

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020

- 8:00AM James McCosker (*Rachele Sannino*)
- 9:30AM Mary & Vito Rabito (*Arline Rabito & Diane Sama*)
- 11:00AM Vita Manfredi (*LaMarca & Ambrosio Families*)
- 12:30PM Frank Casano (*Loving Family*)
- Theresa Laudicina (*St. Helen Lectors*)
- Rosario Maniaci (*Caterina Bullaro*)
- Gloria Secchi (*Richard Secchi*)
- Ronald Sendek (*Andrew & Linda Mastrangelo*)
- Caterina Zerbo (*Catherine Mazzella*)
- Giuseppe Zerbo (*Catherine Mazzella*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020—Columbus Day

- 9:00AM Karl Albrecht (*Loving Family*)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020

- 9:00AM Vincent Villano (*Loving Family*)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2020 *St. Callistus I*

- 9:00AM Rose Marie & Son, Joseph Questore (*Joseph & Steven Questore*)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020 *St. Teresa of Jesus*

- 9:00AM Francesca Tirro (*Loving Family*)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2020 *Sts. Hedwig & Margaret Mary*

- 9:00AM Gennady Basin (*Loving Wife*)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020 *St. Ignatius of Antioch*

- 9:00AM Lourdes Jocson LaChica (*Dr. Aida T. Jocson*)
- 5:00PM Arsenio DaRita (*Ottomanelli Family*)
- Vincent DeRuvo (*Laura & Jeffrey James*)
- Jaime Kiamzon (*Janet Valenzuela & Family*)
- Joan McCosker (*Vita & Paul*)
- Francisco & Irma Molina (*Ascrizzi Family*)
- Reynaldo Naval (*Janet Valenzuela & Family*)
- Jo-Ann Werner (*Maria & Paul Brigandi*)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

- 8:00AM George & Claire Cox
- 9:30AM William DiPietra (*Loving Parents*)
- 11:00AM Marcella Gallagher (*St. Helen Support Group*)
- 12:30PM Caterina Evangelista (*Shamalah Goriah*)
- Geraldine Gonzalez (*Antoinette Tomins*)
- Theresa Laudicina (*St. Helen Lectors*)
- Rosario Maniaci (*Salvatore Bullaro*)
- Theresa Muscarella (*Gerald Siniscalchi*)
- Barbara Sinkevitch (*M/M Ron Antal*)
- Peter Zerbo (*Antoinette Tomins*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



Susan Benson—Lena Esposito
Lawrence Martire—Earl T. Reynolds
Rose Sabatelli



THE ALTAR BREAD for this week is donated in memory of **Christine Ann Salegna**, requested by **Aunt Marilyn**.

THE ALTAR WINE for this week is donated in Thanksgiving to Jesus & Mary, requested by **Patricia & Charles Bonanno**.

THE ALTAR CANDLES for this week are donated in memory of **Joseph Cesare**, requested by the **Taranto Family**.

New Families: All are welcome to St. Helen Parish, and are asked to please register through our website at www.sthelen.org, or 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.

PLEASE NOTE: The Intentions for the next monthly Purgatorial Society Mass will be offered on **Friday, October 30th**.

Please Note: The Rectory office will be closed on **Monday, October 12th** in observance of Columbus Day, and will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00AM.



Amado Araneta, Joe Barreca, Anthony Barresi, Stella Barresi, Mary Battista, Barbara Bitetto, Daniel Campion, Sally Capozziello, Shang Cheng, Zena Cipolla, Marge D'Auria, Patrick Delaney, Domenica DeVito, Virginia DiGangi, Richard H. Dimler, Mary Divers, Colin F., Jennie Federici, Jean Fochetta, Clementine Gagliardi, Dennis Giammalvo, Tony Giampietro, John Joseph Gleeson, John Pierce Gleeson, 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, Josephine Profera, Joseph Questore, Frances Russo, John Secreti, Remington Stafford, Rubie Lynn Torres, Chrissie Tremblay, Paul Tremblay, Paul John Tremblay, Sr., Sr. Joanne Walters.

“It’s enough for a man to understand his own business, and not to interfere with other people’s. Mine occupies me constantly.” –Ebenezer Scrooge

Early on amidst the Covid lockdown, when Masses ceased and all public activity halted, I received a few interesting phone calls and letters. Albeit a few, some were complaints verging on accusation, “How dare I speak of money in a time of crisis?” I take most complaints in stride and try to use them as teaching moments for myself and the complainant.

All in all, the financial side of the parish has weathered this storm called Covid-19, battered but solvent. I recognize that for most people, they perceive a Church as a place to pray, a place to celebrate the joys and sorrows of life; yet there is a “financial side” to a parish, and this fiduciary responsibility rests on the Pastor’s head. As the parish accountant once said to me, “just to unlock the doors and turn on the lights is costing more than a quarter of a million dollars”. How can that be? Parishes have employed staff, and that comes with a price. Payroll, medical insurance, property insurance, utilities, and contracted services are not paid by the Angels and Saints! These temporal realities hit hard in a time of crisis, because everyone is in the same boat. I am cognizant of how many of our own parishioners who own businesses are in the same predicament. Yet, if I do not keep parishioners aware of the financial situation, I would be derelict in my duty as Pastor.

The people of God are always good, and very often offer solutions. One solution is “go to the Diocese”. This is not an option. The river flows the other way. What do I mean? Parishes financially support the Diocese. Seminaries do not generate money. Residences for aged priests do not generate revenue. The Diocesan Board of Education or Catholic Charities do not print money. Each of these entities are supported by fundraising, the Annual Catholic Appeal, and parishes. If a parish were to turn around and seek assistance from the Diocese, it is the equivalent of turning to the bank when you can’t pay your mortgage (not a good position to be in).

Thanks be to God, Saint Helen Parish has held its own through this crisis. At the height of closures, the parish still provided food from the pantry to those who needed it. The parish still offered its spiritual solace in new and unique ways. Bills were paid and payroll was met (albeit with some furlough). And the parishioners of the parish never forgot to support the endeavor called Church. As I stated earlier, “financially” we were battered, but remained solvent.

In the coming weeks you may hear me speak about electronic giving. Electronic giving is another form of donating to the parish that is especially helpful in times of crisis or simply amidst the ebb and flow of life. Electronic giving is a steady instrument to support your parish. Whether you are—or are not—physically present to donate, electronic giving is constant (as the parish is). Snow storms, vacation time, and pandemics are all examples of moments that greatly reduce a parish’s revenue. Yet the bills still come in. Electronic giving is yet another way a Pastor, in his fiduciary responsibility, can maintain the solvency of a parish. This is your parish, and I am the steward of your spiritual patrimony. I take this task seriously and I am always seeking new and innovative ways to maintain Saint Helen Strong!

Electronic giving is simply you deciding how much you desire to give to your parish on a weekly or monthly basis, similar to the envelope system, which also costs the parish! The only difference with electronic giving is it is automatic and consistent. Electronic giving is something that all parishioners who call Saint Helen their parish, should consider. Giving to a parish through any means is an act of sacrifice, and is between you and God. Giving to a parish is a topic of conversation that should be had with every family that calls themselves Catholic. Giving should also be put to prayer. Saint Helen parishioners have a history of being generous, and as your Pastor I want to say thank you for your historical and continued support of your parish

By way of reminder, there is an open invitation to any registered parishioner to review the parish financial records. By way of appointment, I am willing to sit down with any registered parishioner to look over the most current or the historical financial history of the parish. Transparency is gold in my books.

Fr. Colamaria



Can You Spare A Pair? **“SOCKTOBER” Is Once Again Here!**

Please consider contributing some socks (and underwear) for the men at the St. Anthony Shelter in the Bronx. You may leave them in the box in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1 *Is 25:6-10A*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: ""Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life .

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul. **R.**

He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your staff
that give me courage. **R.**

You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows. **R.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come. **R.**



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Reading 2 *Phil 4:12-14, 19-20*

Brothers and sisters:

I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress. My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia



R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call. **R.**

Gospel *Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10*

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests."

**Most
Especially
This Year
We Need
The**

Spirit of Christmas



St. Helen’s Parish property will once again be adorned with beautiful lighted Christmas Trees which can have a laminated sign securely affixed with your name!

- *Each live Christmas tree will be approximately 4-5 feet in height and will hold beautiful white lights only—no ornaments may be placed on the trees.*
- *All the trees will be illuminated at the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 5, 2020 after the 5:00PM Mass.*
- *The offering for each tree with a plaque is \$100.00.*
- *Trees will be displayed on a first-come, first-served-basis starting at the Nativity in front of the Church and then throughout the parish property—you may not request a specific area! There are a limited number of spaces available!*

If you plan on participating in this wonderful Christmas-season endeavor, we are kindly asking that you mail in or drop off the order form below with your payment to the Rectory no later than Friday, November 13th! Submitting the order form past this deadline may not guarantee a tree!

PLEASE ORDER A 2020 CHRISTMAS TREE FOR:

Our Family

_____ Family Name Only to Appear on Plaque (Please Print Clearly)

My Business

_____ Business Name to Appear on Plaque (Please Print Clearly)

In Memory

_____ Name (Single Name, Husband & Wife or Family Name Only) to Appear on Plaque (Please Print Clearly)

Enclosed is \$ _____ (at \$100 per tree. Checks can be made payable to St. Helen Church.)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____