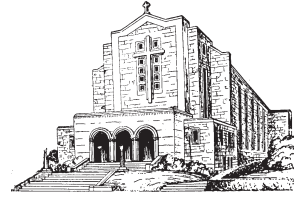




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Phone: 215-549-2947

**Parish Nurse:** 215-329-0110

## 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 enter-

### 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

**Pastoral 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** - 4th 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.**

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**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 13, 2008**

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**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.

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**Masses for the Week of April 13<sup>th</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**SATURDAY, April 12, 2008**

4:30PM Joseph Magalski

**SUNDAY, April 13, 2008 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM (E) Peter Cu Nguyen  
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention  
11:00AM (E) Sarah J. Lehmann  
12:30PM (S) St. Helena Parishioners

**MONDAY, April 14, 2008**

6:30AM Kate Hotaling  
8:00AM Peter Huan Tran

**TUESDAY, April 15, 2008**

6:30AM Margaret C. Stroud  
8:00AM Christina Pokorny (16<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**WEDNESDAY, April 16, 2008**

6:30AM Ella McCaffrey  
8:00AM John L. Tetley

**THURSDAY, April 17, 2008**

6:30AM Joseph McCaffrey  
8:00AM St. Helena Alumni

**FRIDAY, April 18, 2008**

6:30AM Margaret Nally  
8:00AM James Pokorny, Jr.

**SATURDAY, April 19, 2008**

8:00AM James Doherty  
4:30PM Aleira Abbondanza (25<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**SUNDAY, April 20, 2008 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM (E) St. Helena Parishioners  
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention  
11:00AM (E) Efraim C. deRamos  
12:30PM (S) Katharina & Robert Rach

## Are You My Sheep?



“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”  
Will you be my sheep? I will be your shepherd...



## 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*

Charles Crane	Maureen Gallagher
Paul Macolono	Margaret Barr
Bruno Tommassie	Joyce Deussing
Veronica Hellwig	Juan Merando
Martha Skinner	Allison Macolono
Judy Kovescek	Thomas Christie
Chiet Doan	John Adair
Charles McBride	Kathleen Miller
Jim Kennedy	Helen Robinson
Madaline Burke	Agnes Wohleb
Charles Salmon	Rosemary Kane
Joan A. Lowery	Gerry Devlin
Lawrence Arockiaswamy	Mary Rafferty
Emma Vockenhuber	Alton Fenstermaker
Marie Riehl	Patricia Komly
Bob Moffatt	John Quinn

### **We Remember in Prayer**

*Those who have died, especially those mentioned on our Easter Flower Envelopes.*

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, April 13, 2008 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 2: 14a, 36-41      1 Pt 2: 20b-25  
John 10: 1-10

<b>MONDAY (14)</b>	Acts 11: 1-18	Jn 10: 11-18
<b>TUESDAY (15)</b>	Acts 11: 19-26	Jn 10: 22-30
<b>WEDNESDAY (16)</b>	Acts 12:24-13:5a	Jn 12: 44-50
<b>THURSDAY (17)</b>	Acts 13: 13-25	Jn 13: 16-20
<b>FRIDAY (18)</b>	Acts 13: 26-33	Jn 14: 1-6
<b>SATURDAY (19)</b>	Acts 13: 44-52	Jn 14: 7-14

### **St. Helena Jackpot Lottery**

The winning numbers for April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 were: 13 – 14 – 17 – 20 – 26. We had NO winners last week. If no jackpot winner on the April 10<sup>th</sup>, the Jackpot for April 17<sup>th</sup> will be \$51,500.00. Want to earn extra dollars or help with tuition...become a Lottery Ticket Seller.  
*See Sr. Sophie for more information*

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## “For the Young of Heart at St. Helena’s”

### The Shepherd and His Sheep

His sheep follow him because they know his voice.  
John 10:4b (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 10:1-10 (NIV).



John 10:1-10

F C N L V E S A N F T C W M H  
 U J Q I M D Z H N A D R S A L  
 R O I Y S Z W G E K M N U F U  
 G U D D G F S A G P T E T T N  
 H L A L T D O M T C H D K B H  
 N E R R P H T L D C R E A E R  
 L A J O E V I B L E H I R S G  
 I Z V S N E X E G O H M U D R  
 D U G V H P T N F V W N A F O  
 X E V A S E A T K O I F J N B  
 S O S C T R E L G I D X U B B  
 N T N T T E W P H C O O O A E  
 G Z E S R V W B Q E A G E Y R  
 O S E A E O J S Y T G O W P Z  
 S C J R L Y Y H B X L L T L L

LEADS	ROBBER	PEN	WATCHMAN	TRUTH
FOLLOW	DESTROY	THIEF	STRANGER	GATE
VOICE	STEAL	SHEPHERD	NAME	SHEEP

## Meetings this Week, April 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>

English PREP Classes – Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15am  
 English RCIA Class – Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm  
 Evangelization Mtg. – Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm (Rectory)  
 Staff Meeting – Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 3:15pm (Rectory)  
 Jackpot Lottery – Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm

## NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE DISTRIBUTION TODAY

to all those who have home delivery of the Philadelphia Inquirer

St. Helena Parish will host a video series entitled “Introduction to the Bible”

“Introduction to the New Testament”

**WHEN:** April 20<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** Room 3 of the Upper School

**WHEN:** 5:00pm

**COME AND BRING A FRIEND!**



## St. Helena School News



- **Earth Day 2008...** Planning has begun for the celebration of Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. St. Helena School children will be working that day to help make our little part of the earth cleaner and more beautiful. Earth Day will conclude with a Prayer Service in the schoolyard about 2:15pm. Members of our parish can help us by donating plants, gloves, and time (PGT). If you can help supervise a small team of students on Earth Day with Earth Day activities, we would be very grateful. Just call the school office (215-549-2947) and leave your name and phone number. You will be contacted with details. Plants and other donations will be gratefully accepted during the school day.
- **All a Quiver!** Excitement is growing on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Lower School in anticipation of a combined second and third grade Science project. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, Quiver Farm will make a presentation on chick hatching. The farmer will leave ten unhatched eggs in an incubator so the children can experience the miracle of life unfold before their eyes. The chicks will hatch in ten days and stay at school until the end of April when the farmer comes to take the chicks back to Quiver Farm.
- **Science Fair Excitement...** is also mounting as students in all grades work on their Science Projects for our Annual School Science and Art Fairs to be held during the week of April 21<sup>st</sup>. Make plans to visit.

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# General Announcements

- **Mercy Vocational High School** will present its annual Spring Open House Program for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents on Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00Non to 3:00pm.
- **Needed... Host Family/Parent for Bishop McDevitt International Exchange Student Program for 2008-2009 school year.** Open your heart and home. Room and board required. Monthly tax free stipend given. If interested, please contact Marilena at 215-547-8486.
- **Bishop McDevitt High School Spring Open House** for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders as well as transfer students will be held on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00pm. For further information, please call 215-887-5575, ext. 226.
- **St. Joseph Villa Volunteers Needed – Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm!** St. Joseph Villa in Flourtown is a long-term nursing facility and retirement home, primarily for the Sisters of St. Joseph. We are in need of people for the following activities...escort patients, assist with Bingo, fold laundry, fill water pitchers, feed patients, assist with crafts, visit patients, post calendars, make beds, assist Activities Director, Do “one-on-one” activities, and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in helping please call Sr. Vicki deSante at 215-248-7844.
- **Bible Distribution Today...** to all those who receive the Philadelphia Inquirer. City Reachers Greater Philadelphia will distribute 140,000 Philadelphia-specific New Testaments to the doorsteps of "home subscribers" of The Philadelphia Inquirer in Philadelphia and Chester counties. In the Fall of 2008 they will distribute an additional 200,000 to the other counties around Philadelphia. ***On April 20<sup>th</sup>, in Room 3 of the Upper School at 5:00pm we will offer a video series entitled “Introduction to the Bible, Introduction to the New Testament”***(This is an excellent series for those who are unfamiliar with how to read the bible).
- **St. Martin of Tours School Annual Alumni/Alumnae Communion Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> beginning with the 9:00AM Mass and breakfast following in the Parish Hall. For more information, please call 215-535-2962.
- **Overnight Summer Camp for Philadelphia Children** sponsored by the Salvation Army will be held from July 2-7<sup>th</sup> or July 30-August 4<sup>th</sup> at Camp Ladore, Pocono Mts. Camp Fee’s as low as \$40 for Philadelphia residents ages 7-12. For more information, please call 215-787-2814.
- **Are you between the ages of 18-30?** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Bensalem is forming a new group. Open Mic will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 8pm to 11pm. For more information, contact Leslie Tuason at [LTuasonSEAS@gmail.com](mailto:LTuasonSEAS@gmail.com)
- **Merion Mercy Academy** is now enrolling 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students in its Academics Program for the summer of 2008. For more information, please call Kristina Cawley at 610-664-6655, ext. 340.
- **Little Flower High School for Girls** Annual Mass of Thanksgiving at the Carmelite Monastery will be held on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. The Monastery is located at 66<sup>th</sup> & Old York Roads. All are welcome.
- **John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls’ High School** is seeking to fill the newly created position of Director of Admissions. Candidates should ideally have a degree in marketing, public relations or a related discipline. The candidate selected will have a start day of July 1, 2008. Please send resumes or inquirers to: Margaret A. Gallagher, President – John W. Hallahan CGHS – 311 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Street – Phila., PA. 19103 or call 215-563-8930, ext. 253.
- **John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls’ High School** will have a Mother’s Day Luncheon, Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at the Drexelbrook Country Club in Drexel Hill, PA. Cost is \$35 for adults, \$15 for children. For reservations, call Marge West Kiefski at 215-563-8930, ext. 250.

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## Congratulations to our High School Students

**To Margaret Petz** of Country Day School of the Sacred Heart who received honors!  
**To Andrew Taylor** of Mercy Vocational High School who received 2<sup>nd</sup> honors for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters!

*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



4/02/06 .....	\$6671.00
4/01/07 .....	\$7342.00
<b>4/06/08.....</b>	<b>\$7412.00</b>

*Number of Envelopes from Mass*    446  
*Envelope Collection from Mass*    \$4991.00

*Loose Collection from Mass*    \$1300.00  
*Drop Off Collection*    \$1106.00

**Children's Envelopes April 6, 2008 (\$15 – 20 envelopes) Good Deeds...** I helped my dad with cooking. I helped my brother. I helped clean the room. I studied for a big test. I helped someone.

*Maintenance & Improvement Collection.....\$2137.00*  
*Church in Africa Collection.....\$939.00*



## Last But Not Least

*“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

This week we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter. I remind you of the **closing mass** for the **Bicentennial of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia** being held at the **Villanova Pavilion at 4:00 pm today**...all who have tickets are asked to be in their seats by 3:30 pm.... the procession of priests will begin at 3:40 so that mass can begin promptly at 4:00 p.m...for those who are not able to attend this event, perhaps you can say a prayer at this time and recommit yourselves to serving God and his people.

We continue to remember in our prayers our **two candidates** who will be receiving the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at the **Cathedral on Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**. All are invited to **take a name from the basket found in the rear** of the church and to **keep the child listed in your prayers**...these children will be **receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**.... may the Lord continue to guide all of these children and adults on their “Journey of Faith.”

Our school students will be celebrating **Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**...they will be working hard to **beautify our little piece of earth here at St. Helena**...our day will end with a **Prayer Service at 2:15 pm in the schoolyard** – all are invited to attend...we are also looking for **donations of plants, gloves and time**...if you could help out with supervising a small team of students, please call the school at 215-549-2947...donations of plants and gloves will be gratefully accepted Monday thru Friday during the school day. May God bless you for your generosity. Thanks for reading...have a great week.

Your Brother and Shepherd,  
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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