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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 28, 2008

## 26<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 Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>

#### **SATURDAY, Sept. 27, 2008**

4:30PM Julia & Frank Schaller

#### **SUNDAY, Sept. 28, 2008 26<sup>th</sup> 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

#### **MONDAY, Sept. 29, 2008 Michael, Gabriel, Raphael**

6:30AM Ella McCaffrey  
8:00AM James Weid

#### **TUESDAY, Sept. 30, 2008 Jerome**

6:30AM Joseph McCaffrey  
8:00AM James Colleran

#### **WEDNESDAY, Oct. 1, 2008 Thérèse of Lisieux**

6:30AM Mildred & Sam Herb  
8:00AM James & Catherine McCloskey

#### **THURSDAY, Oct. 2, 2008 The Guardian Angels**

6:30AM Dominic & Maria Nguyen  
8:00AM Michael Weid

#### **FRIDAY, Oct. 3, 2008**

6:30AM Mary Frances McKenna  
8:00AM Julia Molinack  
9:00AM Joseph Owens  
7:00PM Personal Intention

#### **SATURDAY, Oct. 4, 2008 Francis of Assisi**

8:00AM Pius Westermann (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
4:30PM St. Helena Parishioners

#### **SUNDAY, Oct. 5, 2008 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ord. Time**

8:00AM (E) Louise Tartaglia  
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention  
11:00AM (E) Anthony Bordoni  
12:30PM (S) Jesus Martinez

If no winner on September 25, 2008 the Jackpot Lottery Drawing for October 2, 2008 will be for \$61,500.00 The numbers for 9-18-08 were:  
6 – 10 – 12 – 24 – 26

## 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	Winnie McGinty

### **We Remember in Prayer**

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

**Joseph Aicher (Brother of Betty Aicher)  
& Ofr. Patrick McDonald**

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

#### **SUNDAY, Sept. 28, 2008 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ord. Time**

Ez 18: 25-28 Phil 2: 1-11 Mt 21: 28-32

<b>MONDAY (29)</b>	Dn 7: 9-10. 13-14	Jn 1: 47-51
<b>TUESDAY (30)</b>	Jb 3: 1-3. 11-17. 20-23	Lk 9: 51-56
<b>WEDNESDAY (01)</b>	Jb 9: 1-12. 14-16	Lk 9: 57-62
<b>THURSDAY (02)</b>	Jb 19: 21-27	Mt 18: 1-5. 10
<b>FRIDAY (03)</b>	Jb 38: 1. 12-21; 40: 3-5	Lk 10: 13-16
<b>SATURDAY (04)</b>	Jb 42: 1-3. 5-6. 12-17	Lk 10: 17-24



## The Parable of the Two Sons



In Jesus' parable of the two sons, the father asked both sons to go and work in his vineyard. Just as the two boys in my story, one son answered, "No," but went and worked. The other son answered "yes" did not go. In telling the story, Jesus wanted us to realize that what we do is more important than what we say we will do. Jesus wants us to answer, "Yes," when he tells us to "Love one another," but what he really wants is for us to love one another! Jesus wants us to answer, "Yes," when he says, "Follow me," but what he really wants is for us to follow him! That's the kind of child I want to be. Isn't it the kind of child you want to be?

## St. Helena English Choir

St. Helena Parish Adult and Children's Choir will sing 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.



## The Parable of the Two Sons

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Matthew 21:31 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:28-32 (NIV)



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

MAN	GOD	JOHN	KINGDOM	BELIEVE
THINK	TODAY	WAY	WORK	VINEYARD
SONS	FATHER	TWO	TRUTH	SHOW

# Announcements

- ◆ **“REVEAL 2008”** – “Our God, the Great I Am” Youth in Grades 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> are invited to celebrate National World Youth Day during a weekend of events around the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. **Saturday, October 25, 2008 Night of Talent** – Youth Mass, Dinner & Talent Show – 5:00pm to 8:30pm. St. Agatha/St.James – 3800 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. **Sunday, October 26, 2008 Fall Fest** – Youth Mass, Fall Fun & Food – 5:00pm to 8:30pm. St. John the Baptist – Ottsville (Bucks County) AND Night of Praise – Youth Mass, Dinner, & Social with guest speaker Brett Illig – 5:45pm to 9:00pm. St. Norbert – Paoli (Chester County). Cost for each event is only \$5.00. Register by October 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration Information at [www.oyya.org](http://www.oyya.org) or 215-965-4336.
- ◆ **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive** will be held on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 2:00pm. The truck will be in the schoolyard closest to the church. **PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE and BEGIN TO CLEAN OUT NOW.**
- ◆ **Cardinal Dougherty High School** will be holding its Fall Open House on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. All families of 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to attend.
- ◆ **Country Day School of the Sacred Heart** will be offering the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarship/Entrance Exam on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00Noon. An Open House for grades 9-12 will follow from 12:30 to 2:30pm. To register, please contact the admissions office at 610-527-3915 ext. 214. An additional Open House for Pre-K to Grade 12 is scheduled for Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 11:00am. For more information, please visit [www.cdssh.org](http://www.cdssh.org).

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# St. Helena School News



We welcome back to school our third and fourth grade students. Our third grade homeroom teachers are Mrs. Kathy Burns and Ms. Joanne Bordoni...and our fourth grade homeroom teacher is Mrs. Susan Zimmerman. *(Next week...meet our first and second grade students)*

## Grade 4 – Mrs. Susan Zimmerman

Jose Alicea  
Kevin Bang  
Michael Brown  
Anthony Cann  
Tony Cheung  
Daniel Galarza  
Christopher James  
Malcolm Johnson  
Cedrick Labissiere  
Philip Le  
Darren Luckey  
Christophier Mai  
Andrew Morris  
Joseph Nguyen  
Christopher Pernsley  
Andrew Pham  
Eric Pierre  
Michael Ramgoolie  
Tahj Rembert  
Artemio Rodriguez  
Bryan Trinh  
Jordan Woodard  
Maria Diaz  
Christy Do  
Maria Theresa Estampa  
Emily Le  
Catherine Nguyen  
Jessica Nguyen



Axelle Onadia  
Christine Sesuca  
Hadiya Taylor  
Alyssa Thieu  
Thu-Thanh Tammy Tran  
Jennifer Trinh  
Kristen Vu

## Grade 3 – Mrs. Kathy Burns

Phearone Dang  
Emmanuel Gerard  
Ryan Jackson  
Charles Jun  
Andy Mac  
Dante McLeod  
Temidoyin Olusa  
Jonathan Vincent  
Terrance Whitefield  
Nicole Bercaw  
Arielle Ellison  
Samantha Huynh  
Kwasiwa Kununya  
Mikayla Lee  
Caitlin Merrick  
Dianna Nguyen  
Adiatou Niai  
Kaitlyn Pham  
Gabrielle Senat  
Marcia Telusma  
Tracey Tran



Lam Vo

## Grade 3 – Ms. Joanne Bordoni

Jameel Dill  
Mikael Eubanks  
Tyshon Fowler  
Peter Han  
Gabriel Lozano  
Tajah Moore  
Calvin Nguyen  
Anthony Pham  
Simon Pham  
Jalen Scott  
Hoa Vu  
Kayla Alvarez  
Myana Dukes  
Victoria Eronwu  
Tatyana James  
Manuwa Kebbie  
Cheynee Pauling  
Julia Pham  
Tiffany Pham  
Serenity Suggs  
Anne Phuong Tran  
Dianna Tran  
Helena Tran  
Teresa An Vu



Last weekend, we put “Saint’s Church Offering Envelopes” in the back of the gathering space for our SHS children. Our students can pick up a Saint’s Envelope in the back of Church and use it for Mass. Don’t forget to fill in your name, time in prayer, your talent and your treasure (\$) in the envelope.

*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



9/24/06 .....	\$6055.00
9/23/07 .....	\$6644.00
<b>09/21/08.....</b>	<b>.....\$6696.00</b>

Number of Envelopes from Mass	328	Loose Collection from Mass	\$1610.00
Envelope Collection from Mass	\$4657.00	Drop Off Collection	\$374.00
Children's Envelopes	\$55.00		

**Welcome Back Collection.....\$807.00**



**Laughter of the Week...** Driving to work, a gentleman had to swerve to avoid a box that fell out of a truck in front of him. Seconds later, a policeman pulled him over for reckless driving. Fortunately, another officer had seen the carton in the road. The policemen stopped traffic and recovered the box. It was found to contain large upholstery tacks. "I'm sorry sir," the first trooper told the driver, "but I am still going to have to write you a ticket." Amazed, the driver asked for what. The trooper replied, "Tacks evasion."



# Last But Not Least



*"My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me."*

Today we celebrate the *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. *Our Seminarians have returned for another year of teaching in our school...*this year we welcome *Mr. Andrew Starr and Mr. Brandon Wolf...*they will be teaching religion classes in the school and they will also visit the nursing home and possibly make some visits to our shut-ins...we welcome them and thank them for their service to our parish.

To all who have returned their *Census cards and donations*, my sincere thanks...we have been able to *update our records* with any new information sent in and your donations will *insure that our ministries will continue...*if you have not yet returned your information and donation, please do so at your earliest convenience.

In preparation for the colder weather, we will be *shutting down the air conditioning* in the church and *bringing the boilers in all buildings on line* so that they will be ready when the temperatures drop...beginning on *Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>*, we will *celebrate the Sunday 8:00 am & 11:00 am masses in the upper church* until the colder weather moves in...our upper church is such a beautiful space and while the fall weather is with us, we will make use of it.

Lastly, on *Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>*, our Alumni Committee will hold an *Alumni Communion Breakfast...*we will begin with the *Celebration of the Mass at 9:30 am* in the lower church, followed by a *brunch in our school hall...* tickets for the brunch are *\$25.00 per person...*some of our former students and parishioners will be honored for their service both to the school and parish and to the community...if interested, call *Sister Marie Albert at 215-549-2947* for more information or to be put on our Alumni list.

I hope you enjoy the cooler, fall weather.... thanks for reading...have a good week!

Your Brother & Shepherd,  
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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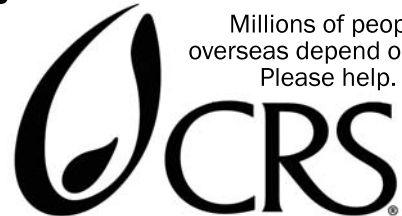
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