

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In
LOVING
Memory

This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019

- 8:00AM Gennady Basin (*Loving Wife*)
- 9:30AM Dorothy E. Pizzo (*Loving Husband & Family*)
- 11:00AM Ralph Tardi (*Connie Tardi & Family*)
- 12:30PM Giuseppina Lima (*Loving Family*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019 *St. Charles Lwanga*

- 9:00AM Laraine Pizzichemi (*Linda Mossa*)

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019

- 9:00AM Theresa Mullalley (*Loving Family*)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2019 *St. Boniface*

- 9:00AM Frances Fiscelli (*Anna Iuvara*)

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019 *St. Norbert*

- 9:00AM William DiPietra (*Loving Parents*)

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019

- 9:00AM Joseph J. Vetrano (*Ann Vetrano*)

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019

- 9:00AM Mary Bisciello (*St. Helen Rosarians*)
Salvatore & Rosa Gambino (*Loving Family*)
Theresa James (*LaMarca Family*)
Carmela Salvati (*Giovanna Ariola*)
Luciano Sannino (*Loving Daughter*)
- 5:00PM Rosemary Abruzzino (*Jerry Calcagnile & Michelle Ammirati*)
Mary Bisciello (*Jean Bernardo*)
Paul Leshak (*Donna & Robert Castillo*)
Joseph Pecorella (*Vita & Paul*)
Joe Scorcia (*Vita & Paul*)

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019—PENTECOST

- 8:00AM George & Claire Cox
- 9:30AM Gasparina & Jack Rabito (*Arline Rabito & Diane Sama*)
- 11:00AM Rocco Longo (*Longo Family*)
- 12:30PM Walter Ujazdowski (*Quagliariello Family*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE for this week are donated in memory of **Eugene Greco**, requested by **Joe & Lorraine Trotta and Family**.

THE ALTAR CANDLES for this week are donated in memory of **Giovanni Escobar Londono**, requested by his loving mother, **Jeinne**.

The Rosary for Peace, sponsored by the Saint Helen Secular Franciscan Fraternity, takes place in Church 6:30PM each Wednesday. The group prays for our Blessed Mother's intercession to end violence (both domestic & civil) & 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.

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, Lynn Boutureira, Daniel Campion, Sally Capozziello, Shang Cheng, Zena Cipolla, Marge D'Auria, Patrick Delaney, Domenica DeVito, Virginia DiGangi, Richard H. Dimler, Mary Divers, Jennie Federici, Jean Fochetta, Clementine Gagliardi, Dennis Giammalvo, Margaret Giampietro, John Joseph Gleeson, John Pierce Gleeson, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Elizabeth Isolano, Marilyn Krajcik, Keri & Baby Tristan, Elaine Lazzeri, Susan Leone, James Leung, Patricia Lipari, William J. Litt, Tom Mercatante, Barbara Miller, Angela Ottomanelli-Hubbs, Michael Palermo, Frank Palmenteri, Sebastian Panasci, Santo Pantina, Vivian Doris Pecchillo, Phillip Pecchillo, Nino Pedone, 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., Ana Vastola, Sr. Joanne Walters.

Deceased:

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, June 28, 2019.**

GOOD SHEPHERD STATUE

We would like to thank **Mary Ann Kellen**, 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.



Changing Lives Building Communities

The Office of Mission “Witnesses of Mercy Program” invites you to share in God’s tender mercy, as they continue to minister to those in need, **next Saturday, June 8th** from 10AM to 2PM at the Immaculate Conception Center (7200 Douglaston Pkwy., Douglaston, NY). The guest speaker will be Sr. Josephine Daspro, CSJ. A working breakfast and light lunch will be served. For more information and/ or to register please call Deacon Andrew Mastrangelo at 718-722-6000, ext. 6458 or you may also email him at: Andrew.Mastrangelo@ccbq.org.



St. Helen Intramurals Basketball Signup Dates

7:00PM-8:00PM
Wednesday, June 5th, Thursday, June 6th
Wednesday, June 12th, Thursday, June 13th


Games will be played weeknights Mondays - Thursdays in our gym.

Divisions: 4th & 5th grade mixed and 6th 7th & 8th grades mixed
 Boys and Girls mixed

Fee is \$100.00.
 Once signups are done then we will do draft.
Start date is Monday July 1st!
 Game times TBD based on number of teams.

Coaches Wanted!!!

For more info email sthelencyobb@gmail.com



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): **June 9 & 23 — July 14 & 28 .**

Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms
(All begin at 2:00PM): **June 9 & 23 — July 14 & 28 .**

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

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.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul


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The Rosary Ministry Society would like to thank the following vendors for their donations to our Annual Communion Breakfast. Your donations help to make our event very successful. **We urge all parishioners to frequent these businesses!**

- Ace Hardware
- All American Bagel & Barista Co
- Brother’s Italian Grocery Store
- Bruno Ristorante
- Cam’arino Salon
- Cross Bay Chemist
- Cross Bay Diner
- Crossbay Seashell Fish Market
- DiVino Pizzeria Restaurant
- Esquire Diner
- Fresco Gourmet Market
- Gino’s Pizzeria & Restaurant
- Healthbay Natural Foods
- Heavenly Florist



- Howard Park Drive in Cleaners
- J.V. Carter Co. Inc.
- Kids ’n Shape
- La Villa Pizzeria & Restaurant
- Lenny's Clam Bar & Restaurant
- Marlowe Jewelers
- Prima Pasta & Café
- Saffron Restaurant
- Sugar Bun Café
- Twist It Top It
- Wines & Spirits of Howard Beach

IN COOPERATION WITH NORTHEAST ROAD SAFETY

St. Helen' Parish Presents

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

Sponsored by American Safety, Inc. (#028)

Saturday June 29, 2019 10:00AM – 4:00PM

In the Msgr. McGinness Room at the Rectory

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 \$50.00. (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 9:45AM.

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.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR 6-HOUR NEW YORK DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS
Saturday June 29, 2019 10AM-4:00PM in the Msgr. McGinness Room at the Rectory

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Tel/Cell #: _____ Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____



**IN THE SPIRIT OF
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**ST. HELEN PARISH
PRESENTS
CELEBRATE
LIFE!**

*A parish
Collection for
Women & Children
in Need*

**AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND:
JUNE 1 & 2, 2019**

REQUESTED DONATIONS:

- ◆ **Household Items for Women's Shelters:** Paper towels, tissues, soaps, Scott Toilet Tissue Only, Febreze, Lysol, bleach, Soft Scrub w/bleach, Fabuloso cleaner, 409 All-Purpose cleaner, Glad Force Flex kitchen bags, Swiffer Wet & Dry refills, detergent.
- ◆ **Bed & Bath:** Baby shampoo, baby wash, baby wipes, hooded towels, receiving blankets, pacifiers, rattles.
- ◆ **Baby Clothing:** (Sizes 3-24 months): short sleeve onesies, outfits, stretchies.
- ◆ **Boys & Girls Summer Clothing:** All Sizes. Most needed: 3T & Size 6.
- ◆ **Diapers:** All Sizes. Most needed: Newborn, 1 & 5.
- ◆ **Strollers** (lightweight models & umbrella strollers)
- ◆ **Please Note: WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING cribs, car seats, pack-&-plays, or furniture of any kind! We ask that you please do not bring these items, as WE CANNOT TAKE THEM!**
- ◆ **Gift Cards** (Target, CVS, TD Bank cards, Old Navy).
- ◆ **Monetary donations are always appreciated! (*Envelopes available at doors*).**

*All donations will be sent to Women's Shelters
and Mother/Child Support Facilities*

PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE—THANK YOU!

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Believers are God the



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

Monday, June 3, 2019

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Joseph Mukaso, chief steward of the ruthless King Mwangi, the last monarch of Buganda, now modern-day Uganda, led a Christian community of 200 believers. He confronted Mwangi who expelled or executed missionaries and forced Christian converts to denounce their beliefs or face death. Before his own execution, Mukaso said, "A Christian who gives his life for God is not afraid to die."

Charles Lwanga carried on Mukaso's work, instructing in the faith and protecting young men from Mwangi's immoral sexual demands. Soon after, Lwanga and 22 others were martyred, including 15 young men, some still children. Their courageous witness in carrying on the Christian message is an inspiration to remain unwavering in our faith and a reminder that, while many enjoy religious freedom, religious persecution continues in our present day. Freedom shouldn't be taken for granted. *Almighty Protector, be with our brothers and sisters who suffer for professing their faith.*

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Jesus isn't asking for recognition. He isn't boasting of a job well done. He is noting the need to move forward with his call. As he speaks directly to the Father, he acknowledges that it's time to leave his earthly ministry. He prophetically reveals that the temporal task set before him will be completed. He has been appointed for the redemption and salvation of his people, a difficult call he obediently accepts, knowing he will suffer. He doesn't ask to be released from it until he knows it will be fulfilled. His return to the Father who sent him reveals who he is and brings greater glory to God. His followers overhear his prayers for all believers not only to follow him in glorifying God in their deeds but also to long to unite with the Father in heaven. It is his sincere hope that we will accept our call with the same joy and unconditional love. *Obedient and trusting Lord, may we follow you in glorifying the Father in the work given to us and to seek oneness with him.*

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Both Jesus & his disciples have long been aware the time will come when he will have to leave them. As his departure becomes inevitable, he prays for them to remain united in purpose for the glory of God's name. In this passage, known as Jesus' "high priestly prayer," he becomes their intercessor, directly asking the Father to protect, sanctify & unify them as they remain in the world & are sent forth, just as he has been, to encounter those who will challenge, mock & hate them. His beautiful & heartfelt prayer glorifies the Father, selflessly intercedes for the needs of his apostle, sets them apart in their purpose, asks for Christian unity, & desires that the Father and his love be known. According to Bishop Robert Barron, this high priestly prayer "contains the seeds of Christian spirituality in its entirety." *Jesus, our high priest, intercede for us so that we will be known as your disciples and in doing so will lead others to know the Father.*

Thursday, June 6, 2019

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Father's gift to the Son; that image is at the center of Jesus' high priestly prayer. Jesus emphasizes the precious and serious nature of protecting and nurturing the gift entrusted to him. When he was with his disciples, he instructed and guided them. In leaving them, he asks the Father to bring them together as the body of Christ, made one in purpose, and for the glory of God's name. Doing so, he lovingly provides for them in his absence. He draws on the love that exists among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to form this bond. Jesus' connection with his followers and his desire to share with them his unity with the Father beautifully illustrates just how vital it is to build supporting relationships among all Christian communities. *God of unity, draw us into loving relationship with you so that we may nurture communion [yes, lowercase] among all your people.*

Friday, June 7, 2019

Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Peter's pained threefold response parallels his previous threefold denial. He has faltered, betraying Christ during his passion. Saddened, he stands alone before the Lord asserting that Jesus knows his heart. Increasingly chastened, he agonizes with each repeated question of his fidelity. Yet in preparing to appoint Peter as the shepherd of his flock, Jesus focuses not on what Peter thinks Jesus wants to hear but on what Peter needs to understand. Peter's love for doing what the Lord asks of him must surpass his feelings for his companions, his vocation and livelihood in fishing, and even his valuing of his own life. When Jesus says, "Follow me," he intimates that this path will include persecution and crucifixion. Jesus puts Peter on the spot to clarify for Peter that unconditional love is at the center of their relationship. In responding three times, a humbled Peter asserts that his love for Christ truly is authentic and all embracing. *Forgiving Lord, look past my failures and guide me to love more, to trust more, to give more in following you.*

Saturday, June 8, 2019

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

Peter, like many of us, has a hard time minding his own business. When he questions Jesus' intentions, Jesus simply rebukes him and once again tells Peter to follow him. That direction holds a distinct promise for Peter specifically — just like his plan for the beloved disciple, commonly thought to be John the Evangelist, is uniquely for him. Jesus is in charge, and he knows what he desires for each person individually. His intention for anyone else doesn't concern Peter. We often think we know what is best for others. We attempt to involve ourselves in situations that are best left in God's hands. We worry about what's happening with our fellow Christians and neglect our own call. Jesus assures us that he has things under control, and it is best not to judge his motives or compare our call to others'. *All knowing Lord, quiet my questioning and curiosity so that I can faithfully answer your call to follow you.* ◆