

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020

George & Claire Cox
 Frank Randazzo (*Rachele Sannino*)
 Vernon Smith (*Linda DeSantis*)
 Joseph Tepedino (*Salvatore Galasso*)
 For The Parishioners

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020

9:00AM Frank Bifulco, Sr. (*Loving Family*)

TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2020

9:00AM Grace & Frank Mongelli (*Ametrano Family*)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020

9:00AM Rates-Middleton Family (*Joan DeRiso & Fam.*)

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2020

9:00AM Salvatore Gangi Dino (*Maria & Felice Pugliese*)

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2020

9:00AM Filomena Garcia (*Nena Garcia*)

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2020—INDEPENDENCE DAY

9:00AM James G. Henry (*Barbara Henry*)
 5:00PM Vincent DeRuvo (*Loving Family*)



SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020

8:00AM Fr. Fabian Grifone (*Friends & Family*)
 9:30AM Michelina & Michael Salegna (*Loving Family*)
 11:00AM Ana Vastola (*Joe Barreca & Family*)
 12:30PM Philip DiMarco (*Angelo & Ann Marie Gurino*)
 5:00PM For The Parishioners

PRIVATE PRAYER TIME IN CHURCH

If you plan on visiting St. Helen Church for private prayer, please remember to abide by all guidelines. Your cooperation and understanding will be needed and appreciated!



Francesca DiStefano
Mary Pristina
Mary Rodman
Lucy Tartaglino



Amado Araneta, Joe Barreca, Anthony Barresi, Stella Barresi, Mary Battista, Barbara Bitetto, Daniel Campion, Sally Capozziello, Shang Cheng, Zena Cipolla, Anthony Corozzo, Arsenio DaRita, Marge D'Auria, Patrick Delaney, Domenica DeVito, Virginia DiGangi, Richard H. Dimler, Mary Divers, Jennie Federici, Jean Fochetta, Clementine Gagliardi, Dennis Giammalvo, Tony Giampietro, John Joseph Gleeson, John Pierce Gleeson, Joan Grieco, Rosemarie & Joseph Guagenti, Gertrude Gwardjak, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, 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, Amelia Pepe, Joseph Questore, Frances Russo, John Secreti, Remington Stafford, Rubie Lynn Torres, Chrissie Tremblay, Paul Tremblay, Paul John Tremblay, Sr., Sr. Joanne Walters.



Remember To Stay Safe By Practicing Social-Distancing When Celebrating!!

PLEASE NOTE: The Intentions for the next monthly Purgatorial Society Mass will be offered on Friday, July 31st.



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SAINT HELEN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Parishioners,

As NYC enters into phase 2 of reopening, so do Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Brooklyn find themselves in a reopening phase, named stage 2 and stage 3, by the Diocesan committee chaired by NYPD Chief Esposito (retired).

NYC Phase 2 permitted the rectory office to be opened on Monday June 22nd, albeit with all the safety measures provided by the CDC and Dept. of Health and Labor. The office will begin recouping from being closed for over three months. The rectory office is open Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Saturday and Sundays from 9:00-12 noon. Please realize, all office work has been put on pause for three months, so we expect this opening phase to be a bit overwhelming. Please be patient in these first days after reopening. Any one coming to the rectory for a Mass card or any other related business will be required to wear a mask. The rectory will maintain these hours throughout the month of July, recouping from being closed for such a long time.

Stage 2 of Church reopening will begin Monday June 29th (the Feast of St. Peter and Paul and the 7th Anniversary of Ordination of the new Parochial Vicar, Father Giulietti!) This first weekday mass is at the usual time of 9:00 AM. Masks will be required during the celebration of Mass. Social distancing is a must, and appointed seats are located in the Church. Hand sanitizers will be located at the doors. The City of New York is permitting houses of worship to open, albeit at 25% capacity. The Certificate of Occupancy for the Church is 696, therefore 174 individuals will be permitted inside the Church. This should not be an issue (at daily Mass), as normal attendance at daily Mass never exceeds more than 120 on the best of days. Of course, it goes without saying, anyone feeling ill, or is compromised should stay home. Please follow the directions of all staff in the Church.

Stage 3 for the Diocese begins on Saturday July 4th at the 5:00PM Mass. This will mark the first Sunday Mass since closing on March 15th! Again, unless things change with the City's guidelines, we can only permit 25% capacity inside the Church (174 individuals). We will monitor this with a ticket system. Each person entering the Church will take a ticket from a container containing 174 tickets. Once the tickets run out, we will have reached the capacity set forth by the authorities and will not permit others to enter the Church. (Please do not return any tickets.) That being said, many Dioceses around the country are reporting extremely low numbers attending Church in the first weeks of reopening, so we do not foresee this as an issue (based on trends). Again, please comply with ushers and staff.

Since we are at 25%, and the dispensation for the Sunday Obligation has still not been lifted, we will livestream one Sunday Mass. This will continue until the Sunday Obligation is required.

Memorial Masses and Funerals will be permitted (with the same restrictions) beginning on Monday June 29th. Saint Helen parish has lost close to 30 parishioners since closing, and I expect to hear of many more when we reopen. If you are planning a Memorial Mass, please contact Linda Mastrangelo who will assist you with plans. Many parishioners have lost loved ones during this time (Covid and non-Covid related) and have not had the chance to have a Mass said for their loved one. Many parishioners, still have cremains awaiting burial, we will expedite the Memorial Masses as quickly as possible, including offering a weekday evening as an option for Memorial Masses. Planning a Memorial Mass can be emotional and taxing, please realize Mrs. Mastrangelo will be of great assistance in answering any and all of your questions.

During this reopening phase, there is tremendous excitement, and yet an abundance of caution will be exercised every step of the way. This is uncharted territory for all of us, so please be patient, and stay healthy. I pray I see you soon.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Colamaria

WELCOME FR. STEPHEN GIULIETTI!

As I begin my assignment here at Saint Helen's, I'll tell you a little bit about myself so that you can get to know me. I grew up in Floral Park and lived there until I entered college. I'm the oldest of two children. I'm third generation American, and all of my great-grandparents (whom I'm never met) were born in Italy. My parents took me to Sunday Mass, usually followed by dinner at my grandparents' house. My grandparents on both sides of my family went to Mass and volunteered at their parishes.

I went to school at my home parish, Our Lady of the Snows. I sang in the children's choir and helped as an altar server at the parish Masses. I went to Cathedral Prep Seminary High School, where I made the decision to consider a vocation to the priesthood. I've wanted to be a priest since I was seven years old, and I chose to enter Cathedral Seminary Residence in Douglaston as I was preparing to graduate from high school.

My path to the priesthood has brought me to many different, unexpected places. I started college at Saint John's University and graduated from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. with a Licentiate in Philosophy (the equivalent of a Master's Degree). I had the opportunity to take organ lessons while I was studying there, and I still have opportunities to help out and play from time to time. I also spent time in Rome and was ordained a priest here in Brooklyn on June 29, 2013.

My first parish assignment was Saint Bernadette's in Dyker Heights. I worked there for four years, and then I was sent back to Catholic U to work on my doctorate. I lived in nearby Maryland until I returned home a few months ago.

I'm very excited to begin working here at Saint Helen's. I've played the organ here a couple of times for Steve Giusto when I was in college, and more recently I've helped out for Confessions and Mass a handful of times while I was at Saint Bernadette's. I'm also glad to be back in Queens, near my friends, sister, brother-in-law, and two little nephews. I'm happy to be here, and I look forward to meeting everyone and seeing everyone at Mass.

Fr. Giulietti