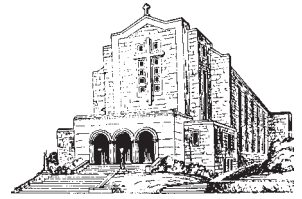




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CHURCH OFFICE

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 entering the hospital.

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 - Tenemous 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

Parish 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 - 1st 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.

November 9, 2008

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

**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 Nov. Nov. 9th to 16th

SATURDAY, Nov. 8, 2008

4:30PM Joseph Lowery

SUNDAY, Nov. 9, 2008 *Ded. Of the Lateran*

Basilica in Rome

8:00AM (E) St. Helena Parishioners
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) Sarah J. Lehmann
12:30PM (S) Rodolfo Velez

MONDAY, Nov. 10, 2008 *St. Leo the Great*

6:30AM John L. Tetley
8:00AM For All Our Marines

TUESDAY, Nov. 11, 2008 *St. Martin of Tours*

6:30AM John Baptize Family
8:00AM Joseph Owens

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 12, 2008 *St. Josaphat*

6:30AM John L. Tetley
8:00AM Fitzmaurice & Pokorny Family

THURSDAY, Nov. 13, 2008 *St. Frances Cabrini*

6:30AM John Baptize Family
8:00AM Tu & Phuoc Nguyen

FRIDAY, Nov. 14, 2008

6:30AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
8:00AM Bertha Allen

SATURDAY, Nov. 15, 2008 *St. Albert the Great*

8:00AM Thomas That Nguyen
4:30PM Ed & Betty Voscauge

SUNDAY, Nov. 16, 2008 *33^d Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00AM (E) Veronica McLaughlin
9:30AM (V) Personal Intention
11:00AM (E) Julia & Frank Schaller
12:30PM (S) Luis Alfonso Moreno

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, Nov. 9, 2008 *Ded. Of the Lateran Basilica in Rome*

Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12 1 Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2: 13-22

MONDAY (10) Ti 1: 1-9 Lk 17: 1-6
TUESDAY (11) Ti 2: 1-8, 11-14 Lk 17: 7-10
WEDNESDAY (12) Ti 3: 1-7 Lk 17: 11-19
THURSDAY (13) Phlm 7-20 Lk 17: 20-25
FRIDAY (14) 2 Jn 4-9 Lk 17: 26-37
SATURDAY (15) 3 Jn 5-8 Lk 18: 1-8

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
Emma McGuigan	Denis Cruz

We Remember in Prayer

Those who have died, especially those names mentioned on our All Souls Day envelopes.

Why do we celebrate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome?

Most Catholics think of St. Peter's as the pope's main church, but they are wrong. St. John Lateran is the pope's church, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome where the Bishop of Rome presides. The first basilica on the site was built in the fourth century when Constantine donated land he had received from the wealthy Lateran family. That structure and its successors suffered fire, earthquake and the ravages of war, but the Lateran remained the church where popes were consecrated until the popes returned from Avignon in the 14th century to find the church and the adjoining palace in ruins. Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646. One of Rome's most imposing churches, the Lateran's towering façade is crowned with 15 colossal statues of Christ, John the Baptist, John the Evangelist and 12 doctors of the Church. Beneath its high altar rest the remains of the small wooden table on which tradition holds St. Peter himself celebrated Mass. The dedication of a church is a feast for all its parishioners. St. John Lateran is, in a sense, the parish church of all Catholics, for it is the pope's parish, the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome. This church is the spiritual home of the people who are the Church.

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Remembering our Holy Souls

(Holy Souls envelopes will remain on the Altar during the Month of November)

*Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace! Amen.



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 Watts & Hayes Families
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 Agnes & Emil Schaller
 Julia & Rudy Gable
 Loretta & Rudy Gable
 Emil & Helen Schaller
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 Phuoc Nguyen Family
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School News



- ◆ **Save a Date for Spaghetti...** St. Helena School Parent Association will hold a Spaghetti Dinner, complete with live music and entertainment on Saturday, November 15th from 5:00-7:00pm in St. Helena School Hall. Get set for delicious food and fun.

SSJ Villa Chance Drive



The Annual Sisters of St. Joseph Villa Chance Drive is underway. Our Sisters of St. Joseph will sell their chances the weekend of Nov. 8th & 9th. Chances are \$1.00 each or a book of 6 for \$5.00.





St. Vincent de Paul Annual Clothing Drive will take place on Wednesday, November 19th from 9:00am to 2:00pm. The truck will be parked in the upper part of the school yard nearest the church.

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

11/05/06.....	\$6570.00
11/04/07.....	\$6299.00
11/02/08.....	\$6220.00
<i>Number of Envelopes from Mass</i> 326	<i>Loose Collection from Mass</i> \$1279 .00
<i>Envelope Collection from Mass</i> \$4297.00	<i>Drop Off Collection</i> \$605 .00
<i>Children's Envelopes</i> \$39.00	
All Saints Day Collection.....	\$821.00
Maintenance & Improvement Collection.....	\$2011.00



Last But Not Least



"Zeal for thy house will consume Me".

This weekend is the celebration of the **Feast of the St. John Lateran Basilica in Rome**. It is the seed of the Diocese of Rome, and is thus the Bishop of Rome's Church -- contrary to the common belief that St. Peter's carries this distinction. ***This feast day is an opportunity to remember the importance of our freedom to practice our Christian Faith.*** The Lateran Basilica's dedication marks such freedom. People today tend to take for granted the fact that we can openly practice our faith, yet there are still people in different parts of the world who cannot practice their faith without the fear of imprisonment or death. Perhaps we need to reflect on how much we truly appreciate the freedom we enjoy. During this week I invite you to ***take a moment to thank God for the right to publicly practice our Catholic Christian faith.***

My thanks to Le Nguyen for procuring the vaccine for our parishioners, to the doctors, nurses and students who came to administer the shots and to Father Steve and Kathy Giacomelli for being on hand to direct people through the process.... hopefully, everyone will have a flu-free winter. We distributed **157 flu & pneumonia shots** on **Sunday, November 2nd**. (We had over 75 shots left over). If you still are in need of a flu shot, ***Incarnation of Our Lord Church will distribute flu shots on Monday, November 17th from 10:00am to 2:00pm.***

Once again, our parish has been blessed with a donation of **40 Thanksgiving Baskets**.... these baskets will be given out ***to families in our parish who otherwise would not be able to afford a Thanksgiving Dinner***.... anyone in need of a basket should contact Sister Sophie at (215-317-9168) by November 15th. Thanks for reading...have a great week!

Your Brother & Shepherd,
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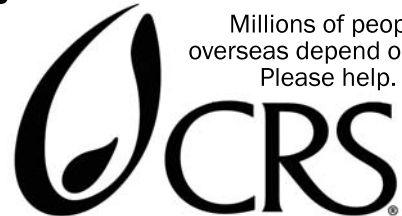
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