

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In
LOVING
Memory

This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2019

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
- 9:30AM Marie & Salvatore Polizzi (*Loving Family*)
- 11:00AM Hernando Camelo (*Zena Basin*)
- 12:30PM Victoria Bunone (*Husband Ciro & Son Michael*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019—MEMORIAL DAY

- 9:00AM Casillo Family (*Thomas & Valeria Casillo*)

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019

- 9:00AM Harold & Rose Stanton (*Tony & Rosemary Matteo*)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019

- 9:00AM Francesco Storti (*Loving Wife & Family*)
- 7:30PM Christine Piotrowski (*Loving Family*)

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019—ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- 9:00AM Fred Pane (*Loving Family*)
- 7:30PM Dominick & Angelina Librizzi (*Rosalie Librizzi*)

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019 *Visitation of the B.V.M.*

- 9:00AM Purgatorial Society Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019 *St. Justin*

- 9:00AM Mary Bisciello (*Rachele Sannino*)
- Nicholas L., Jennie, Valentino Napolitano (*Family*)
- Carmela Salvati (*Giovanna Ariola*)
- Joseph Scorcia (*Yvonne Scorcia*)
- Grace Speciale (*Amelia Pepe*)
- 5:00PM Mary Bisciello (*Andy & Ro Mendelsohn*)
- Olivia Cruz (*Jenny C.*)
- Mary Pellettieri (*Napolitano Family*)
- Cristobal Salas (*Jenny C.*)
- Juan Salas (*Jenny C.*)

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019

- 8:00AM Gennady Basin (*Loving Wife*)
- 9:30AM Dorothy E. Pizzo (*Loving Husband & Family*)
- 11:00AM Ralph Tardi (*Connie Tardi & Family*)
- 12:30PM Giuseppina Lima (*Loving Family*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

PLEASE NOTE: The Rectory Office **will be closed** on the following two days this week: **Monday, May 27th** in observance of Memorial Day, and **Thursday, May 30th** in observance of The Ascension of the Lord.



THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE for this week are donated in thanksgiving to **Jesus & His Blessed Mother**, requested by **Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bonanno**.

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, Rosa Anselmo, Amado Araneta, Lynn Boutreira, Daniel Campion, Sally Capozziello, Shang Cheng, Zena Cipolla, Marge D'Auria, Patrick Delaney, Domenica DeVito, Virginia DiGangi, Richard H. Dimler, Mary Divers, Jennie Federici, Jean Fochetta, Clementine Gagliardi, Dennis Giammalvo, Margaret Giampietro, John Joseph Gleeson, John Pierce Gleeson, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Elizabeth Isolano, Marilyn Krajcik, Keri & Baby Tristan, Elaine Lazzeri, Susan Leone, James Leung, Patricia Lipari, William J. Litt, Tom Mercatante, Barbara Miller, Angela Ottomanelli-Hubbs, Michael Palermo, Frank Palmenteri, Sebastian Panasci, Santo Pantina, Vivian Doris Pecchillo, Phillip Pecchillo, Nino Pedone, Puglissi, Joseph Questore, Mary Ann Quinn, Frances Russo, Bill Sangirardi, John Secreti, Patrick Smith, Remington Stafford, Michael Tamburo, Rubie Lynn Torres, Chrissie Tremblay, Paul Tremblay, Paul John Tremblay, Sr., Ana Vastola, Sr. Joanne Walters.

Deceased: Marion D'Agostino

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, May 31, 2019.**

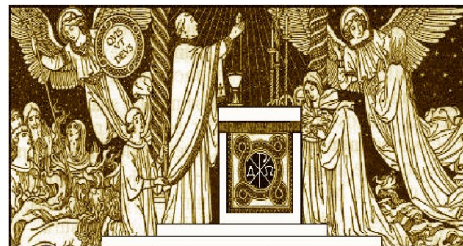
GOOD SHEPHERD STATUE


We would like to thank **Mary Ann Kellen**, 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.

ST. HELEN PARISH PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019

Karl Albrecht (*Florence Albrecht*)
All Souls in Purgatory (*Kathleen Cocchiola*)
Amato & Sannino Family (*Rachele Sannino*)
John Ardito (*Monica & Frank Ottomanelli*)
Loretta Barnes (*Vita, Paul, Lily & Tommy*)
Charles & Angela Barreca (*Loving Son & Daughter*)
Thomas A. Barreca (*Loving Brother & Sister*)
Mario & Angelina Barrella (*Loving Family*)
Mary Camelo & Joshua Basin (*Daughter/Mother, Zena*)
Gina Bender (*Loving Aunt & Uncle*)
Frank W. Bitetto (*Barbara Bitetto*)
Marie Blankley (*Rachele Sannino*)
Thomas E. Blankley (*Rachele Sannino*)
Paul Anthony Bono (*Bono Family*)
Azea Braganza (*Rachele Sannino*)
Nancy & Emanuel Camelliri (*Constance & Joseph Camelliri*)
Giuseppe & Maria Caputo (*Loving Son, Rosario*)
Julianne Caputo (*Loving Dad*)
Antoinette & Silvio Casazza (*Maria Russo*)
Casillo Family (*Loving Family*)
C. Joseph & Laura Chiarello (*Lois Chiarello*)
Vi & Joseph Cimo (*Loving Niece*)
Jerry Codispoti (*Loving Family*)
Claire Louise Colamaria (*Fr. Colamaria*)
Corrigan-Vendittelli Family (*Loving Family*)
Emilia Cuttone (*Loving Sister & Niece*)
Vincent J. D'Amato (*D'Amato Family*)
Deceased Brothers of Council #197 (*Knights of Columbus*)
John DeRiso (*Rachele Sannino*)
Concetta & Pasquale DeSantis (*Linda DeSantis*)
Joseph Digrestina (*Loving Wife & Daughter*)
William F. DiPietra (*Helen & Frank DiPietra*)
Giovanni Escobar Londono (*Loving Mother*)
John & Anna Falco (*Loving Family*)
Louise & Vincent Festa (*Annette & Martin Gould*)
Giustina & Ralph Fiore (*Loving Daughter & Granddaughter*)
William & Rose Fioto (*Amelia Pepe*)
Frank Fogliano (*Loving Family*)
John T. Gallagher (*Loving Family*)
Gidaro-Izzo Family (*Loving Family*)
Giunta-Bernardo Family (*Jean Bernardo*)
Theresa Giusto (*Linda DeSantis*)
Anna Gonzalez (*Will Espada*)
Gorycki Family (*Helen Repstad*)
Elizabeth & George Gould (*Annette & Marty Gould*)
Gwardjak & Kosinski Family (*Daughter*)
Carole Hinchcliffe (*Paul Hinchcliffe*)
Pasquale Izzo (*Loving Family*)
Jaskot & Wolynski Families (*Joan Szatkowski*)
Eddie Juba (*Barbara Dorme*)
Rose LaMantia (*Joan DeRiso*)
Giovanna LaPuma (*Salvatore & Nancy Chiamonte*)
Michael & Mary Leccese (*Jo-Ann & Phyllis Leccese*)
Dominick & Angelina Librizzi (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
Mary Ann Luciani (*Rachele Sannino*)
Catherine & Joseph Lumetta (*Pauline Mantineo*)
Macaluso Family (*Loving Family*)
Justine Nigra Maguire (*Deidre McVey*)
Vincent & Vita Maltese (*Loving Family*)
Jennie Maniscalco (*Loving Son*)
Michael Mannarino (*Loving Granddaughter*)
Joanna Mazurek (*A Friend*)
John Mendolia (*Loving Family*)

Arthur T. Minor, Jr. (*St. Helen's Lectors*)
Rocco & Phyllis Miranti (*Loving Family*)
Lillian & Charles Monastero (*Vita Monastero*)
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mullalley (*Jane Orban*)
Father John B. Murray, C.M. (*Deidre McVey*)
Maggie O'Dee (*Loving Friend*)
Richard Orban (*Jane Orban*)
Joan Mary Orban-Jones (*Orban Family*)
Joseph P. Ottomanelli (*Frank & Monica Ottomanelli*)
Dominick Pepe (*Amelia Pepe*)
Joseph Pepe (*Amelia Pepe*)
Pepe-Bitetto Family (*Barbara Bitetto*)
Margaret Pietronigro (*Dana & Elaine Scuderi*)
Marie & Annie Putorti (*Loving Friend*)
Joseph Quagliariello (*Quagliariello Family*)
Questore Family (*Joseph Questore*)
Kathleen Rammelkamp (*Charles Rammelkamp*)
Anthony & Josephine Razza (*Connie Chwalek*)
Joanne Rebecchi (*Cynthia Ottomanelli*)
Felicita Reyes (*Loving Family*)
Belinda Rocco (*The Card Girls*)
Paul Russo (*Anne M. Vigliarolo*)
Maria & Luciano Sannino (*Rachele Sannino*)
Benito & Leonila Santiago (*Loving Family*)
Linda & James Scagnelli (*Heedles Family*)
Dorothy Schmitt (*Loving Friend*)
Kay & Walter Schretzman (*John Schretzman*)
Frank T. Serpico (*Serpico Family*)
Sica Family (*Irene DeStefano*)
Anna Steiman (*The Krala Family*)
Casimir Szatkowski (*Loving Family*)
Zenon & Rozalia Szczesny (*Daughter & Family*)
Scafata Taddeo (*Jane Orban*)
Frank & Ann Tomitz (*Patricia*)
Maryann E. Tomitz (*Patricia*)
Margaret Tucci (*Loving Sister & Niece*)
Turriano Family (*Antoinette Turriano*)
Walter & Elizabeth Ujazdowski (*Quagliariello Family*)
Albert F. Valenzuela (*Loving Family*)
Carl Vigliarolo (*Anne M. Vigliarolo*)
Frank J. Vigliarolo (*Anne M. Vigliarolo*)
Gloria Weber (*Joan DeRiso*)
Phyllis Jean Zanghi (*Mom, Dad & Joe B.*)
Mary Zurick (*Sophia Gadinis*)





Changing Lives Building Communities

The Office of Mission “Witnesses of Mercy Program” invites you to share in God’s tender mercy, as they continue to minister to those in need, on **Saturday, June 8th** from 10AM to 2PM at the Immaculate Conception Center (7200 Douglaston Pkwy., Douglaston, NY). The guest speaker will be Sr. Josephine Daspro, CSJ. A working breakfast and light lunch will be served. For more information and/ or to register please call Deacon Andrew Mastrangelo at 718-722-6000, ext. 6458 or you may also email him at: Andrew.Mastrangelo@ccbq.org.



St. Helen Intramurals Basketball Signup Dates

7:00PM-8:00PM
Wednesday, June 5th, Thursday, June 6th
Wednesday, June 12th, Thursday, June 13th

Games will be played weeknights Mondays - Thursdays in our gym.


Divisions: 4th & 5th grade mixed and 6th 7th & 8th grades mixed
 Boys and Girls mixed

Fee is \$100.00.
 Once signups are done then we will do draft.

Start date is Monday July 1st!
 Game times TBD based on number of teams.

Coaches Wanted!!!

For more info email sthelencyobb@gmail.com



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 **who have already been born** 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.**

Upcoming Mornings of Preparation Required Before a Baptism
(All begin at the 11:00AM Mass and continue in the Msgr. McGinness Room): **June 9 & 23 — July 14 & 28 .**

Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms
(All begin at 2:00PM): **June 9 & 23 — July 14 & 28 .**

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

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 St. Vincent de Paul Group at St. Helen’s wishes to express sincere thanks for the generous monetary donation and overwhelming amount of food and donated to the parish food pantry by the **Knights of Columbus L.I. Council #197**. Their dedication to those in need is appreciated greatly.

ST. HELEN’S HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL FAMILY COMMUNION BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019



Come join us for our Annual Communion Breakfast served in Father Dooley Hall. We will begin our celebration with the 8:00AM Mass. **Mr. Michael Cesario is this year’s honoree.** The ticket price is \$10.00 per person (children 6 to 14: \$5.00).



St. Helen’s Holy Name Society Annual Family Communion Breakfast
RSVP By Friday, May 24, 2019

Name: _____ Phone: _____

No. of Adults: _____ No. of Children: _____ Total: \$ _____



**IN THE SPIRIT OF
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**ST. HELEN PARISH
PRESENTS
CELEBRATE
LIFE!**

*A parish
Collection for
Women & Children
in Need*

AT ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND:

JUNE 1 & 2, 2019

REQUESTED DONATIONS:

- ◆ **Household Items for Women's Shelters:** Paper towels, tissues, soaps, Scott Toilet Tissue Only, Febreze, Lysol, bleach, Soft Scrub w/bleach, Fabuloso cleaner, 409 All-Purpose cleaner, Glad Force Flex kitchen bags, Swiffer Wet & Dry refills, detergent.
- ◆ **Bed & Bath:** Baby shampoo, baby wash, baby wipes, hooded towels, receiving blankets, pacifiers, rattles.
- ◆ **Baby Clothing:** (Sizes 3-24 months): short sleeve onesies, outfits, stretchies.
- ◆ **Boys & Girls Summer Clothing:** All Sizes. Most needed: 3T & Size 6.
- ◆ **Diapers:** All Sizes. Most needed: Newborn, 1 & 5.
- ◆ **Strollers** (lightweight models & umbrella strollers)
- ◆ **Please Note: WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING cribs, car seats, pack-&-plays, or furniture of any kind! We ask that you please do not bring these items, as WE CANNOT TAKE THEM!**
- ◆ **Gift Cards** (Target, CVS, TD Bank cards, Old Navy).
- ◆ **Monetary donations are always appreciated! (*Envelopes available at doors*).**

*All donations will be sent to Women's Shelters
and Mother/Child Support Facilities*

PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE—THANK YOU!

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

and his
wife
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Homiletic starters and
scriptural
reflection points for
each day of the month

Monday, May 27, 2019

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

For almost 40 days now, we have enjoyed a daily dose of the Acts of the Apostles. Our interest peaks, perhaps, in the “we” passages, with the author Luke taking a “selfie” with Paul. Not originally one of “the twelve,” Paul would ultimately be called “the apostle” as he evangelized the Gentiles and

dominated the Christian Scriptures. Even Luke’s Jesus sometimes sounds like Paul. But today’s scene is a quiet one, down by the river, with Luke and Paul and “the women who had gathered there,” including Lydia, who opens her home to them. A far cry, for the moment anyway, from the bleak vision Jesus foresaw: “The hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God.” *You love your people, O Lord, you adorn the poor with victory!*

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11
As Paul says, you cannot imprison the word of the Lord! Indeed, an earthquake sets Paul and Silas free as “the foundations of the jail shook.” But instead of running out, they invite the jailer to join them in prayer. Astonished at such grace, he immediately converts and his whole family is baptized that very night. In the Gospel reading, Jesus promises another kind of earthquake for the apostles when “the Advocate will . . . come to you.” This is the Holy Spirit, who will “convict the world” of ignoring Jesus, shrinking “righteousness” to self-interest, and following “the ruler of this world,” who is condemned. Our life is not nearly so dramatic, but maybe God sees us on a bigger stage, where we make more of a difference than we know. *When I called, O Lord, you answered me, you built up strength within me!*

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

You can beat Paul with rods or stone him nearly to death, but do not patronize him! In Athens, Paul at first is politically correct. Noting all their pagan shrines, Paul compliments them: “You are very religious.” He takes the altar inscribed “To an Unknown God” as a shrine to the true God, even quoting Greek poets as if they were biblical prophets. But the absurdity of “raising [a man] from the dead” triggers the Athenians’ mockery. “And so Paul left them.” Jesus faces a similar challenge with the apostles. “I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.” This unknown reality will be fully revealed by “the Spirit of truth,” who is coming soon. “He will guide you to all truth.” Can I just wait for the truth, since, surprise (!) I don’t already know everything? *We praise your name, O Lord, your majesty is above earth and heaven!*

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Acts 18:1-8; Jn 16:16-20

Today, we are in Corinth where Paul befriends Aquila

la, who were recently chased from Rome in the persecutions. They hit it off immediately, since they are all tent-makers! Animated perhaps by the couple’s forthright faith, Paul answers fierce opposition in the synagogue by shaking out his garments and announcing to all, “From now on I will go to the Gentiles!” Talk about a big tent! Meanwhile, Jesus is trying to keep his own little flock focused and energized. They are baffled — and who could blame them — when he says: “A little while and you will no longer see me, and again a little while later and you will see me.” He’s going? He’s coming? At least we know what he means — after all, we are in the Easter Season! So be at peace. *O Lord, you have made your salvation known, in the sight of the nations!*

Friday, May 31, 2019

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

It seems as if this feast should come immediately after the Annunciation, since “Mary set out in haste” for the hill country as soon as the angel left her. But it is a joyful mystery whenever it comes, a lovely encounter that perhaps any mother could validate by her own experience — your baby at play in the womb! And sensing another buddy nearby! Adding to the fun is the crazy contrast of a young girl and a geriatric dancing to the same tune. Elizabeth: “Blessed are you among women!” Mary: “All generations will call me blessed!” If only we could have more visits like this! We are more likely to confront than to embrace. We blame, we nag, we argue, we bash, often within our own family. There’s enough pain ahead; for the moment, let the babies lead us to love. *Sing joyfully to the Lord; be glad and exult with all your heart!*

Saturday, June 1, 2019

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28
Priscilla and Aquila, a married couple with whom Paul stayed in Corinth, are mentioned six times in the Christian Scriptures, always as a couple. Three times Priscilla’s name is mentioned first; three times Aquila’s, which may mean nothing or perhaps that they were considered equals. In this passage from Acts, Apollos is preaching. He is respected and charismatic, a popular preacher, but he errs in that he speaks only of the baptism of John, not Christian baptism. The couple takes him aside and corrects him. There’s a lot to notice here: the respect the couple is afforded as they are mentioned in this context; the respect they show Apollos by “taking him aside” rather than correcting him in front of others; the respect for correct teaching; and the respect for the community, that they receive correct teaching. It is not about winning or who is right and who is wrong or who is more popular. It is about growing in the faith together with respect for each other. *God of all people, we pray, give us the grace to treat each other with the respect due to one created and loved by you.* ◆