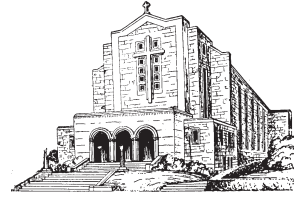




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CHURCH OFFICE

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 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.

**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 27, 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 27th to May 4th

SATURDAY, April 26, 2008

4:30PM Julia & Frank Schaller

SUNDAY, April 27, 2008 6th 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

**MONDAY, April 28, 2008 St. Peter Chanel &
Louis Mary de Montfort**

6:30AM Margaret Nally
8:00AM James Weid

TUESDAY, April 29, 2008 St. Catherine of Siena

6:30AM John L. Tetley
8:00AM Maria Mai Lam

WEDNESDAY, April 30, 2008 St. Pius V

6:30AM Ella McCaffrey
8:00AM Joseph McCaffrey

THURSDAY, May 1, 2008 Ascension Thursday

6:30AM Paul E. Kim
8:00AM Hubert Farrington (41st Anniv)
9:00AM Sarah J. Lehmann
7:00PM St. Helena Parishioners

FRIDAY, May 2, 2008 St. Athanasius

6:30AM Dominic & Maria Nguyen
8:00AM Michael Weid
9:00AM Albert Hetzel
7:00PM Personal Intention

SATURDAY, May 3, 2008 Sts. Philip & James

8:00AM Regina Harrison
4:30PM Julia & Frank Schaller

SUNDAY, May 4, 2008 6th Sunday of Easter

8:00AM (E) Mildred & John Batto
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) Tony Bordoni, Jr.
12:30PM (S) Rodolfo Velez



**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	John Quinn
Charles Salmon	Rosemary Kane
Joan A. Lowery	Gerry Devlin
Lawrence Arockiaswamy	Mary Rafferty
Emma Vockenhuber	Alton Fenstermaker
Marie Riehl	Patricia Komly
Bob Moffatt	Mrs. Catherine Looker

We Remember in Prayer

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, April 27, 2008 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3: 15-18
John 14: 15-21

MONDAY (28) Acts 16: 11-15 Jn 15: 26-16:4a

TUESDAY (29) Acts 16: 22-34 Jn 16: 5-11

WEDNESDAY (30) Acts 17: 15, 22-18:1 Jn 16: 12-15

THURSDAY (01) Acts 1: 1-11 Eph 1: 17-23
Mt 28: 16-20

FRIDAY (02) Acts 18: 9-18 Jn 16: 20-23

SATURDAY (03) 1 Cor 15: 1-8 Jn 14: 6-14

St. Helena Jackpot Lottery

The winning numbers for April 17th, 2008 were: 4 – 6 – 10 – 14 – 25. We had “3” consolation winners last week. If no jackpot winner on the April 24th, the Jackpot for April 30th will be \$52,500.00. Want to earn extra dollars or help with tuition...become a Lottery Ticket Seller. See Sr. Sophie for more information

Who comforts you?



“And I will pray to the Father in heaven, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.”

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

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever." John 14:16 (NIV)
The puzzle is based on John 14:15-21 (NIV).



John 14:16

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FATHER	WORLD	OBEY	COUNSELOR	SHOW
ASK	COMMAND	LIVE	SPIRIT	LOVE
FOREVER	ORPHANS	MYSELF	TRUTH	ACCEPT

Meetings this Week, April 27th to May 3rd

English PREP Classes – Sunday, April 27th @ 9:15am
 English RCIA Class – Sunday, April 27th @ 12:30pm
 Liturgy Mtg. – Tuesday, April 29th @ 7:00pm (Rectory)
 Jackpot Lottery – Wednesday, April 23rd @ 7:30pm
 Seniors Trip to AC– Thursday, May 1st @ 9:00am
 May 1st is Ascension Thursday – Masses at 6:30am,
 8:00am, 9:00am, & a tri-lingual Mass at 7:00pm.

**ATTENTION PARENTS
 OF CHILDREN
 MAKING FIRST HOLY
 COMMUNION ON MAY 4TH**

*First Communion practice
 scheduled for April 30th
 has to be changed
 to April 29th. English and
 Vietnamese PREP children
 are to report at 1:00pm
 and meet Sr. Sophie outside
 the Lower School.*

Congratulations to our Parish Students

- **Roman Catholic High School** – Gebran J. Mansour '10 achieved first honors.
- **Cardinal Dougherty High School – First Honors...Class of 2008...**Vinh Quang Au. **Class of 2009...**Chinh Pham, Nam Long Tran, and James Yeager. **Class of 2010...**Nathaniel B. Arrington, Judy Cao, Paule Christie Chery, Thanh T. Hoang, Laurence Jamil, Duong Nguyen, and Theresa Nguyen. **Class of 2011...**Maylyn Jamil, Kassandra Moya, Larry Nguyen, Thao Nguyen, Thuong Tran Nguyen, Thu Pham, Tamika Pierre-Louis, Dacia Thompson, and Jarred Woodard.
- **Cardinal Dougherty High School – Second Honors...Class of 2008...**Kimberly Desir, Aziza R. Mansour, Nancy Nguyen, Phuong-Linh Nguyen, Doreen Pierre-Louis, and Jennifer Terciano. **Class of 2009...**Kevin P. Hopkins and Josephine Jamil. **Class of 2010...**Michael Benoit, Jessica Blondo, Thao Tran Bui, Huyen Nguyen, and Daniel Rodebaugh. **Class of 2011...**Christelle Chery, Trinh Dinh, Anthony Nguyen, and Ricardo Pomales.
- **Congratulations to Ella Houndo** of our Religious Education Program who received 7 Awards and a medal for her Service to the community.

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St. Helena School News



- **Art and Science Fair...**St. Helena School Annual Combined Art and Science Fair will be held in the school hall from April 21-24. Thursday, April 24th is Family Fair Night. Parents are invited to come with their children to see and be proud of their accomplishments in Art and Science. This year the Artwork will also be exhibited in the school hall. The children's framed art compositions will be displayed and can be purchased. All parishioners are invited to attend and enjoy the accomplishments of the students.
- **Art Goes to School...**We express our gratitude to the volunteers from the Art Goes to School Program who visit our school each Spring and present Art Appreciation lessons to our children. Volunteers from the program have visited St. Helena School for many years and are always impressed by the interest, enthusiasm and behavior of our St. Helena Students.
- **Spelling Bee...**Our best wishes accompany Hoang Pham, Grade 5, who will represent St. Helena in the annual Archdiocesan Spelling Bee sponsored by Houghton Mifflin Company at the semi-finals to be held at St. Anselm School on April 22nd. Many thanks to Mr. Harvey Firestone, our school moderator for his hard work with the contestants. We hope that Hoang will go on to the finals, which will be held at Stella Maris School.
- **Earth Day...**St. Helena will celebrated Earth Day on Tuesday, April 22nd, the official Earth Day. Small groups of students will be working under the supervision of our adult helpers. Helpers are still needed. If you can help, please call the school office at 215-549-2947 as soon as possible. The day will conclude with an outdoor prayer service in the schoolyard beginning at 2:15pm. Please join us as we try to clean and green our parish block.
- **Pray for Us...**Please join in prayer for our First Communion candidates. Take a candidate's name from the basket beside the banner in the Gathering Space and pray in a special way for the candidate.

General Announcements

- **St. Martin de Porres** is seeking a secretary to work in the rectory office on a part-time basis. In addition to having a strong written and computer skills, the candidate should be organized, flexible, and self-motivated. If you would like to interview for this position, please forward your resume and cover letter to Elaine Potalivo. SMDPjobs@yahoo.com or fax 215-221-6516. No phone calls, please.
- **The Secondary Schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be hiring a Director of Admissions in each of its high schools.** The requirements and essential functions of this position can be obtained by visiting the school website at www.northcatholic.com or by contacting the Office of the President at 215-831-5208. All interested and qualified individuals are invited to apply. Interviews will be granted to individuals who pass the initial screening of candidates. All interested candidates should send a letter of application, a resume, a pastor's letter of recommendation, transcripts, and required clearances to: Northeast Catholic High School, c/o Office of the President, 1842 East Torresdale Avenue, Philadelphia, PA. 19124. All applications for this position must be received no later than Thursday, May 1, 2008.
- **A Local Celebration of World Youth Day 2008...**pilgrimage, music, food, sleeping under the stars, walking rosary, talks, service project, new friends, benediction, Mass and more...for those entering 7th to 12th grade in the Fall of 2008. July 19-20, 2008. Registration now available online at www.oyya.org Place: Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, PA. For more information contact Kerri Bernatowicz at 215-965-4625.
- **Our Senior Group is hosting a trip to the Hilton Casino in Atlantic City on May 1st. Bus is leaving promptly at 9:00am from 5th and Spencer Streets. For more information, please call Winnie at 215-333-2723.**

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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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 4/22/07\$6522.00
4/20/08.....\$6581.00

Number of Envelopes from Mass 384
Envelope Collection from Mass \$4693 .00

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Drop Off Collection \$592.00

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Children's Envelopes April 20, 2008 (\$18 – 20 envelopes) Good Deeds... I cleaned the fish tank even though I had many things to do. I behaved in school. I helped people at school. I helped my little sister. I cleaned the bed. I helped my dad at a yard sale. I helped my grandma. I helped my dad massage his back. I helped my grandma when she was sick. I helped my grandma put the dishes away. I helped my grandma cook dinner. I took care of my baby sister. I helped my friend with the computer.

Last But Not Least



“Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”



Next **Sunday, May 4 2008** at the **11:00 A.M. Mass**, **45 students** from our **school and PREP Program** will be receiving their **First Communion** ...I ask each of you to keep these children, their parents and families in your prayers...**my sincere thanks to Sister Sophie, Mr. Huan Tran, Mr. Jose Hernandez, Ms. Monica Udvari and Mrs. Kathleen Burns** for their work in teaching and preparing these children to receive the Lord for the first time...may he continue to shower his graces upon them all.

Congratulations to our **school students** and **volunteers** who worked so hard on **Earth Day, April 22nd**, to **beautify the school grounds**...I also want to thank **Viet Nguyen and her group** for their hard work in **trimming all of the hedges** on our parish property...both of these groups have helped the parish in a great way by performing these tasks...God bless them all and keep them well.

Please take note of the space next to the church in the parking lot as you come in from the first Lawrence Street entrance...**this space has been marked off and signed for “Emergency Vehicles Only”**...this space must be left open at all times in the event that emergency vehicles must get on our lot...**if you park in this space at any time**, you run the risk of being ticketed and/or towed...thank you for your cooperation in this matter. My sincere thanks to **Mr. Hernandez**, one of our parishioners, **for his work in marking off this space**.

Coming up on the weekend of **May 3rd and 4th** will be our **Annual Appeal for Catholic Charities**...funds raised from this appeal go to further programs in our Archdiocese that provide for the needy, the elderly, those who have mental and physical disabilities, and many of our less fortunate brothers and sisters...I asked that you be as generous as your means allow... may the Lord reward you for your kindness and generosity. I hope you are enjoying the nicer weather...thanks for reading...have a great week!

Your Brother & Shepherd,
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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