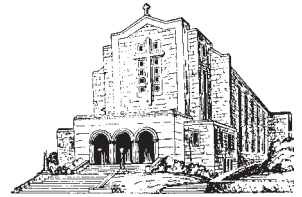




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CHURCH OFFICE

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.

**7TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 22, 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. 22nd to Mar. 1st

SATURDAY, Feb. 21, 2009 *Vigil Mass*
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

MONDAY, Feb. 23, 2009 *Saint Polycarp*
6:30AM Peter Tran Tuyen
8:00AM Dominic Tran Cong Giao

TUESDAY, Feb. 24, 2009
6:30AM John L. Tetley
8:00AM Dominic Tran Cong Giao

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 25, 2009 *Ash Wednesday*
6:30AM Anna Nguyen Thi Nguyen
8:00AM Peter Le Quang Khanh
3:00PM SCRIPTURE SERVICE
9:00AM Anna Tran Thi Ngoan
7:00PM Dominic Tran Cong Giao

THURSDAY, Feb. 26, 2009
8:00AM Margaret Nally
5:00PM Helen Whitely

FRIDAY, Feb. 27, 2009
6:30AM Mary Frances McKenna
8:00AM Francis Repsch

SATURDAY, Feb. 28, 2009
8:00AM Anna Mary Heron
4:30PM Helen Kopiec

SUNDAY, Mar. 1, 2009 *1st Sunday in Lent*
8:00AM (E) Thanksgiving for
Teresa Lam Nguyen
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) Atul Kiariya – School Success
12:30PM (S) Munoz & Flores Family



**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*

Margaret Barr	Patricia Komly
Veronica Hellwig	Charles Ball
Martha Skinner	Cindy Halleck
Judy Koveseck	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

Margaret Burns and
Officer John Pawlowski



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Feb. 22, 2009 *7th Sunday of Ord. Time*
Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25 2 Cor 1:18-22

Mk 2:1-12

MONDAY (23) Sir 1:1-10 Mk 9:14-29

TUESDAY (24) Sir 2:1-11 Mk 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY (25) Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY (26) Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25

FRIDAY (27) Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15

SATURDAY (28) Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32

ASH WEDNESDAY... 2-25-09

The month of February calls to mind "Love" and "Passion". But it is also the month that begins the ultimate "Love Story", the beginning of Lent focuses on the Passion of Christ, our Savior. **February 25th is Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent. **Ashes will be distributed after the Homily at all the Mass and at a Scripture Service at 3:00pm.**

The distribution of ashes reminds us of our own mortality and calls us to repentance. In the early Church, Ash Wednesday was the day on which those who had sinned, and who wished to be readmitted to the Church, would begin their public penance. The ashes that we receive are a reminder of our own sinfulness, and many Catholics leave them on their foreheads all day as a sign of humility.

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February 19, 2009

Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia,

As the Archdiocese of Philadelphia enters its third century of serving the people of God, it is with gratitude that I reflect on the profound faith, vision and generosity of the Catholics who have preceded us. Along with the blessings of parishes, schools and institutions that we enjoy today, comes the responsibility for us to pass on to future generations all that we have received. Last year, we recommitted ourselves as a Catholic community to serving God and neighbor as we celebrated our Bicentennial as a Diocese. Taking the opportunity that the year-long Jubilee celebration presented, I invited a group of priests and lay people to assist me in identifying the needs of our Archdiocese now and in the years to come. The fruit of our reflection is a concerted effort to meet the challenges of the Church at this historic time.

With confidence, I am pleased to announce HERITAGE OF FAITH ~ VISION OF HOPE, a capital and endowment campaign that will support the charitable, educational and pastoral needs of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Our aim is high: minimally \$200 million, but our needs are great. These monies will be deposited into a separately incorporated 501 (c)(3) charitable fund to be used exclusively to meet six goals: (1) to revitalize and renew parish life as the primary place in which we publicly live our faith, (2) to enable access to a high-quality Catholic education for many more of God's children, (3) to renovate and restore the historic treasure that is the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, (4) to invest in priestly formation and campus infrastructure at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, (5) to ensure a dignified retirement and health care for retired priests, and (6) to respect the dignity and meet the basic needs of people in our region by providing vital human services.

Certainly the economic realities of the present are a cause of anxiety for all of us. Our nation faces much uncertainty and some would argue that now is not the time to begin an endeavor such as this campaign. The needs of the Archdiocese, however, cannot wait for the future. They require our response today. I am certain that this is the right response. I am very pleased to report that the early results of HERITAGE OF FAITH ~ VISION OF HOPE are truly remarkable. The pilot phase, just concluded, was nothing short of extraordinary. Twelve parishes raised \$9.5 million, exceeding their collective goal by \$2 million. The campaign is currently underway in more than 50 parishes, and in the coming 16 months, each of our 269 parishes and missions will participate. To date, HERITAGE OF FAITH ~ VISION OF HOPE has received more than \$40 million in gifts and pledges. This inspiring display of generosity is a testament to the leadership of our priests, the commitment of campaign volunteers and the extraordinary charity of more than 2,500 donors.

I invite you to join me by making a sacrificial commitment to HERITAGE OF FAITH ~ VISION OF HOPE and am deeply grateful to those who have already done so. Our combined efforts will make a lasting contribution to the future of the Church of Philadelphia and help the Archdiocese live out the Bicentennial theme: Serving the People of God in the beginning, now and always. For two hundred years our Heavenly Father blessed the Church of Philadelphia. Faith-filled people have humbly sacrificed their time, talent and treasure in building a community of believers with Jesus Christ as our foundation and cornerstone. We look to the future with grateful hearts, united in prayerful solidarity for this historic endeavor.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the patronage of our Blessed Mother, Saint John Neumann and Saint Katharine Drexel, may the Kingdom of God continue to grow within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Through the generosity of many, may our HERITAGE OF FAITH ~ VISION OF HOPE campaign be successful. May the Lord instill in us the desire to share our Heritage of Faith and invite others to embrace our Vision of Hope.

Sincerely in Christ,
Cardinal Justin Rigali
Archbishop of Philadelphia

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Announcements



Saint Helena School

- ◆ Please pray for our parish Confirmation candidates who became official candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation at a special ceremony on Monday, February 9, 2009. We ask that you take a candidate's name from the baskets on the tables at the front doors of the church, from the stand beside the Prayer Intention Book in the middle of the church or from the basket beside the Confirmation banner in the Gathering Space in the rear of the church. Please keep these candidates and their families in your prayers...Confirmation is March 10, 2009 at 4:00pm.
- ◆ Pancake Breakfast...Get your taste buds set to enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 22nd from 9:00am until 12:30pm. Beside pancakes, enjoy sausage, bacon, eggs, and all sorts of pastry and breakfast beverages. Admission is \$5.00. The pancake breakfast is for the benefit of St. Helena School. Come and enjoy a great time with family and friends.

American Red Cross CPR Saturday



LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE...

FREE training for teens and young adults, ages 13-24.

March 7, 2009 at Cardinal Dougherty High School.

Training session from 9:00am to 12:30pm. Registration starts at 8:30am.



- ◆ **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 Cranleith 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).
- ◆ The graduating **Class of 1959 from St. Cecilia Elementary School** in Fox Chase will be holding their 50-year reunion on Saturday evening March 28, 2009 at Randi's Restaurant at Grant Plaza II in Philadelphia. Please contact Will Schmitt at phillywill@verizon.net or patgabor@aol.com
- ◆ **La Salle College High School**, located in Springfield Township, Montgomery County, will administer a practice test on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at 8:30am. Applications are still being accepted from 7th grade boys. For an application, please call the Admissions Office at 215-233-2911.
- ◆ **Father Judge High School** will host an Open House and Registration Night on Thursday, March 5, 2009 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. For more information, please call Mr. Tom Coyle at 215-338-9494 (x1132).

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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

2/18/07.....	\$6266.00
2/17/08.....	\$6589.00
2/15/09.....	\$6582.00

Collection for Aging Priest.....\$1912.00

Number of Envelopes from Mass	382	Loose Collection from Mass	\$1166.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$4868.00	Drop Off Collection	\$495.00

A special thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Paul J. Arost for their donation of \$10.00 in memory of our dearly departed Jean Schaff.

Children's Envelopes February 15, 2009 (\$53) Good Deeds... I cleaned my room. I opened the door for my mom. I cleaned my room. I bought my grandmother chocolate for Valentine's Day. I took care of Jonathan for awhile. I did the dishes and cleaned the bathroom. I said "please" and "thank you". I helped around the house. I cleaned my bed and my mom and dad's bed. I helped my friend pray the Our Father. I helped my dad get a Valentine gift for my mom. I gave money. I made a Valentine card for my mom and dad. I cleaned my room and did my chores. I helped my big sister clean the room when she asked me to. I helped Ms. Beck clean the room. I carried my grandma's luggage to the house. I listened to my mom. I helped open the sofa bed with my grandma.

Last But Not Least...



"Come to the Lord for healing of body and soul."

Today we celebrate the **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**. It is with deep sorrow that I come to you today...**our City and our 35th District Police have lost another officer**.... I ask all to pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Officer John Pawlowski**, for his family and friends, for his fellow officers and for all of our police officers throughout the City.... may the Lord grant Officer Pawlowski's family strength and peace of mind and heart...pray that our God will send peace and healing to our City as we struggle in this time of sorrow.

By now you should have received your letter and envelopes for our **Annual Fuel Appeal**... this has been a very cold winter and heating bills for all of us have skyrocketed...please be as generous as your means allow in this appeal...thank you for your kindness and generosity.

During the **month of March**, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be **celebrating** the **"Year of St. Paul"**.... Cardinal Rigali has asked all parishes to participate in a project entitled **"Make Every Person Count"**...volunteers from the parish will be **visiting the homes of our parishioners who have been inactive for the past two years** in an effort to bring them back to the Lord, and offer assistance where needed...we also hope to be able to update our parish records...**please pray for the success of this project in our parish and throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia**. Thanks for reading.... stay warm and have a great week!

Your Brother & Shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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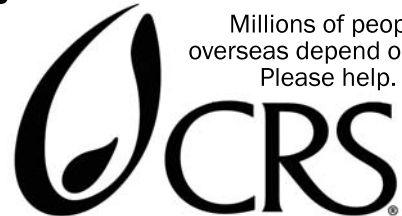
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