

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

In
LOVING
Memory

This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2018

8:00AM Charles Amari (*Louisa & Jeff Karoly*)
9:30AM William F. DiPietra (*Loving Parents*)
11:00AM Antonio Cracchiolo (*Loving Family*)
12:30PM Christine Piotrowski (*Loving Family*)
5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2018

9:00AM Frank Caputo (*Ida Scalise & Sonny*)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2018

9:00AM John DeRiso (*Fran Gucciardo*)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2018

9:00AM Irene Gounaris (*Zena Basin*)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2018

9:00AM John DeRiso (*Marie Battaglia & Family*)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2018 *St. Andrew*

9:00AM Purgatorial Society Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

9:00AM Anthony Bilotti (*Carotenuto Family*)
Nunzio Italice (*Denise DeRiso*)
Robert R. Keighron (*Rachele Sannino*)
Teresa Loiacono (*M/M Michael Tretola*)
Anthony, Lena & Maris Maragioglio (*Loving Family*)
5:00PM John Ardito (*Andrew & Linda Mastrangelo*)
Robert R. Keighron (*Fran Gucciardo*)
Arthur Minor (*Joseph Evola*)
Susie Parnell Skipper (*Theresa & Ken Johnson*)
Tommy Rose (*Theresa DeSena*)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018

8:00AM Joshua Basin (*Loving Mother*)
9:30AM Michael Scarcella (*Michael Tupkielewicz*)
11:00AM Peter J. Pulomena (*Loving Wife & Children*)
12:30PM Paul Russo (*Lydia & Drew Borgese*)
5:00PM For The Parishioners

THE ALTAR BREAD for this week is donated in memory of **Michael Scarcella**, requested by **Michael Tupkielewicz**.

THE ALTAR WINE for this week is donated in memory of **Madeline Lambert**, requested by **The LaVilla Delivery Drivers**.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE for this week is donated in memory of **William F. DiPietra**, requested by **His Loving Parents**.



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, Daniel Campion, Baby Canzoneri, Sally Capozello, 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, Tom Mercatante, Barbara Miller, Angela Ottomaneli-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: Thomas DeRita

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, November 30, 2018.**

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.

ST. HELEN PARISH PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 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*)
Mary Camelo & Joshua Basin (*Daughter/Mother, Francina*)
Adriano & Lorenza Bello (*Bello Family*)
Gina Bender (*Loving Aunt & Uncle*)
Frank W. Bitetto (*Barbara Bitetto*)
Thomas E. Blankley (*Rachele Sannino*)
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*)
Casillo Family (*Loving Family*)
C. Joseph & Laura Chiarello (*Lois Chiarello*)
Vi & Joseph Cimo (*Loving Niece*)
Jerry Codispoli (*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 DeRicco (*St. Helen's Support Group*)
John DeRiso (*St. Helen's Lectors*)
Concetta & Pasquale DeSantis (*Linda DeSantis*)
Joseph Digristina (*Loving Wife & Daughter*)
William F. DiPietra (*Helen & Frank DiPietra*)
Zygfryd Dubicki (*Sophia Gadinis*)
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*)
Father Gaughan, C.M. (*Deidre McVey*)
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*)
Thomas Healy (*St. Helen's Lectors*)
Carole Hinchcliffe (*Paul Hinchcliffe*)
Eddie Juba (*Barbara Dorme*)
Giovanna LaPuma (*Salvatore & Nancy Chiaramonte*)
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*)
Arthur T. Minor, Jr. (*St. Helen's Lectors*)
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*)
Margaret Pietronigro (*Dana & Elaine Scuderi*)
Christine Piotrowski (*Loving Family*)
Marie & Annie Putorti (*Loving Friend*)
Joseph Quagliariello (*Quagliariello Family*)
Questore Family (*Joseph Questore*)
Kathleen Rammelkamp (*Charles Rammelkamp*)
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*)
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*)
Margaret Tucci (*Loving Sister & Niece*)
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*)



WITNESSES OF MERCY UPDATE



Good News! Our new parish program, Witnesses of Mercy, is off to a good start. Our first meeting had 10 volunteers who are willing to spend some quality time with our homebound or elderly parishioners. We are now compiling a list of friends or neighbors who are either homebound or looking for someone to visit them.

If you know of any person or yourself who is sick or homebound and would like to have a Witnesses of Mercy volunteer from our parish visit with them, please contact Patricia Rizzo McCabe at (917) 312-7072, or email her at goodrecords1@verizon.net.

The Witness of Mercy program is a group of trained volunteers who will have close personal contact with parishioners who are unable to leave their homes due to illness or age. This will be done by visits or by telephone. We will be the link between the parish and the parishioners so that all needed information can be shared by both. This will let the affected parishioners know they have not been left on their own and will have someone on which to rely.

MEMORIALS AVAILABLE

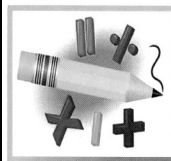
Many times people come to the Rectory inquiring about memorials they can give to a family who has lost a loved one. The following are available:

- **Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Altar Candles or the Sanctuary Candle** in memory of a loved one for one week (\$50.00 each).
- **Votive Candles** for one year (\$100.00).
- A leaf permanently placed on the **Tree of Life** (\$350.00).
- A plaque permanently placed on the **Anniversary Wall** (\$350.00).

**For further information,
you may either call or visit the Rectory.**

Are you new to St. Helen Parish?

If so, please remember to stop in at the Rectory to register your family!



Tutoring Heights, Inc. will offer an **SAT Prep**, a comprehensive 7-week course here at St. Helen Catholic Academy to prepare for the **March 2019 SAT**.

- ◆ 28 hours of instruction plus 3 full-length practice tests
- ◆ Rigorous course offered Tuesday & Thursday evenings
- ◆ Master Math tutor of all levels
- ◆ Fully licensed NYC-DOE English Teacher
- ◆ Teachers have a combined 33 years of experience
- ◆ Our students have won hundreds of thousands of dollars in college scholarships

Classes begin January 15, 2019. Registration deadline is December 15, 2018. Cost is \$900.00. For further details, and/or to register please call Nancy or Joe at (347) 762-3660.



**You are invited to
Pray the Family Rosary
THURSDAY EVENINGS**

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.



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): **December 9 — January 13 & 27.**

Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms (All begin at 2:00PM): **December 9 — January 13 & 27.**

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

St. Helen Christmas Giving Tree

FOR NEEDY CHILDREN AND ADULTS

We are asking for your help in answering the requests of the needy in our own parish, other parishes in Queens, a home for special adults, a shelter for women and babies, and other charities.

NEXT WEEKEND:

DECEMBER 1/2: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please take a gift tag from the Giving Tree in the lobby.



THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND,

DECEMBER 8/9: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

During this weekend, please leave your unwrapped gift with tag attached, near the tree. Place monetary donations or gift cards in the black box in the lobby.



***GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR
GREAT GENEROSITY!***

ST. HELEN PARISH

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THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Monday, November 26, 2018

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4

Jesus sits down and observes the contributions of all those gathered in the Temple. The wealthy come forward first, dramatically offering large monetary contributions. While absent from Luke's narrative, Mark emphasizes the fanfare — often literally marked with a trumpet blast — as the rich throw significant amounts of money into the treasury. To those other than Jesus

watching, the poor widow's gift is unimpressive; he, however, sees the purity of her sacrifice. He instructs the disciples to take notice of what he knows is an extravagant gift. She provides the perfect model of selflessness and generosity. How something looks on the outside is often deceiving. We are easily misled by appearance. We may also try to fool others with our own flashiness or superficial gestures. God knows our hearts. He sees beyond our outward actions and comprehends our deepest intentions. No lavish action can hide insincerity. *Generous Lord, help me to be selfless in sharing not only my monetary gifts but also my immense riches of time, kindness, understanding, forgiveness, acceptance, and love.*

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

Luke's dark imagery tempts us to fearfully speculate about the end times. Jesus makes it clear, however, that the destruction of the Temple and the end of the age are separate. The fall of Jerusalem and the burning of the Temple in 70 C.E. can certainly be seen as a concrete interpretation of the first part of Jesus' warning, but it did not usher in the end. Sadly, widespread war, natural disasters, and human suffering are commonplace. Those who use incidents of darkness and tribulation as signs of the Lord's immediate coming in final judgment take advantage of others' fear. We don't know the exact time of his coming. Acting as if we do makes us false prophets. We can be vigilant and prayerful, but we must do so as eager witnesses to his salvation and light, not as fear mongers of unavoidable destruction and damnation. *Give us, steadfast Lord, an indestructible faith to withstand the falsehoods and temptations of despair. Give us unwavering hope to joyfully anticipate your coming in glory.*

Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

Torture, arrest, persecution and even death are a reality for millions of Christians in the world today. According to Aid to the Church in Need, at least 75 percent of the victims of religiously motivated violence and oppression are Christians. Religious belief is the reason for discrimination, loss of property, abduction, torture, rape, slavery, banishment and murder for more than 215 million Christians worldwide, according to the Open Doors USA World Watch 2018 report. At least one Christian church somewhere in the world is attacked weekly, and Christians are routinely detained or imprisoned without trial. We must commit ourselves to increasing education, raising awareness, encouraging engagement at both the grassroots and global levels, and standing in solidarity with all of our persecuted brethren — Christian or otherwise. *God of all, safeguard your people from hate and intolerance. Fill the hearts of those who oppress with compassion and mercy.*

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28

mies surrounded Jerusalem, Jews perished in large numbers. Many Christians, however, fled across the Jordan River and avoided the tragic outcome of Jerusalem's fall. Religious discord of all kinds is still a major cause of civil war and flight. According to the U.S. State Department, 74 percent of the world's population lives in countries "with serious restrictions on religious freedom." A significant increase in migration has heightened awareness of the vulnerability of migrants and refugees as well as increased skepticism. There are obvious differences in willingness to open borders. Recipient nations may deny protection or shelter immigrants based on religion, exacerbating the problem or politicizing the response. An increasing number of religious refugees today find themselves facing uncertainty. With narrowing protection, denied asylum, and limited resettlement options, they fear being forcibly returned to persecution in their homeland. Jesus calls us to welcome the stranger. How do we defend religious freedom for all and protect the most vulnerable? *Almighty God, watch over those victimized and fleeing for their faith. Help us to bring safety, security and comfort to those who have no place to call home.*

Friday, November 30, 2018 Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

In Metaphysics, Aristotle said, "There is nothing in the intellect that was not previously in the senses." St. Thomas Aquinas offers a similar assessment of the senses' connection to intellect. God communicates to us through what we see and hear. Our hearing involves interaction and there is an expectation of exchange. We indicate listening, understanding and engagement through an appropriate response. Pope Benedict XVI wrote in *Lumen Fidei*, "Faith is our response to a word which engages us personally, to a 'Thou' who calls us by name." Today, we celebrate St. Andrew who is honored as the Protoklete or "First Called." When he heard John the Baptist speak of Jesus, Andrew sought his brother Simon Peter and brought him to the Lord. Andrew professed with faith and hope, "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41). He became the preacher and interpreter of the word of Christ for the Greek world. May our hearing the word of Christ push us to an equally enthusiastic response. *Gentle Shepherd, let me hear and know your voice above the noise, confusion and conflicting calls of my day.*

Saturday, December 1, 2018

Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

I've never been much for carousing or drunkenness (I'm too much of an introvert and I like my head clear) but those daily life anxieties do catch up with me and, I fear, distract me from what's important. On this last day of the liturgical year, the message is clear: Death comes for us all; don't let it surprise you. A former baker of these daily loaves used to say she wanted to die "quickly with plenty of time to prepare." She did die quickly of a stroke. But she lived her life as one long preparation: always generous, very faithful to her prayers, [was "Auntie"] to all of our children, and my very good friend. And she was fun. When we found her on the morning after, we were thrilled that she had opened the package of Girl Scout Thin Mints our child had delivered the night before — she had eaten four with a cup of tea. *Faithful God, help me to live my life so that those I love miss me when I'm gone ... and have a few interesting stories to tell.* ◆