

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

In
LOVING
Memory

This Week's Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019

8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
9:30AM David Olsen (*Olsen-Belmonte Family*)
11:00AM Anthony Santromita (*Leone Family*)
12:30PM William F. DiPietra (*Loving Family*)
5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019 *St. Catherine of Alexandria*

9:00AM Donald Rourke (*Helen Rourke*)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019

9:00AM Anthony DiStefano (*Patty & Kevin Harold*)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2019

9:00AM Mary Bisciello (*M/M Anthony Serpico*)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2019—THANKSGIVING

9:00AM Theresa James (*Ambrosio Family*)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2019

9:00AM Purgatorial Society Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019 *St. Andrew*

9:00AM Mary Capelongo (*Vita & Paul*)
Jan Dabrowski (*Loving wife, Children & Grandchildren*)
Immaculate McKay (*Angela & Pat Salegna*)
Rosetta Marconato (*Barbara Bitetto*)
Mark Myers (*Anastasia Martin*)
5:00PM Elizabeth Cusano (*Diane Blankley*)
Rose Milidantri (*Ray & Luann Delio*)
Alexander J. Miraglia (*Julie Dimler*)
Nancy Rouine (*Margaret Butler*)
Theresa Vinceguerra (*Andrew & Linda Mastrangelo*)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019

8:00AM George & Claire Cox
9:30AM Maria & Giovanni Gagliano (*Loving Daughter Anna*)
11:00AM Peter J. Pulomena (*Loving Wife & Children*)
12:30PM Antoinette Klinger (*M/M Arthur Citarrella*)
5:00PM For The Parishioners

GOOD SHEPHERD STATUE

We would like to thank **Lauren Johnson**, 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.



Are you new to St. Helen Parish? If so please stop in at the Rectory to register your family, or visit our website to register!

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.



Amado Araneta, Joseph Arbitello, William J. Barbiero, Fred Bintas, Barbara Bitetto, Lynn Boutoureira, Daniel Campion, Sally Capozziello, Ann Castellano, Shang Cheng, Zena Cipolla, Anthony Corozzo, Marge D'Auria, Patrick Delaney, Domenica DeVito, Virginia DiGangi, Richard H. Dimler, Mary Divers, Frank Emmi, Jennie Federici, Luis Fernando, Jean Fochetta, Clementine Gagliardi, Dennis Giammalvo, Margaret Giampietro, John Joseph Gleeson, John Pierce Gleeson, Joan Grieco, Gertrude Gwardjak, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Elizabeth Isolano, Marilyn Krajcik, Keri & Baby Tristan, Elaine Lazeri, Susan Leone, James Leung, Patricia Lipari, William J. Litt, Tom Mercatante, Barbara Miller, Marilyn Moses, Michael Palermo, Frank Palmenteri, Sebastian Panasci, Santo Pantina, Vivian Doris Pecchillo, Phillip Pecchillo, Nino Pedone, Amelia Pepe, Joseph Questore, Lorraine Rich, 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.

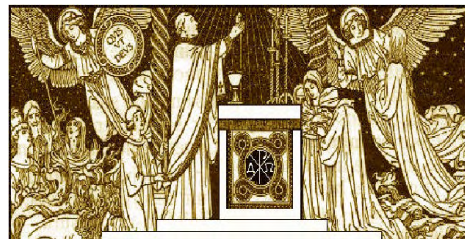
Deceased: John J. Chiarello, Carmen Madrigal Giovanni Pacifico

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, November 29, 2019.**

ST. HELEN PARISH PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2019

- Karl Albrecht** (*Florence Albrecht*)
All Souls in Purgatory (*Kathleen Cocchiola*)
Amato & Sannino Family (*Rachele Sannino*)
John Ardito (*Monica & Frank Ottomanelli*)
Charles & Angela Barreca (*Loving Son & Daughter*)
Thomas A. Barreca (*Loving Brother & Sister*)
Mario & Angelina Barrella (*Loving Family*)
Gina Bender (*Loving Aunt & Uncle*)
Frank W. Bitetto (*Barbara Bitetto*)
Marie Blankley (*Rachele Sannino*)
Paul Anthony Bono (*Bono Family*)
Azea Braganza (*Rachele Sannino*)
Nancy & Emanuel Camelliri (*Constance & Joseph Camelliri*)
Giuseppe & Maria Caputo (*Loving Son, Rosario*)
Julianne Caputo (*Loving Dad*)
Antoinette & Silvio Casazza (*Maria Russo*)
Casillo Family (*Loving Family*)
Maria Chiaramonte (*Loving Daughter & Son*)
C. Joseph & Laura Chiarello (*Lois Chiarello*)
Vi & Joseph Cimo (*Loving Niece*)
Jerry Codispoti (*Loving Family*)
Claire Louise Colamaria (*Fr. Colamaria*)
Corrigan-Vendittelli Family (*Loving Family*)
Emilia Cuttone (*Loving Sister & Niece*)
Vincent J. D'Amato (*D'Amato Family*)
Salvatore D'Angelo (*Loving Family*)
Deceased Brothers of Council #197 (*Knights of Columbus*)
John DeRiso (*Rachele Sannino*)
Concetta & Pasquale DeSantis (*Linda DeSantis*)
Joseph Digristina (*Loving Wife & Daughter*)
William F. DiPietra (*Helen & Frank DiPietra*)
Giovanni Escobar Londono (*Loving Mother*)
John & Anna Falco (*Loving Family*)
Louise & Vincent Festa (*Annette & Martin Gould*)
Giustina & Ralph Fiore (*Loving Daughter & Granddaughter*)
William & Rose Fioto (*Amelia Pepe*)
Frank Fogliano (*Loving Family*)
John T. Gallagher (*Loving Family*)
Gidaro-Izzo Family (*Loving Family*)
Giunta-Bernardo Family (*Jean Bernardo*)
Theresa Giusto (*Linda DeSantis*)
Gorycki Family (*Helen Repstad*)
Gwardjak & Kosinski Family (*Daughter*)
Pasquale Izzo (*Loving Family*)
Jaskot & Wolynski Families (*Joan Szatkowski*)
Eddie Juba (*Barbara Dorme*)
Rose LaMantia (*Joan DeRiso*)
Michael & Mary Leccese (*Jo-Ann & Phyllis Leccese*)
Dominick & Angelina Librizzi (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
Mary Ann Luciani (*Rachele Sannino*)
Catherine & Joseph Lumetta (*Pauline Mantineo*)
Macaluso Family (*Loving Family*)
Justine Nigra Maguire (*Deidre McVey*)
Jennie Maniscalco (*Loving Son*)
Michael Mannarino (*Loving Granddaughter*)
Rocco & Phyllis Miranti (*Loving Family*)
Lillian & Charles Monastero (*Vita Monastero*)
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mullalley (*Jane Orban*)
Father John B. Murray, C.M. (*Deidre McVey*)
- Mark Myers** (*Christopher & Nicole Delano*)
Maggie O'Dee (*Loving Friend*)
Richard Orban (*Jane Orban*)
Joan Mary Orban-Jones (*Orban Family*)
Joseph P. Ottomanelli (*Frank & Monica Ottomanelli*)
Joseph Pecorella (*Loving Family*)
Dominick Pepe (*Amelia Pepe*)
Joseph Pepe (*Amelia Pepe*)
Pepe-Bitetto Family (*Barbara Bitetto*)
Marie & Annie Putorti (*Loving Friend*)
Joseph Quagliariello (*Quagliariello Family*)
Questore Family (*Joseph Questore*)
Antonino Raia (*Loving Family*)
Kathleen Rammelkamp (*Charles Rammelkamp*)
Anthony & Josephine Razza (*Connie Chwalek*)
Joanne Rebecchi (*Cynthia Ottomanelli*)
Felicita Reyes (*Loving Family*)
Maria & Luciano Sannino (*Rachele Sannino*)
Benito & Leonila Santiago (*Loving Family*)
Angela Savio (*Rachele Sannino*)
Linda & James Scagnelli (*Heedles Family*)
Dorothy Schmitt (*Loving Friend*)
Kay & Walter Schretzman (*John Schretzman*)
Frank T. Serpico (*Serpico Family*)
Sica Family (*Irene DeStefano*)
Anna Steiman (*The Krala Family*)
Casimir Szatkowski (*Loving Family*)
Zenon & Rozalia Szczesny (*Daughter & Family*)
Frank & Ann Tomitz (*Patricia*)
Maryann E. Tomitz (*Patricia*)
Margaret Tucci (*Loving Sister & Niece*)
Turriano Family (*Antoinette Turriano*)
Walter & Elizabeth Ujazdowski (*Quagliariello Family*)
Albert F. Valenzuela (*Loving Family*)
Carl Vigliarolo (*Anne M. Vigliarolo*)
Frank J. Vigliarolo (*Anne M. Vigliarolo*)
Gloria Weber (*Joan DeRiso*)
Phyllis Jean Zanghi (*Mom, Dad & Joe B.*)
Mary Zurick (*Sophia Gadinis*)



St. Helen Christmas Giving Tree

FOR NEEDY CHILDREN AND ADULTS

We are asking for your help in answering the requests of the needy in our own parish, several other parishes in Queens, a home for special adults, and other charities.

New To Our Parish Giving Tree:

SEMINARIAN CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD PROGRAM

There will be a limited number of envelopes available on our Christmas Giving Tree which will provide an opportunity to purchase a gift card for a seminarian (a young man studying to be a priest). If you are interested, please take one of the white envelopes labeled "2019 Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Program" from the Giving Tree the weekend of Nov. 30/Dec. 1. There is a letter enclosed with the name of a seminarian which explains the program. Please follow the instructions on the letter to ensure your gift is delivered to one of our seminarians.



NEXT WEEKEND: NOV. 30/DEC. 1:

Please take a gift tag from the Giving Tree in the lobby.

THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND, DECEMBER 7/8:

During this weekend, please leave your unwrapped gift with tag attached, near the tree. Place monetary donations or gift cards in the black box in the lobby.



***GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR
GREAT GENEROSITY!***

ST. HELEN PARISH

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Grace, Gratitude & Giving Thanks....

It's March 1, 2019. It's been one month and 4 days since the kidney transplant. I am taking Frank to Hackensack University Medical Center twice a week for check-ups. He is doing great. The kidney is functioning at 100%. THANK YOU GOD. Our prayers

have been answered. After a very long six years and 3 months, our prayers have finally been answered. He's complaining of pain in his left side though. To make a very, very long story a bit shorter, Frank needs a colon resection. He had an abscess on his colon and a hole in his colon. He is rushed back to HUMC. My prayers range from thanking God for giving him this wonderful gift to questioning what he is doing. How could this happen now? This is a bad situation. He is on anti-rejection drugs that suppress his immune system. Will he be able to fight this infection being on these drugs? Will the kidney be compromised? Will he lose the kidney? The surgeons were afraid that he might not make it. Are you deserting him God? Please keep him alive. I've been traveling every day to Hackensack from home. I slept in his hospital room a few nights, but I pretty much drove back and forth every day. I am exhausted but I want to talk to the doctors every day and make sure that he walks, eats and is comfortable.

After being in the hospital for 12 days he is sent home. Maybe now he can enjoy having a working kidney. Two days later I notice a purple bruise on his belly the size of a large bagel. Frank thought he bumped into something. That evening there was a blister the size of a baseball on that bruise. I took a few pictures with my cell phone and sent them to his transplant surgeon. I got an immediate response of "Get him to the hospital now". He was diagnosed with necrotizing fasciitis also known as the flesh eating disease. He was brought to surgery the next morning. As I waited in the surgical waiting room, not realizing how serious this was, I was upbeat. This was just a curve in the road. All would be well. The surgeon came in and had a grim look on his face. Dr. Goldstein was always upbeat and positive. That wasn't the case today. He told me how serious this was and that he brought in a trauma surgeon. He was questioning whether Frank would make it through this. As I'm waiting for him to come out of surgery, I read online that 1 out of 3 patients that develop necrotizing fasciitis die. After the surgery Frank was brought to ICU. He had a ventilator and feeding tube. I had been contacting Father Colamaria to tell him of Frank's progress. Now I had to request him to ask our parish family to "storm heaven" again with prayers. He was semi-conscious. The trauma surgeon showed me pictures of what he had done. He cut out most of Frank's abdomen down to the "girdle" that holds his organs in. In some places this was also cut. He explained that every other day, Frank would have to go to surgery, go under anesthesia and he would have to surgically clean out the wound. What will all of this anesthesia do to him?

When I made the long drive home, I closed and locked the door and started screaming at God. Why? Why? Why? Why are you torturing him? He's a good man. If you want him, take him but don't give him any more pain than he's already been through. What kind of God are you? For a few days God was not MY God, he was a villain to me. I was angry with him. How could a God that I believed was all forgiving do this to such a good man? I have never been so angry. I cried myself to sleep.

A few days later, I sat in the hospital chapel and begged forgiveness from God for doubting him. We are friends again and will be forever. I guess our relationship with God is very much like our relationships with our loved ones. We have ups and downs and bumps in the road.

Frank finally came home on April 17th, the Wednesday of Holy Week. He's had his good days and bad. He went through 2 more surgeries and now he is in the healing process. The surgeons say that it will take about a year for him to be completely healed. He is feeling great. His kidney is functioning perfectly and his energy level is better than it was 6 years ago.

Words cannot express the gratitude and affection that we have for our parish family. We both believe that God heard all of your prayers for Frank. The cards, prayer cards, and phone calls meant so much to us both.

A special thank you to Father Colamaria and the rectory staff for your prayers and emails for Frank.

Last, but certainly not least, our dear friends Anne and Walter Kreitsch, and our circle of friends (who we met 37 years ago in St. Helen's School): You are the glue that has kept Frank and I together the past 10 months.

***God Bless you all and a Happy Thanksgiving.
I know at our house we will be giving thanks for all of you.***

THE PALMENTERI FAMILY

*Wishing you and your families a
Blessed & Bountiful*



*Fr. Colamaria, Fr. Lukasz
and the Rectory Staff*

**St. Helen
Catholic Academy's**  **CHRISTMAS FAIR**

If you are interested in being a vendor at St. Helen Catholic Academy's **Christmas Fair** to be held on Sunday, **December 8th**, please contact Diane at (917) 697-5351 for more information. First come-first serve basis!

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.



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

Upcoming Mornings of Preparation (Required Before a Baptism)
(All begin at the 11AM Mass & continue in the Msgr. McGinness Room):
December 8—January 12 & 26

Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms
(All begin at 2:00PM):
December 8—January 12 & 26



Tutoring Heights, Inc. will offer an **SAT Prep**, a comprehensive 7-week course here at St. Helen Catholic Academy to prepare for the **March 2020 SAT**.

- ◆ 28 hours of instruction plus 3 full-length practice tests
- ◆ Rigorous course offered Tuesday & Thursday evenings 7-9PM at St. Helen's
- ◆ Master Math tutor of all levels
- ◆ Fully licensed NYC-DOE English Teacher
- ◆ Teachers have a combined 33 years of experience
- ◆ Our students have won hundreds of thousands of dollars in college scholarships

Classes begin January, 2020. Registration deadline is December 1, 2019. Cost is \$900.00. For further details, and/or to register please call Nancy or Joe at (347) 762-3660.



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!