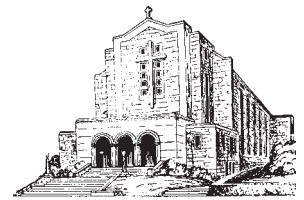




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**Parish Nurse:** 215-329-0110

## 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.**

# September 14, 2008

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

## 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 Sept 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>

#### **SATURDAY, Sept. 13, 2008**

4:30PM Anna & Charles Petrovich

#### **SUNDAY, Sept. 14, 2008 Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

8:00AM (E) Mildred & John Batto

9:30AM (V) Personal Intention

11:00AM (E) Tony Bordoni

12:30PM (S) St. Helena Parishioners

#### **MONDAY, Sept. 15, 2008 Our Lady of Sorrows**

6:30AM John L. Tetley

8:00AM Infanti Family Members

#### **TUESDAY, Sept. 16, 2008 Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian**

6:30AM James Pokorny

8:00AM Maria Hung Nguyen

#### **WEDNESDAY, Sept. 17, 2008 St. Robert Bellarmine**

6:30AM Dominic Vong Nguyen

8:00AM M. Elizabeth Metz (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)

#### **THURSDAY, Sept. 1118, 2008**

6:30AM Dominic Thuan Nguyen

8:00AM St. Helena Alumni/ae

#### **FRIDAY, Sept. 19, 2008 St. Januarius**

6:30AM Thomas Tuan Nguyen

8:00AM Thomas P. Craig, Sr.

#### **SATURDAY, Sept. 20, 2008 St. Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang & Companions**

8:00AM Helene Rakszowski

4:30PM Joseph Magalski

#### **SUNDAY, Sept. 21, 2008 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ord. Time**

8:00AM (E) Efraim C. deRamos

9:30AM (V) Personal Intention

11:00AM (E) Sarah J. Lehmann

12:30PM (S) Graclela Valencia

If no winner on September 11, 2008 the Jackpot  
Lottery Drawing for September 18, 2008  
will be for \$60,500.00

The numbers for 9-4-08 were:

5 – 11 – 12 – 35 – 36

## 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
Helen Robinson	Alton Fenstermaker
Noel Lopez	John Quinn
Rita Klienknecht	Bob Moffatt
Joan A. Lowery	Marie Riehl
Lawrence Arockiaswamy	Bill Sadler
Emma Vockenhuber	

### We Remember in Prayer

*Those who have died, especially our family and friends.*

**Jim Kennedy**

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### **SUNDAY, Sept. 14, 2008 Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Nm 21: 4b-9 Phil 2: 6-11 Jn 3: 13-17

<b>MONDAY (15)</b>	1 Cor 11: 17-26. 33	Jn 19: 25-27
<b>TUESDAY (16)</b>	1 Cor 12: 12-14. 27-31a	Lk 7: 11-17
<b>WEDNESDAY (17)</b>	1 Cor 12: 31 – 13: 13	Lk 7: 31-35
<b>THURSDAY (18)</b>	1 Cor 15: 1-11	Lk 7: 36-50
<b>FRIDAY (19)</b>	1 Cor 15: 12-20	Lk 8: 1-3
<b>SATURDAY (20)</b>	1 Cor 15: 35-37. 42-49	Lk 8: 4-15

*“Forgive and you will be forgiven...”*



Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but 70 x 70!" Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

How many times do you think a person should be forgiven for doing something wrong? Once? Twice? Three times? If you were to ask Jesus how many times you should forgive someone, what do you think he would say? Well, we don't have to guess, because the Bible gives us the answer. One day, Peter asked Jesus, "How many times should I forgive someone who sins against me? Should I forgive him seven times?" I imagine that Peter thought he was being pretty generous to forgive someone seven times. I don't know about you, but I think I agree with Peter. To forgive someone seven times is be pretty generous. Guess what? Jesus didn't agree. Jesus answered Peter, "Not seven times, but seventy times seven."

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## 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 instrumentalists who feel that they would like to share their talents in our liturgies.

**Support our Parish Youth/CYO** by purchasing an Eagles Football Pool Ticket. Tickets are \$5.00 and good for 10 games during the season. Winner/s will share in 50% of the total proceeds. See Fr. Steve for a ticket or information.



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

8:00am to 1:00pm Sidewalk on 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Attic Treasures! Food!

**Vendors of all Kind are Welcome**  
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Reserved spot \$12.00 with your own table or  
reserve a table for \$15.00. **Call Sr. Sophie at**  
**215-317-9168 to reserve a spot or table.**

**Last Call for Religious Education classes** for children in grades 1 to 8<sup>th</sup> grade who are attending non-Catholic schools. Last Call for 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 interested, contact Sister Sophie at 215-424-1300. Classes begin on September 14<sup>th</sup> – **no application accepted after classes begin.**

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

**Please join us and celebrate**  
**Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament**

**Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008**

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

**Guest Celebrant and Homilist is**  
**Fr. Rayford Emmons.**



# Announcements

- ◆ **Oktoberfest**...Rain or Shine, Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 12:00Noon to 8:00pm and Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 12Noon to 5:00pm at the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer Provincialate, 521 Moredon Road in Huntingdon Valley. Visit [www.sistersholyredeemer.org](http://www.sistersholyredeemer.org) for more information.
- ◆ **Justice and Compassion in the Web of Life**...sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph. September 26 and 27, 2008. A conference with Sisters Helen Prejean, CSJ author of Dead Man Walking and Death of Innocents and Marya Grathwohl, OSF director of Earth Hope Center, Montano. Where: Mt. St. Joseph Academy, Flourtown, PA. **When:** Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm-8:30pm “A Personal Journey: Poor People, Death Penalty, Earth” with Sr. Helene Prejean, CSJ. Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 3:00pm “Fresh Insights from Catholic Teaching and Native American Wisdom.” Cost: Sliding Scale...Friday \$20-\$35...Saturday \$30-\$45. Please bring lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Friday and Saturday Both \$35-\$50. Call 215-849-3364 for information or email [meclark2004@verizon.net](mailto:meclark2004@verizon.net) Make checks payable to Sisters of St. Joseph CCEAS, 100 Carpenter Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19119.



## St. Helena School News



We welcome back to school our seventh and eighth grade students. Our eighth grade students will complete the Elementary Education this year...and God willing...they will graduate from St. Helena School on June 12, 2009. Our eighth grade homeroom teacher is Mrs. Mary Rollo....and our seventh grade homeroom teacher is Mrs. Margaret Kennedy. *(Next week...meet our sixth and fifth grade students)*

### Grade 8 – Mrs. Mary Rollo

Kyle Armstrong  
 Christopher Broome  
 Jonas Carter  
 Gabriel deJesus  
 Elijah Houston  
 Quinton Jackson  
 Bruce Merriett  
 Abraham Musselman  
 Ruben Rodriguez  
 Da'Quan Sargeant  
 Bernice Bellange  
 Thai Dang  
 Camille deRamos  
 MaryKate Glenn  
 Zahirah Hanines  
 Joy Jamil  
 Duyen Le  
 Tiara Mitchell  
 Adelis Rodriguez  
 Alena Thieu  
 Eliza Thillet  
 Elizabeth Tong  
 Amy Tran

### Grade 7 – Mrs. Margaret Kennedy

Christopher Barrett  
 Eric Jiwanmall  
 Malik Johnson  
 Phuoc David Le  
 Neil Liwanag  
 Joel Maldonado  
 Ismael Rankin  
 Aaron Ruff  
 Adam Sierra  
 Tyree Smith  
 Andy Tran  
 Ashley Bercaw  
 Andrea Boyer  
 Laura deJesus  
 Degan Duke  
 Eliza Galarza  
 Sophonny Huynh  
 Michelle Joseph  
 Danielle Maguire  
 Diamond McNeill  
 Alazia Nguyen  
 Nhung Nguyen

Chantell Polk  
 Aurora Pomales  
 Yaz'meen Powell  
 Sydney Renwick  
 Katherine Sesuca  
 Thu-Thu Tran

### Keep On Forgiving

Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" Matthew 18:21 (NLT)

Based on Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)



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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



9/10/06 .....	\$6334.50
9/09/07 .....	\$6165.00
<b>09/07/08.....</b>	<b>\$6141.00</b>

<i>Number of Envelopes from Mass</i>	341	<i>Loose Collection from Mass</i>	\$1206.00
<i>Envelope Collection from Mass</i>	\$4470.00	<i>Drop Off Collection</i>	\$448.00

**Black & Indian Mission Collection.....\$716.00**  
**Maintenance and Improvement Collection.....\$2094.00**



**Laughter of the Week...**A little girl asked her mother for ten cents to give to an old lady in the park. Her mother was touched by the child's kindness and gave her the required sum. "There you are, my dear," said the mother. "But, tell me, isn't the lady able to work any more?" "Oh yes," came the reply. She sells candy."

# Last But Not Least

*“We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.”*

Today we celebrate the *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*, the Feast Day of our parish...all are invited to join us for our *celebration.... our service will begin in the church at 3:00 pm, followed by a Procession, blessing of the Statue of St. Joseph, Benediction and a Social in the school hall...plan to join us as we celebrate the Triumph of the Cross.*

Also this weekend, our *RCIA and PREP Programs* begin for the 2008-2009 year...if you know of anyone who might be interested in these programs, please contact the rectory office with their information and Sister Sophie will contact them.

*Support the youth of our parish (CYO)* by purchasing an *Eagles Football Pool* ticket...*tickets are \$5.00 each....* see Father Steve for tickets & more information.

Next week, *September 21<sup>st</sup>*, we will celebrate *Catechetical Sunday*...please join us as we ask Our Lord to *bless our Catechists* and the *children and adults* they will be teaching...please pray for these teachers and those they are guiding on their journey of faith.

If you have not already done so, *please return* your *Census Card and donation....* the information on the cards will help us to update our records and plan for this years' ministries.... your generous donations will insure that our ministries continue...*thank you for your many kindnesses to St. Helena Parish.* Thanks for reading...have a great week!

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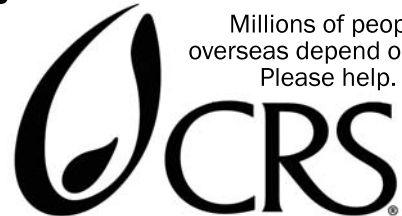
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