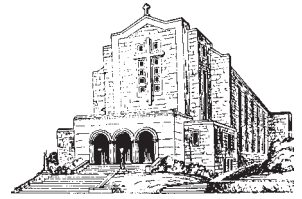




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CHURCH OFFICE

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.

**5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 8, 2009**

**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 Feb. 8st to 15th

SATURDAY, Feb. 7, 2009 *Vigil Mass*
4:30PM Anna Bodnar

SUNDAY, Feb. 8, 2009 *5th Sunday of Ord. Time*
8:00AM (E) Sr. Rose Irene, SSJ
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) Anthony T. Cortez
12:30PM (S) St. Helena Parishioners

MONDAY, Feb. 9, 2009
6:30AM John L. Tetley
8:00AM Joseph McCaffrey

TUESDAY, Feb. 10, 2009 *St. Scholastica*
6:30AM Sr. Maria Thanh Doan
8:00AM Kathleen Knapp

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 11, 2009
Our Lady of Lourdes
6:30AM Ella McCaffrey
8:00AM Peter & Ann Von Nguyen

THURSDAY, Feb. 12, 2009
6:30AM Mary Frances McKenna
8:00AM Peter Huan Tran

FRIDAY, Feb. 13, 2009
6:30AM Margaret Nally
8:00AM Beatrice Carroll

SATURDAY, Feb. 14, 2009
St. Cyril & Methodius
8:00AM Val Moffitt
4:30PM Marty Carbine

SUNDAY, Feb. 15, 2009 *6th Sunday of Ord. Time*
8:00AM (E) Fr. Albert DiGiacobbe
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) Stella Quinn
12:30PM (S) Joseph Chiet Doan (102 Birthday)



**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
*Our Deceased and their Families***

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Feb. 8, 2009 *5th Sunday of Ord. Time*
Job 7: 1-4, 6-7 1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23 Mk. 1: 29-39

MONDAY (09)	Gn 1: 1-19	Mk 6: 53-56
TUESDAY (10)	Gn 1: 20-2:4a	Mk 7: 1-13
WEDNESDAY (11)	Gn 2: 4b-9, 15-17	Mk 7: 14-23
THURSDAY (12)	Gn 2: 18-25	Mk 7: 24-30
FRIDAY (13)	Gn 3: 1-8	Mk 7: 31-37
SATURDAY (14)	Gn 3: 9-24	Mk 8: 1-10

Our Bible lesson today tells about a day when a lot of people were looking for Jesus. They were looking for Jesus because they needed something that only he could give them. Jesus had been traveling around the countryside teaching, preaching, and healing the sick. He had become very popular, and everywhere he went there were great crowds of people. They came to hear him teach about God's love and to be healed of their diseases. One day Jesus went to visit in the home of Simon Peter. When he got there, Peter's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever, so they told Jesus about her right away. Jesus took her by the hand and helped her up. Immediately the fever left her. She was healed and went in and began to fix dinner for everyone. When the people heard that Jesus was at Peter's house, a large crowd of people began to gather outside the door. People brought their sick friends to Jesus, and he healed many people who had all different kinds of diseases. People today are still looking for Jesus. They are looking for Jesus because they need something that only he can give them -- forgiveness for sin and everlasting life. Are you looking for Jesus?

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Happy Birthday to you. Happy Birthday to you. Happy Birthday dear Chiet... "102". Happy Birthday to you.



On behalf of St. Helena Parish, we wish Joseph Chiet Doan a very, very, very happy birthday. Joseph Chiet is the oldest parishioner of St. Helena's who is still living...thanks to his daughter, Maria Hanh Nguyen.



For the Young at Heart

***Confirmation
Rite of Inscription***

A reminder to all parents and students preparing for Confirmation on March 10th ...the Rite of Inscription Service will take place on Monday, Feb. 9th at 7:00pm in the Lower Church. Please bring RED folder with completed work and confirmation fee.

Any questions, contact Sr. Sophie at 215-317-9168.

Jesus Ministers in Galilee

So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. Mark 1:39

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



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- 12-6-10-13 _____
- 21-16-22-6-25-12 _____
- 24-3-25-4 _____

HEALED	FEVER	MORNING	DEMONS	VILLAGE
SICK	PRAY	SUNSET	HAND	PREACH



Announcements



Registration for St. Helena Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grade 1 will take place on February 17th from 10:00am to 12:00Noon and 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Registration will take place in Room 4of the Upper School.

- ◆ **Archbishop Wood High School** is hosting a Winter Registration Week from Monday, February 9th to Friday, February 13th from 9:00am to 3:00pm in Room 245. Please call 215-672-5050 (x 221) for more information or to register.
- ◆ **St. Basil Academy** 7th Grade Band Day will take place on April 22, 2009 from 7:30am to 1:45pm. SBA Band Day is for 7th grade girls interested in music. Come spend a shadow/visitation day and play your instrument with the SBA band. The day begins at 7:30am and ends at 1:45pm. Lunch will be provided. To reserve a spot please call the Admission Office at 215-885-6952. (Space is limited)
- ◆ **St. Basil Academy** is again sponsoring a Practice Examination for 7th Grade girls on Saturday, March 21, 2009 beginning at 9:00am. The cost of the exam will be \$30.00. Refreshments will be provided. Please call the Admissions Office at 215-885-6952 to request an application.
- ◆ **Bishop McDevitt High School's Learning Academy** and Dr. Richard Fuller offer the most comprehensive 35-hour training experience in a PSAT/SAT Program in the area (with a student/teacher ratio of 8:1 in Math). Classes begin March 2, 2009 We also have information on our summer programs which include: Algebra I Enrichment Program (grades 5-9); "Critical Thinking and Study Skill" Program (grades 8-12); and a PSAT/SAT Program (with a student/teacher ratio of 8:1). Summer classes start July 20, 2009. For more information, please call Dr. Fuller at 610-275-9660 or Bishop McDevitt High School at 215-887-5575 (x226).
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **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 12:00N

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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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<i>Number of Envelopes from Mass</i>	<i>343</i>	<i>Loose Collection from Mass</i>	<i>\$1225.00</i>
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Children's Envelopes February 1, 2009 (\$45 – 9 envelopes) Good I helped my mom. I did the dishes. I help with the snow. I did my project early. I made my mom and dad's bed. I fed the dog. I swept the steps for my neighbor.



Last But Not Least...



“Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.”

This week we celebrate the *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Last week, I asked that you take the postcards enclosed in the bulletins and fill them out to voice your *protest* of the vote on the *“Freedom of Choice Act”*, (FOCA) which would legalize partial- birth and late-term abortions ...passage of this bill would virtually void out any pro-life legislation that has been passed in prior years.... because of a problem with the bulletin delivery, the postcards were never put in them...I apologize for this mix-up...the cards, along with an explanation of what passage of this bill would affect, are enclosed this week...*please fill out the cards and either mail them or return them to the rectory* and we will send them out...*let your voices be heard* by those in office who are supposed to be working for us, not big business or lobbyists.

This Sunday we celebrate *“World Day for Consecrated Life”*.... Sister Anita Bolton, CSR, will speak at the 11:00 mass about a life consecrated to the Lord...please listen as Sister speaks to us about life in service to God and His people...if you or someone you know feels a calling to this life, contact one of the parish Priests or Sisters for guidance.

A Reminder: 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*.

I hope all of you came through last week's snow intact and enjoyed the nicer weather on Friday and Saturday.... it will be great when we can put the cold weather behind us and enjoy the warmth of spring. Thanks for reading...have a good week!

Your Brother & Shepherd,
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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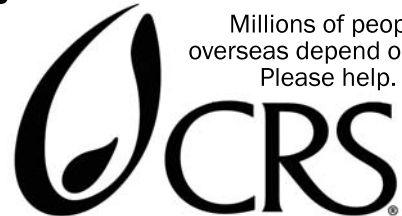
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