Mk 3: 20-21

One day, Moses saw a burning bush and went over to take a look. God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses answered, "Here I am." (Exodus 3:4) As Jesus walked down the streets of Jericho one day, he stopped and looked up in a tree. "Zacchaeus, come down right now. I am going to your house today." When Jesus called his name, Zacchaeus came down. (Luke 19:5) Before the apostle Paul became a follower of Christ, his name was Saul. As he was going to Damascus to persecute the disciples, a bright light flashed around him. He fell to the ground and he heard a voice from heaven say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Saul answered, "Who are you, Lord?" (Acts 9:1-5)

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**With great joy, we invite you to please keep in your
prayers our children preparing for Reconciliation
on March 3, 2009**

Thuanh Tran
Theresa Pham
Billy Nguyen
Elizabeth Le
Justin Ketphanh
Helen Le
Angeline Tong
My Le
Michelle Nguyen
Amanda Nguyen
Kristy Nguyen
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Ricky Nguyen
Brandon Ramgoolie
Tramell Wilson
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Mariah Bryant
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Hoa Vu
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Eric Pierre

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Abolaji Amosu
Joseph Lugo Lopez
Zamara Sanchez
Diego De Los Reyes
Lilianna Le
Olamide Amosu



**With great joy, we invite you to please keep in your
prayers our children preparing for Confirmation
on March 10, 2009**

Anthony Hasara
Chibunna Ottih
Michelle Reyta
Melanie Blanco
Avilio Espinoza
Alfred Santos
Robert Julien
Thomas Bastik
Amanda Cedeno
Christophe Losier
David Losier
Olunna Amachi
Jennifer Nguyen
Dat Tan Nguyen
Thao Thu Nguyen
Eric Tien Pham
Xuan Phong Nguyen
Kevin Dang
Anthony Phi Le
Natalie Ketphanh
Matilda Nguyen

Samantha Nguyen
Joseph Dao
John Dao
Angela Nguyen
Kimberly Pham
Nhien Phan
Nhi Huynh
Christopher Tran
Huy Le
Kendra Mensah
Alejandra Diaz
Thomas Vu
Ashley Giacomelli
Alana Caparas
Isaiah Mendez
Hoang Pham
Donyelle Fredericks
Jocelyn Navas
Clarissa Agnes
Brandon Galarza

Catherine Nguyen
Jennifer Nguyen
Phuoc David Le
Neil Liwanag
Adam Sierra
Andy Tran
Ashley Bercaw
Andrea Boyer
Laura deJesus
Degan Duke
Eliza Galarza
Michelle Joseph
Danielle Maguire
Alazia Nguyen
Aurora Pomales
Yaz'meen Powell
Katherine Sesuca
Christopher Broome
Bruce Merritt



Announcements



- ◆ **The Capuchin Province of St. Augustine** will be hosting free live-in Vocational retreats soon. Work and pray with the community and hear the vocational talks. Located in Philadelphia. Dates are Feb. 27th to Mar. 1st and April 24th-25th. For more information, please call 1-800-221-1807.
- ◆ A **retreat for young adults ages 18-40**, sponsored by the Office of Youth and Young Adults will be held on Friday, February 27th to March 1st at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. The retreat begins with registration at 6:00pm on Friday and will conclude on Sunday after the 11:00am Mass. This year's theme is Footprints along the journey. Cost is only \$105.00, which includes lodging and meals. Please register by Feb. 23rd by calling Abbie at 215-965-4635.
- ◆ **Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls** is holding an Open House and Registration evening on Tuesday, February 3rd from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. All 7th and 8th 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 or call 215-455-6900 ext. 162.
- ◆ **Ascension of Our Lord Parish School** is hosting a 50th 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
- ◆ **St. Vincent de Paul** will be holding a clothing drive on Thursday, January 22nd from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Incarnation of Our Lord Church.
- ◆ **Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls** celebrates their 70th Anniversary with a Gala Benefit on Saturday, February 14, 2009 at the Crystal Tea Room in Philadelphia. A few tickets are still available. For more information, please contact Peg Mahoney at 215-884-6205.
- ◆ **Father Judge High School** will host a Comedy Night featuring Joe Conklin on Saturday, January 24, 2009 from 7:00pm to 11:00pm. Tickets are \$35.00 on sale in the School's Main Office. For more information, please call 215-338-9494 (x1103). Must be 21 or over to enter.
- ◆ Students at Father Judge are running a service project called **“Keep Warm Campaign.”** They are collecting new or lightly used blankets, hats, gloves, or jackets to be donated to those less fortunate. If you need more information, feel free to contact me, Aaron Murphy, at 215-478-3802 or Brian Reinhart at breinhardt@fatherjudge.net or 215-338-9494 (ext. 1103).
- ◆ **Northeast Catholic High School** invites you to join them for an Open House on Sunday, February 15, 2009 from 10:00am to 12:00Noon.

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



1/14/07.....	\$6628.00
1/13/08.....	\$6210.00
1/11/09.....	\$5983.00

Number of Envelopes from Mass	307	Loose Collection from Mass	\$1000 .00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$4386.00	Drop Off Collection	\$564.00
Children's Envelopes	\$33.00		

Good Deeds: I washed the dishes. I took the dog for a walk. I helped take down the Christmas decorations. I went to Mass and gave money to the poor. I gave a coat to a poor person. I made my bed. I did my homework without being told to do so.

New Year's Collection	\$3,382.00
Christmas 2008 Collection	\$16,569.00



Last But Not Least



The true purpose of tithing is to secure not the tithe, but the tither; not the gift, but the heart of the giver."

Today we celebrate the ***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***. This weekend we, as a parish, are ***renewing our tithing promise*** made two years ago...today at all of the Masses we will hear from witnesses who will speak from their hearts and tell us how tithing has changed their lives...copies of their talks will be sent out to you tomorrow along with a booklet describing "***God's plan for giving***"...I hope that you will give some prayerful thought to renewing your tithing promise....may the Lord continue to bless you for your kindness and generosity.

Thanks to all who came out and helped to take down our Christmas decorations last week...while the decorations are gone, I hope that the peace and joy of the season will remain in your hearts all through the year. If you have not returned your ***Volunteer Sign-up Sheet***, please do so as soon as possible...any way you can help out will be greatly appreciated.

This week we have ***two important occasions*** going on in our Nation: first, the ***36th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision***, which legalized abortion...in recognition of the violations to the dignity of the human person wrought by this decision, the dioceses of the United States now observe ***January 22*** as a particular ***day of prayer and penance***...all are invited to pray and fast on this day as reparation for sins against life. Second, this week will mark the ***beginning of a new era for our Nation*** as we witness the swearing in of ***Barack Obama as our new president***...let us all pray for President Obama, Vice-President Biden, all of the new cabinet members and members of Congress...may they lead us, through God's will, out of these hard times and into a better life for all of God's people. Thanks for reading...have a great week!

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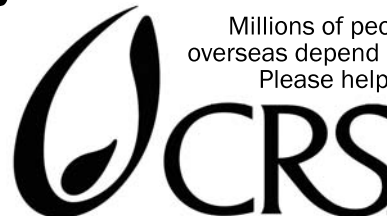
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