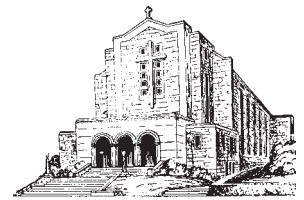




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CHURCH OFFICE

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.

October 05, 2008

27th 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 Oct. 5th to 12th

SATURDAY, Oct. 4, 2008

4:30PM St. Helena Parishioners

SUNDAY, Oct. 5, 2008 27th Sunday of Ord. Time

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

MONDAY, Oct. 6, 2008

6:30AM Ronald Butswinkas
8:00AM Matthew Scannapicco

TUESDAY, Oct. 7, 2008

6:30AM John L. Tetley
8:00AM Marie Mung Nguyen

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 8, 2008

6:30AM Ella McCaffrey
8:00AM Agnes & Hugh McSwiggan

THURSDAY, Oct. 9, 2008

6:30AM John L. Tetley
8:00AM Anna Vo Vi Bich

FRIDAY, Oct. 10, 2008

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

SATURDAY, Oct. 11, 2008

8:00AM Thomas That Nguyen
4:30PM Joseph O'Brien

SUNDAY, Oct. 12, 2008 28th Sunday of Ord. Time

8:00AM (E) St. Helena Parishioners
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) Francis Repsch
12:30PM (S) Blanca Fany Losada

If no winner on October 2, 2008 the Jackpot Lottery Drawing for October 9, 2008 will be for \$62,000.00. The numbers for 9-25-08 were: 6 – 9 – 15 – 32 – 33. We had 1 Consolation Winner on the 25th.

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Oct. 5, 2008 27th Sunday of Ord. Time

Is 5: 1-7 Phil 4: 6-9 Mt 21: 33-43

MONDAY (06)	Gal 1: 6-12	Lk 10: 25-37
TUESDAY (07)	Gal 1: 13-24	Lk 10: 38-42
WEDNESDAY (08)	Gal 2: 1-2, 7-14	Lk 11: 1-4
THURSDAY (09)	Gal 3: 1-5	Lk 11: 5-13
FRIDAY (10)	Gal 3: 7-13	Lk 11: 15-26
SATURDAY (11)	Gal 3: 22-29	Lk 11: 27-28



The Parable of the Tenants

In this story that Jesus told, the landowner was God. God first sent men such as Noah, Moses, David, the prophet Isaiah, and others to tell the people of his love for them and to call them to turn from their wicked ways, but many would not listen. Finally, he sent His own Son, Jesus. You know what they did to him, don't you? That's right, they crucified him. God gave them a chance. He even gave them a second chance -- and a third. But when they rejected His Son, that was their last chance. He is our last chance too -- he is our only chance.

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CARDINAL RIGALI ANNOUNCES SPIRITUAL INITIATIVE TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE



“THE POWER OF PRAYER: OPENING DOORS AND HEARTS TO PEACE”

At this moment I wish to address the issue of violence in the city of Philadelphia with a prayer and peace initiative. I am asking *our Catholic churches* in the city of Philadelphia to welcome all people of good will next Wednesday evening (October 8th) from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for *“The Power of Prayer: Opening Doors and Hearts to Peace.”* This will be a time of quiet prayer and reflection. The parish churches in the city of Philadelphia will open their doors, turn up their lights and invite all who wish to visit a Catholic church to pray for an end to violence and for peace in our city. In a particular way I invite police, firefighters and other emergency responders who are able to come to Church to join in this prayer.

As we pray for an end to violence in our city and for the blessing of peace, I also ask God’s protection on the men and women who work every day in this city to maintain peace. This is a powerful moment for the Church and indeed for all of the people of Philadelphia. In the recent past, five police officers, all of whom were Catholic, have made the ultimate sacrifice. In this simple initiative which we believe can have a powerful impact, we hope to unite clergy, religious and lay faithful, as well as people of all faiths who wish to visit one of our churches. This is a moment for us to stop and raise our voices to God in thanksgiving for police officers and all who serve, risking their lives each day to protect us.

Together, let us ask the Lord to keep our public servants safe from harm and to assist us to bring an end to the violence that plagues our city.



A POLICE OFFICER'S PRAYER



O, gentle Lord! Keep the daylight watch with me. As I begin my tour of duty, I ask Your protection from all mental, physical and spiritual harm. Sustain me with the knowledge that I am doing Your work, endeavoring to keep peace among Your people. Help me to be just as I enforce the law without prejudice or favor to anyone. May I be courageous but not reckless in carrying out my duties. Let me respond to all calls with haste realizing that so many are dependent on me for life and safety. Support me with your consoling power when I am tempted to think no one really cares and that I am taken for granted. Sustain in me the conviction that so many thousands do care and are grateful for my presence. Grant that I may be loyal to my partner and my fellow officers, and that I may back them up effectively when called upon for assistance. Lord, I ask that I may return safely, after my tour of duty, to my loved ones and those who love me. I pray that I may be a good and honorable police officer, and after my tour of duty is over here on earth, may I enjoy the peace and happiness of heaven that You have promised to those who serve you well. Lord I ask for courage. Courage to face and conquer my own fears. Courage to take me where others will not go. I ask for strength. Strength of body to protect others and strength of spirit to lead others. I ask for dedication. Dedication to my job and to do it well. Dedication to my community to keep it safe. Give me Lord concern for others who trust me and compassion for those who need me. And please Lord, through it all be at my side. Amen.



Announcements



- ◆ **“REVEAL 2008”** – “*Our God, the Great I Am*” Youth in Grades 7th to 12th 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 20th. Registration Information at www.oyya.org or 215-965-4336.
- ◆ **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive** will be held on Wednesday, November 19th 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.**
- ◆ **Country Day School of the Sacred Heart** will be offering the 9th Grade Scholarship/Entrance Exam on Saturday, October 18th 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 30th from 9:00am to 11:00am. For more information, please visit www.cdssh.org.



St. Helena School News



We welcome back to school our first and second grade students. Our first grade homeroom teachers are Mrs. Dorothy Hogan and Ms. Kaitlyn Preski....and our second grade homeroom teacher is Ms. Monica Udvari. *(Next week...meet our Pre-K and Kindergarten students)*

Grade 2 – Ms. Monica Udvari

Jason Bashiru
Shawn Bolden
Alexander Bui
Aidan Dalton
Peter Dinh
Julian Gonzalez
Ahmad Hearne
Jalen Herder
Jabari Merritt
Bryan Nguyen
Dominic Nguyen
Henry Nguyen
Raymond Nguyen
Ricky Nguyen
Brandon Ramgoolie
Jahmir Smith
Seneca Willoughby
Tramell Wilson
Alexa Baldon
Mariah Bryant
Janae Davis
Cristina Glenn
Kayla Hoyle
Skyla Jones
Adaira McKeither
Olivia Musselman

Evian Ortiz
Georgia Paye
Cleste Saint-Some
Adia Simon
Jelyn Slaughter
Jada Smith
Taylor Kourtney
Michelle Trinh
Jessica Vo

Grade 1 – Mrs. Dorothy Hogan

Dayvon Brown
Samire Garrick
Mikah Jones
Derek Le
Timothy Nguyen
Adrian Pham
Elijah Ransom
David Sam
Zachary Taylor
Seasosand Thach
Steven Ton
Ahmeer Wiggins
Therina Bui
Ashlie Clermont
Mary Dinh
Tishaira Fowler

Kelly Lam
Alanna Munar
Jessica Nguyen
Avianna Williams

Grade 1 – Ms. Kaitlyn Preski

Aaron Barksdale
Jaheim Evans
Justin Lattimore
Matthew Morrison
Thomas Nguyen
William Nguyen
Quan Pham
Drew Robinson
Gaunte Shorter
Quincy Simon
Kevin Vo
Anthony Vu
Dashawn Warner
Jennifer Dao
Briana Ellerbe
Deyanna Mason
Danye McLeod
Sarah Pham
Tina Pham
Siani Williams

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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



10/01/06	\$5764.00
9/30/07	\$6424.00
09/28/08.....	..\$5982.00

<i>Number of Envelopes from Mass</i>	317	<i>Loose Collection from Mass</i>	\$1330.00
<i>Envelope Collection from Mass</i>	\$4011.00	<i>Drop Off Collection</i>	\$608.00
<i>Children's Envelopes</i>	\$33.00		



Laughter of the Week...Two avid fishermen go on a fishing trip. They rent all the equipment: the reels, the rods, the wading suits, the rowboat, the car, and even a cabin in the woods. They spend a fortune. The first day they go fishing, but they don't catch anything. The same thing happens on the second day, and on the third day. It goes on like this until finally, on the last day of their vacation, one of the men catches a fish. As they're driving home they're really depressed. One guy turns to the other and says, "Do you realize that this one lousy fish we caught cost us fifteen hundred dollars?" The other guy says, "Wow! It's a good thing we didn't catch any more!"



Last But Not Least



"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

Today we celebrate the ***Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time***. We have had the air conditioning in the church serviced and shut down for the winter, and the boilers brought on line in preparation for the colder weather. Beginning today, ***October 5th***, and continuing ***throughout the month of October***, the ***8:00 am*** and ***11:00 am Sunday Masses*** will be celebrated in the ***upper church***...we have a beautiful upper church, and while the nice fall weather is with us where we do not need heat or air conditioning, we will make use of this space.

October is the Month of the Rosary...please ***pray the Rosary to Our Lady*** and ***ask for peace*** – in our hearts, our homes, our city and our world...***ask Our Lady to protect our local Police Officers and our troops both at home and abroad***. Our school will celebrate ***"The Living Rosary"*** on ***Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 1:30 pm in the school hall***...all are invited to attend and join their voices with ours as we pay homage to Our Blessed Mother.

On ***Wednesday, October 8, 2008***, all Catholic Churches in the City of Philadelphia will open their doors ***from 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm*** for ***"The Power of Prayer; Opening Doors and Hearts to Peace."*** In this simple initiative, Cardinal Justin Rigali hopes to ***unite clergy, religious and lay faithful, as well as people of all faiths***. This is ***a moment for us to stop and raise our voices to God in thanksgiving for police officers and all who serve***, risking their lives each day to protect us. ***We especially invite all police, firefighters and other emergency responders who are able to come to Church and join this prayer.***

On ***Sunday, October 26th***, our Alumni Committee will hold their ***Annual Communion Breakfast***...we will begin with ***mass in the lower church at 9:30 am***, followed by the ***breakfast in the school hall***...***tickets*** to the breakfast are ***\$25.00 per person*** and all ***proceeds benefit St. Helena School***...come out, have a nice breakfast and catch up on things with your fellow alumni and parishioners.... we know you will have an enjoyable time.

Your Brother & Shepherd,
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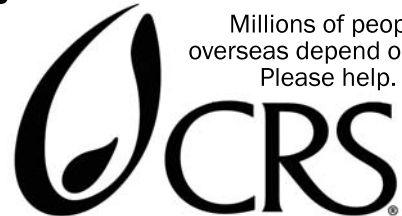
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