

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In
LOVING
Memory

This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
9:30AM Gina Calore (Scelfo Family)
11:00AM Frank DeRicco (St. Helen Parish)
12:30PM Cecilia Bruno (Joe & Cathy Lupia)
5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018 St. Bernard

- 9:00AM Maria Tullo (Loving Family)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018 St. Pius X

- 9:00AM Domenic Steven Abatiello (Belinda Spatola)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018 Queenship of the BVM

- 9:00AM John Saladino (Loving Family)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018 St. Rose of Lima

- 9:00AM Frank Bifulco, Sr. (Loving Family)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018 St. Bartholomew

- 9:00AM Michael John Leccese (Jo-Ann & Phyllis Leccese)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2018 Sts. Louis & Joseph Calasanz

- 9:00AM Antoinette & Giovanni Ariola (Rita & Anthony Ariola)
Josephine Bonanno (Patricia & Charles Bonanno)
Anna & Fiore Napolitano (Rita & Anthony Ariola)
Raphael Napolitano (Rita & Anthony Ariola)
Paul Russo (Drew Bostinto)
- 5:00PM Daniel Albarelli (Richard & Donna Salmon)
Jacqueline DeLeuil (Loving Sister, Pat)
Angela DeMarco (Villaggi Family)
Maria DiPasquale (Maddalena Cucchiara)
Paul Russo (Croce Family)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, 2018

- 8:00AM Joseph Flescher & Linda Minerva
(Vincent & Susan Messina)
- 9:30AM Jackie Albert (St. Helen's Adult Choir)
- 11:00AM Jackie Albert (St. Helen's Lectors)
- 12:30PM Jean DeVito (Scelfo Family)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

New Families: All are welcome to St. Helen Parish, and are asked to please register at the Rectory during office hours.

Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the Rectory to register for the baptism of your child. Baptisms will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

Sacrament of Confession: Saturdays 12:30PM to 1:30PM. Weekdays: 15 minutes prior to the 9:00AM Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples should contact the Rectory at least **one year** in advance of the desired date. Please call for an appointment for the initial interview.

Communion Calls: Please call the Rectory to arrange for one of the priests to bring Holy Communion to a sick person who is confined to home due to a serious illness.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Anyone who expects to be hospitalized (or in an emergency) and wishes the Anointing of the Sick, should call the Rectory.



Debbie Abbene, Ann Ahern, Amado Araneta, Baby Canzoneri, Sally Capozello, Shang Cheng, Marge D'Auria, Mary Ann D'Angelo, Patrick Delaney, Domenica DeVito, Virginia DiGangi, Richard H. Dimler, Mary Divers, Jean Fochetta, Dennis Giammalvo, John Joseph Gleeson, John Pierce Gleeson, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Elizabeth Isolano, Marilyn Krajcik, Keri & Baby Tristan, James Leung, Thomas & Patricia Lipari, William J. Litt, Cindy Maione, Barbara Miller, Jane Orban, Angela Ottomanelli-Hubbs, Michael Palermo, Sebastian Panasci, Santo Pantina, Joseph Questore, Frances Russo, Bill Sangiardi, John Secreti, Patrick Smith, Remington Stafford, Michael Tamburo, Rubie Lynn Torres, Chrissie Tremblay, Paul Tremblay, Paul John Tremblay, Sr., Sr. Joanne Walters.

Deceased: Ann Bauer

St. Helen's Purgatorial Society Mass

All parishioners have the opportunity to enroll the names of loved ones in the Purgatorial Society. The Purgatorial Society Mass will be held on the **last Friday of each month**. The offering to be enrolled in the Purgatorial Society is \$120 per name (a total of 12 Masses for one year will be said for your loved one). Aside from listing one name, a husband and wife together, or a family name is also acceptable. Having a Purgatorial Society is wonderful way of living out the Scriptures and will be a relief for those who desire to have their loved ones remembered with prayers all year long at God's Altar. Please stop in at the Rectory if you are interested in having a loved one enrolled in the Purgatorial Society. **The next Purgatorial Society Mass will be held Friday, August 31 2018.**

GOOD SHEPHERD STATUE



We would like to thank **Elaine Lazzeri**, who kept the statue this past week. Anyone interested in keeping the statue in their home and praying for vocations for one week should contact the Rectory.



THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE for this week is donated in memory of **Maria DiPasquale**, requested by **The Adamo & LaMonica Families**.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE
OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL
Middletown, NY**



Sponsored by St. Helen's Rosary Ministry

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

**Departing St. Helen's at 8:00AM
Returning by 5:30PM**

**\$40.00 for Rosarians — \$50.00 Non-Rosarians
Included: Continental Breakfast & Hot Lunch
and a donation to the Shrine**

**For more information, or to make a reservation call:
Agnes Cummings 917-716-5898**



CYO Basketball sign-ups will be held in Fr. Dooley Hall on Friday, September 7th from 7-9PM; Saturday, September 8th from 10AM-1PM; Sunday, September 9th from 1-4PM, and Monday, September 10th from 7-9PM. For more information call Anthony at 917-494-9569 or you may also email: sthelencyobb@gmail.com.

N.Y. State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. invites you to the Annual

***ARNIE MIG MEMORIAL
BIG BAND CONCERT***



**Co-Sponsored by
NYS Assemblywoman
Stacey Pheffer Amato &
Brady & Marshak, Attorneys at Law**

Music Staff Swing Orchestra

**Thursday, August 30th
7:00-10:00PM**

in St. Helen's Parking Lot

**In case of rain, it will be held in Fr.
Dooley Hall. Please bring your own chair!**

For more information contact Senator Addabbo's Howard Beach office at 718-738-1111



New Family Religious Education Registration for 2018-2019

Our program consists of Eight Religious Education grades: Kindergarten through 7th Grade

We are now registering children for the **2018-2019** school year. You may pick up a registration **form** at the Religious Education Office located in the St. Helen's Academy school building. The registration fee is **\$75** for one child and **\$100** for two or more children in the same family **for registrations received up to and including 7/20/2018**. **The registration fee for forms received after 7/20/18 is \$100 for one child and \$125 for two or more children in the same family.** If the child was baptized at a Church other than St. Helen, you will need a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate. If you do not have one available, you should contact the rectory of the Church where your child was baptized. It takes a couple of weeks to process a Baptismal Certificate at most parishes. Place your request now so your registration for our program will not be delayed. If you have any concerns or questions please contact us at 718-916-2319. Re-registration for those enrolled in the current year was sent home.

Rosary for Peace...New Place, New Time

The Rosary for Peace, sponsored by the Saint Helen Secular Franciscan Fraternity, takes place in the Church at 6:30PM every Wednesday. The group prays for our Blessed Mother's intercession to end violence (both domestic and civil) and the persecution of Christians throughout the world. All parishioners are invited to join us. We welcome anyone willing to lead a decade of the Rosary in a language other than English.

St. Helen's Support Group for the Physically Challenged

meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 1:30PM in the Rectory meeting room. All are invited. For further information please call Joan at (718) 848-9173.

T The **Order of Franciscans Secular** meet on the 3rd Saturday of every month in St. Helen's Rectory after the 9AM Mass. Come and learn more about the Franciscan way of life.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES HOWARD BEACH SENIOR CENTER is located at 155-55 Cross Bay Blvd., across from Stop N Shop on Cross Bay Blvd. Seniors aged 60 and older are invited to become members. Activities and services are offered Monday-Friday from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. **For further information, contact Rosalie at 718-738-8100.**

Mondays	9:30-10:30AM: 10:45-11:45AM:	Tai Chi with Elaine Fleischman Chair Aerobics with Charlie Roemer
Tuesdays	9:30-10:30AM: 1:00PM:	Movement Exercise with Millie Dancing to a DJ with Refreshments
Wednesdays	10:00-11:00AM: 10:30-11:30AM: 1:00-3:00PM:	Zumba with Elaine Adult Coloring Classes Karaoke By Fernando
Thursdays	9:30-10:30AM: 9:30-11:30AM: 12:30-2:30PM:	Movement Exercise with Millie Art Classes with a certified teacher Art Classes with a certified teacher
Fridays	9:30-10:30AM: 10:00-11:30AM: 10:30-11:30AM:	Cardio Exercise with Dwayne Introduction to Sign Language Yoga with Charlie Roemer



POLICIES REGARDING INFANT BAPTISM AT ST. HELEN PARISH

Parents seeking Baptism for their children *who live within the territory of St. Helen Parish* are asked to register as members of the parish before requesting an initial interview for Baptism. Registration is easily done at the parish office anytime during business hours.

Parents seeking Baptism for their children *who live outside the territory of St. Helen Parish* are asked to obtain a letter from the parish in which they live authorizing the Baptism to take place at St. Helen.

Initial meetings with parents seeking Baptism for their children will normally take place **on the second Wednesday of each month from 7:00-9:00PM and on the fourth Saturday of each month from 10:30AM-12:30PM.**

AUGUST—SEPTEMBER, 2018

**Mornings of Preparation
Required Before a Baptism:**
*(All begin at the 11:00AM Mass and
continue in the Msgr. McGinness Room)*
August 26 — September 9 & 23

Schedule for Baptisms:
(All begin at 2:00PM)

**August 26
September 9 & 23**

Please call 718-738-1616 for more information and/or to schedule an appointment.

**PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS!
What Good News? – The Good News of
Jesus Christ and our Catholic Faith!**



This fall over 400 children, kindergarten through 7th grade, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and our Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow in faith by becoming a catechist for the St. Helen's Faith Formation Program. With classes offered Monday evenings, as well as Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, you are almost sure to find a time that fits your schedule. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, "I learn so much from the children!" We provide you with training, materials and support.

Classes begin September 24th. If interested, or for more information, please contact Ms. Haiffa Vizoso, Director of Religious Education at the St. Helen's Religious Education Office: 718-916-2319.

The Idiosyncratic Automatic Door

Recently, a number of parishioners have noted that the automatic door is no longer functional. This is because I have disabled it. The automatic door functions in two ways. First, it has a manual button, that, when depressed, opens the door. The button is clearly marked to aide those entering or leaving the Church by opening and holding the door automatically. The second function of the automatic door is a sensor, which detects motion near the door and opens it automatically. This second feature is both annoying and inherently dangerous. It's annoying because 99% of the automatic swings occur during Mass, when people happen to stand in front of it, not realizing it's an automatic door (even though it's clearly marked so). The danger lies in the fact that when the door opens automatically, it indiscriminately opens until it opens completely. It does not automatically sense resistance! The danger is that small children have been knocked over, brushed aside, and startled by its opening. I fear it is a fundamental hazard. Small children who may wander near the presence of this door may trigger the automatic sensor, thus opening the door inadvertently. If a child were to fall whilst this door is automatically opening, and his/her hand were to get caught beneath the door, something unimaginable or unthinkable could occur. Not under my watch! Therefore, the sensor will be disabled so that in the future only the button feature will function. Sorry for the inconvenience while we work on this issue.

Fr. Colamaria



*You are invited to
Pray the Family Rosary*
**THURSDAY EVENINGS
IN CHURCH**

ST. HELEN LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE



After 51 years, our Bowling Day is changed to Tuesdays at 10:00AM at Bowl 360, Rockaway Blvd. The season starts on **September 4th**. If you are interested in joining our league, please call Lorraine at (718) 843-3431.

Reverence and Respect: Summer Dress in Church



Even with the warm weather of summer here, one should still dress appropriately for Mass. Short shorts, tank tops, tube tops, belly blouses, beach shorts, flip-flops, etc. are considered "beach wear" and should **not** be worn in Church. Please show respect and dignity when you enter the House of the Lord. Our general appearance should reflect our inner attitude of deep reverence for the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament as we enter into sacred space.

MEMORIALS AVAILABLE

Many times people come to the Rectory inquiring about memorials they can give to a family who has lost a loved one. The following are available:

- **Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Altar Candles or the Sanctuary Candle** in memory of a loved one for one week (\$50.00 each).
- **Votive Candles** for one year (\$100.00).
- A leaf permanently placed on the **Tree of Life** (\$350.00).
- A plaque permanently placed on the **Anniversary Wall** (\$350.00).

For further information, you may either call or visit the Rectory.

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Ezekiel
pro-
claims



Monday, August 20, 2018

Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22

Ezekiel was not the last prophet, but he sure sounds like it! His book is a massive text, almost a Bible in itself. The “minor prophets” followed, a trickle-down effect till God falls silent for 400 years, when John the Baptist burst upon the scene, prepping for Jesus, who adopted Ezekiel’s title “Son of man” as his own. Ezekiel’s message is nothing if not dreadful, the utter destruction of Israel. The rich young man in today’s Gospel faces a similar catastrophe, at the personal level. Invited by Jesus to “sell what you have and give to the poor,” the man collapses: “He went away sad, for he had many possessions.” Sad we are, when “mine” trumps “thine.” *Keep us mindful of you, O God, who gave us birth!*

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

The prince of Tyre makes a mistake common to many politicians: he thinks he’s God! Ezekiel calls him out on it, and you would not want to be on the receiving end of that tongue-lashing. “Foreigners ... shall draw their swords against your beautiful wisdom, they shall run them through your splendid apparel.” Jesus’ message is basically the same: “It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God.” His disciples are “greatly astonished” at this. But no, you rich are not God’s “mini-me;” you’re swollen, sweaty, stinky beasts of burden! *O Lord, surely you shall do justice for your people and have pity on your servants.*

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

Foreigners are always a concern, but the real problem is home-grown. The shepherds of Israel are not pasturing their flock, they’re eating them! Item: “You did not strengthen the weak nor heal the sick nor bind up the injured.” Item: “You did not bring back the strayed nor seek the lost.” God’s solution? “I myself will look after and tend my sheep.” Jesus gives a concrete example of our Shepherd-Lord in his parable of a man who hires workers for his vineyard all day long and pays each one a full day’s wage, including those who worked only one hour. God believes in sheep-equality! Love is what God gives, not what we earn. Can we be as generous in our measure of others’ worth? *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

Thursday, August 23, 2018

Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

the news Israel has been waiting for: “I will ... bring you back to your own land,” says the Lord God. But wait, it gets better: “I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you, taking from your bodies your stony hearts and giving you natural hearts.” Beautiful! But what if the people don’t want to go back home, like the dilemma a king faces in Jesus’ parable when wedding guests refuse to come to the feast? They even kill the messengers! So the king updates his guest list and, in a detail Matthew makes sure we see, he invites everyone “bad and good alike.” *A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me.*

Friday, August 24, 2018

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Some scholars say Nazareth never existed since they can’t find it on any map from Jesus’ time. It seems as if Bartholomew (the apostle honored today) dubbed “Nathanael” in John’s Gospel, agrees with the skeptics. When told that the Messiah is right here, right now, fresh from Nazareth, our saint responds, “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” For Nathanael, Nazareth is nothing. But he quickly changes his mind when he actually meets Jesus, who loves Nathanael’s candor: “Here is a true child of Israel. There is no duplicity in him!” A year ago, some folks thought an eclipse would be no big deal — till they saw it! Sometimes, the news is true. *O Lord, you are near to all who call upon you, who call upon you in truth.*

Saturday, August 25, 2018

Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12

My hometown is named for today’s saint, King Louis IX of France. An iconic statue in front of our art museum shows his sword upraised. Is that a problem? A humble Franciscan tertiary, but also a warrior who led two Crusades. A student of Thomas Aquinas at the University of Paris, yet he died stranded in Carthage at age 56. Did he have a vision like Ezekiel’s gorgeous apocalypse? “The angel led me to the gate which faces the east, and there I saw the glory of the God of Israel.” King Louis always knew his throne was just a placeholder. As the “voice” tells Ezekiel, “This is where my throne shall be ... forever.” A saint can be anyone. *I will hear what God proclaims; for you, O Lord, proclaim peace!*

