

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In
LOVING
Memory

This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019

- 8:00AM Anna Steinman (*Fred Steinman*)
9:30AM Roseanne DiBuono (*Marilyn Chrust*)
11:00AM Fred Spagnuolo (*Steve & Josephine Marrone*)
12:30PM In Honor of St. Jude (*Mary Pocerobba*)
5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019 *St. Agnes*

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BIRTHDAY

- 9:00AM Lena Dispenseri (*Maria & Felice Pugliese*)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019

- 9:00AM Anthony Cucchiara (*Jo-Ann & Phyllis Leccese*)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019 *Sts. Vincent & Marianne*

Cope

- 9:00AM Louise & Vincent Festa (*Annette & Marty*)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019 *St. Francis de Sales*

- 9:00AM Keith Dasaro (*Tony & Rosemary Matteo*)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019 *The Conversion of St. Paul*

- 9:00AM Purgatorial Society Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2019 *Sts. Timothy & Totus*

- 9:00AM Thomas E. Blankley (*Joan DeRiso*)
Thomas DeRita (*Feis Family*)
Ricardo Freijoso (*Loving Daughter*)
Grace Ladone (*Joan DeRiso*)
Lena Thibault (*Patricia & Charles Bonanno*)
5:00PM Marie Blankley (*Douglas Nitzberg*)
James M. Coppola, Jr. (*Enia Poliseno*)
Ida Gilbert (*Campanella Family*)
Joseph Ottomanelli (*Diaz Family*)
Carmela Zinerco (*Macaluso Family*)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
9:30AM Helen Meshak (*Longo Family*)
11:00AM John & Rita Spano (*Pulomena Family*)
12:30PM James & Linda Scagnelli (*Heedles Family*)
5:00PM For The Parishioners

Please Note: The Rectory office will be closed on **Monday, January 21st** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday and will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00AM.

*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, Rosa Anselmo, Amado Araneta, Daniel Campion, 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, Clementine Gagliardi, Dennis Giammalvo, John Joseph Gleeson, John Pierce Gleeson, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Elizabeth Isolano, Marilyn Krajcik, Keri & Baby Tristan, Susan Leone, James Leung, Thomas & Patricia Lipari, William J. Litt, Tom Mercatante, Barbara Miller, Angela Ottomanelli-Hubbs, Michael Palermo, Sebastian Panasci, Santo Pantina, Vivian Doris Pecchillo, Phillip Pecchillo, Puglissi, Joseph Questore, Mary Ann Quinn, 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: Antoinette Klinger

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, January 25, 2019.**

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.

WISE MAN FROM THE EAST

The day after the feast of the Epiphany, I received an email from a wise man from afar... Fr. Anthony.

His email had good news. Original plans for Father Anthony were to have him reside at the rectory, beginning this month, and study for the New York Bar, so as to complete his legal studies. But, after a meeting with his Bishop in Nigeria, he has been assigned to Veritas University as a founding law professor. I believe this University position is a well deserved assignment for all the hard work he has accomplished here in the States. Last year, Father Anthony completed a PhD. program in Law at Emory University.

Fr. Anthony will remain in Nigeria, re-acclimating himself with his home Diocese for the next few months and begin his teaching position at Veritas University in October 2019. Fr. Anthony has assured me that he will be available to assist Saint Helen Parish during the Summer of 2019, beginning sometime in late May. He sends his warmest regards to all parishioners. I look forward to his arrival in May.

Father Colamaria



GOOD SHEPHERD STATUE

We would like to thank **Mary Ruane**, 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 Rec-

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.

Dear Fr. Colamaria, Parish Staff and Parishioners,

My mother and I would like to thank all of you for your warm welcome during the Christmas season. This season calls in us to share God's love with our family near and far, and my mother felt the joyous love St. Helen's had to offer.

Thank you for your hospitality and kind welcome throughout her visit. We pray that God will give to you the blessings you have given to us.

Sincerely, Fr. Lukasz & Mama

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019

Our Lady of Grace Parish
(100-05 159th Avenue)

will be hosting the Howard Beach Community on

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 7:00PM

for Prayer and Song in celebration of Christian Unity.

Justice, only justice, You shall pursue (Deuteronomy 16:20)



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): **January 27—February 10 & 24.**

Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms (All begin at 2:00PM): January 27—February 10 & 24.

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

ST. HELEN CATHOLIC ACADEMY IS CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK STARTING JANUARY 27!

All in our Community are cordially invited to attend an Open House, visit our Book Fair, and view our Pre-K through 8th Grade Invention Convention.

Hands-On Learning at St. Helen Catholic Academy is



OPEN HOUSE & TOURS

Sunday, January 27th, 10:30AM-12:30PM

Tuesday, January 29th, 3:00-4:00PM

St. Helen Catholic Academy is in partnership with: Fordham University, St. Francis College, St. John's University, and Yale University.



We are focused on educating the whole child through:

- **Faith Formation:** Daily prayer and spiritual development, complete sacramental program for First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation, First Friday Mass, prayer services and community service projects.
- **Rigorous Academics:** Full-day Kindergarten, Pre-K3 and 4 year old full-day and half-day programs, focused instructional schedule of 8:10-3 p.m. with 7 a.m. arrival and after-school program until 6 p.m., TACHS preparation, Algebra 1 Regents participation, K-8 Spanish program, iPad and SMARTBoard® technology, fully equipped STEM lab, digital tools, coding, and engineering design applications.
- **Specialized Programs:** Full-day Pre-K for All, "Mom and Me" for ages 1½-2½, afterschool extracurricular activities, training in music and art, band, chess, drama club, engineering club, Italian, Mandarin, and CYO sports.



Ready to get started?
sthelencatholicacademy.org

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ST. HELEN PARISH PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2019

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*)
Marie Blankley (*Rachele Sannino*)
Thomas E. Blankley (*Rachele Sannino*)
Paul Anthony Bono (*Bono Family*)
Gregory Bonura (*Anne M. Vigliarolo*)
Azea Braganza (*Rachele Sannino*)
Gerald Braganza (*Loving Wife*)
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 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 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*)
Giovanni Escobar Londono (*Loving Mother*)
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*)
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*)
Carole Hinchcliffe (*Paul Hinchcliffe*)
Pasquale Izzo (*Loving Family*)
Jaskot & Wolynski Families (*Joan Szatkowski*)
Eddie Juba (*Barbara Dorme*)
Giovanna LaPuma (*Salvatore & Nancy Chiamonte*)
Michael & Mary Leccese (*Jo-Ann & Phyllis Leccese*)
Dominick & Angelina Librizzi (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
Catherine & Joseph Lumetta (*Pauline Mantineo*)
Macaluso Family (*Loving Family*)
Justine Nigra Maguire (*Deidre McVey*)
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*)
Father John B. Murray, C.M. (*Deidre McVey*)
Maggie O'Dee (*Loving Friend*)
Richard Orban (*Jane Orban*)
Joan Mary Orban-Jones (*Orban Family*)
Joseph P. Ottomanelli (*Frank & Monica Ottomanelli*)
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*)
Anthony & Josephine Razza (*Connie Chwalek*)
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*)
Anna Steiman (*The Krala Family*)
Margaret Ann Stillman (*Heedles Family*)
Casimir Szatkowski (*Loving 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*)
Mary Zurick (*Sophia Gadinis*)

SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

hearts.

Thurs-



Monday, January 21, 2019

Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

When our daughter discovered that Santa lived much closer to home, she was angry and confused. She wanted to believe as she once did but couldn't. In time, she came to love Christmas in a deeper way. It is perhaps an unjust analogy, but will our sense of church need to undergo a similar metamorphosis? As revelations of abuse and cover-ups shake our trusted understanding of church, many are left angry and confused – questioning not only the institution, but the core beliefs of their faith. Much as some wish they could return to the certainties of a naïve past, the “fresh wine” of awareness no longer fits into “old wineskins” of blind obedience. If our church is to survive this crisis of faith, it must place at its foundation, not an image of holiness, but the truth, justice and self-sacrificing love of Christ. *May your love and mercy guide us in our efforts to live your truth, O God.*

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

When I first moved away from home, I would feel guilty if I overslept and missed Sunday mass. It took a few years to overcome the fear instilled in me as a child that God would be angered by my “sin” of missing the Sunday obligation. It took even more years of spiritual growth to recognize that celebrating the Eucharist provided me, not God, with a nourishment I could not find elsewhere. I no longer feel guilty when life or work prevent me from attending my regular Eucharist, nor do I worry that I have committed an offense against God. I am much more likely to feel hunger pangs longing for the life-giving sustenance that God and my community of faith offer for the spiritual and emotional well-being of us all. *Giver of life, nourish our body and souls that we may have strength for the journey of life.*

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

The Pharisees watched but did not attempt to understand Jesus' words or actions. With prejudiced eyes, they watched only to condemn. The Latin origins of “prejudice” mean “to make a judgement in advance.” In our modern political and social climate, we have all developed prejudiced reactions to key words we use to identify people we may never have met: Democrat, Republican, immigrant, gay, feminist, etc. Like the Pharisees, our pre-judgment sometimes prevents us from engaging in respectful dialogue or from becoming open to a changed perception of those we do not know or understand. The community of Jesus' time was probably as polarized as our own between the followers of Jesus and those who believed in the Pharisee's authority. Can we learn from their history to find a more united path of mutual respect?

God of compassion, enlighten our minds and soften our

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12

For each person he cured, it seemed ten more came to be cured by Jesus. The demand is so acute Jesus expresses a concern about being injured. Several times in Scripture, we hear how Jesus' attempt to proclaim a bigger message of salvation is drowned out by those begging to be cured of physical ailments. While the physical cures solve an immediate need, Jesus' greater message offers them a healing beyond the physical one that will last beyond that day. Some days I am like that crowd. I badger God to cure my immediate hardships and annoyances, but am too selfish to accept the offered cure that would transform my hardened heart into one that recognizes the needs of those around me. *May my own problems never blind me to the needs of others, O Lord.*

Friday, January 25, 2019

Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

What faith and courage Ananias possessed! Saul was responsible for the persecution and imprisonment of many who followed the same faith as Ananias. Now God was asking Ananias to risk imprisonment and even death to meet with Saul and speak to him of this banned faith. Despite his fear and animosity toward Saul, he offered healing and words of peace and welcome. From this encounter, one of Christianity's greatest disciple emerged, Paul. No doubt, Ananias was also changed by the encounter. Whom do I fear or view with contempt? Would some lives be changed if I offered a gesture of peace and welcome? Like Ananias, I may not know what will happen, but God asks us to take that leap of faith anyway. *May we be steadfast in faith and courage, as we proclaim your Gospel through our compassion.*

Saturday, January 26, 2019

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:20-21

Many people would consider their family to be their greatest joy and their greatest annoyance. It is amazing how relatives embedded with the same genes, nurtured in the same environments, and experiencing similar histories can grow into people who think, act and hold beliefs that are so opposed to each other. Like the relatives of Jesus, we have all considered some of the decisions made by our family members to be somewhat “insane.” Many, however, have also been blessed like Timothy in Paul's letter, with relatives such as Lois and Eunice who have loved and guided us into becoming better people. I thank God today for the medley of relatives (both biological and “in faith”) who have stirred the flame of God's gifts within me. *May the grace, mercy and peace of our Lord bless all who nurture the spiritual life of others.*

