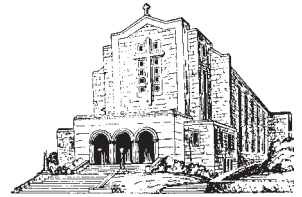




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CHURCH OFFICE

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.

September 21, 2008

25th 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 Sept 21st to 28th

SATURDAY, Sept. 20, 2008

4:30PM Joseph Magalski

SUNDAY, Sept. 21, 2008 25th 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

MONDAY, Sept. 22, 2008

6:30AM Dominic & Maria Nguyen
8:00AM Bill McCarthy (21st Anniv)

TUESDAY, Sept. 23, 2008 Pío of Pietrelcina

6:30AM Emerita Roman
8:00AM John L. Tetley

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 24, 2008

6:30AM Margaret Nally
8:00AM Wiley Willoughby

THURSDAY, Sept. 25, 2008

6:30AM John L. Tetley
8:00AM Joe Gregorio DeLaRediera

FRIDAY, Sept. 26, 2008 Cosmas and Damian

6:30AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:00AM Margaret Nally

SATURDAY, Sept. 27, 2008 Vincent de Paul

8:00AM Thomas That Nguyen
4:30PM Julia & Frank Schaller

SUNDAY, Sept. 28, 2008 26th Sunday of Ord. Time

8:00AM (E) Val Moffitt
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) Frances & John McBride
12:30PM (S) Alejandro Loja

**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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Sept. 21, 2008 25th Sunday of Ord. Time
Is 55: 6-9 Phil 1: 20c-24. 27a Mt 20: 1-16a

MONDAY (22)	Prv 3: 27-34	Lk 8: 16-18
TUESDAY (23)	Prv 21: 1-6. 10-13	Lk 8: 19-21
WEDNESDAY (24)	Prv 30: 5-9	Lk 9: 1-6
THURSDAY (25)	Eccl 1: 2-11	Lk 9: 7-9
FRIDAY (26)	Eccl 3: 1-11	Lk 9: 18-22
SATURDAY (27)	Eccl 11: 9 – 12: 8	Lk 9: 43b-45

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard



Jesus told a story about a landowner who was hiring men to work in his vineyard. He hired some of them early in the morning, some in the middle of the day, and some he hired just before quitting time. When it was time to pay the workers, he paid them all the same. The workers who were hired early in the morning began to complain, "Hey! That's not fair! You paid the workers who worked only one hour the same as those of us who worked all day." The owner of the vineyard said, "I am not being unfair to you. I paid you what I agreed to pay you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Are you jealous because I am generous?" "What is the point of the story that Jesus told? The point is that there are some people who trust in Jesus and serve him all the days of their life. What is their reward? Their reward is eternal life in heaven.

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If no winner on September 18, 2008 the Jackpot Lottery Drawing for September 25, 2008 will be for \$61,000.00
The numbers for 9-11-08 were:
11 – 21 – 33 – 37 – 40

St. Helena English Choir

St. Helena Parish Adult and Children's Choir will resume on Sunday, September 28th 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.

kingdom	hired	grumble	right
heaven	workers	equal	money
landowner	received	hour	envious
vineyard	wages	unfair	generous



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 Celebrates “The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church”



It is with great joy and gratitude that we celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** this weekend. Please join us in prayer and thanksgiving for our Parish Catechists who will receive a special blessing today after the Homily. We are grateful to these catechists and rejoice in their commitment to spreading the Word of God to our Parish Children and Adults. With joy, we present **our English PREP Catechists**...Mr. Samuel Santiago, Mrs. Teresa Rivera, Mr. Jose Hernandez, Mrs. Nitza Hernandez, Mrs. Donna Fredericks, and Mrs. Phyllis Santiago. With joy, we present **our Vietnamese Catechists**...Mr. Henry Tran, Mrs. Thu Nguyen, and Mr. Huan Tran. With joy, we present **our School Catechists**...Mrs. Mary Rollo, Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, Mrs. Abigail Garcia, Mrs. Betty Simmons, Mrs. Susan Zimmerman, Ms. Joanne Bordoni, Mrs. Kathleen Burns, Ms. Monica Udvari, Mrs. Dorothy Hogan, Ms. Kaitlyn Preski, Mrs. Cartherine Ellison, Ms. Kathleen Collier, Mrs. Mary Costello, Mrs. Joanne Shannon, Mrs. Annette Hanagan, Ms. Carol Volpe, and Sr. Joan Callahan.

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Announcements

- ◆ **Oktoberfest**...Rain or Shine, Saturday, September 27th 12:00Noon to 8:00pm and Sunday, September 28th 12Noon to 5:00pm at the Sisters of the Holy Redeemer Provincialate, 521 Moredon Road in Huntingdon Valley. Visit 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 26th 7:00pm-8:30pm “A Personal Journey: Poor People, Death Penalty, Earth” with Sr. Helene Prejean, CSJ. Saturday, September 27th 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 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 fifth and sixth grade students. Our fifth grade homeroom teacher is Mrs. Betty Simmons....and our sixth grade homeroom teacher is Mrs. Abigail Garcia. *(Next week...meet our third and fourth grade students)*

Grade 6 – Mrs. Abigail Garcia

Malik Brown
Kevin Cho
Walter Dickerson
Brandon Galarza
Sunkey Ly
Isaiah Mendez
Gabriel Musselman
Reginald Nwakanma
Hong Duy Pham
David Richardson
Willy Thai
Cuong Tran
Eric Tran
Thomas Vu
Clarissa Agness
Alana Caparas
Alejandra Diaz
Donyelle Fredericks

Ashley Giacomelli
Sandy Mai
Jocelyn Navas
Catherine Nguyen
Jennifer Nguyen
Kendra Ntiamoah-Mensah
Vanada Sam
Han Thach

Grade 5 – Mrs. Betty Simmons

Trevor Chesson
Phearath Dang
Brandon Henry
Kevin Maldonado
John-El Nash
Anthony Nguyen
Harrison Pham
Andrew Sok
Myles Wiggins

Cheyenne Bowen-Evans
Sade Burton
Chinwendu Chukwuani
Jennifer Dang
Isabel deRamos
Tu Dinh
Maria Theresa Estampa
Rasheia Grant
Deidra Johnson
Yan Ling Lam
Ashley Marcus
Nikke Nguyen
Taylor Noble
Katherine Pru
Jordan Smith
Brionna Terrell
Jennifer Vu
Jade Watkins

Beginning this weekend, children who attend St. Helena School can pick up a Saint’s Envelope in the back of Church and use it for Mass. Fill in your name, time in prayer, your talent and your treasure (\$) in the envelope.

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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



9/17/06	\$6457.50
9/16/07	\$6674.00
09/14/08.....\$6619.00

Number of Envelopes from Mass 331
Envelope Collection from Mass \$4333.00

Loose Collection from Mass \$1057.00
Drop Off Collection \$1200.00



Laughter of the Week...An unemployed handyman looking for work jobs knocks on the front door of a house. When the owner answers, the handyman asks if there are any odd jobs the owner needs done. The owner says, "well, I was just about to paint my porch around back. I'd pay you good money to do it for me." The handyman agrees, and the owner gives him a bucket of green paint and a clean paint brush. A little while later the handyman knocks on the front door again and announces that he's done. "But there's something you should know," he says. "That car of yours isn't a Porche, it's a BMW."



Last But Not Least



“Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.”

Today we celebrate the ***Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time***. Thanks to all who joined us last Sunday for our closing of ***Forty Hours and our Feast Day Celebration***.... the turnout was wonderful...***special thanks*** to ***Father Steven Perzan*** for overseeing the celebration, to ***Father Rayford Emmons*** who was our homilist, to ***Father Joseph Cummins*** who blessed the statue of St. Joseph during the Eucharistic Celebration, to ***Sister Sophie Yondura*** for her hard work in doing all that needed to be done to pull the service and procession together, to our ***altar servers, musicians and First Communion children*** for their participation, to ***Sister Marie Albert*** for handling the social in the school hall and ***to all who faithfully participated*** and made this annual celebration a solemn, holy time that helped to bring us closer to God and to each other..

Thanks to all who have returned their ***Annual Census Cards and donations***...to date, we have collected ***\$6,230.00***.... if you have not returned your card and donation, please do so at your earliest convenience...remember, the cards are our only way of updating our parish files and your generous donations will help us to keep our ministries going for another year...may God bless you for your generosity to our parish.

Today is ***Catechical Sunday***, the day when our Catechists are commissioned for the upcoming year...my thanks to all of you who donate your time and talent to pass our Faith on to our young people and adults who wish to join our Catholic family...please pray for our teachers, young people and adults who are involved in our PREP and RCIA Programs as they continue on their journey of faith. If you know of anyone who might wish to know more about our faith, or who wishes to participate in either of these programs, please contact the rectory or see one of the priests or Sister Sophie after mass.

Our school is now in session, and so too are our rules for use of the parking area...only those with ***Staff Parking Permits*** are permitted to be parked on the lot all day...no parking is permitted in the center on the school side...this area must remain open for use by our school children...***Overnight Permits*** allow you to park on the lot between ***7:00 pm and 7:00 am***.... all cars with these permits must be removed by 7:00 am ...we do not want to have to remove any cars from the lot, so please be a good neighbor and follow these rules. Thanks for reading...have a great week!

Your Brother & Shepherd,
 Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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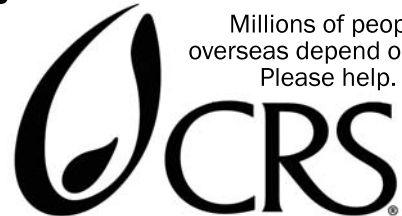
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