

PENTECOST SUNDAY

In
LOVING
Memory

This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2019

- 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

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019

- 9:00AM Antoinette DeVita (*Donna Cappello*)

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019 *St. Barnabas*

- 9:00AM Frances & Anthony Bilotti (*Carotenuto Family*)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019

- 9:00AM Joseph J. Zambiasi (*Clare Scudiero-Serrano*)

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019 *St. Anthony of Padua*

- 9:00AM William DiPietra (*Loving Parents*)
- 7:30PM Bessie Amendolara (*Michele DeRiso*)

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019

- 9:00AM Victoria D'Amelio (*Al D'Amelio & Family*)

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019

- 9:00AM Mary Bisciello (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
Frank DiRago (*Loving Children*)
Phil Kaiser (*Secular Franciscans*)
Grace Speciale (*Barbara Bitetto*)
Anthony Tracchiolo (*Loving Children*)
- 5:00PM Nicholas Vincent Adamo (*Richard McManus*)
Mary Bisciello (*St. Helen's Religious Ed Program*)
Jane Hardy (*Phyllis & Jo-Ann Leccese*)
Amelia Joan Kalb (*Mary & Donald Guarino*)
Thomas Syron (*Carol & Richard Dietrich*)

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2019—FATHER'S DAY

- 8:00AM All
- 9:30AM Masses For
- 11:00AM Father's Day
- 12:30PM Intentions
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



THE ALTAR BREAD for this week is donated in memory of **Frances LaMarca**, requested by **Stephanie LaMarca**.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE for this week is donated in memory of **Felice Scimeca**, requested by **Mario & Grace Faulisi & Family**.

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, 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., Ana Vastola, Sr. Joanne Walters.

Deceased: Frances Hanley

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.



**St. Helen Intramurals
Basketball Signup Dates**

7:00PM-8:00PM

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 23 — July 14 & 28 .**

Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms

(All begin at 2:00PM): **June 23 — July 14 & 28 .**

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



THE WITNESSES OF MERCY

The Witnesses of Mercy program is comprised of a group of trained volunteers who can provide personal contact with parishioners of St. Helen's Church who are unable to leave their homes due to illness or age related issues. They can offer home visits or be in contact with you by telephone. These dedicated volunteers will be your link to the Parish so that you can keep up to date on information, events and news.

If you are sick, homebound or unable to visit the church and would like to have a Witnesses of Mercy volunteer from Saint Helen's parish visit or be in contact with you, please contact Patricia Rizzo at (917) 312-7072, or you may also email her at:
goodrecords1@verizon.net.

**FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA
Monday, June 13, 2019
Mass at 7:30PM**



*The distribution of
St. Anthony Bread
will follow after Mass.*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES HOWARD BEACH SENIOR CENTER



The 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. Every day delicious and nutritious full, hot lunches are catered by Russo's on the Bay (\$2 donation requested). **For further information, call 718-738-8100.**

Mondays 9:30-10:30AM:

Mondays 10:45-11:45AM:

Tuesdays 9:30-10:30AM:

Wednesdays 10:00-11:00AM:

Thursdays 9:30-10:30AM:

Fridays 9:30-10:30AM:

Fridays 10:30-11:30AM:

Tai Chi with Elaine Fleischman

Chair Aerobics with Charlie Roemer

Movement Exercise with Millie

Zumba with Elaine

Movement Exercise with Millie

Cardio Exercise with Dwayne

Yoga with Charlie Roemer



A statue of St. Francis of Assisi is more than a bird feeder, and neither is he only a Saint for animals. He is a Saint of ecology, peace and all good. Following in the footsteps of St. Francis is more than living a good Christian life. It is going from Gospel to life, and from life to Gospel.

If you have a desire to learn more about Franciscan charism, you are most welcome to join us on the **third Saturday of the month** after the 9:00AM Mass in the Rectory Meeting Room for our gathering. We look forward to seeing you there. Light refreshments will be offered. God bless you!



SAINT HELEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM Christian of the Month — March, 2019

These students regularly attended and actively participated in religion classes seeking knowledge of God. In addition, these students gave witness by treating others with the kindness and compassion of Jesus.

March 2019

Kindergarten

Dennis Sivillo

First Grade

Gianluca Gallina
Emma Hatzinger
Noelle Klein
Shane Lay
Sabrina Martinez
Dominic Romano

Second Grade

Gia Cosentino
Patrick Freeburg
Gia Fuccillo
Aiden Leonardi

Third Grade

Joseph Baglino
Aleksandra Cioch
James Livieri
Gianna Riggi
Olivia Schwartz
Adrianna Vigo

Fourth Grade

Joseph Carbone

Nicholas Genna
Michael Minkoff
Nicholas Scarpa

Fifth Grade

Gianna Cammarota
Devin DeFillippo
Isabella Russo
Jack Tomeo

Sixth Grade

Matthew Auriemma
Marcella Polvere

Celia Scheinberg
Ava Testone

Seventh Grade

Nathalie Baret
Julianna Condon
Isabella Mangiaracina
Joelle Tripiccione

RCIC

Tehya Ross

April 2019

Kindergarten

Victoria Mangieri

First Grade

Ava Bravo
Antonio Cosentino
Isabella Gotti
Hailey Morgan
Elias Rodriguez
Oliver Russo
Adrian Santos

Second Grade

Anthony Auriemma
Gianni DiToro
Zara Zanca

Valentina Zerilli

Third Grade

Katie Anne Barker
Sophie Joscher
Olivia LoBello
Sophie Naranjo
Olivia Schwartz
Nicolette Terman
Frank Zanca

Fourth Grade

Chloe Behan
Sophia Maldari

Madison Mele-Chiarenza
Mia Montalbano
Logan Russo

Fifth Grade

Mia Quintana
Anthony Rao
Donald Spallone
Rosalie Terman

Sixth Grade

Giuliana Como
Jessica Gaskell
Alessandra Valdez

Seventh Grade

Frank Coraci
Daniel Fuggetta
Andrew Vargas
Maria Weigand

RCIC

Isabella Flores

May 2019

First Grade

Isabella Costanza
Alyvia Cruz
Jameson David
Mark Filipkowski

Second Grade

Ciro Aldino
Christopher Dreizen
Annette Loia
Evan Pizzano
Aiden Poggio
Samantha Rivera
Aurora Trinchese

Third Grade

Angelina Caputo
Anthony Reisig
Benjamin Spitzer
Giana Tripiccione

Fourth Grade

Kiera Daly
Analia Leonardi
Gia Piccirillo
John Sindone
Luca Taravella
Francesca Tutino

Fifth Grade

Mia Birardi

Vito Camporese
Thomas DiNapoli
Sebastian Giallanzo

Sixth Grade

Gianna Imbriano
Jillian Santiago

Seventh Grade

Bianca Deodato
Matthew Mele-Chiarenza

RCIC

Sophie Naranjo



Religious Education Registration for 2019-2020

We are now registering children for the 2019-2020 school year. The registration form may be obtained at the Religious Education Office located in the school building. The program is available to children in grades Kindergarten through 7th grade. The registration fee 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, contact the rectory of the Church where your child was baptized; most parishes take a couple of weeks to process a baptismal certificate. **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. Registration for children currently enrolled in our program was sent home with your child and/ or via email.

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: \$ _____

TENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Saint
Anthony
of



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

Monday, June 10, 2019

Gen 3:9-15, 20; Jn 19:25-34 (572a)

All families have their stories: tragedies, comedies, tall tales, legends. Good and bad, these stories matter to us because they help us understand who we are.

Today's reading from Genesis is an ancient family story, a story about God and the creatures God created, about a choice and its consequences. It is a story with everything human in it — promise,

failure, blame, despair, guilt, punishment. But it is also a story of survival. Even though they were thrown out of Eden, Adam and Eve did go on; they decided to live. Yes, paradise was gone for good, but they chose to build a future for themselves and their children. The main characters in this story may be Adam and Eve, but it is really a story about God — the God who helps us pick up the pieces even when we make all kinds of excuses in an effort to hide what we have done. *You walk with us always, O God, even when we try to hide from you.*

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580); Mt 5:13-16

Once upon a time, a group of women from a local church decided to make toiletry kits for inmates at the local jail. But when they visited the jail, they were shocked by the conditions: overcrowding, rumors of bribery and corruption, and the use of excessive force. They did not like what they learned. When they went to share their concerns, the jailer told them they should stick to church work. "This is church business!" they declared. Eventually, an investigation was launched; the jailer ended up resigning. Those women could have stayed home — or at church — but they decided to be salt and light in the world. The salt burned and the light illuminated uncomfortable truths, but they changed things in their community — which is what Jesus asks of all his disciples. We are the Gospel, the good news, the salt of the earth, the light of the world. *Fill us with holy love, O God, that we may be salt and light for others.*

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

2 Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19

The tension between Jesus and the law of Moses is evident early in his ministry. Here, as part of what we know as the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the crowd that he does not intend to abolish the law, and yet we know that Jesus frequently broke some of those very laws. He touched the untouchable. He healed on the Sabbath. He ate with sinners. He treated lepers, tax collectors and Samaritans with respect and compassion. Jesus also confronted religious leaders for their blind adherence to the law, often without considering the people involved. Clearly, Jesus knew the law of Moses, but he also knew that it was easy to become focused on the letter of the law — and lose sight of the larger law of love. Love God, love people. That is the lens through which all of the law must be heard, understood and lived. *Holy One, your law of love continually calls us to a different way of life.*

Thursday, June 13, 2019

2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Mt 5:20-26

Padua

It began, I suppose, with tabloid television: people telling their grievances to an audience of thousands. The more lurid the details, the better. Now, with Facebook and Twitter, we are instantly able to express our indignation, disgust, anger and criticism. Bad service at a restaurant? Let the world know. Witness (and of course photograph) some kind of questionable behavior? Post it right away. It doesn't take much effort, and we can be more or less anonymous. But here is what we miss about Jesus' words: They are not about my grievance or problem. No, Jesus says if you remember that your brother [or sister] a grievance against you, then you are to go, listen and seek a resolution to the problem. Instead of focusing on our own gripes, Jesus asks us to consider whether someone has a conflict with us — and take steps to address it. *God, grant us the courage to examine our own lives.*

Friday, June 14, 2019

2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 5:27-32

Most of us really like certain parts of the Sermon on the Mount — the Beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer. But other parts of the sermon are, quite frankly, incredibly difficult. Yes, murder is wrong — but so is anger even if it doesn't lead to murder. Adultery is wrong — but so is lust even if never acted upon. Don't be anxious. Love your enemies. Take the speck out of your own eye. There are hard words about divorce and a warning about storing up treasures. Jesus is taking several laws from the Hebrew Scriptures — already tough enough to follow — and making them even harder. We were told, "Be good," but Jesus tells us to be better than good. Take the high road. Following the letter of the law is not enough; we are asked to obey the spirit of the law. *Lord Jesus, we pray for guidance and strength to follow your way.*

Saturday, June 15, 2019

2 Cor 5:14-21; Mt 5:33-37

Even though we know that many different kinds of animals communicate through various sounds, language is one of the most distinctive things about human beings. As babies learn to talk, we expect them to "use their words" instead of pointing or crying. We are also taught from an early age that our words have consequences. Words can be kind and helpful, mean or insulting. Over the last two and a half years, words — especially vitriolic and hateful words — have had an increasing effect on society, an effect that, all too often, is detrimental and harmful. Since we call ourselves people of the Word, we must be especially mindful about the words we use. Do we seek to build or destroy, to incite fear or compassion? Our words matter. And Jesus makes it clear that our words are to be honest, truthful, considerate and loving. *For integrity, compassion and wisdom, we pray.*

