

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

In
LOVING
Memory

This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

- 8:00AM Marie Giovanniello (*Dominick Giovanniello*)
- 9:30AM Dorothy Pizzo (*Loving Family*)
- 11:00AM Edward Juba (*Loving Mother*)
- 12:30PM Maria Lucia Savoca (*Joe & Lorraine Trotta*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019 *St. Raymond of Peñafort*

- 9:00AM Michael Niemczyk (*M/M Sal Friscia*)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019

- 9:00AM Paul Russo (*Thomas & Valeria Casillo*)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

- 9:00AM Vincent J. D'Amato (*Joy D'Amato & Sons*)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019

- 9:00AM Edward W. Doody (*JoAnne Doody*)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019

- 9:00AM August & Lillian Merola (*Cesario Family*)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019

- 9:00AM Taciana Agbayani (*Bravo Family*)
- Winifred & Michael Butler (*Mary Jo & Will Vendittelli*)
- Mary Karidis (*Loving Family*)
- Teresa Loiacono (*Barbara Bitetto*)
- Julio Pellicano (*Caesar & Roberta Gurino*)
- 5:00PM Thomas E. Blankley (*Vita & Paul*)
- Lena Fiore (*M/M John Calcagnile*)
- Grace Ladone (*Vita & Paul*)
- Josephine Noto (*M/M John Calcagnile*)
- Natalie Sorvillo (*M/M John Calcagnile*)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019

- 8:00AM George & Claire Cox
- 9:30AM Loretta Marino (*Barbara Coleman*)
- 11:00AM Joseph Vivinetto (*Jakie*)
- 12:30PM John Viviano (*Loving Wife & Family*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

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, Daniel Campion, 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, Clementine Gagliardi, Dennis Giammalvo, John Joseph Gleeson, John Pierce Gleeson, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Elizabeth Isolano, Marilyn Krajcik, Keri & Baby Tristan, Susan Leone, James Leung, Thomas & Patricia Lipari, William J. Litt, Tom Mercatante, Barbara Miller, Angela Ottomanelli-Hubbs, Michael Palermo, Sebastian Panasci, Santo Pantina, Vivian Doris Pecchillo, Phillip Pecchillo, 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., Sr. Joanne Walters.

Deceased: Marie Blankley, Antonia Bonventre, Celeste Marie Taliercio

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, January 25, 2019.**

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.



THE ALTAR BREAD AND WINE
for this week are donated in memory of
Anna Roseann DiBuono,
requested by **Joan McCue.**

THE ALTAR CANDLES
for this week are donated in memory of
Joseph P. Ottomanelli, requested by
Carla, Gina, & Rachel Errico.

WITNESSES OF MERCY



Our new parish program, Witnesses of Mercy, is off to a good start. We have approximately 10 volunteers who are willing to spend some quality time with our homebound or elderly parishioners.

The Witness of Mercy program is a group of trained volunteers who will have close personal contact with parishioners who are unable to leave their homes due to illness or age. This will be done by visits or by telephone. We will be the link between the parish and the parishioners so that all needed information can be shared by both. This will let the affected parishioners know they have not been left on their own and will have someone on which to rely.

If you know of any person (or yourself) who is sick or homebound and would like to have a Witnesses of Mercy volunteer from our parish visit with them, please contact Patricia Rizzo McCabe at (917) 312-7072, or email her at goodrecords1@verizon.net. **Wish to volunteer? Contact us!**

46TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON, DC

Friday, January 18, 2019
Theme: Unique From Day One

A bus will depart from Rockaway, leaving from Saint Francis de Sales Church (*Beach 129th Street and Rockaway Beach Boulevard*) at 7:00AM (immediately after the 6:30AM Mass). Cost is \$25 per adult (*no charge for children under 13*). **Reserve your Seat by Wednesday, January 16th!** Contact: Rita Hayden at 718-570-7908. *Young people and families are especially encouraged to take part in the March for Life!* Interested in helping defray the cost of the bus? Contact Rita Hayden. Checks payable to: Saint Francis de Sales Church.

March for Life Website:
<http://marchforlife.org/mfl-2019/>

MEMORIALS AVAILABLE

Many times people come to the Rectory inquiring about memorials they can give to a family who has lost a loved one. The following are available:

- **Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Altar Candles or the Sanctuary Candle** in memory of a loved one for one week (\$50.00 each).
- **Votive Candles** for one year (\$100.00).
- A leaf permanently placed on the **Tree of Life** (\$350.00).
- A plaque permanently placed on the **Anniversary Wall** (\$350.00).

For further information, call or visit the Rectory.

GOOD SHEPHERD STATUE



We would like to thank **Maureen Brosky** 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.

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).

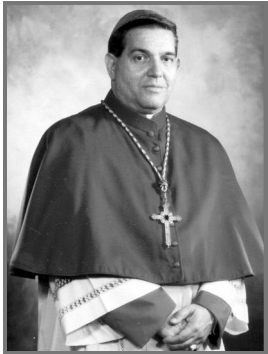
Mondays 9:30-10:30AM:
Mondays 10:45-11:45AM:
Tuesdays 9:30-10:30AM:
Wednesdays 10:00-11:00AM:
Thursdays 9:30-10:30AM:
Fridays 9:30-10:30AM:
Fridays 10:30-11:30AM:

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



For further information, contact Rosalie at 718-738-8100.

6TH ANNUAL BISHOP IGNATIUS CATANELLO MEMORIAL DINNER



Saturday, March 30, 2019

Immaculate Conception Center
7200 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, NY

**Mass at 6:00PM in the Chapel
Dinner and dancing at 7:00PM
in the Reception Hall.
All are welcome!**

Tickets are \$75 per person (open bar included) and must be purchased by March 25th. Checks are to be made payable to "Holy Family/Bishop Ignatius Catanello Knights of Columbus" (please note "Bishop's Dinner" on memo line) and should be mailed to Holy Family Parish, 175-20 74th Ave., Fresh Meadows, NY 11366. For more information please call Peter Petrino at (347) 267-7614.



SAINT HELEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM Christian of the Month

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.

OCTOBER 2018

Kindergarten
Gianluca Perricone

Joseph Albright
Gabiella Cirabisi
Analia Diaz
Salvatore Grindjan

Elizabeth Pulsonetti
Joseph Puidokas
Francesca Tutino

Olivia Trocchia

First Grade
Joseph Caputo
Gabiella Deodato
Addison Dove
Gabriel Freeburg
Robert Pavis
Adriana Sinacori

Third Grade
Isabella Rufrano
Alexander Terrana
Giana Tripiccione
Michael Zych

Fifth Grade
Francesca Buccellato
Maryann Corozzo
Drew Kessler
Jaylise Soto
William Spallone

Seventh Grade
Frank Coraci
Bianca Deodato
Anthony Masullo
Gianna Richardson
Andrew Vargas

RCIC
Sophie Naranjo

Second Grade

Fourth Grade
Emma Albright

Sixth Grade
Maria DiMeo
Marina Maniaci

NOVEMBER 2018

Kindergarten
Madison Michele Errico

Giuliana Falcone
Ariana Gomez
Julianna Piazza
Lily Ann Russo
Edward Skrobacz

Daniella Lazzaro
Analia Leonardi
Antonio Tocco

Santino Corda
Aidan Wickers

First Grade
Lily Rea Lazaro
Lilianna Montalbano
Justin Salcedo
Richard Seemangall
Emilia Spitzer
Andrew Trinchese

Third Grade
Angelina Caputo
Kiara D'Adamo
Luke Klein
Paolo Nacherlilla
Ariana Nonnato
Emily Ramnarace

Fifth Grade
Nicholas Fernández
Deborah Murphy
Kimberly Piazza
Jeremy Salcedo

Seventh Grade
Zidanni Clerigo
Ava Maldari
Joseph Riggi
Andrew Stipanovic

RCIC
Isabella Flores
Benjamin Spitzer

Second Grade

Fourth Grade
Luca Bongiovi

Sixth Grade
Peter Andrejczuk
Mia Grace Bruno

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Monday, January 7, 2019

1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38
Fake news, propaganda, deliberate misinformation and media hoaxes are so prevalent that it is hard to discern truth. False information spreads faster through social media than reliable information. Even the definition of truth itself is so flexible that reasonable people can't agree on basic facts. Successful spreading of disinformation confirms ill formed beliefs and sows division. Sorting through nonstop deception clouds even the best judgment. No wonder false prophets have long been well received. Labeling someone or something as Christian or good or right does not ensure a belonging to God. Twisting false beliefs cannot make them truth; no matter how slick of a spin put on it, deceit doesn't belong to God. There is no alternative to God's truth. *God of wisdom, help me to discern your voice and your truth amid the barrage of false prophecies.*

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44
The 2018 documentary "Won't You Be My Neighbor" sparked a great renewal of interest in Fred Rogers who used the forum of children's television programming to teach the young that they are important, valuable, unique and lovable just the way they are. As an activist, advocate and educator, he emphasized respect, forgiveness and acceptance despite differences. As an ordained minister, he had the distinct call of ministering to children through media, and every lesson was rooted in love. He said, "Love isn't a state of perfect caring. It is an active noun like struggle. To love someone is to strive to accept that person exactly the way he or she is, right here and now." He was a good neighbor, a child of God, a gentle preacher, and a model of God's call to love one another. *Lord of tenderness and compassion, let my love come from you so that I may reach out to others patiently and unconditionally.*

Wednesday, January 9, 2019

1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52
God is not merely a loving entity. God is love and love is God's very essence. The sacrifice and death of Jesus Christ on the cross, his words, actions, desire to forgive, and very existence demonstrate the deep and profound nature of God's love and challenge us to stretch our understanding of what love should be. The Greeks distinguished four types of love: storge, philia, eros, and agape. C.S. Lewis explained storge as natural affection or liking, philia as natural human friendship, eros as natural sexual desire, and agape as supernatural love, such as the love Christ lived and taught. That love comes from God and is what St. Thomas Aquinas explained as "willing the good of the other." It isn't a feeling but a conscious act. To remain in love, we must make love a choice and a deed. *Fill our hearts, generous Father, with your boundless love.*

Thursday, January 10, 2019

1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

mandments summarize the moral prescriptions of the old law. Christ fulfilled the commandments and showed us how we're supposed to live. The commandments are not designed to trip us up or punish us; they are to guide us to live in right relationship. They remind us to put God and others first. The greatest commandments – loving the Lord with all our heart, being, strength and mind, and loving our neighbor as our self – focus on the kingdom. The first three commandments are about love of humans for God; the last seven commandments are about love of neighbor. The commandments exist to push us to seek holiness, to embrace Jesus' teachings, and to treat others with respect, justice, caring and compassion, not to burden us. *Give us the grace, merciful God, to follow your wise and loving plan.*

Friday, January 11, 2019

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16
Although it is truly beyond human comprehension, it cannot be made any clearer: God gave us the gift of eternal life when he gave us his Son. The sacrifice of the Son of God is a pure gift and unparalleled gesture of unconditional love. The only way to have eternal life is through Jesus Christ. He alone liberates us from sin and death. No other way exists and efforts to devise one are futile. But we don't need any other means. We already possess it. For those who believe that Jesus is the Christ, it is both a present reality and a future promise. It is not merited or earned; rather, it is experienced and lived through accepting, receiving and believing Jesus is the Son of God. To possess the Son is to enter into relationship with him and into eternal life. *Son of God, giver of eternal life, help me to be aware that you are with me and within me wherever I go.*

Saturday, January 12, 2019

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30
We fear offending others, which keeps us from telling them when they are wrong. As a society, we refrain from outlining moral absolutes. Right and wrong have become personally defined. Everyone operates out of his or her own situational ethics. We make excuses, depending upon who did what and under what circumstances. The problem, of course, is that there are actions that are always wrong, regardless of who is involved. We are accountable for our bad choices. Moral truth is not determined by subjective whims. A good intention cannot change inherently wrong actions into right choices. The end does not justify the means. We must do the right thing, for the right reason, and in the right way. *God of wisdom and truth, give me the grace to accept my gift of free will with personal responsibility and dignity.*

