

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*In*  
**LOVING**  
*Memory*

## This Week's Mass Intentions

### 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

### MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018 *St. Augustine Zhao Rong*

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

### TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018

9:00AM Thomas & Roseann Vendittelli (*Loving Family*)

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018 *St. Benedict*

9:00AM Frank Costanza (*Loving Family*)

### THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2018

9:00AM Claudia & Pat Falzarano (*Joanne*)

### FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2018 *St. Henry*

9:00AM Robert Grzelaczyk (*Adrienne Grzelaczyk*)

### SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2018 *St. Kateri Tekakwitha*

9:00AM Jackie Albert (*Joan DeRiso*)  
Luisa Lugo (*Loving Family*)  
Anne Oswiecimski (*Veronica & Joe Arbitello*)  
Jose Priegue & Maria Hernandez (*Loving Family*)  
Walter Ujazdowski (*Loving Family*)  
5:00PM Charles Amari (*Cabral Family*)  
Maria Cracchiolo (*Vita & Paul*)  
William DiPietra (*Cavuto Family*)  
Marguerite Dobrzynski (*Joe Barreca*)  
Vita Maltese (*DeMattia Family*)

### SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018

8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea  
9:30AM Nicholas Colavito (*Prince & Purpura Families*)  
11:00AM Amalia & Antonio Foglia (*M/M Giorgio Migliaccio*)  
12:30PM Katherine Behrens (*Natalie & Ron Carbone*)  
5:00PM For The Parishioners

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Rectory office will once again have summer office hours Monday-Friday from 9:00AM-4:00PM 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 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, 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:** Frank Minutillo, John Papa  
Mary Pennino



**THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week are donated in memory of **William DiPietra**, requested by **The Cavuto Family**.

### 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.**

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Come the beginning of May, at the urging of my family, I decided to celebrate my 60th Anniversary of Ordination with an 8:00AM Mass on a Sunday. It is usually a quiet Mass with few parishioners. That's not what we got on June 10th! The Church was almost full, and more came to the Breakfast afterwards. I was very grateful to all who worked on this event. My desire was to use the gifts from this occasion to purchase a ciborium (a sacred vessel to store the Hosts in the Tabernacle, which are later used by Extraordinary Ministers). With the help and encouragement of Fr. Colamaria, we ordered a ciborium, which we were told should last 150-200 years. The gifts from the celebration were almost twice the cost of the ciborium! I couldn't believe the generosity of your gifts. Therefore, I have ordered another ciborium which will be delivered shortly.

Shifting gears, I can just imagine a young priest 40 or 50 years from now reading the inscription on the ciborium and asking, "Who was this Pfeiffer?" A possible answer could be, "an old priest who loved and worked here at St. Helen's for many years. He always loved the people and they evidently loved him."

***Thanks everyone for all you love and support!***

**Msgr. Joseph Pfeiffer**



## 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 10:30AM-12:30PM.**

### **JULY—SEPTEMBER, 2018**

**Mornings of Preparation  
Required Before a Baptism:**  
*(All begin at the 11:00AM Mass and  
continue in the Msgr. McGinness Room)*  
**July 22 — August 12 & 26 — September 9 & 23**

**Schedule for Baptisms:**  
*(All begin at 2:00PM)*  
**July 22 — August 12 & 26  
September 9 & 23**

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

IN COOPERATION WITH NORTHEAST ROAD SAFETY

**St. Helen' Parish  
PRESENTS**

**THE 6-HOUR NYSDMV-APPROVED POINT AND INSURANCE RE-  
DUCTION COURSE (Defensive Driving Course)\***

**Sponsored by American Safety, Inc. (#028)**

**Saturday July 21, 2018 10:00AM-4:00PM**

**Scheduled for the Msgr. McGinness Room at the Rectory  
157-10 83<sup>rd</sup> St. Howard Beach, NY 11414**

**Benefits:**

1. **Successful completion of the Course provides a 10% reduction in liability and collision insurance rates for 3 consecutive years. (Individual completing the Course must be the principal operator of the insured vehicle in order to be eligible for reduction.)**
2. **Reduction of 4 moving violation Points from your driver's license record.**
3. **Refreshes your knowledge of driving with time-tested safe driving tips and an overview of New York State vehicle and traffic laws.**

**(Class includes several movies and breaks.)**

**The fee for the Course is \$50. (Any checks should be made out to 'Northeast Road Safety') To pre-pay and reserve a seat for the Class please complete form below and submit form & registration fee to Rectory office (718 738-1616). Same-day registration allowed if openings are available. Please arrive by 9:45 am.**

**All licensed New York State drivers welcome.**

\*AMERICAN SAFETY'S COURSE HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR POINT AND INSURANCE REDUCTION.

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**REGISTRATION FORM FOR 6-HOUR NEW YORK DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS  
Saturday July 21, 2018 10AM-4:00PM in the Msgr. McGinness Room at the Rectory**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel/Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

## FOURTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Monday, July 9, 2018

Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Mt 9:18-26

My various ministries make my face somewhat familiar in my parish, and I'm sometimes greeted by people in the street I don't immediately recognize. I'm uneasy when the greeting is followed by an apology for not attending church or a hurried justification of their life away from the faith, as if my ministries give me authority to judge their absence. I'm saddened that our community didn't make them feel more welcome or supported. How many people have left the church because they equated the community's judgment of their unworthiness as God's own judgment? Hosea describes God as a husband determined to woo back an unfaithful wife, and Jesus heals a woman deemed unclean by her community, calling her "daughter." Who else have we rejected from our table whom God has deemed "beloved"? *Lamb of God, give us insight into your grace and mercy.*

### Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Mt 9:32-38

Turn on any newscast and you quickly realize that the world is still a long way away from making the promised joy and peace of God's kingdom a reality. Violence, discrimination and economic disparity have left many people of faith with a sense of despair. Where do we begin to heal so much brokenness? It may help to remember words spoken by St. Teresa of Kolkata: "God has not called me to be successful; he has called me to be faithful." We need to persevere one act of hope, one act of love, one act of justice at a time. In faith, we trust that God is inspiring others to do the same and that together, our small acts of faith will accomplish more than we could ever do alone. *To you O God, I offer my heart, my hands and my voice.*

### Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Mt 10:1-7

Life was going well for Israel, and the more comfortable they became the farther they strayed from God. I can be the same. When life is going well, I can be lulled into forgetting where it all comes from and nurturing my relationship with God becomes less of a priority. When life becomes more uncertain, however, I become keenly aware of my dependence upon God. My path becomes much clearer (and easier) when I start with an awareness of God's generous grace. So too, when Jesus sends his disciples out into the world, they are reminded that they will only be effective in their mission if they recognize and acknowledge that their authority and power to cleanse, cure and forgive comes from God. *Look to the Lord for strength; seek to serve constantly.*

### Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mt 10:7-15

Sitting in restaurants, I'm amazed at how many people are gazing at their cellphones rather than looking at the faces of those at their table. What might have been a shared experience of food and conversation can become a mindless exercise in isolation. Our culture encourages us to spend a great deal of time in the world of our gadgets and it can sometimes prevent us from being wholly present to those right in front of us. If Jesus were to send out his disciples in today's world, would he tell them "Take no electronics for your pockets?" Are we sufficiently aware of those we encounter on our journey of life to wish them the peace Christ asks us to bestow? *May we acknowledge your presence, O Lord, in the faces of those we meet each day.*

### Friday, July 13, 2018

Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23

When it comes to my baptismal call to live out my faith, I have little difficulty expressing my beliefs among like-minded or at least open-minded people. It can feel a bit like being "a sheep among the wolves," however, when I need to express why I believe and follow my faith with those who have little use for church or religion of any kind. It is one of the reasons why community worship is so important. We gather together to be reminded of God's love for all humanity. We are nourished by the word, the bread and each other. Through them we are strengthened and renewed in our efforts to become the body of Christ for a world that isn't always receptive to the message of justice, forgiveness and inclusion. *Restore the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit.*

### Saturday, July 14, 2018

Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33

Despite years of writing Scripture reflections, I still experience a moment of concern before pressing the "Send" button to submit my words to our editor. Have I been faithful to the Word? How will my words be understood? Will my message be pleasing to God? Maybe the disciples had expressed similar concerns as Jesus tells them not to be afraid; not of their preparedness or how the message will be received. Like the disciples, we can take comfort in the knowledge that even though we may not always get it right, we can continue to improve if we return to the Master with an open mind and heart. Even when our words are not perfect, we're assured that we will always be valued "more than many sparrows" in God's heart. *O God, whom shall you send? Here I am! Send me!*

