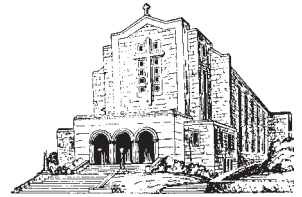




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CHURCH OFFICE

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 12, 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. 12th to 19th

SATURDAY, Oct. 11, 2008

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

MONDAY, Oct. 13, 2008

6:30AM John Baptize Family
8:00AM Henry Rigali

TUESDAY, Oct. 14, 2008 St. Callistus

6:30AM John L. Tetley
8:00AM Tu & Phuoc Nguyen

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 15, 2008 Teresa of Avila

6:30AM Mary Frances McKenna
8:00AM Fr. Dennis McCann

**THURSDAY, Oct. 16, 2008 Sts. Hedwig & Margaret
Mary Alacoque**

6:30AM St. Helena Alumni/ae
8:00AM Karl Wicher (10th Anniv)

FRIDAY, Oct. 17, 2008 Ignatius of Antioch

6:30AM John L. Tetley
8:00AM Mary Condron

SATURDAY, Oct. 18, 2008 St. Luke

8:00AM Rosa Hoan Vu
4:30PM Edward Voscavage

SUNDAY, Oct. 19, 2008 29th Sunday of Ord. Time

8:00AM (E) Catherine Anh Nguyen
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) Peggy & Charles Lehmann
12:30PM (S) St. Helena Parishioners

If no winner on October 9, 2008 the Jackpot Lottery Drawing for October 16, 2008 will be for \$62,500.00. The numbers for 10-2-08 were: 2 – 12 – 13 – 36 – 37. We had NO winners on the October 2nd.

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	Madelyn Burke

We Remember in Prayer

Those who have died, especially our family and friends.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Is 25: 6-10a Phil 4: 12-14. 19-20 Mt 22: 1-14

MONDAY (13) Gal 4: 22-24. 26-27. 31 – 5: 1

Lk 11: 29-32

TUESDAY (14) Gal 5: 1-5 Lk 11: 37-41

WEDNESDAY (15) Gal 5: 18-25 Lk 11: 42-46

THURSDAY (16) Eph 1: 1-10 Lk 11: 47-54

FRIDAY (17) Eph 1: 11-14 Lk 12: 1-7

SATURDAY (18) 2 Tm 4: 10-17b Lk 10: 1-9



**Everyone is invited
to God's celebration**



Jesus once told about a king who threw a party, but none of the people he invited showed up for his party. In Jesus' story, the king was going to have a party for his Son who was getting married. Since he was a king, and this was his only son, you can imagine that it was going to be quite a celebration and it was a tremendous honor to be invited! All of the plans had been made, the food was prepared, the invitations had been sent. The day of the celebration came, but no one showed up! The king sent his servants to see where the people were and why they had not come to his celebration. The people all began to make excuses about how busy they were. The king was very upset, so he told his servants to go out into the streets and invite everyone they saw to come to his son's wedding celebration. They did exactly what the king told them to do and the Bible tells us that the wedding hall was filled with guests. In this story, the King is God and, of course, Jesus is His Son. God is going to have a great celebration for His Son in Heaven and we have all been invited. I can't imagine why, but some people will turn down God's invitation. You've been invited -- I hope you will accept God's invitation.

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Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States
Faithful Citizenship: An Exploration of Sacred Scripture and Tradition



Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?

The Church’s obligation to participate in shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith. (*Faithful Citizenship*, no. 9) At the center of these truths is respect for the dignity of every person. This is the core of Catholic moral and social teaching. Because we are people of both faith and reason, it is appropriate and necessary for us to bring this essential truth about human life and dignity to the public square. (*Faithful Citizenship*, no. 10) Indeed, our Church’s teaching is in accord with the foundational values that have shaped our nation’s history: “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” (*Faithful Citizenship*, no. 11) The Catholic community brings important assets to the political dialogue about our nation’s future (*Faithful Citizenship*, no. 12). I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34) Learn to do good. Make justice your aim: redress the wronged, hear the orphan’s plea, defend the widow. (Is 1:17)

- *God, give your judgment to the king; your justice to the son of kings; That he may govern your people with justice, your oppressed with right judgment. (Ps 72:1-2)*
- *Be doers of the word and not hearers only. (Jas 1:22)*

The Church and the political community in their own fields are autonomous and independent from each other. Yet both, under different titles, are devoted to the personal and social vocation of the same men... The Church, for her part, founded on the love of the Redeemer, contributes toward the reign of justice and charity within the borders of a nation and between nations. By preaching the truths of the Gospel, and bringing to bear on all fields of human endeavor the light of her doctrine and of a Christian witness, she respects and fosters the political freedom and responsibility of citizens. (Second Vatican Council, *Gaudium et Spes* (1965), no. 76) [The Church] is both the sign and the safeguard of the transcendent character of the human person. “The Church respects and encourages the political freedom and responsibility of the citizen.”¹ (CCC 2245) It is a part of the Church’s mission “to pass moral judgments even in matters related to politics, whenever the fundamental rights of man or the salvation of souls requires it. The means, the only means, she may use are those which are in accord with the Gospel and the welfare of all men according to the diversity of times and circumstances.”² (CCC 2246)

1. What from the readings resonated with you? Challenged you?
2. What do you think is the place of faith in public life?
3. Why is it important for the Church, while not associated with any political party, to be active in the public arena?
4. What are ways that the Church has passed “moral judgments” in relation to politics? What has this added to the conversation or debate?
5. What does it mean to be a “doer” of the Word? Is this a challenge to individual citizens only, or to leaders and governments as well?
6. What role does Sacred Scripture play in your daily life, in the opinions you form, and in your relationship to the world?

SUGGESTED PRAYER INTENTIONS

That the Church may be a prophetic voice in the political realm, reminding all of their obligation to protect the weak and vulnerable, we pray to the Lord. For all public officials, that the Word of God may guide their decisions as they seek to do what is best for the common good of our nation and world, we pray to the Lord. For us, that we may listen with conviction to the words of Scripture and Tradition and be inspired to work for a world of justice where the life and dignity of all are respected, we pray to the Lord.



World Mission Sunday



Message of His Holiness Benedict XVI for the 82nd World Mission Sunday 2008

On the occasion of the World Mission Day, I would like to invite you to reflect on the continuing urgency to proclaim the Gospel also in our times. The missionary mandate continues to be an absolute priority for all baptized persons who are called to be "servants and apostles of Christ Jesus" at the beginning of this millennium. ***I thank Brother John for his insights into the Missions to the parishioners of St. Helena Parish.***

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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 Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten students. Our Kindergarten teachers are Mrs. Catherine Ellison and Ms. Kathleen Collier....and our Pre-Kindergarten teachers are Mrs. Joanne Shannon, Mrs. Molly Costello, and Mrs Annette Hanagan.

Grade K Room A Ms. Kathleen Collier

Semaj Garrick
David Middleton
Jamal Renwick
Waddy Russell
Dennis Smith
Justin Smith
Peter Vu
Michael Wells
Jaedyn Brown
Misa Casey
Kimorae Finney
Treasure Greene
Florence Han
Khanh-Chuc Nguyen
Kim Nguyen
Aliyah Parks
Helena Pham
Vivian Pham
Mya Smith
Lundyn Williams

Grade K – Room F Mrs. Catherine Ellison

Afolabi Amosu
Sadig Brown
Jared Daniel
Julien Espinola
Elvin Gonzalez
Francis Nguyen
June Ho Pak
Jaden Peters
Vincent Pham
Qadirah Brown

Victoria Cao
Ena Dalton
Nadia Jackson
Destinee Pendleton
Elizabeth Pru
Alannie Rosario
Christine Schleicher
Victoria Tran
Vivian Tran
Anna Vu

Grade Pre-K – Room B Mrs. Joanne Shannon

Naim Brown
John Cao
Vinh Chung
David Doan
Joseph Nguyen
Joshua Nguyen
Alex Pauling
Milan Dukes
Ashley Hackney
Jessica Huong
Ha'ven McCall
Selena Nguyen
Gracei Rosa
Jada Whitt
Jessica Young

Grade Pre-K – Room C Mrs. Molly Costello

Allen Chea
Joseph Dinh
Kerry Michel
Phong Pham

Jayson Stockett
Anthony Tran
Duc Tran
Amber Davis
Aniyah Eubanks
Milan Jones
Yuk Ling Lam
Julianna Ngo
Leilah Ornedo
Diana Vu
Elizabeth Vu

Grade Pre-K – Room D Mrs. Annette Hanagan

Thomas Crocker
Tony Dao
Gabriel Mather-Maguire
Richmond Nguyen
Quincy Pauling
Amir Scott
Ryan Smith
Imira Felix
Leila Jones
Cecilia Nguyen
Priscilla Nguyen
Kristina Pham
Payton Rember
Ceceilia Vu
Gabriella Vu



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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



10/08/06	\$6270.00
10/07/07	\$6465.00
10/05/08.....	\$6463.00

<i>Number of Envelopes from Mass</i>	406	<i>Loose Collection from Mass</i>	\$1153.00
<i>Envelope Collection from Mass</i>	\$4614.00	<i>Drop Off Collection</i>	\$625.00
<i>Children's Envelopes</i>	\$71.00		

Maintenance and Improvement Collection.....\$2137.00



Laughter of the Week...A couple was going out for the evening. The last thing they did was to put the cat out. The taxi arrived, and as the couple walked out of the house, the cat shoots back in. So the husband goes back inside to chase it out. The wife, not wanting it known that the house would be empty, explained to the taxi driver "He's just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother." A few minutes later, the husband got into the taxi and said, "Sorry I took so long, the stupid thing was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her with a coat hanger to get her to come out!"



Last But Not Least



Many are invited, but few are chosen."

Today we celebrate the ***Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time***. We welcome ***Brother John Blazo, M.M.***, a Maryknoll Missioner who will speak at some of the Masses today on behalf of the ***Society for the Propagation of the Faith***. Our collection for World Missions will be taken up next week...your generous donations will help our Missionaries to continue to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and bring God's Word to our brothers and sisters in foreign lands.

Thanks to all who attended our ***"The Power of Prayer: Opening Doors and Hearts to Peace"*** on Wednesday evening.... please continue to pray for peace and especially for those who serve and protect us.

Thanks to all for your continuing support of our parish through your donations to our ***Annual Census Appeal***...our ***total to date is \$10,684.00*** (last year we collected \$19,015.00)...if you have not yet ***returned your Census Card***, please do so as soon as possible so that we may update our records...keep in mind that your generous donations help us to continue the many Ministries here at St. Helena. May the Lord bless you for your generosity.

Our ***Annual Communion Breakfast*** will be held on ***Sunday, October 26th***.... we will begin with ***mass at 9:30 am in the lower church***...the ***breakfast*** and festivities will ***follow in our school hall***...***tickets are \$25.00 per person***...please contact Sister Marie Albert at the school – 215-549-5947 – for more information or to purchase tickets. Thank you for your support of St. Helena School.

Flu shots will be given on ***Sunday, November 2nd***, at the rectory after all of the masses...we will have a total of 250 shots to distribute...our goal is to serve as many of our elderly parishioners and those with health problems as we can...we will give out the shots for as long as they last. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Thanks for reading...have a great week!

Your Brother & Shepherd,
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh

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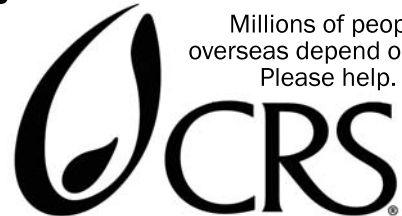
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