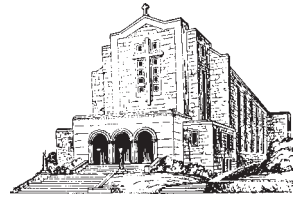




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Phone: 215-549-2947

**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.**

# August 3, 2008

## 18<sup>th</sup> 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 August 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>

#### **SATURDAY, August 2, 2008**

4:30PM Joe Owens (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv)

#### **SUNDAY, August 3, 2008 18<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **MONDAY, August 4, 2008 John Mary Vianney**

8:00AM John Cassidy, Sr.

#### **TUESDAY, August 5, 2008 Ded. Of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome**

8:00AM James Durkin, III

#### **WEDNESDAY, August 6, 2008 Transfiguration of the Lord**

8:00AM Joseph Ly V. Nguyen

#### **THURSDAY, August 7, 2008 St. Sixtus & Companions Cajetan**

8:00AM Tu & Phuoc Nguyen

#### **FRIDAY, August 8, 2008 St. Dominic**

8:00AM John L. Tetley

#### **SATURDAY, August 9, 2008 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**

8:00AM Thomas That Nguyen  
4:30PM Joseph Magalski

#### **SUNDAY, August 10, 2008 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ord. Time**

8:00AM (E) The Houndo Family  
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention  
11:00AM (E) Joseph O'Brien  
12:30PM (S) Mario Martinez

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

The winning numbers for July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 were: 1 – 9 – 15 – 20 – 31. We had "3" consolation winners last week. If no jackpot winner on the July 31<sup>st</sup>, the Jackpot for September 4<sup>th</sup> will be \$59,500.00. The Lottery will be on vacation for the month of August. Tickets bought during the month of August will be put into the September 4<sup>th</sup> drawing. **Many Tickets = Big Winner!**

## 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 our family and friends.*

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

#### **SUNDAY, August 3, 2008 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Is 55: 1-3 Rom 8: 35, 37-39 Mt 14: 13-21

**MONDAY (04)** Jer 28: 1-17 Mt 14: 22-36

**TUESDAY (05)** Jer 30: 1-2, 12-15, 18-22

Mt 14: 22-36 OR Mt 15: 1-2, 10-14

**WEDNESDAY (06)** Dn 7: 9-10m 13-14

2 Pt 1: 16-19 Mt 17: 1-9

**THURSDAY (07)** Jer 31: 31-34 Mt 16: 13-23

**FRIDAY (08)** Na 2: 1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7

Mt 16: 24-28

**SATURDAY (09)** Hb 1: 12-2:4 Mt 17: 14-20



### **Jesus Feeds 5000**

Are you hungry? I am! Sometimes I get really hungry during church. What would you think if we had a little snack this morning instead of a children's sermon? I brought a bag with my snack in it. Let's see what is in here. Oh my, We have a problem. All I have is five peanut butter crackers and a couple of pieces of fruit. I don't think there is any way that would be enough to feed all of you. Let's see. (Start counting the children.) One, two, three, four, five... no way. There just isn't enough for all of you.

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**“For the Young of Heart at St. Helena’s”**  
**Jesus Feeds The Five Thousand**



They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.  
 Matthew 14:20 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:13-21 (NIV)



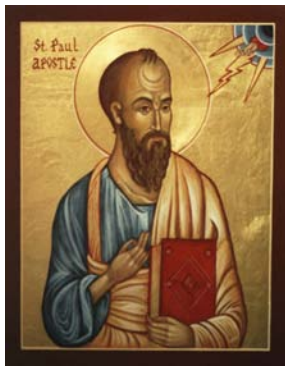
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LEFT	BASKETFULS	LANDED	FOLLOWED	LOAVES
THANKS	CROWDS	TWELVE	HEALED	FISH
ATE	FOOD	SATISFIED	JESUS	SICK
FOOT	PEOPLE	LATE	TOWNS	BOAT

**Mass Intention Book for 2009**

*St. Helena Parish Mass Intention Book for 2009 will open on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> 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 5: First mission**  
 [con't] (Acts 13:1-14:27)

The problem of the status of the Gentiles in the Church now made itself felt with all its acuteness. Some Judeo-Christians coming down from Jerusalem claimed that the Gentiles must be submitted to circumcision and treated as the Jews treated proselytes. Against this Paul and Barnabas protested and it was decided that a meeting should be held at Jerusalem in order to solve the question. At this assembly Paul and Barnabas represented the community of Antioch. Peter pleaded the freedom of the Gentiles; James upheld him, at the same time demanding that the Gentiles should abstain from certain things which especially shocked the Jews.

It was decided, first, that the Gentiles were exempt from the Mosaic law. Secondly, that those of Syria and Cilicia must abstain from things sacrificed to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from fornication. Thirdly, that this injunction was laid upon them, not in virtue of the Mosaic law, but in the name of the Holy Ghost. This meant the complete triumph of Paul's ideas. The restriction imposed on the Gentile converts of Syria and Cilicia did not concern his Churches, and Titus, his companion, was not compelled to be circumcised, despite the loud protests of the Judaizers (Galatians 2:3-4). Here it is to be assumed that Galatians 2 and Acts 15 relate to the same fact, for the actors are the same, Paul and Barnabas on the one hand, Peter and James on the other; the discussion is the same, the question of the circumcision of the Gentiles; the scenes are the same, Antioch and Jerusalem; the date is the same, about A.D. 50; and the result is the same, Paul's victory over the Judaizers.

However, the decision of Jerusalem did not do away with all difficulties. The question did not concern only the Gentiles, and while exempting them from the Mosaic law, it was not declared that it would not have been counted meritorious and more perfect for them to observe it, as the decree seemed to liken them to Jewish proselytes of the second class. Furthermore the Judeo-Christians, not having been included in the verdict, were still free to consider themselves bound to the observance of the law. This was the origin of the dispute which shortly afterwards arose at Antioch between Peter and Paul. The latter taught openly that the law was abolished for the Jews themselves. Peter did not think otherwise, but he considered it wise to avoid giving offence to the Judaizers and to refrain from eating with the Gentiles who did not observe all the prescriptions of the law. As he thus morally influenced the Gentiles to live as the Jews did, Paul demonstrated to him that this dissimulation or opportuneness prepared the way for future misunderstandings and conflicts and even then had regrettable consequences. His manner of relating this incident leaves no room for doubt that Peter was persuaded by his arguments (Galatians 2:11-20).

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## WELCOME

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

St. Helena Parish offers Religious Education classes for children in grades 1 to 8<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

## WELCOME

### 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

## WELCOME

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, First Communion will take place on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, and Confirmation will take place on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009. ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT SR. SOPHIE AT 215-424-1300.**

## Announcements

- **The Friends of St. Bridget School Alumni**, East Falls, are hosting a 50<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion for the classes of 1958 and 1983 at the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008. A reception in the school auditorium will follow the Mass. The Friends are looking for contact information about these graduates. If you are, or know someone, in one of these two classes please contact Ellen Sheehan at 215-848-8396 or e-mail the parish at [stb@st-bridget.com](mailto:stb@st-bridget.com).
- **Theology on Tap 2008** – Join other young adults in their 20's and 30's, single or married, from around the Archdiocese at the Great American Pub in Conshohocken on Thursdays on August 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Presentations begins at 7:00pm and a pasta dinner buffet is available beginning at 6:30pm for \$10.00. Each week will focus on a topic relevant to young Catholics in today's world. Admission is FREE! For more information and for topics and speakers, visit [www.oyya.org/yam](http://www.oyya.org/yam) or call 215-965-4635.
- **Church Ministry Institute!** For applications or more information on this year's program, please contact: Archdiocese of Phila. Church Ministry Office, 222 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 or call Sr. Mary Ellen Diehl at 215-587-0551 or e-mail [srmedieh@adphila.org](mailto:srmedieh@adphila.org)
- **Help Wanted!** John W. Hallahan is currently looking for a Volleyball Coach for the 2008-2009 school year. All interested parties should send their application on or before August 11<sup>th</sup> to Miss Mary Kirby, Principal at John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School, 311 North 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1198 or fax to 215-563-3809.
- **Called to be Peacemakers!** A Global Solidarity Retreat for Youth in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia from August 10-14, 2008. WHO: Junior or Sophomores in 2007-2008. WHERE: Malvern Retreat Center. COST: \$100. Contact Dennis J. Fisher at 610-293-4669.
- **Mike McCarron Head Basketball Coach** of the North Catholic Falcons will conduct a skills camp from August 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> at Vogt Recreations Center (boys and girls). For information, please call 856-261-8615 or e-mail him at [MEHMCC@comcast.net](mailto:MEHMCC@comcast.net)

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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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*Number of Envelopes from Mass*    312  
*Envelope Collection from Mass*    \$4405.00

*Loose Collection from Mass*    \$1159.00  
*Drop Off Collection*    \$763.00

**St. Helena School Office is open every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00am to 12:00Noon. Mrs. Helen Devlin will assist you regarding registration, general information, or any question you may have.**

# Last But Not Least

*“One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”*

This week we celebrate the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We *welcome Father Steve* back from his vacation...Father returned to us without his beloved dog, Danzzho.... Danzzho had been ill for a time and while away he had to be put down...this dog was Father Steve's friend and companion for many years and is a great loss to him...we are sorry for his loss and hope that he will bounce back soon.

Our **Financial Report** for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2008 is ready to be sent downtown...a report to the parish on this report will be made later in the year at the masses.

Please note: Our **ESOL Classes** (English as a Second Language) have resumed on **Sunday mornings after the 9:30 Mass**...students for this class should arrive at the school by 10:45 am and enter by the CARES door.... your teacher, Leslie Greenlee, will be waiting for you there.

We continue to work to get the **school** ready for the **September 3<sup>rd</sup> opening**...**Miss Volpe** has been **interviewing for a teacher** to replace Mrs. Murphy in the **first grade**...Mrs. Murphy left to begin a family...**many of you have not made your first tuition payment for the new year as yet**...some still have balances from last year. **Please Note: No child will be permitted to start school on September 3<sup>rd</sup> unless all financial obligations have been met**...our tuition office in the rectory will be open this week from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm...as of August 11<sup>th</sup>, the office will be open from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm...**all payments should be made no later than Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If there is a problem, contact the tuition office...we cannot help you if we do not know what the problem is. Thank you for your attention in these matters. Thanks for reading...have a great week.

Your Brother & Shepherd,  
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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