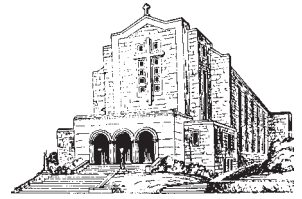




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CHURCH OFFICE

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.

July 27, 2008

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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 July 27th to August 3rd

SATURDAY, July 26, 2008

4:30PM Marty Carbine

SUNDAY, July 27, 2008 17th Sunday of Ord. Time

8:00AM (E) St. Helena Parishioners
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) Shannon Hackney (5th Anniv)
12:30PM (S) John L. Tetley

MONDAY, July 28, 2008

8:00AM Michael & Jim Weid

TUESDAY, July 29, 2008 St. Martha

8:00AM Fr. Eugene Watrinset

WEDNESDAY, July 30, 2008 St. Peter Chrysologus

8:00AM Helen Grass (17th Anniv)

THURSDAY, July 31, 2008 St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:00AM Marie Troegler

FRIDAY, August 1, 2008 St. Alphonsus Liguori

9:00AM Michael Weid

SATURDAY, August 2, 2008 Sts. Eusebius of Vercelli and Peter Julian Eymard

8:00AM Dominic & Maria Nguyen
4:30PM Joe Owens (3rd Anniv)

SUNDAY, August 3, 2008 18th Sunday of Ord. Time

8:00AM (E) St. Helena Parishioners
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) Julia & Frank Schaller
12:30PM (S) Margaret Nally

St. Helena Jackpot Lottery

The winning numbers for July 17th, 2008 were:
4 – 17 – 19 – 30 – 40 . We had “NO” winners last
week. If no jackpot winner on the July 24th, the
Jackpot for July 31st will be \$59,000.00.

Want to earn extra dollars or help with
tuition...become a Lottery Ticket Seller.

See Sr. Sophie for more information

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

Margaret Barr	Patricia Komly
Veronica Hellwig	Charles Ball
Martha Skinner	Cindy Halleck
Judy Kovescsek	Marie Halleck
Chiet Doan	John Adair
Charles McBride	Kathleen Miller
Jim Kennedy	Helen Robinson
Madaline Burke	John Quinn
Rosemary Kane	Bob Moffatt
Joan A. Lowery	Marie Riehl
Lawrence Arockiaswamy	Bill Sadler
Emma Vockenhuber	Alton Fenstermaker

We Remember in Prayer

Those who have died, especially Charles Dahm.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, July 27, 2008 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3: 5, 7-12 Romans 8: 28-30 Matthew 13: 44-52

MONDAY (28) Jer 13: 1-11 Mt 13: 31-35

TUESDAY (29) Jer 14: 17-22 Jn 11: 19-27

WEDNESDAY (30) Jer 15: 10, 16-21 Mt 13: 44-46

THURSDAY (31) Jer 18: 1-6 Mt 13: 47-53

FRIDAY (01) Jer 26: 1-9 Mt 13: 54-58

SATURDAY (02) Jer 26: 11-16, 24 Mt 14: 1-12

Where is Your Treasure?



Jesus once said, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and then hid again; in his joy he went and sold all that he had and bought that field." If you would like to find the treasure that Jesus was talking about, perhaps the Bible could be the map that leads us to that treasure. The Bible has a lot of information in it, but it is sometimes hard for us to understand, so how do you know exactly where the treasure is? That's easy, because "X marks the spot." (Hold up the cross at an angle so that it looks like the letter x.) Jesus died on the cross so that you and I could enter into the kingdom of heaven. When you look to the cross and put your trust in Jesus, the treasure will be yours. To enter the kingdom of heaven is the greatest treasure one could ever desire. It is more precious than silver, gold, or jewels. That is why Jesus calls us to give up all that we have and follow him.

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St. Helena Parish Registration for Religious Education Classes for Children (PREP)

St. Helena Parish offers **Religious Education classes for children** in grades 1 to 8th grade who are attending non-Catholic schools. If you have a son or daughter or know of someone who would like religious instruction, please contact Sister Sophie at 215-424-1300. **Registration will take place on Sunday, August 17th and Sunday, August 24th after all the Masses in the back of Church. Please bring Baptismal Certificate with you if you are new to the program. Classes begin on September 14th.**

Registration for Faith Formation Classes for Adults (RCIA)

St. Helena Parish offers **Faith Formation Classes for adults** interested in the Catholic Faith, those baptized in another faith tradition and wish to become Catholic, or for any Catholic adult who wishes to complete his or her Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist & Confirmation). If you or you know of someone who would like faith formation classes, please contact Sister Sophie at 215-424-1300. **Registration and appointment times will be taken any Sunday after all the Masses in the back of Church. Classes begin on September 14th.**

Sacramental Preparation Class for First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation

If you or you know of any child or adult who would like to receive the Sacraments of First Penance (2 year program -*see PREP above*-), First Eucharist (2 year program -*see PREP above*-), or Confirmation – please contact Sister Sophie at 215-424-1300.

This year First Penance will take place on March 3rd, 2009, First Communion will take place on May 3rd, 2009, and Confirmation will take place on March 10th, 2009. ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT SR. SOPHIE AT 215-424-1300.

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



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Kingdom	heaven	treasure	hidden
field	man	found	again
joy	sold	all	bought



Mass Intention Book for 2009

St. Helena Parish Mass Intention Book for 2009 will open on Monday, August 18th at 10:00am. We ask you bring a written list of Masses that you are requesting.



Jubilee Year of St. Paul
June 28, 2008 to June 29, 2009

Life and work of St. Paul ~ Part 4: First mission (Acts 13:1-14:27)

Set apart by command of the Holy Ghost for the special evangelization of the Gentiles, Barnabas and Saul embark for Cyprus, preach in the synagogue of Salamina, cross the island from east to west doubtless following the southern coast, and reach Paphos, the residence of the proconsul Sergius Paulus, where a sudden change takes place. After the conversion of the Roman proconsul, Saul, suddenly become Paul, is invariably mentioned before Barnabas by St. Luke and manifestly assumes the leadership of the mission which Barnabas has hitherto directed.

The results of this change are soon evident. Paul, doubtless concluding that Cyprus, the natural dependency of Syria and Cilicia, would embrace the faith of Christ when these two countries should be Christian, chose Asia Minor as the field of his apostolate and sailed for Perge in Pamphylia, eighty miles above the mouth of the Cestrus. It was then that John Mark, cousin of Barnabas, dismayed perhaps by the daring projects of the Apostle, abandoned the expedition and returned to Jerusalem, while Paul and Barnabas laboured alone among the rough mountains of Pisidia, which were infested by brigands and crossed by frightful precipices. Their destination was the Roman colony of Antioch, situated a seven day's journey from Perge. Here Paul spoke on the vocation of Israel and the providential sending of the Messiah, a discourse which St. Luke reproduces in substance as an example of his preaching in the synagogues (Acts 13:16-41). The sojourn of the two missionaries in Antioch was long enough for the word of the Lord to be published throughout the whole country (Acts 13:49). When by their intrigues the Jews had obtained against them a decree of banishment, they went to Iconium, three or four days distant, where they met with the same persecution from the Jews and the same eager welcome from the Gentiles. The hostility of the Jews forced them to take refuge in the Roman colony of Lystra, eighteen miles distant. Here the Jews from Antioch and Iconium laid snares for Paul and having stoned him left him for dead, but again he succeeded in escaping and this time sought refuge in Derbe, situated about forty miles away on the frontier of the Province of Galatia. Their circuit completed, the missionaries retraced their steps in order to visit their neophytes, ordained priests in each Church founded by them at such great cost, and thus reached Perge where they halted to preach the Gospel, perhaps while awaiting an opportunity to embark for Attalia, a port twelve miles distant. On their return to Antioch in Syria after an absence of at least three years, they were received with transports of joy and thanksgiving, for God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

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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



7/23/06	\$6258.00
7/22/07	\$6249.00
7/20/08.....	\$6460.00

Number of Envelopes from Mass 330
Envelope Collection from Mass \$4331.00

Loose Collection from Mass \$1290.00
Drop Off Collection \$837.00

Air Conditioning Collection.....\$2397.00

Last But Not Least

*“Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
for you have revealed to the little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.”*

This week we celebrate the *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. My sincere thanks to all who contributed to the second collection last week for the expense of the ***Air Conditioning in the Church***...on these hot days, the air conditioning is a blessing...as you can tell, it is running very well...our total collected to date is **\$2,397.00**.

Last **Sunday, July 20th**, was **Tuition Sunday**...many came out to pay the **first tuition payment for the 2008-2009 school year**...**please remember that this payment plus any outstanding bills from the 2007-2008 school year must be paid in full before your child/children can start school in September**...your registration fee only holds a place for your child...all balances and first payments must be into the tuition office by Wednesday, August 20, 2008...remember that many of our classrooms have a waiting list for next year...if your payments are not up to date, your child could lose his place...call Mrs. G. or Mrs. Haley at the rectory office – 215-424-1300 – for further information. We are working hard to get the school in good shape for the September opening.

Our end of year **Financial Report** will be ready to be sent downtown by the **end of July**...a report will be given to the parish sometime after September.

Please remember to check on your elderly and housebound family, friends and neighbors...we visit home bound parishioners and bring them the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist on a regular basis...if you know of anyone who needs this service, please call the rectory office with the information. Thanks for reading...have a great week.

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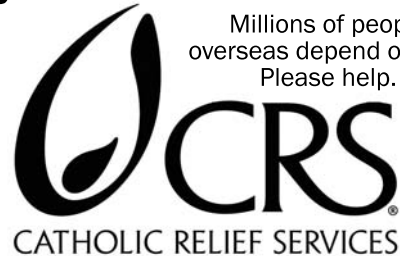
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