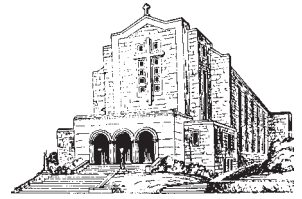




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CHURCH OFFICE

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.

**6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 15, 2009**

**Welcome to
St. Helena Church**



**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. 15th to 22nd

SATURDAY, Feb. 14, 2009 *Vigil Mass*
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)

MONDAY, Feb. 16, 2009
6:30AM Ella McCaffrey
8:00AM Joseph & Maria Hoa Do

**TUESDAY, Feb. 17, 2009 *Seven Founder of the
Orders of Servites***
6:30AM Joseph McCaffrey
8:00AM Maria Lam

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 18, 2009
6:30AM James & Catherine McCloskey
8:00AM Dolores Stec

THURSDAY, Feb. 19, 2009
6:30AM Mary Frances McKenna
8:00AM Judith Perzan

FRIDAY, Feb. 20, 2009
6:30AM Gertrude Rooney
8:00AM Efraim C. deRamos



SATURDAY, Feb. 21, 2009 *St. Peter Damian*
8:00AM John L. Tetley
4:30PM Stella Zagorski

SUNDAY, Feb. 22, 2009 *7th Sunday of Ord. Time*
8:00AM (E) Maria & Dominic Nguyen
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) In thanksgiving
12:30PM (S) Dominic Tran Cong Giao

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

Our Deceased and their Families

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Feb. 15, 2009 *6th Sunday of Ord. Time*
Lv 13: 1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10: 31-11:1 Mk 1: 40-45

MONDAY (16)	Gn 4: 1-15, 25	Mk 8: 11-13
TUESDAY (17)	Gn 6: 5-8, 7: 1-5, 10	Mk 8: 14-21
WEDNESDAY (18)	Gn 8: 6-13, 20-22	Mk 8: 22-26
THURSDAY (19)	Gn 9: 1-13	Mk 8: 27-33
FRIDAY (20)	Gn 11: 1-9	Mk 8: 34-9:1
SATURDAY (21)	Heb 11: 1-7	Mk 9: 2-13

During the time when Jesus lived upon the earth, leprosy was very wide-spread and was a dreaded disease. When someone had leprosy, they were covered with sores all over their bodies. Unlike chicken pox, these sores didn't just go away. When someone had leprosy, it was hopeless, because there was no cure. To make matters worse, other people considered them to be unclean and were not allowed to touch them. Many people believed that people who had leprosy got the disease because of some terrible sin they had committed. Sometimes, we may find ourselves in a situation where we are uncomfortable, like when we had the chicken pox. But there may come a time in our lives when we find ourselves in a situation that is truly hopeless. When that happens, where can we turn? How do we find hope in a hopeless situation? We can turn to Jesus. When the situation is hopeless, Jesus is our only hope.

St. Helena Church and School Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 2008

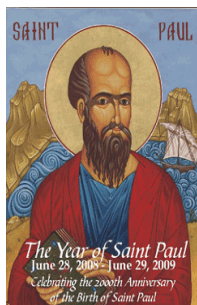
Financial Statement July 2007 thru June 2008

Income	2007	Church 07-08	School 07-08	Total 07-08
Sunday & Other Collections	412,177	463,005		463,005
Donations, Social, Miscellaneous	75,597	40,459	17,010	57,469
Tuition	762,538		748,446	748,446
Special Parish Use Fund	35,337	16,028		16,028
Other Income & Fees	142,410	38,344	136,898	175,242
TOTAL MONIES RECEIVED	1,428,059	557,836	902,354	1,460,190
Expenses				
Expenses	2007	Church 07-08	School 07-08	Total 07-08
Diocesan Assessments				
Wages, Taxes, Benefits	1,038,320	252,387	842,363	1,094,750
Property Insurance & Taxes	72,306	19,786	56,806	76,592
General & Administrative	112,177	80,315	32,906	113,221
Maintenance & Repairs	114,622	35,568	51,090	86,658
*Special Capital Improvements	17,610	0	131,180	131,180
Utilities (heat, electric, water, sewer)	166,064	62,900	85,436	148,336
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,521,099	450,956	1,199,781	1,650,737
EXCESS (Deficit) CASH	-93,040	106,880	-297,427	-190,547

In 2007 our parish deficit was -\$93,040. In 2008 our parish deficit was -\$190,547.

*Special Capital improvements included completion of boiler work in school for a total of \$131,280.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the rectory and a member of the Finance Council will get in touch with you. Thank you! St. Helena Parish Finance Council.



Year of Paul Bible Study

**St. Helena's will host a bible study on Saturday, Feb. 21st
from 9:30am to 11:30pm
in the Rectory Basement Mtg. Room.**

*Our focus this month will be on the 1st & 2nd Letters to the Corinthians.
Hope to see you there! Paul of Tarsus*



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. SHS has No School on Monday, February 16th due to Presidents Day.

- ◆ **Nazareth Academy High School** invites seventh grade girls to take the Practice Entrance Examination on Saturday, March 14, 2009 from 7:45am to 12:00Noon. The registration deadline for the test is Friday, March 6th. For additional information, registration forms, or questions please call: Mrs. Lisa Riccio, Director of Admissions at 215-268-1026.
- ◆ **The Season of Lent at Cranaleith Spiritual Center...**Saturday, February 28th – The Sanctuary Within: A Prayer of Presence presented by Sr. Suzanne Neisser, RSM. The day begins at 10:00am to concludes at 3:00pm. Cost is \$35.00 which includes Lunch. Please call 215-934-6206 to register.
- ◆ **Circle of Friends Bereavement Support Group...**This month's topic..."Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest...Matthew 11:28. Monday, February 23rd from 10:30-11:30am at Incarnation Rectory. RSVP Sr. Ellen (457-0249) or Sr. Anna Marie (329-0110).
- ◆ **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)

***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.



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



	2/11/07.....	\$5764.00
	2/10/08.....(Vietnamese New Year).....	\$7094.00
	2/08/09.....(Vietnamese New Year).....	\$7842.00

Number of Envelopes from Mass	319	Loose Collection from Mass	\$4464.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$2779.00	Drop Off Collection	\$546.00

Children's Envelopes February 8, 2009 (\$53) Good Deeds... I helped pass out folders. I helped clean the house. I helped my grandma clean the house. I was good in school. I listened to my dad. I love my mom. I timed my mom so she won't be late for work. I helped my mom wash the clothes. I helped take care of my baby sister. I cooked breakfast in the morning for my dad since I stayed home because of the snow blizzard. I offered to play the violin for my neighbor's son's birthday party. I fixed my bed. I helped my friend get up because she tripped and fell. I helped my brother bring his weight lifting equipment to the basement.



Last But Not Least...



“Come to the Lord to seek healing for body and soul.”

Today we celebrate the **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. In this week's bulletin you will find a printout of our **Financial Report** for the **fiscal year which ended June 30, 2008**...this report shows a comparison from last year to this year...our expenses continue to rise, as I am sure yours have...my **sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously to this great parish**...we could not sustain our programs, ministries or buildings without your help...may the Lord continue to bless you all.

We have been having some **difficulties with our parking lot**...over the past few weeks, our company who picks up our trash and also the paper company have not been able to get to their dumpsters due to cars parking improperly on the lot...the **upper half of the lot is used by our churchgoers and teachers for parking during the day**...the **lower portion is used as a schoolyard for our children**...if you do not have a staff parking permit, you must **move your car by 7:00 am each day**...please do not park in the lower portion of the lot and never in front of the dumpsters...also, if you park too closely to the entrances and exits of the lot, the trucks cannot get in...yellow lines indicate where parking is not permitted. We have been advised by the Captain of the 35th District that this is private property and we only need to call him to have cars ticketed and/or towed...**we have tried our best not to do this**, however, if the problem persists, you will leave us no other choice. I ask all who use the lot to be respectful of our property and considerate of others who need to enter the lot...we will continue to try to be good neighbors to all, but you must also do your part.

Sometime within the next week you should be receiving your letter for our annual **Fuel Appeal**...I am sure you know how gas prices have gone up...we try to keep the buildings as warm as necessary in order to protect our water pipes without wasting energy...I ask that you be as generous as your means allow without causing hardship to your families...I thank you and hope that the Lord will send His healing grace to you all. Thanks for reading...have a good week!

Your Brother & Shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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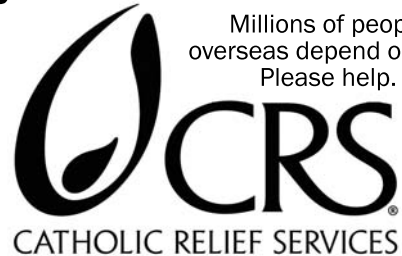
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