

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
- 9:30AM Nicholas Colavito (*Prince & Purpura Families*)
- 11:00AM Amalia & Antonio Foglia (*M/M Giorgio Migliaccio*)
- 12:30PM Katherine Behrens (*Natalie & Ron Carbone*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018 *Our Lady of Mt. Carmel*

- 9:00AM Francesco Tullo (*Loving Family*)

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018

- 9:00AM Emilia Cuttone (*Digristina Family*)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018 *St. Camillus de Lellis*

- 9:00AM Gerald Braganza (*Loving Family*)

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018

- 9:00AM Evelyn Scudiere (*Clare Serrano*)

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018 *St. Apollinaris*

- 9:00AM Bill DiPietra (*Guzman Family*)

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018 *St. Lawrence of Brindisi*

- 9:00AM Azea Braganza (*Barbara Bitetto*)
- Bob Burneister (*Rita English & Family*)
- Vincent J. D'Amato (*Loving Wife, Joy*)
- Helen Martin (*Caterina Cina*)
- Anthony Tancreto (*Montalbano/DeDushaj Family*)
- 5:00PM Maria Cracchiolo (*Salvatore Galasso & Family*)
- Frances P. Cuomo (*Furman Family*)
- George D. Lupardo (*Kathleen Grant*)
- Vita Maltese (*Joe & Cynthia Ottomanelli*)
- Mimma Richiusa (*Felice & Maria Pugliese*)

SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018

- 8:00AM Luciano Sannino (*Rachele Sannino*)
- 9:30AM Americo, Sasso & Weldon Families (*Family*)
- 11:00AM Marie Calvacca (*Carmel Cutugno*)
- 12:30PM Donald Francis (*Loving Wife, Serafina*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

PLEASE NOTE: The Rectory office summer hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00AM-4:00PM through Friday, August 31st (weekend office hours will remain the same). There will be no evening hours throughout the summer. The Mass schedule will remain the same.

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 Ahearn, 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, Dennis Giammalvo, John Joseph Gleeson, John Pierce Gleeson, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Elizabeth Isolano, Keri & Baby Tristan, James Leung, Thomas & Patricia Lipari, William J. Litt, Cindy Maione, Barbara Miller, Angela Ottomanelli-Hubbs, Michael Palermo, Sebastian Panasci, Santo Pantina, Joseph Questore, Ronald J. Reid, Frances Russo, Bill Sangirardi, John Secreti, Patrick Smith, Remington Stafford, Michael Tamburo, Chrissie Tremblay, Paul Tremblay, Paul John Tremblay, Sr., Sr. Joanne Walters.

Deceased: Sallie Caputo, Raymond D. Moran

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, July 27, 2018.**



You are invited to Pray the Family Rosary
**THURSDAY EVENINGS
 IN CHURCH
 7:00-7:30PM**

“Do your thing. Do it unapologetically. Don't be discouraged by criticism. You probably already know what they're going to say. Pay no mind to the fear of failure. It's far more valuable than success. Take ownership, take chances, and have fun. And no matter what, don't ever stop doing your thing.” –Asher Roth

There are many who call Saint Helen their parish. Parishioners, they are called. They come week after week, praising God in this holy place; they give back with their time, treasure and talents. Then, there are the employees, working long hours and always going above and beyond the call of duty. Then, there are the countless volunteers, who give of their time to teach children, make liturgy dignified or help out in any capacity they can offer.

Then, there are the unseen volunteers; the quiet ones who are always there, and without whom things would literally fall apart!

This week, I want to thank a small group of volunteers who wish to go unseen and unnamed. When everyone has left the Church, they don hospital scrubs and clean the Church. I mean scour the church! Meticulously cleaning every square inch of the church... equipped with paint brushes to pull out every speck of dust and razorblades to scrape up the gum of some ne'er-do-well (look it up).

Week after week, these and many other volunteers take ownership of the place they call their parish, neither looking for praise nor recognition. They quietly and cooperatively take ownership! I want to thank the few and the many who, day in and day out, take ownership of their parish; parishioner, paid employee, volunteer, and the unseen ones... you truly make a difference!

Thank you,
Father Colamaria

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW ALTAR SERVERS!

After 10 hours of intense rehearsing/training, the following children were inducted into the Altar Servers Ministry of Saint Helen Parish at the 11.00AM Mass on July 1st:

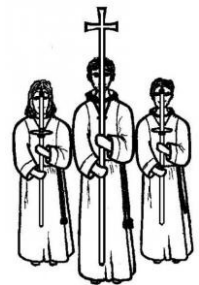
**Andrew Bachour
Nicholas Bachour
Joseph Baglino
Angelina Caputo
Francesco Thomas Casillo**

**Rosalia Gloria Casillo
Anthony DiPiazza
Justine Fleming
Gianna Imbriano**

**Victoria Imbriano
Alexa Pazienza
Matthew Pineda
Enrique Rodriguez**

The parish of Saint Helen thanks these 13 young people and their families for their dedication and commitment to serving at God's Altar. In addition, I want to thank James Fleming (High School server) and Joseph Siano (College Seminarian) for their help at the rehearsals.

Called to *Serve*



WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THE 2018 NANO NAGLE AWARD WINNERS!

Congratulations to St. Helen Catholic Academy students: **James Fleming, Cecilia Taravella and Madison Taravella**, AND St. Helen Religious Education Program students **Tyler Carlo, Bianca Parrinello and Connor Ulmschneider**.

These students received the Nano Nagle Award for their service to Church and school. The award is named in honor of Venerable Honoria (Nano) Nagle, the foundress of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Nano spent and risked her life teaching and serving the poorest of the poor in Ireland. Her order of Sisters served our parish and school for many years.





New Family Religious Education Registration for 2018-2019

Our program consists of Eight Religious Education grades: Kindergarten through 7th Grade

We are now registering children for the **2018-2019** school year. You may pick up a registration **form** at the Religious Education Office located in the St. Helen's Academy school building. The registration fee is **\$75** for one child and **\$100** for two or more children in the same family **for registrations received up to and including 7/20/2018**. **The registration fee for forms received after 7/20/18 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, you should contact the rectory of the Church where your child was baptized. It takes a couple of weeks to process a Baptismal Certificate at most parishes. 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. Re-registration for those enrolled in the current year was sent home.

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.



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.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES HOWARD BEACH SENIOR 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. **For further information, contact Rosalie at 718-738-8100.**

Mondays	9:30-10:30AM: 10:45-11:45AM:	Tai Chi with Elaine Fleischman Chair Aerobics with Charlie Roemer
Tuesdays	9:30-10:30AM: 1:00PM:	Movement Exercise with Millie Dancing to a DJ with Refreshments
Wednesdays	10:00-11:00AM: 10:30-11:30AM: 1:00-3:00PM:	Zumba with Elaine Adult Coloring Classes Karaoke By Fernando
Thursdays	9:30-10:30AM: 9:30-11:30AM: 12:30-2:30PM:	Movement Exercise with Millie Art Classes with a certified teacher Art Classes with a certified teacher
Fridays	9:30-10:30AM: 10:00-11:30AM: 10:30-11:30AM:	Cardio Exercise with Dwayne Introduction to Sign Language Yoga with Charlie Roemer



POLICIES REGARDING INFANT BAPTISM AT ST. HELEN PARISH

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 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 10:30AM-12:30PM.**

JULY—SEPTEMBER, 2018

**Mornings of Preparation
Required Before a Baptism:**
*(All begin at the 11:00AM Mass and
continue in the Msgr. McGinness Room)*
July 22 — August 12 & 26 — September 9 & 23

Schedule for Baptisms:
(All begin at 2:00PM)
**July 22 — August 12 & 26
September 9 & 23**

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

IN COOPERATION WITH NORTHEAST ROAD SAFETY

**St. Helen' Parish
PRESENTS**

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

Sponsored by American Safety, Inc. (#028)

Saturday July 21, 2018 10:00AM-4:00PM

**Scheduled for the Msgr. McGinness Room at the Rectory
157-10 83rd St. Howard Beach, NY 11414**

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. (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 9:45 am.

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 July 21, 2018 10AM-4:00PM in the Msgr. McGinness Room at the Rectory**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Tel/Cell #: _____

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Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19;



Monday, July 16, 2018

Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34—11:1

The Book of Isaiah starts off with a bang. “Trample my courts no more! Bring no more worthless offerings; your incense is loathsome to me ... Your hands are full of blood!” I guess we are pretty slow learners. It took another 800 years till Jesus patiently explained:

“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink ... will surely not lose his reward.” Churchgoer? Parish council? Choir member? Daily communicant? Our faith should overflow in a fountain of mercy. Rule No. 1: “Make justice your aim: redress the wronged, hear the orphan’s plea, defend the widow.” There is no Rule No. 2. *You teach us, O Lord: to those who go the right way, I will show the salvation of God!*

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

War! To hear Isaiah tell it, you’d almost think God enjoys it. “Two stumps of smoldering brands,” a couple foreign kings besetting Israel, are about to get their comeuppance. Such language is our human metaphor for the mystery of God’s love for the chosen people. But even Jesus is strong when his own people are deaf to his message: “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida!” The pagans of Tyre and Sidon would have repented immediately in “sackcloth and ashes” if they had witnessed Jesus’ miracles. If we could only really know the Lord, whose wash of mercy carries us through the fires and trials of life, we too might find ourselves on Mount Zion, the home of hope. *Your holy mountain, O Lord, fairest of heights, is the joy of all the earth.*

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

Isaiah has terrible news: God needs to discipline “an impious nation,” namely, Israel, and the chosen axe for the beat-down is the insufferably arrogant Assyria, who in turn will collapse and fall “like the kindling of fire,” once the job is finished. Such a mess! No wonder Jesus takes refuge in his Father’s gracious will that reveals God’s goodness to the childlike instead of the fake news of “the wise and the learned.” Let’s just be attentive and grateful, not trying to second-guess the Scriptures as if we were the only ones with access to the truth. Jesus really wishes to reveal the Father to us. So can you see God? *O Lord, you will not cast off your people, nor abandon your inheritance.*

Thursday, July 19, 2018

Mt 11:28-30

Now that Isaiah has cleared the debris of Israel’s infidelity, he is ready to start making some promises. After all, “Your name and your title, O Lord, are the desire of our souls.” So, “the dead shall live, their corpses shall rise.” Jesus eagerly picks up the theme: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” We find our way through the tough times, scraping ourselves off the floor sometimes, no sign of God anywhere. And then at last comes “a dew of light,” refreshing our hope and making “easy” the yoke Jesus invites us to share with him. *You have regarded the prayer of the destitute, O Lord, and not despised our prayer.*

Friday, July 20, 2018

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8

The prose of this passage from Isaiah, unlike the verse of other sections, seems to suggest mundane concerns. Thus, we have the reference to “a poultice of figs to be taken and applied to the boil” bothering King Hezekiah. Even so, the Lord has seen the king’s tears and promises to answer his prayer for Assyria’s defeat, moving the sun’s shadow backward 10 steps on the temple stairs. So miracles can happen anywhere. Jesus affirms the same truth when he defends the apostles snacking on grains in a field they’re passing through. The Pharisees are outraged at this affront. Jesus replies serenely, “The Son of Man is Lord of the sabbath .” God in a wheat field. How about that! *Yours is the life of my spirit, O Lord!*

Saturday, July 21, 2018

Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

Today the church turns to us to Micah to warn us and intensify our resolve: “Behold, I am planning against this race an evil from which you shall not withdraw your necks.” Of course, he means Israel, but dare we think that we don’t deserve the same judgment? Pope Francis says God’s name is mercy. Matthew offers another, sweeter passage in Isaiah to update the scorching of Micah’s approach: “Behold, my servant whom I have chosen: he will not contend or cry out; a bruised reed he will not break; a smoldering wick he will not quench.” That servant, Matthew declares, is Jesus, who rescued Matthew from his own iniquity as a tax collector for Rome. *You do see, O Lord, for you behold misery and sorrow, taking them in your hands.*

