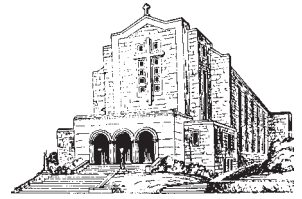




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CHURCH OFFICE

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 25, 2009

3rd 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. 25th to Feb. 1st, 2009

SATURDAY, Jan. 24, 2009 St. Francis deSales
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

MONDAY, Jan. 26, 2009 St. Timothy & Titus
6:30AM Holy Souls
8:00AM Maria Lam

TUESDAY, Jan. 27, 2009 St. Angela Merici
6:30AM Katharina & Robert Rach
8:00AM Michael Carroll

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 28, 2009 St. Thomas Aquinas
6:30AM Rev. Dominic Bang Tran
8:00AM Peace in the Family

THURSDAY, Jan. 29, 2009
6:30AM John L. Tetley
8:00AM Thanksgiving for Peace in the Family

FRIDAY, Jan. 30, 2009
6:30AM Margaret Nally
8:00AM Norma Bozarth

SATURDAY, Jan. 31, 2009 St. John Bosco
8:00AM John F. Jeffers
4:30PM Gottlieb Kugler

SUNDAY, Feb. 1, 2009 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM (E) Captain Harry Lawrence
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) Harry Eldred
12:30PM (S) St. Helena Parishioners

Answering the Call



In our Bible story today, Jesus was walking along beside the sea of Galilee preaching the good news of God when he made a call for help. He saw Peter and Andrew throwing a net into the water, because they were fishermen. He called out to them, "Come, follow me and I will teach you how to fish for people." You

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	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, especially **Jean Schaaf**.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Jan. 25, 2009 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jon 3: 1-5, 10 1 Cor 7: 29-31 Mark 1: 14-20

MONDAY (26)	2 Tm 1: 1-8	Mk 3: 22-30
TUESDAY (27)	Heb 10: 1-10	Mk 3: 31-35
WEDNESDAY (28)	Heb 10: 11-18	Mk 4: 1-20
THURSDAY (29)	Heb 10: 19-25	Mk 4: 21-25
FRIDAY (30)	Heb 10: 32-39	Mk 4: 26-34
SATURDAY (31)	Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19	Mk 4: 35-41

see, Jesus wanted Peter and Andrew to help him teach people about God's love for them. When Jesus called Peter and Andrew, they didn't say, "Not right now, we are busy fishing. Maybe some other time." No way! The Bible tells us that they left their nets and followed Jesus. Jesus, Peter, and Andrew had gone a little farther when they saw James and John sitting in a boat mending their nets. When Jesus saw them, he called to them, "Follow me." They didn't say, "Not right now, we're busy mending our nets. Perhaps some other time." No, the Bible says that they left their father sitting in the boat with the hired hands and followed Jesus. Jesus is still calling for help today. He has called you and me to help him to bring others into God's Kingdom. Is it an emergency? It sure is! It's a matter of life and death! The Bible says, "Unless you repent, you will all perish." (Luke 13:3) Jesus has called us, what will we say? What will we do? I hope and pray that we will drop whatever we are doing and answer the call.

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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 School Celebrates CSW

St. Helena School will open Catholic Schools Week today, January 25, 2009 at the 11:00am Mass with the theme: Celebrate Service. Monday: Appreciation day for our Nation. Tuesday: Appreciation day for parents and open house in the morning. Wednesday: Appreciation day for community service workers and teachers. Thursday: Prayer Service – Called to Service. Friday: Appreciation day for students.

For the Young at Heart

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

Mark 1:14-20

Galilee	kingdom	repent	believe
Sea	Simon	Andrew	lake
Fishermen	come	follow	nets
James	brother	John	boat



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Happy New Year!
We wish our Viet.
Parishioner a very
happy and blessed
New Year as they
celebrate Chinese
New Year on
January 26th.
The Year of the Ox.

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



1/21/07.....	\$6260.00
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Children's Envelopes	\$54.00		

Good Deeds: I made my bed. I helped my mom. I cleaned my room. I helped my grandmother by not fighting with my sisters. I helped my mom clean. I gave my mom and dad a card for their anniversary. I helped my family. I went to Church and did my homework. I was guarding my baby sister from falling from the bed. I took care of my nephew. I did my chores. I feed my baby cousin breakfast. I helped dress my sister. I found my teacher's glasses. I helped the school nurse.

Catholic Relief Collection\$1619.00

Last But Not Least



“The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel”



Today we celebrate the *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*. I would like to thank our presenters from our *Tithing Weekend...Mr. Sam Guiliano and Mr. Fred Chemidlin*, who traveled from New Jersey to be with us...*Ms. Le Nguyen and Ms. Nelly Manrique*, fellow parishioners here at St. Helena...I hope you listened to their talks and were moved by them...follow-up letters have been mailed out to you.... these letters contain copies of the talks you heard and a booklet entitled: *How Much Should I Give to my Parish?* It is my hope that you will read these items and after pray and thought, you will know the answer and act accordingly...thanks to all of our parishioners who tithe faithfully each week.

On *Saturday, March 7, 2009*, the Archdiocese is sponsoring a *Men's Spirituality Conference*...the Conference will be held at *Cardinal O'Hara High School*, in Springfield...cost will be *\$25.00 per person*, or a *family group rate of \$20.00 per person* for 3 or more people...information and registration forms are available in the rear of church...*deadline for registration will be February 20, 2009*.

On this, the *36th Anniversary of the Roe V. Wade Decision*, we have been asked by the Cardinal to have our parishioners fill out post cards that will be sent to your Representatives in Congress asking them to *vote against the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA)*...this Act carries with it the *elimination of all national and state restrictions on abortion and would require all states to allow partial-birth and late-term abortions*. Our *postcard campaign* will urge all *U.S. Senators and Representatives not to give their support to FOCA or to similar legislation under a different name*. We ask that you fill these cards out before you leave church today and we will take care mailing them out. I hope that you will assist us with this campaign to promote the sanctity of life.

This week, all schools throughout the Archdiocese will be celebrating *Catholic Schools Week*...this week *celebrates our schools, Catholic Education, our students, teachers and staff, and all who serve in our community (Police Officers, Firefighters, etc.)*.... it is also a chance for anyone interested in providing their children with a strong Catholic Education, in a safe, caring environment, to come in and see what we have to offer...if you or someone you know might be interested in sending your children here, contact the school at 215-549-2947 for more information. I hope you all are staying warm...thanks for reading...have a great week!

Your Brother & Shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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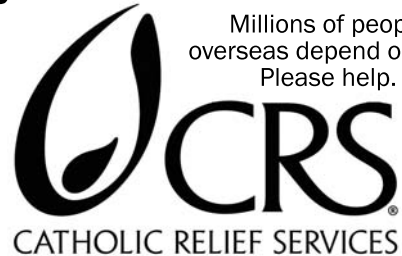
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