

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*In*  
**LOVING**  
*Memory*

## This Week's Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

- 8:00AM George & Claire Cox
- 9:30AM Maria Cracchiolo (*Joseph Barreca*)
- 11:00AM John DeRiso (*Deacon Rick & Maria Elrose*)
- 12:30PM Raymond D. Moran (*Josephine Massino & Family*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

- 9:00AM Phyllis Miranti (*Loving Family*)

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

- 9:00AM 9/11 Anniversary Mass

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 *Most Holy Name of Mary*

- 9:00AM August & Lillian Merola (*Cesario Family*)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 *St. John Chrysostom*

- 9:00AM Antonietta Terrana (*LaMarca Family*)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018 *Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

- 9:00AM Victoria D'Amelio (*Al D'Amelio & Family*)

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

- 9:00AM Loretta Barnes (*Vita & Paul*)
- Joseph Dobbo (*Janis & Gerry Quinn*)
- Timothy Leach (*DiStefano Family*)
- Dorothy Pizzo (*Loving Family*)
- Paul Russo (*Bitet Family*)
- 5:00PM Josephine Bilello (*Michele Carollo*)
- Salvatore Coticchio (*M/M DeMarinis*)
- Ann Eddy (*Co. Carlow Assoc., NY*)
- Paul Russo (*Vita & Paul*)
- Donna Zerella (*Ann Grimes*)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
- 9:30AM Loretta Slater (*Patricia & Charles Bonanno*)
- 11:00AM Americo & Sasso Families (*Loving Family*)
- 12:30PM Thomas Marcotrigiano, Sr. (*Loving Family*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



**THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week is donated in memory of **Belinda Rocco**, requested by **Ana Lotrijan & Family**.



*You are invited to  
Pray the Family Rosary*  
**THURSDAY EVENINGS IN CHURCH**  
7:00-7:30PM

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Capozziello, 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:** Joseph Esposito, Theresa M. Maldarelli Agnes Sinisgalli

### 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, September 28, 2018.**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

#### **RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday: 9:00AM-8:00PM  
Friday: 9:00AM-4:00PM  
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00AM-12:00PM.

# faith LAB

Beginning **Tuesday September 25<sup>th</sup>**, after the 9:00AM Mass, we will be “experimenting” with a new concept here at the parish. Fr. Lukasz and I are calling it **Faith Lab**.

The definition of a Laboratory is “a room or building equipped for scientific experiments, research, or teaching.” Now, we will not be creating anything like some mad scientists! Faith Lab is an invitation to all parishioners to bring their thoughts, research, and questions to the table in a setting that will be led by one or both of the

priests of the parish.

We will not be solving the problems of the world but more like engaging each other with questions like... “Why we do that?” or “Does the Church teach this?” or “Father, what’s your opinion?” (including some of the more sticky questions). Father Lukasz and I are not theologians and so you may stump both of us! In fact, we will be open to anonymous questions!

There is no signup and no prerequisites or requirements, just a willingness to explore the Catholic faith in a respectful manner using Scripture, tradition, anecdotes and experiences.

Faith Lab will begin on Tuesday September 25<sup>th</sup> after the 9.00 Mass, in the rectory, and will conclude on the Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving. Following Thanksgiving, the “**Foul Weather Friends**” (that’s my moniker) will begin to meet in the rectory for coffee and cake, continuing through winter months and concluding the Tuesday before Holy Week. If Faith Lab is a success, Fr. Lukasz and I will plan evening dates throughout the winter months. As I said, Faith Lab will be conducted by both priests of the parish (depending on our schedules).

Come join us to explore and investigate the Catholic Faith!

Fr. Lukasz & Fr. Colamaria



## ADULT CONFIRMATION AND BECOMING CATHOLIC

**Any adult** who has not received the Sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist and desires to do so, please contact the Rectory to set an appointment with Father Colamaria.

**Any Adult** who is curious about becoming Catholic, or to be received into the Church, is invited to contact the Parish office at 718-738-1616.

Any and all questions about Adult Sacraments can be made at any time, **but September is an important deadline for the beginning of classes for Sacraments to be received in 2019.**



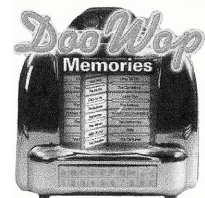
**CYO Basketball** sign-ups will be held in Fr. Dooley Hall on **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-4PM, and Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 7-9PM.** For more information call Anthony at 917-494-9569 or you may also email: sthelencyobb@gmail.com.



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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6,  
2018**

**In Fr. Dooley Hall from 6:30-11:30PM  
(Doors open at 6:00PM)**

**\$60.00 Per Person (Table of 10: \$50 Per Person)**

**Ticket includes hot buffet, soft drinks, coffee & dessert  
(to be served during intermission) — BYOB**

**For more information call Stephen at (917) 209-3336 or  
Dino at (646) 401-2805**

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Kiwaniis Club of Howard Beach  
and should be mailed to:  
Dino Bono**

**16415 84th Street, Howard Beach, NY 11414**



## New Family Religious Education Registration for 2018-2019

*Our program consists of Eight Religious Education grades: Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> 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.



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.**

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

### **SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER, 2018**

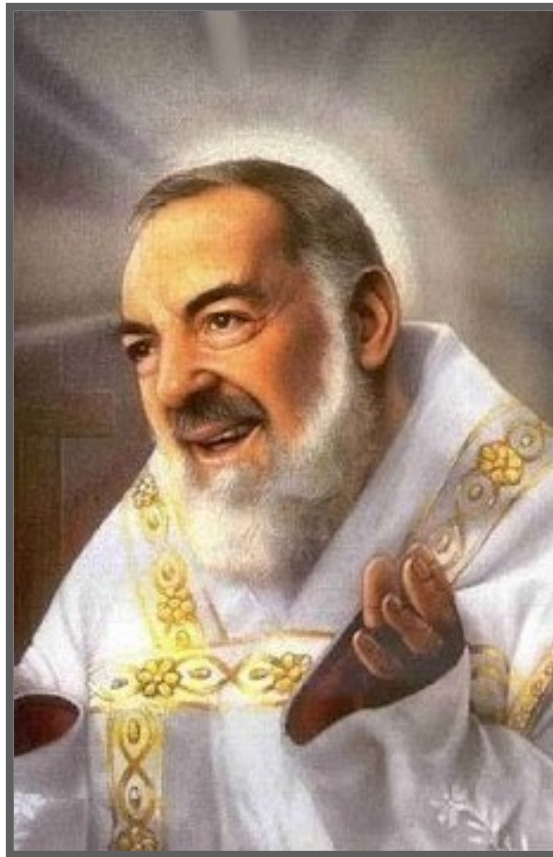
**Mornings of Preparation  
Required Before a Baptism:**  
*(All begin at the 11:00AM Mass and  
continue in the Msgr. McGinness Room)*  
**September 23 — October 14 & 28**

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

**September 23  
October 14 & 28**

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

## COMMEMORATION OF SAINT PADRE PIO'S 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



All are warmly invited and welcomed to join in commemorating the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina**. To honor his life and sainthood, our Parish will hold the following celebrations:

- ◆ For nine days, a **Novena** will be prayed after the 9:00AM Mass, beginning Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> through September 21<sup>st</sup>, and concluding on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- ◆ There will be a **Holy Hour, including Benediction**, on Friday evening, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00PM, led by Deacon Vincenzo LaGamba, of St. Francis de Sales Church. He will speak of his life's dedication to St. Padre Pio.
- ◆ On the eve of St. Padre Pio's Feast Day, Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, **Mass** will be celebrated at 7:00PM. A candlelight procession, outside the Church, and veneration of his relic will follow.

*St. Pio of Pietrelcina, pray for us.*

**REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

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1 Cor  
8:1b-7,  
11-13;



### Monday, September 10, 2018

1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-113

Each new school year, I would try to discern who were the leaders among the new class of young teens. My students were of an age when they were exploring the beginnings of independence and testing the limits imposed upon them. Personal values were greatly influenced by the perceived norms of their peers. As a teacher, I realized that their desire to “fit in” often meant that a small problem ignored could quickly become a class-sized problem. Even as adults, our personal values can subtly change if we don’t have the courage to step back from social trends and view them through the lens of Christ’s teachings. Like yeast, small grains of injustice can infect us if we don’t confront and remove them before they are accepted as normal. *Bread of Life, may we leaven our attitudes with the yeast that is your truth.*

### Tuesday, September 11, 2018

1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19

St. Paul admonishes the community of Corinth for thinking themselves followers of Jesus while failing to work together as believers to resolve conflicts amongst themselves. Has our modern church learned to resolve difficult issues of priority and direction more effectively? Surrounded by his own ragtag crew of disciples (who were both saints and sinners), even Jesus withdrew in prayer when faced with big decisions and never failed to acknowledge that his own identity and power came from God. We may need to remind each other once in a while that our strength, indeed our reason for being, begins with God’s gift of salvation that is to be lived through Jesus’ teachings of love and mercy. *May your church work together as the body of Christ, merciful God, as we strive to do your will.*

### Wednesday, September 12, 2018

1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26

Today’s Gospel sometimes reminds me of the adage attributed to Benjamin Franklin, “In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.” Jesus seems to be telling his followers that if their life is difficult right now, hang in there. It will get better. For those who are smug in their comfort, however, don’t assume that this will guarantee happiness, for life has a way of turning things upside down. Instead, put your efforts into laying the groundwork of a life rooted in God and God’s values, so that no matter what life dishes out, you can trust that God will be right there beside you, guiding you to a place where true joy is possible. *My rock and salvation teach me your ways and lead me in the paths of your truth.*

### Thursday, September 13, 2018

Lk 6:27-38

There are many teachings of Christ that are difficult to live out with a sincere heart, but none seems more difficult than Jesus’ call to “be merciful, just as your Father is merciful,” especially when he adds the example, “the Most High ... is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.” How is it possible to be kind to those who abuse or exploit their fellow humanity, especially when we or those we love are their victim? Every fiber of my humanity revolts at the mere thought of even trying! Yet, examples abound of those who have dug beyond their own humanity to the divine source of all forgiveness within them. They continue to prove that forgiveness is not only possible but necessary, if we are ever to find peace. *Remain in us, O Lord, and bring your love to perfection in us.*

### Friday, September 14, 2018

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

The cross has been a symbol of our Christian faith for so long that it’s hard to image that it was once viewed with fear and disgust. When St. Paul added the words, “even death on the cross” to a familiar hymn of praise, he was aware it would evoke a discomfiting image of Jesus as a convicted criminal painfully executed. Who, today, would think of kneeling in reverence while mimicking with our hands the gesture of firing an assault rifle? Both weapons of execution have been used to punish criminals and protect citizens. Both have taken the lives of innocent people. The cross only became a powerful symbol when it became empty and its innocent victim was resurrected. Perhaps someday our world will see that violence will never lead to peace. *Prince of Peace, you came that we may have life; and have it abundantly.*

### Saturday, September 15, 2018

1 Cor 10:14-22; Jn 19:25-27

It is poignant that the “Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows” is celebrated the day after the “The Exultation of the Cross.” As this past year has been a particularly unsettling and violent one for many in our world, I become increasingly aware of how each act of violence leaves a wide circle of physical and emotion destruction for those left dealing with the aftermath. Having gone through the sorrow of the cross, it is no wonder Mary, mother of the crucified Jesus, is such a beloved and relatable saint. She holds us close and cries with us in our pain. She gives us courage to hope again and gives us the strength we need to forgive and heal. *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may not give up hope in the promises of your Son.*

