

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In
LOVING
Memory

This Week's Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018 *St. Monica*

- 9:00AM Vincenza & Joseph Cimo (*Linda DeSantis*)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018 *St. Augustine*

- 9:00AM Anthony Carotenuto (*Loving Family*)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2018 *Passion of St. John the Baptist*

- 9:00AM In Honor of St. Monica (*John & Joan DeRiso*)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2018

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018

- 9:00AM Purgatorial Society Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2018

- 9:00AM Francesca Buonincontri (*Loving Family*)
John Calogero (*Ruiz Family*)
Paul Russo (*M/M James Lodato*)
John T. Sharkey (*Patricia & Raymond O'Shea*)
Joseph Villano (*Loving Family*)
- 5:00PM Loretta Barnes (*M/M Dominick Liello*)
Nicolo Chiaramonte (*Loving Mother*)
Maria DiPasquale (*William & Stephanie Marra*)
Leona Gianoulakos (*Noriega Family*)
Paul Russo (*J. Zerilli Family*)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

- 8:00AM Margaret Vaiano (*Vincent Vaiano*)
- 9:30AM Jackie Albert (*Rachele Sannino*)
- 11:00AM Frank DiRago (*Loving Children*)
- 12:30PM Julia Ammirati (*M/M Mario Faulisi*)
- 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 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 Sangirardi, John Secreti, Patrick Smith, Remington Stafford, Michael Tamburo, Rubie Lynn Torres, Chrissie Tremblay, Paul Tremblay, Paul John Tremblay, Sr., Sr. Joanne Walters.

Deceased: Jean Anzalone, Thomas V. Newman, Sr.

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.**

PLEASE NOTE:

The Rectory office will resume its regular schedule on **Tuesday, September 4th:**
Monday-Thursday: 9:00AM-8:00PM
Friday: 9:00AM-4:00PM
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00AM-12:00PM.



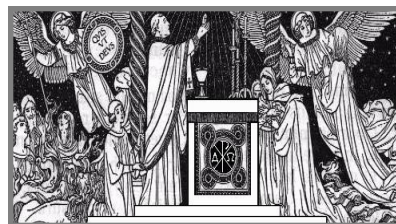
GOOD SHEPHERD STATUE

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.

ST. HELEN PARISH PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018

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*)
Adriano & Lorenza Bello (*Bello Family*)
Gina Bender (*Loving Aunt & Uncle*)
Frank W. Bitetto (*Barbara Bitetto*)
Paul Anthony Bono (*Bono Family*)
Gregory Bonura (*Anne M. Vigliarolo*)
Azea Braganza (*Rachele Sannino*)
Gerald Braganza (*Loving Wife*)
Mary & Jim Cabral (*Cabral Family*)
Nancy & Emanuel Camelliri (*Constance & Joseph Camelliri*)
Zeny Caparas (*Loving Family*)
Giuseppe & Maria Caputo (*Loving Son, Rosario*)
Julianne Caputo (*Loving Dad*)
Antoinette & Silvio Casazza (*Maria Russo*)
C. Joseph & Laura Chiarello (*Lois Chiarello*)
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*)
Frank DeRico (*St. Helen's Support Group*)
John DeRiso (*St. Helen's Lectors*)
Concetta & Pasquale DeSantis (*Linda DeSantis*)
William F. DiPietra (*Helen & Frank DiPietra*)
Zygfryd Dubicki (*Sophia Gadinis*)
John & Anna Falco (*Loving Family*)
Louise & Vincent Festa (*Annette & Martin Gould*)
William & Rose Fioto (*Amelia Pepe*)
Frank Fogliano (*Loving Family*)
Father Gaughan, C.M. (*Deidre McVey*)
Gidaro-Izzo Family (*Loving Family*)
Giunta-Bernardo Family (*Jean Bernardo*)
Anna Gonzalez (*Will Espada*)
Gorycki Family (*Helen Repstad*)
Elizabeth & George Gould (*Annette & Marty Gould*)
Gwardjak & Kosinski Family (*Daughter*)
Thomas Healy (*St. Helen's Lectors*)
Carole Hinchcliffe (*Paul Hinchcliffe*)
Eddie Juba (*Barbara Dorme*)
Michael & Mary Leccese (*Jo-Ann & Phyllis Leccese*)
Dominick & Angelina Librizzi (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
Catherine & Joseph Lumetta (*Pauline Mantineo*)
Macaluso Family (*Loving Family*)
Justine Nigra Maguire (*Constance Chwalek*)
Vincent & Vita Maltese (*Loving Family*)
Jennie Maniscalco (*Loving Children*)
Michael Mannarino (*Loving Granddaughter*)
Joanna Mazurek (*A Friend*)
John Mendolia (*Loving Family*)

Rocco & Phyllis Miranti (*Loving Family*)
Lillian & Charles Monastero (*Vita Monastero*)
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mullalley (*Jane Orban*)
Maggie O'Dee (*Loving Friend*)
Richard Orban (*Jane Orban*)
Joan Mary Orban-Jones (*Orban Family*)
Antonio Paa (*Loving Family*)
Dominick Pepe (*Amelia Pepe*)
Joseph Pepe (*Amelia Pepe*)
Pepe-Bitetto Family (*Barbara Bitetto*)
Stephen Petroglia (*Loving Wife & Children*)
Christine Piotrowski (*Loving Family*)
Marie & Annie Putorti (*Loving Friend*)
Joseph Quagliariello (*Quagliariello Family*)
Questore Family (*Joseph Questore*)
Kathleen Rammelkamp (*Charles Rammelkamp*)
Anthony Rango (*St. Helen Support Group*)
Joanne Rebecchi (*Cynthia Ottomanelli*)
Paul Russo (*Anne M. Vigliarolo*)
Maria & Luciano Sannino (*Rachele Sannino*)
Benito & Leonila Santiago (*Loving Family*)
Linda & James Scagnelli (*Heedles Family*)
Kay & Walter Schretzman (*John Schretzman*)
Helen Sentome (*Serpico Family*)
Frank T. Serpico (*Serpico Family*)
Sica Family (*Irene DeStefano*)
Teodoro & Carmela Sordillo (*Loving Son Enzo & Family*)
Margaret Ann Stillman (*Heedles Family*)
Zenon & Rozalia Szczesny (*Daughter & Family*)
Scafata Taddeo (*Jane Orban*)
Frank & Ann Tomitz (*Patricia*)
Maryann E. Tomitz (*Patricia*)
Turrigiano Family (*Antoinette Turrigiano*)
Walter & Elizabeth Ujazdowski (*Quagliariello Family*)
Albert F. Valenzuela (*Loving Family*)
Ruben & Ana Vega (*Gloria Martinez*)
Carl Vigliarolo (*Anne M. Vigliarolo*)
Frank J. Vigliarolo (*Anne M. Vigliarolo*)
Phyllis Zanghi (*Loving Friends*)
Mary Zurick (*Sophia Gadinis*)





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.**

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 9 & 23 — October 14 & 28

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

**September 9 & 23
October 14 & 28**

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

**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***



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



**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

**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

TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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Monday, August 27, 2018

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22

When tragedy strikes, people of faith are quick to offer “thoughts and prayers,” and more cynical folks are equally fast at scoffing at what they see as an empty gesture, instead calling for swift action and not “just words.” As a people of God, however, our actions must come from reflective discernment rooted in and buoyed by a rich prayer life. We lack a

vital piece of who we are as church if we don’t immediately turn to God for consolation, inspiration and guidance. Prayers were continually offered for the community of the Thesalonians to help them endure persecutions and afflictions and to support their faith, but it wasn’t just a hollow or ceremonial gesture. It was the foundation of their relationship of solidarity with others building the church, and it remains equally vital today in leading us in how to support one another. *Hear our prayers, loving Father, and guide us to effect change that benefits all your children.*

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

We offer charity when seeking justice is too complicated and divisive. The safe path sidesteps the backlash of addressing the roots of injustice. Demanding that society change its practices, policies and prejudices opens us to examining our own complicity in allowing unjust systems to remain. We submerge ourselves in trifles to avoid the difficult bigger picture. St. Augustine in *The Confessions* detailed his conversion which included an agonizing examination of his once profoundly flawed character and the development of a deeply Christian conscience. He wrote, “When my most searching scrutiny had drawn up all my vileness from the secret depths of my soul and heaped it in my heart’s sight, a mighty storm arose in me, bringing a mighty rain of tears.” May we have the courage of Augustine to always be honest seekers despite the size of the struggle. *Help me, gentle Father, to examine my shortcomings, to persist in the struggle of self-discovery, and to transform into who you know I can be.*

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mk 6:17-29

Paul begins and ends all of his letters with an offering of God’s grace. Every time he blesses the Christian communities with which he corresponds, he both greets and closes with an outpouring of God’s precious, unmerited gift. It isn’t Paul’s own blessing or his own possession. He’s the messenger. He simply relays the awesomeness of God’s gift of grace to all those who read his letters. In spreading the word about something which we’ve all freely received from God, Paul demonstrates that the gift of grace is not exclusively for the recipient; it’s not intended for our own keeping. God’s overflowing treasure is designed to be shared. We have nothing that isn’t from him and through him. How blessed we are when we can be an avenue of God’s grace for others. *Almighty Lord, grant me the generosity of your abundant grace to lavishly share it with everyone I encounter.*

Thursday, August 30, 2018

1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

the importance of awareness and always being ready. He was often passionate and radical regarding inclusion and justice. This awareness and commitment to justice is implied in the modern-day use of the word “woke.” Woke is an adjective that has entered mainstream usage with the Black Lives Matter movement, though it’s been part of black culture for decades. It relates to an attitude of questioning the mainstream narrative and personally staying informed and involved. Many in our society are in the process of waking up and standing up to a variety of social injustices. Often awareness of one form of discrimination or oppression opens our eyes to many others, and we become determined to “stay woke.” We who are ashamed of falling asleep while a plague of “isms” infected our communities are now hyper-vigilant and hopeful that it’s not too late to change corrupt and unfair attitudes and practices. *Awaken me, God of justice, to the urgency of your message of human dignity and the common good.*

Friday, August 31, 2018

1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

Paul was an effective preacher and won many converts; so did Cephas and Apollos. This caused division as followers boasted of belonging to one teacher or another. When Paul states that he did not come to baptize, this isn’t to diminish the significance of baptism. He was baptized and often baptized; however, others could baptize while he preached. Into whom one is baptized is what’s important, not by whom. Paul proclaimed the Gospel without promoting himself. Christ’s cross was central. Jesus alone saves. Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross by itself relates its full, saving effect. Paul demands that our evangelizing puts things in proper perspective. We cannot let the method, the speaker or the fear of offending others cloud the message or meaning. *Merciful Savior, guide me in simplicity and truth.*

Saturday, September 1, 2018

1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30

This Gospel passage always made me uncomfortable. I felt like a contortionist trying to put God in the role of the harsh master while ignoring that inner voice muttering, “That ain’t my God.” (My inner voice is not a grammarian.) Then I heard a homily with a different slant. The preacher pointed out that this parable doesn’t begin, “The Kingdom of heaven is like ...” What if this is a parable of the world? Aha! Suddenly it all falls into place and the message is clear. God is not the ruthless master nor are we supposed to imitate the sycophantic laborers. Followers of Jesus are the ones who speak truth to power without imitating the powerful ones. One can imagine Jesus’ disciples listening to this parable of the world with understanding and even gratitude. *For a world that rewards honest labor and values most the work of those who build a better world. We pray.*

