



**Pentecost Sunday  
June 12, 2011**



**Welcome to  
St. Helena Church**



**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 June 11<sup>th</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**SATURDAY, June 11, 2011**

4:30PM Raymond Patrick

**SUNDAY, June 12, 2011 Pentecost Sunday**

8:00AM John Chuong & Theresa Nga Nguyen  
(20th Wedding Anniversary)

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM Anthony Sumuyl

12:30PM Lawrence Apparay

**MONDAY, June 13, 2011 St. Anthony of Padua**

6:30AM St. Helena Parishioners past & present

8:00AM Timothy W. Mather, Sr.

**TUESDAY, June 14, 2011**

6:30AM St. Helena Parishioners past & present

8:00AM Joseph Vinh Le

**WEDNESDAY, June 15, 2011**

6:30AM St. Helena Parishioners past & present

8:00AM Anna Quy Pham

**THURSDAY, June 16, 2011**

6:30AM St. Helena Parishioners past & present

8:00AM Frank Schaller, Sr.

7:00PM 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

**FRIDAY, June 17, 2011**

6:30AM Neil Carberry

8:00AM Joe Owens

**SATURDAY, June 18, 2011**

8:00AM Joseph Chiet & Rosa

4:30PM Joseph Lowery (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**SUNDAY, June 19, 2011 Most Holy Trinity Sunday**

8:00AM Frank Reptsch & Charles Petrovich

9:30AM Personal Intention

11:00AM Bill & Sarah J. Lehmann

12:30PM Francisca Ruiz

*Please remember our deceased, especially  
Joseph Madden and Yvonne Marie Oestreich.*

*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 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**

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| Winnie McGinty   | Patricia Komly    | Tina Hosgood     |
| Theresa Palmer   | Taryn & Jack      | Betty Masi       |
| Judy Kovescek    | Bernie Black      | Rita Voras       |
| Rita Klienknecht | Donald Panaro     | Priscilla Nguyen |
| Geraldo Acevedo  | Charles T. Benner | Charles Ball     |
| Joseph Voras     | Rosa Di Nicola    | Roberta Pohl     |
| Sharon Doneker   | Joan Taft         | Noreen Blyweiss  |
| Joan Teel        | Jack Ruggero      | Fressia Moya     |
| Andre Clarke     |                   |                  |

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, June 12, 2011 Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23

**MONDAY (13)** 2 Cor 6:1-10 Mt 5:38-42

**TUESDAY (14)** 2 Cor 8:1-9 Mt 5:38-42

**WEDNESDAY (15)** 2 Cor 9:6-11 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**THURSDAY (16)** 2 Cor 1:1-11 Mt 6:7-15

**FRIDAY (17)** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30 Mt 6:19-23

**SATURDAY (18)** 2 Cor 12:1-10 Mt 6:24-34

**Pentecost Sunday (A) June 12, 2011**

Reading: John 20: 19 - 23

*And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*

**Reflection:** (reflection by Sr. Louise Alf, OSF)

There is a story about Jesus returning to heaven after the Ascension. As the angels gathered around, overjoyed at seeing him again, they were deeply moved by his scarred hands and feet. They asked Jesus: "Do all of the people on earth now know of your unconditional love for them?" "No", said Jesus, "not everyone. But I have asked my disciples to tell others, and they in turn will tell others and eventually everyone will know of God's great love for them." Realizing what fickle people those "earthlings" were, the angels anxiously asked: "But what if they don't tell each other? What if they forget? What if they just keep the good news to themselves? Surely, you have another plan?" "No", said Jesus "that is my only plan. I'm counting on them." Two thousand years later, Jesus still has no other plan and is counting on us. You and I are to share our faith like the believers of the early Church. In today's gospel Jesus breathed on the apostles and sent them out. That same Holy Spirit was breathed on us at Baptism and Confirmation. Today is the feast day of all Christians, for it marks the day we were empowered to share our faith to be an evANGELizer. The word **ANGEL** is in this word. An angel is a messenger from God. God's message is one of peace, justice, dignity, truth, forgiveness, understanding and love. Any time you bring a face to those words you are evANGELizing. How are others to know of God's love? For you and me to share the message. This is Jesus' plan, He has no other.



# Hilton Casino Trip

Join us on *Wednesday, June 22, 2011*

for a trip to Atlantic City...

Casino...Boardwalk...or Beach...

**YOUR CHOICE**

Cost pp \$25.00 receive \$20.00 slot play

Leave 5<sup>th</sup> & Godfrey at 9:00am

& return by 7:00pm



Parking Available in St. Helena Schoolyard  
Sign up through Sr. Sophie (215-317-9168)

## CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORY HOUR



### *God's Wonderful Creation*

**WHEN:** July 3, 2011, Sunday  
after the 11 am mass

**WHERE:** School Gym

Learn about God and experience His love through stories, prayers, songs and other fun activities! Milk and cookies will be served.

*To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Gemma Baldon at [gembaldon@gmail.com](mailto:gembaldon@gmail.com) or (215) 821-9884.*

# Most Holy Trinity Sunday



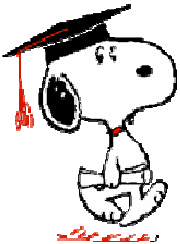
Trinity Sunday, also known as Holy Trinity Sunday, is celebrated a week after Pentecost Sunday in honor of the most fundamental of Christian beliefs—belief in the Holy Trinity. We can never fully understand the mystery of the Trinity, but we can sum it up in the following formula: God is three Persons in one Nature. The three Persons of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—are all equally God, and They cannot be divided.

## DID YOU SAY YOU WERE EXPECTING A CALL FROM GOD?



If so, you may leave your cell phone or pager on, otherwise, we ask that you turn them off during Mass. It is a distraction to the priest, members of the congregation...AND not appropriate for Church.

## *Thanks and Congratulations to ...*



- Thanks to Ms. Kalinoski and Mrs. Kennedy for all their hard work with our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates who will complete and ritual their time here at St. Helena School on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at the 7:00pm Mass in the Upper Church!
- Thanks to Mrs. Hanagan, Mrs. Shannon, and Mrs. Costello for all their hard work with our Pre-K students who ending their school year on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanks to Mrs. Ellison and Ms. Collier for all their hard work with our Kindergarten students who ending their school year on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- To all our Parish High School and College Graduates...May you enjoy the rewards of your hard work. Enjoy some relaxing time...BUT...don't forget to thank God for the many blessings of your education.

**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**



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| 6/07/09.....        | \$ 6244.00       |
| 6/06/10.....        | \$5871.00        |
| <b>6/05/11.....</b> | <b>\$6123.00</b> |

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| Number of Envelopes from Mass | 371       | Loose Collection from Mass | \$1111.00 |
| Envelope Collection from Mass | \$4138.00 | Drop Off Collection        | \$872.00  |

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| Children's Envelopes.....          | \$2.00    |
| Ascension Thursday Collection..... | \$1144.89 |
| Maintenance & Improvement.....     | \$1838.00 |



# Last But Not Least

**Today we celebrate the Pentecost Sunday.** "As the Church celebrates Pentecost, almost 2,000 years after the first Pentecost, she cannot avoid asking herself some relevant questions. What is Pentecost saying to the Church today? What progress report can be drawn up about how the Church for the past two millennia has carried out her divinely-given mandate of proclamation, witness and dialogue? How is the Church today announcing that Jesus Christ alone is "the Way, the Truth and the Life" and that only in him do people find the fullness of religious truth and the means to salvation? Today, let us remember that the infant Church was gathered with Mary the mother of Jesus and under the leadership of St Peter. The Church today trusts in the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, under the leadership of the Successor of St Peter, to continue to witness to Christ not only in Jerusalem, but also in all Judea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.

I would like to congratulate **9 of our parishioners who will attend the Archdiocesan Confirmation today at 2:00pm in the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul.** May the gifts of the Holy Spirit fill each one of you as you continue your journey in the faith!

Here we are, almost to the middle of June already and our school will close for summer vacation at the end of next week. Thanks to our principal, teachers and staff for a great year, and to our students for their hard work and attention to learning. May you all have a blessed, restful summer! Next **Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate Father's Day.** Why not plan to begin the day by attending Mass with your father where he will receive a special blessing and then do something fun with him in the afternoon. We will remember all of our fathers' (both living and deceased), and their intentions throughout the month of June.

We will be having a **Vacation Bible School** during the month of July. This is an opportunity for our young people to experience our faith on their own level. The theme will be **Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid** and will run the week of **July 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>.** If interested, see Sister Sophie for more details and an application.

Finally, **our Summer Mass schedule will begin on Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.** We will have only 1 Mass at 8:00am Monday through Saturday. If you know of any parishioners who are homebound or have moved to a nursing home or assisted living facility, please notify the parish secretary at 215-424-1300. Thanks for reading...have a great week!

Your brother and shepherd,  
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Trinh