

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In
LOVING
Memory

This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JULY 1, 2018

- 8:00AM Maria Sannino (*Rachele Sannino*)
9:30AM Michael Zwosta (*Andrew & Linda Mastrangelo*)
11:00AM Frank DiRago (*Loving Children*)
12:30PM John Viviano (*Loving Wife, Teresa*)
5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, JULY 2, 2018

- 9:00AM Joseph Albergo (*Sarosy Family*)

TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2018 *St. Thomas*

- 9:00AM Vincenzo Tullo (*Loving Family*)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4, 2018—INDEPENDENCE DAY

- 9:00AM James G. Henry (*Barbara Henry*)

THURSDAY, JULY 5, 2018 *Sts. Anthony Zaccaria & Elizabeth*

- 9:00AM Filomena Garcia (*Nena Garcia*)

FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2018 *St. Maria Goretti*

- 9:00AM Rose & Anthony Tomaselli (*Carolyn Pulomena*)

SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2018

- 9:00AM For All Souls (*Marina Coraci*)
Francesco Adamo (*Giuseppa Adamo*)
Grace Falco (*Loving Family*)
Po Lin Lau (*M/M Ron Antal*)
Michelina & Michael Salegna (*Pat & Angela Salegna*)
5:00PM Jackie Albert (*M/M Robert Heedles*)
Andrew Corkett (*A Friend*)
Francis Dara (*Caterina*)
Helen O'Toole (*Joseph & Michelle Fischetti*)
Aldo Verrelli (*Carinci Family*)

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2018

- 8:00AM George & Claire Cox
9:30AM John J. Arcella (*Lorraine & Bob Arcella*)
11:00AM Henry & Stella Gorycki (*Helen Repstad*)
12:30PM Bruna Romano (*Paul & Maria Ciccione*)
5:00PM For The Parishioners

PLEASE NOTE: The Rectory office will once again have summer office hours Monday-Friday from 9:00AM-4:00PM, beginning Monday, July 2nd through Friday, August 31st (weekend office hours will remain the same). There will be no evening hours throughout the summer. The Mass schedule will remain the same.

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, 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, Keri & Baby Tristan, James Leung, Thomas & Patricia Lipari, William J. Litt, Cindy Maione, Barbara Miller, Angela Ottomanelli-Hubbs, Michael Palermo, Sebastian Panasci, Santo Pantina, Joseph Questore, Ronald J. Reid, Frances Russo, Bill Sangirardi, John Secreti, Patrick Smith, Remington Stafford, Michael Tamburo, Chrissie Tremblay, Paul Tremblay, Paul John Tremblay, Sr., Sr. Joanne Walters.

Deceased: Susan Carnival, Mary Perrino

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, July 27, 2018.**

PLEASE NOTE: The Rectory office will be closed on **Wednesday, July 4th** in observance of **Independence Day**, and will reopen on Thursday at 9AM.

This letter was sent to our local Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer-Amato:

“To make war all you need is intelligence. But to win you need talent and material.”
 -Ernest Hemingway, For Whom the Bell Tolls

June 19, 2018

Dear Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer-Amato,

Yesterday, I heard the news from the local NCO of the 106 Pct., of your pursuit to end the toll on the Crossbay Bridge... a daunting task! I write these words as a reflection in support of what you are trying to accomplish.

After hearing the news, I got into my car to attend the wake of a parishioner. The wake was located at O’Connor Funeral Home in Rockaway. Travelling just one parish over, and within the same Boro, I had to pay two tolls, like so many of the residents of South Queens do on a daily basis.

Every day many families shuttle their children back and forth across this bridge to school and sports, small businesses make deliveries, and older folk go to doctors and visit friends, all of whom never leave the Boro of Queens. Yet they pay a toll.

Yesterday, a priest and mourners alike paid a toll to offer condolences to a grieving family, and in a final act of indignancy, the hearse carrying the deceased from the funeral home to the church paid a toll, never leaving Queens County! No where else in this great city are residents forced to pay a toll to carry out their daily routine within the county they reside! This is but one story for whom the road tolls and there are so many stories like it.

I praise your efforts and pray that the New York State Legislature will hear your plea!

Sincerely,
 Father Francis A. Colamaria
 Pastor, Saint Helen Parish Howard Beach

Congratulations to the following St. Helen Catholic Academy students on the Principal’s List for the third marking period. To achieve this honor a student must attain an overall average of 95%:

Grade 8

Gianna Abatemarco
 Michael DeRicco
 James Fleming
 Alex LoPrinzi
 Stephanie Pineda
 John Rodriguez
 Alexa Siavichay
 Cecilia Taravella
 Gianna Marie
 Vastano-Trapasso

Jovanna Donaruma
 Enza Perna
 Melanie Snyder

Grade 5

Gerardo DiBenedetto



Grade 6



THURSDAY, JULY 12 2018
 North Hills Country Club,
 Manhasset, NY

*Benefitting Aid
 to Churches in Need*

**To sign up visit: desalesmedia.org/golf2018
 or email: golfclassic@desalesmedia.org**

Opportunity to win:

A New Car—Golf Clubs
 A Shopping Spree—A Golf Vacation!



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.



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.**

JULY—AUGUST, 2018

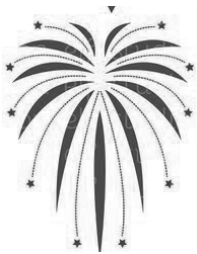
**Mornings of Preparation
Required Before a Baptism:**
*(All begin at the 11:00AM Mass and
continue in the Msgr. McGinness Room)*
July 8 & 22 — August 12 & 26

Schedule for Baptisms:
(All begin at 2:00PM)
July 8 & 22 — August 12 & 26

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



Happy 4th of July



4th of July Safety Tips



Celebrate Safely this 4th of July



Sun: Protect your skin against the sun with SPF and reapply often.

Water: Make sure everyone has proper skills to swim and keep an eye on children.

Grilling: Don't ignite charcoal with gasoline or lighter fluid. Use heat resistant tools.

Fireworks: Keep a safe distance from fireworks & remember sparklers remain hot after they burn out.

Family: You can create a Safety Profile at Smart911.com to protect your family.

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Am
7:10-
17; Mt



Monday, July 2, 2018

Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22

The scribe declares boldly that he will follow Jesus wherever he goes. How does Jesus respond? By clearly and succinctly delineating the costs of discipleship. Homelessness — check. Loyalty to Jesus above everything, even family — check. In Luke's ver-

sion of this passage, we discover that would-be disciples cannot even say goodbye to loved ones. We are not told if the scribe followed Jesus or not. Was he like the other disciples, who dropped everything to follow Jesus? Or was he like the rich, young lawyer, who went away sad because Jesus told him to sell everything he owned? What would our response be? Like the scribe, we also must count the costs — and the joys — of following Jesus. *Fill us with courage as we seek to follow you, Lord Jesus.*

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

It is too bad that Thomas has become known as “Doubting Thomas.” The unspoken assumption is that Thomas' doubt somehow represents a lack of faith. But doubt is not the opposite of faith. If we think it is, then we automatically think that there is something wrong with doubt, with asking questions, with admitting that we don't understand all things. It is much better to understand “faith” as a verb instead of a noun, which means faith moves and grows and changes throughout our lives. What's more, it's our questions and doubts that keep us learning and growing. *For the questions that keep us seeking you, O God, we give thanks.*

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34

We often think that a prophet is someone who predicts the future, but in the Bible, a prophet is a person called by God to speak on God's behalf. Prophets like Amos spoke to the people of his day, criticizing the elaborate rituals and noisy worship that had taken the place of living by God's covenant. According to Amos, God expects offerings of justice and righteousness instead of sacrifices and burnt offerings. At the time, the Hebrews didn't really pay attention to Amos or other prophets. Are we any different? Today is Independence Day in the United States. Who are today's prophets who call us to live up to the deepest ideals of this nation? Are we listening to them? *Guide us, righteous God, in the struggle for justice and peace.*

Thursday, July 5, 2018

9:1-8

At the time Amos lived (eighth century B.C.E.), the once-unified kingdom of Israel had divided into two kingdoms, Israel in the north and Judah in the south. Amos was a shepherd in Judah when God called him to prophesy in Israel. Once there, Amos noticed — and spoke out against — the injustices he saw, especially the way the Israelites mistreated the poor. In tomorrow's reading, Amos is blunt: Hear this, you who trample upon the needy! Amos called the people to change their ways or there would be dire consequences. Such strong words weren't easy to hear then — and they aren't easy to hear now. *Help us to hear your message for us, God, even when it calls us to change our ways.*

Friday, July 6, 2018

Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13

To the people of occupied Israel, the tax collector was considered the worst of sinners. First, they were collecting taxes for the Roman government. Second, it was generally assumed that they were extortionists, collecting more than Rome required and pocketing the difference. Despite this, Jesus not only calls Matthew, the tax collector, to follow him but goes to his house and (gasp!) eats with other tax collectors. When the Pharisees question Jesus' disciples about this, Jesus himself responds by saying, “I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.” *Forgive us, merciful God, when we think certain people are outside the realm of your love.*

Saturday, July 7, 2018

Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

It would seem that the struggle between new and old has been a constant in human history. The old and traditional becomes enshrined, never to be questioned or changed. The new is met with “We've never done it that way before.” Of course, life is always changing — which means we (and the church) must adapt and change to the world around us. How many of us would want to return to the days before indoor plumbing or electric lights? On the other hand, placing healthy limits on the new (for instance, all things electronic, wireless and digital) can be a real test for us. Finding the balance between old and new is an ongoing challenge, for individuals, families, churches and communities. *God of the old and the new, guide and direct us in your way.*

