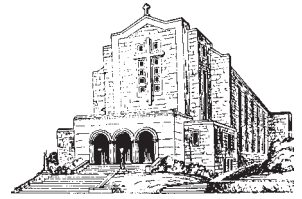




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**Parish Nurse:** 215-329-0110

## 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 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 24, 2008

## 21<sup>st</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 24<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>

#### **SATURDAY, August 23, 2008**

4:30PM Raymond Ales

#### **SUNDAY, August 24, 2008 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ord. Time**

8:00AM (E) Rosa Tran Nguyen

9:30AM (V) Personal Intention

11:00AM (E) Francis Petrovich

12:30PM (S) Deborah Velez

#### **MONDAY, August 25, 2008 *Louis of France and Joseph Calasanz***

8:00AM Gus Ruckle

#### **TUESDAY, August 26, 2008**

8:00AM Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### **WEDNESDAY, August 27, 2008 *St. Monica***

8:00AM Joseph Wichner, Sr. (45 Anniv)

#### **THURSDAY, August 28, 2008 *St. Augustine***

8:00AM James Weid

#### **FRIDAY, August 29, 2008 *Martyrdom of John the Baptist***

8:00AM Yem Hoang

#### **SATURDAY, August 30, 2008**

8:00AM Elizabeth Morini

4:30PM Thomas Kilgallon

#### **SUNDAY, August 31, 2008 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ord. Time**

8:00AM (E) Mildred & John Batto

9:30AM (V) Personal Intention

11:00AM (E) Thomas Quinn

12:30PM (S) St. Helena Parishioners

### Mass Intention Book for 2009

*St. Helena Parish Mass Intention Book for 2009 opened on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. If you wish to request Masses for 2009, please bring a written list with you.*



## 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 Koveseck	Marie Halleck
Chiet Doan	John Adair
Charles McBride	Kathleen Miller
Jim Kennedy	Helen Robinson
Noel Lopez	John Quinn
Rita Klienkecht	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 24, 2008 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Is 22: 19-23      Rom 11: 33-36      Mt 16: 13-20

**MONDAY (25)**      2 Th 1: 1-5, 11-12      Mt 23: 13-22

**TUESDAY (26)**      2 Th 2: 1-3, 14-16      Mt 23: 23-26

**WEDNESDAY (27)**      2 Th 3: 6-10, 14-16      Mt 23: 27-32

**THURSDAY (28)**      1 Cor 1: 1-9      Mt 24: 42-51

**FRIDAY (29)**      1 Cor 1: 17-25      Mk 6: 17-29

**SATURDAY (30)**      1 Cor 1: 26-31      Mt 25: 14-30



## *“Who do you say I am?”*

Jesus turned to his disciples and said, "Who do men say that I am?" One of the disciples answered, "Some say you are John the Baptist."

"Some say you are Elijah or one of the prophets," answered another. Jesus questioned the disciples further, "But who do you say that I am?" "You are the Christ," answered Peter, "the Son of the living God."

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## Peter's Confession of Christ

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Matthew 16:15 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 16:13-20 (NIV)



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



## St. Helena School Back to School News

Our parish school admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at our school. Similar policies apply to the school staff. Our school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, its admission policies, or in any school-administered program.

### Wednesday – September 3, 2008

Children in Grades 2-8 report to school. Students should assemble in the schoolyard in time for the bell at 7:50AM and go to the line where their grade/room is posted. Children will be dismissed at noon. All students should be in St. Helena School Uniform. No parents are permitted in the schoolyard.

### Thursday – September 4, 2008

Children in Grades 1 report to school at 8:30AM. Teachers will be in the schoolyard to greet your children. All students should be in St. Helena School Uniform.

### Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten

Monday – September 8, 2008 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Boys report at 8:30AM. Dismissal is at 10:00AM. NO GIRLS report on this day.

Tuesday – September 9, 2008 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Girls report at 8:30AM. Dismissal is at 10:00AM. NO BOYS report on this day.

Wednesday – September 10, 2008 All Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students report at 8:30AM. Dismissal is at 10:00AM.

Thursday and Friday – September 11-12, 2008: the regular schedule will begin for our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Students.

### Mandatory Back to School Parent Meeting

A mandatory orientation meeting will be held for the parents of ALL St. Helena students in Pre-K through Grade 8 on Wednesday evening, September 3, 2008. This meeting will begin promptly at 6:30pm in the school hall, and will include important school information and the introduction of our school faculty. At the conclusion of this meeting, you will be directed to your child's classroom. This is not a time for parent conferences but rather the opportunity for you to become acquainted with the expectations, policies, and procedures of your child's grade level and classroom.

### CARES and LUNCH Programs

The CARES Program will begin on Monday, September 8, 2008 for students in grades one to eight, and on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, for students in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten.

Our LUNCH Program will begin on Monday, September 8, 2008. CARES and LUNCH Program registration forms will be available at the Mandatory Parent Meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### St. Helena Alumni News – Updating our data base

If you graduated or your children have graduated from St. Helena School we would like to know your current address. Give us a call at 215-549-2947, or write to St. Helena School, 6191 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Phila., PA 19120

## St. Helena English Choir

St. Helena Parish Adult and Children's Choir will resume on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> with practice at 10:30am followed by the 11:00am Mass. Children in Grades 2 and up, teens and adults are most welcome. Please just attend first practice and Mass. For more information, call Melanie Capoferri at 215-635-1681. We can also use any instrumentalists who feel that they would like to share their talents in our liturgies.

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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 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</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.**



### St. Helena Parish Annual Flea Market Saturday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting)

**8:00am to 1:00pm Sidewalk on 5<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Unload and Park in Schoolyard**

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Reserved spot \$12.00 with your own table Reserved table - \$15.00 *Call Sr. Sophie at 215-317-9168 to reserve a spot or table.*



## St. Helena Parish Annual Forty Hours and Parish Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross

**Please join us on Sept. 12, 13, 14, 2008  
Celebrate Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament**

**Friday, Sept. 12, 2008**

Exposition after 8:00am Mass until Evening Prayer at 5:00pm

**Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008**

Exposition after 8:00am Mass until Benediction at 4:00pm

**Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008**

Exposition/Adoration & Litany of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00pm in Church followed by Outside Eucharistic Procession with the Cross of Christ, Blessing of St. Joseph Statue, Prayer for our Nation, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



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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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8/19/07 .....	\$6192.00
<b>08/17/08.....</b>	<b>.....\$6234.00</b>

Number of Envelopes from Mass	312	Loose Collection from Mass	\$1247.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$4684.00	Drop Off Collection	\$303.00

*Feast of the Assumption Collection.....\$1721.00*



**Laughter of the Week...** Son to his father as they watch television: "Dad, tell me again how, when you were a kid, you had to walk all the way across the room to change the channel."



## Last But Not Least

*“Who do you say that I am?”*



This Sunday is the *Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time* and we are presented with the Gospel story of *Peter's Confession*...a confession that acknowledges who is Christ. Each Sunday, when we attend our Eucharistic Celebration we proclaim who Christ is for each of us. In the words of today's gospel...**Who do you say Christ is?**

As we enjoy the last holiday weekend of the summer, it is my hope that you have all taken some time over the past few months to rest and renew your strength. Can you believe we are at the end of August and guess what? Kids, that's right...School is ready for opening day on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Once again I remind you that this year there will be a **MANDATORY parent meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm** in the school hall for all parents of children attending St. Helena School. Information regarding this was sent to you and is also in today's bulletin.

If you are interested in sending your children to **St. Helena Religious Education Classes**, or if you know of an adult who wishes to embrace the Catholic Faith and would like to attend **RCIA Classes**, please contact **Sister Sophie to register at 215-424-1300**.

Our **Parish** celebration of **Forty Hours and Feast Day** will take place **September 12th, 13th and 14<sup>th</sup>**...mark your calendars. To help make this a time of grace for you and your family, we encourage you and your family to spend quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament and attend a special outside procession on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:00pm. See the posters in the church for the schedule and procession layout.

**Tuition Alert:** We still have students whose first tuition payment has not yet been made...even if you received a letter of acceptance for a grant, this does not make up for your first tuition payment...the grant monies will be deducted from your total and the balance will be divided into **three payments, the first of which is due now**...our Tuition Office will be open for payments from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday...any child whose payments are not up to date **WILL NOT** be permitted to start school on opening day...I strongly urge you to contact the Tuition Office at **215-424-1300** or stop by the rectory and **make your payment before August 29<sup>th</sup>**.

Thanks for reading and have a good week!

Your Brother & Shepherd,  
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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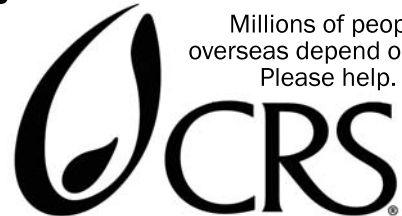
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