

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In
LOVING
Memory

This Week's Mass Intentions

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 *St. Robert Bellarmine*

- 9:00AM Julia R. Dimler (*Julie Dimler*)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2018

- 9:00AM Rosa & Salvatore Gambino (*Loving Family*)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2018 *St. Januarius*

- 9:00AM Decd. Members of St. Helen Support Group

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 *Ss. Andrew Kim & Paul*

- 9:00AM Anthony, Lena & Maris Maragioglio (*Family*)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 *St. Matthew*

- 9:00AM Frank Fahy (*Kathleen Fahy*)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

- 9:00AM Loretta Barnes (*Constance Camelliri*)
Sts. Cosmas & Damiano (*Buquicchio Family*)
Paul Russo (*Constance Camelliri*)
Fred R. Trimboli (*Linda Mossa*)
Thomas Vendittelli (*Loving Family*)
- 5:00PM Tillie Amari (*Marilyn Calastro*)
John Ardito (*Gillespie Family*)
Salvatore Coticchio (*M/M Saputo*)
Vincent Mascia (*Vita & Paul*)
Paul Russo (*Frances Vigliarolo*)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

- 8:00AM Antoinette & Charles Palmigiano (*Loving Sister*)
- 9:30AM Nicholas Carbonaro (*Joe & Laura Russo*)
- 11:00AM Francesca Gaudino (*Rosalie LoCascio*)
- 12:30PM Jean Agliarolo (*Harold Family*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE for this week is donated in memory of **John Ardito**, requested by **Cynthia & Joe Ottomanelli**.



*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 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: Dorothy Ervolino, Robert R. Keighron, Arthur Thomas Minor, Jr.

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 25th**, 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 25th, 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



ST. HELEN’S ORDER OF FRANCISCAN SECULARS



invites everyone
to join us on

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018

at 7:30PM for a Prayer Service
to commemorate the

TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS.

The Transitus is a Franciscan devotion remembering the passing of St. Francis from death unto life with God the Father. In attendance this year will be some of the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn.

“I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you.” John 17:4

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.



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.**



Everyone is invited to a **Paint Nite Fundraiser** for St. Helen Catholic Academy on **Friday, September 29th** at 6:30PM. Join us for an evening of creativity with artist Joseph Armao. Paint a priceless masterpiece! No experience needed! Tickets are \$45.00 per person. Sign up now at:
www.paintnite.com/events/_1220331

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.

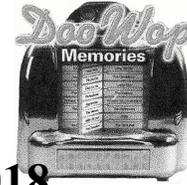
Classes begin September 24th. If interested, or for more information, please contact Ms. Haiffa Vizoso, Director of Religious Education at the St. Helen’s Religious Education Office: 718-916-2319.



The Kiwanis Club of Howard Beach
Presents

THE FABULOUS ACCORDS!

*A Doo Wop Extravaganza and a
Night of Entertainment with Music
From The 50's, 60's, and 70's!*



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

**Checks to be made payable to: Kiwanis Club of Howard Beach, and should be mailed to:
Dino Bono, 16415 84th Street, Howard Beach, NY 11414**



Catholic Charities of Brooklyn & Queens, Witnesses of Mercy Program is sponsoring a special **Readiness Workshop** to help aid and assist seniors during hurricane season and other natural disasters. The Witness of Mercy program is designed

to assist the sick and homebound of our diocese when their families cannot.

The Workshop will take place on **Saturday, September 29th** from 10:00AM-1:00PM at the Immaculate Conception Center, Room E (7200 Douglaston Pkwy., Douglaston, NY). A light breakfast and complimentary lunch will be served. If you are interested in attending and/or wish more information, please call Deacon Andrew Mastrangelo at (718) 722-6000, Ext. 6458, or email him at Andrew.Mastrangelo@ccbq.org.

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.

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.

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.**

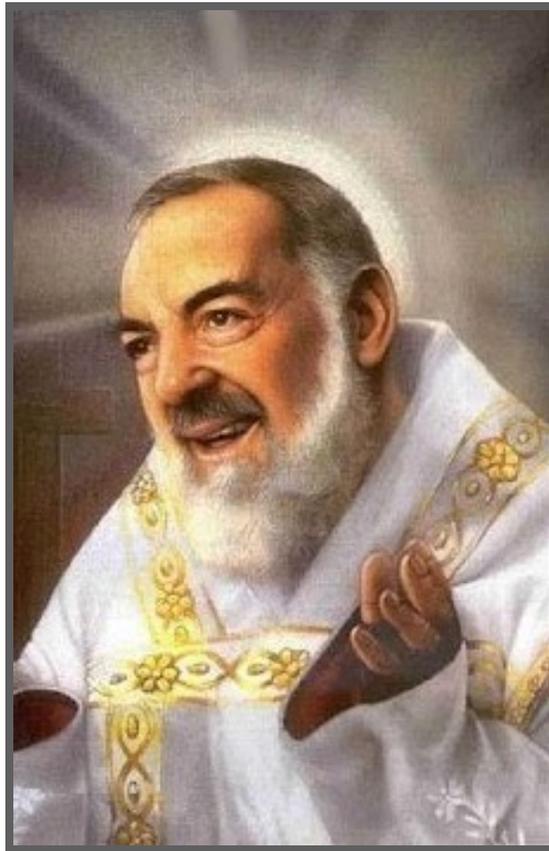
SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER, 2018

**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 50TH ANNIVERSARY



All are warmly invited and welcomed to join in commemorating the **50th 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 13th through September 21st**, and concluding on Saturday, September 22nd.
- ◆ There will be a **Holy Hour, including Benediction**, on Friday evening, September 21st, 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 22nd, **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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Some scholars scold



Monday, September 17, 2018

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Lk 7:1-10

Paul was not at the original “Lord’s Supper,” but he says he “received” the same reality “from the Lord.” So do we all! This “remembrance” is not a mere recall, nor even a re-do, but a re-be.

Jesus himself created this stitch in time when he gave his body and his blood

“the night before he was handed over,” to remember something that hadn’t even happened yet. Thus, whenever “you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes,” collapsing past, present and future time. It’s “body and blood, soul and divinity” of the risen Christ, as dogma eventually defined it. “For you,” said Jesus. For us. No wonder Paul couldn’t stand the Corinthians fighting over it! *May all who seek you, Lord, exult and be glad in you!*

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Lk 7:11-17

As sublime as “the Lord’s Supper” may be, Paul does not hesitate to apply the same “body” language to the church. “For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of the one Spirit.” I wonder if you can be baptized just by a look. I’d say “yes,” when, as in today’s Gospel, it’s “the Lord” looking at you! Thus, Jesus “saw” the poor widow of Nain, burying her only son. In an instant, the body of Christ formed a unity of life and love, mother, child and Jesus. “Young man, I tell you, arise!” *You are so good to us, O Lord, your kindness endures forever, and your faithfulness, to all generations!*

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 7:31-35

Who can add any commentary to the most ecstatic chapter in the Bible, Paul’s hymn to love? Pope Francis picked apart the original Greek to say something fresh for Amoris Laetitia. Did you know, for example, that what we translate as adjectives (Love is patient, love is kind, etc.) are verbs in the Greek? But we don’t need word studies to sense Paul’s determination to break down the self-righteousness and back-stabbing of the Corinthians, who would rather be right than good. Today we take sides on social media and dare anyone to doubt our truth. “Childish things,” says Paul! Only love “never fails.” *May your kindness, Lord, be upon us who have put all our hope in you!*

Thursday, September 20, 2018

1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 7:36-50

Paul for over-doing the resurrection meme. An Anglican bishop announced that Jesus’ resurrection is “optional” for Christians. Time and Newsweek used to dazzle their readers with “new” findings that cast doubt on the resurrection. And, of course, Dan Brown (The DaVinci Code) continues to crank out novels that install science on the altar where Jesus used to be. So the deck is stacked against you, Paul! Nevertheless, Paul is obliged to “hand on” what he received “as of first importance,” namely, that Christ died, was buried, and was raised, “in accordance with the Scriptures.” A series of appearances then confirmed that reality, last of all to Paul, and the rest is history. *I shall not die, but live, and declare your works, O Lord!*

Friday, September 21, 2018

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Scholars point to evidence that Matthew wrote his Gospel first in Aramaic. But why would someone as worldly as a tax collector for the Roman Empire opt for so provincial a tongue? Rather, I like the idea that Matthew revised a spotty, contentious, insider’s screed to produce his magisterial Christian Torah, with mercy its mark of inclusiveness. Once a miserable sell-out, Matthew was no doubt so primed for a change that he left his Roman work the instant Jesus looked him in the eye and said, “Follow me.” Then Matthew threw a party to celebrate his conversion with the only friends he had, sinners and low-lives all. And Jesus loved it! *The heavens declare your glory, O God, and the firmament proclaims your handiwork!*

Saturday, September 22, 2018

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

Paul may be a bit harsh when he calls someone a “fool” just because they wonder what a resurrected body would be like. It’s actually a great question! And you have to admire Paul’s attempt at an answer, zipping back and forth from creation to Christ: the first Adam, the last Adam, the natural man, the spiritual man, the man from earth, the man from heaven. His logic is airtight — I guess: “If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.” Later councils, church dogmatics and great theologians would laboriously work out the details, but no one can match Paul’s sheer enthusiasm for his risen Lord. *Now I know that you are with me, Lord, in whose promise I glory!*

