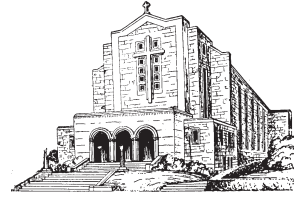




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**Parish Nurse:** 215-329-0110

## 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 miércoles a las 7:00 pm en la iglesia de abajo. Están 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.**

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 20, 2008**

**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 April 20<sup>th</sup> to April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**SATURDAY, April 19, 2008**

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

**MONDAY, April 21, 2008 St. Anselm**

6:30AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:00AM John L. Tetley

**TUESDAY, April 22, 2008**

6:30AM Christina Pokorny

8:00AM Dominic & Maria Nguyen

**WEDNESDAY, April 23, 2008 Sts. George and Adalbert**

6:30AM Ella McCaffrey

8:00AM Dominic Nguyen

**THURSDAY, April 24, 2008 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

6:30AM Joseph McCaffrey

8:00AM Mary Ellen Higgins

**FRIDAY, April 25, 2008 St. Mark**

6:30AM Mildred & Sam Herb

8:00AM St. Helena Parishioners

**SATURDAY, April 26, 2008**

8:00AM Maria Nguyen Chi Lieu

4:30PM Julia & Frank Schaller

**SUNDAY, April 27, 2008 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:00AM (E) Peter Vinh Nguyen

9:30AM (V) Personal Intention

11:00AM (E) Anna & Charles Petrovich

12:30PM (S) Margaret Nally

**I am the Way...**



"I am the way, the truth, and the life." Will you follow me? I will lead you to the Father...no one can go to him except through ME.



**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  
Paul Macolono  
Bruno Tommassie  
Veronica Hellwig  
Martha Skinner  
Judy Kovescek  
Chiet Doan  
Charles McBride  
Jim Kennedy  
Madaline Burke  
Charles Salmon  
Joan A. Lowery  
Lawrence Arockiaswamy  
Emma Vockenhuber  
Marie Riehl  
Bob Moffatt

Maureen Gallagher  
Margaret Barr  
Joyce Deussing  
Juan Merando  
Allison Macolono  
Thomas Christie  
John Adair  
Kathleen Miller  
Helen Robinson  
John Quinn  
Rosemary Kane  
Gerry Devlin  
Mary Rafferty  
Alton Fenstermaker  
Patricia Komly

**We Remember in Prayer**

***Those who have died, especially Stephen J. Sipos & those mentioned on our Easter Flower Envelopes.***

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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

Acts 6: 1-7 1 Pt 2: 4-9

John 14: 1-12

**MONDAY (21)** Acts 14: 5-18 Jn 14: 21-26  
**TUESDAY (22)** Acts 14: 19-28 Jn 14: 27-31a  
**WEDNESDAY (23)** Acts 15: 1-6 Jn 15: 1-8  
**THURSDAY (24)** Acts 15: 7-21 Jn 15: 9-11  
**FRIDAY (25)** 1 Pt 5: 5b-14 Mk 16: 15-20  
**SATURDAY (26)** Acts 16: 1-10 Jn 15: 18-21

**St. Helena Jackpot Lottery**

The winning numbers for April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were: 14 – 25 – 29 – 35 – 36. We had NO winners last week. If no jackpot winner on the April 17<sup>th</sup>, the Jackpot for April 24<sup>th</sup> will be \$52,000.00. 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”

### Finding the Way

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

The puzzle is based on John 14:1-14 (NIV).



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

ENOUGH	WAY	HEARTS	TROUBLED	TRUST
THOMAS	LIFE	MIRACLES	HOUSE	SEEN
SHOW	BELIEVE	KNOW	ROOMS	LIVING
FATHER	FAITH	PLACE	PREPARE	TRUTH

## Meetings this Week, April 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>

English PREP Classes – Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15am  
 English RCIA Class – Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30pm  
 Finance Mtg. – Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00pm (Rectory)  
 Seniors – Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 12Noon (Rm. 4)  
 Jackpot Lottery – Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm

## NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE DISTRIBUTED LAST SUNDAY

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, BRING A FRIEND  
 AND YOUR NEW TESTAMENT!**



## 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.
- **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.

## ATTENTION PARENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN

*First Communion practice scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> has to be changed to April 29<sup>th</sup>. English and Vietnamese PREP children are to report at 1:00pm to the Lower School.*

# General Announcements

- **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.
  - **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.
  - **La Salle College High School** in Wyndmoor, PA will hold reunions for the following classes: 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, and 1998 on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at their campus located at 8605 Cheltenham Avenue, Wyndmoor, PA 19038. The 50-Year Reunion for the Class of 1958 will be held on Jun ê-7, 2008. For additional information, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 215-233-2350 or visit the web side at [www.lschs.org](http://www.lschs.org)
  - **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)
- **Our Senior Group is hosting a trip to the Hilton Casino in Atlantic City on May 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, please call Winnie at 215-333-2723.**



## A prayer for Pope Benedict XV!

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to Your shepherd, the Pope, a spirit of courage and right judgement, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care may he, as successor to the apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for the entire world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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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



4/09/06 .....	\$6863.00
4/15/07 .....	\$6089.00
<b>4/13/08.....</b>	<b>\$6836.00</b>

Number of Envelopes from Mass 361  
Envelope Collection from Mass \$5242 .00

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Drop Off Collection \$270.00

**Children's Envelopes April 13, 2008 (\$37 – 15 envelopes) Good Deeds...** I cleaned my sister's room. I was nice to my cousin. I helped my cousin with her baby. I prayed a lot. I helped my friend learn the step routine, so she could know it. I helped my brother get dressed. I fix the bed. I waited patiently for a healing Mass. I was good at school. I opened the door for students. I spent time with my mom. I held the door for my classmates. I sat with my cousin on the bus so he wouldn't get picked on.



# Last But Not Least

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

This week we celebrate the *Fifth Sunday of Easter*. We send our *congratulations* to Our Holy Father, *Pope Benedict the XVI*, on the occasion of his *81<sup>st</sup> birthday*.... I ask all to keep him in your prayers and ask the Lord to watch over him as he visits the United States...may the Lord keep him safe as he continues to shepherd his people. Holy Cards commemorating his visit are available in the rear of the church.

On *Sunday, April 20, 2008*, Our Holy Father will celebrate *Mass in New York* at Yankee Stadium...three parishioners from our parish were selected by means of a lottery to attend this mass...please remember them in your prayers... they are *Mr. & Mrs. Jurgen Balitzky and Ms. Nelly Manrique*, ... may they journey in safety and may they receive the Lord's graces as they *represent St. Helena Parish*.

Since February, our *school* has been holding *registrations* for the upcoming *2008-2009 school year*...current students as well as new students are being registered and spaces are filling up quickly...parents with tuition issues for this year should speak to someone in our tuition office immediately or you may lose your child's seat for next year...*registration fee at this time is \$175.00 per family*...if you know that your child will not be returning next year, please contact to the school secretary and let her know. *We continue to strive to make St. Helena School a beautiful, safe place for your children to grow spiritually, socially and academically* and we thank you for your continuing support. We appreciate the sacrifices you make in order to have your children attend our school. Thanks for reading...have a great week!

Your Brother & Shepherd,  
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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