

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020

- 8:00AM James McCosker (Dcn. Rick & Maria Elrose)
- 9:30AM Loretta Rosaria Canzoneri (Rachele Sannino)
- 11:00AM Peter J. Pulomena (Loving Wife & Children)
- 12:30PM John Chiarello (Loving Wife, Mary)
  - Marie Costa (M/M Sal Recupero)
  - Anthony Cracchiolo (Loving Children)
  - Vincent DeRuvo (Terri & Jack Weston)
  - Mary DeRuvo (Terri & Jack Weston)
  - Lawrence Martire (Jack & Nancy Evola)
  - Bernard O'Reilly (Belmonte Family)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020 *St. Andrew*

- 9:00AM Thomas Leahy (Donna Leahy)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020

- 9:00AM Joseph R. Berritto (Lucia & Bernie Ranellone)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020

- 9:00AM Giovanni Tirro (Loving Daughter & Family)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020 *St. Francis Xavier*

- 9:00AM Francis Michael Vizza (Loving Family)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020 *St. John Damascene*

- 9:00AM Rosa & Giuseppe Pollina (M/M Frank Provata)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020

- 9:00AM Joshua Basin (Loving Mother, Zena)
- 5:00PM Janis Auwarter (Jean Bernardo)
  - Paul Auwarter (Ferri Family)
  - Cathiana Bonny (Remy Celestin)
  - Frank Cotov (Russo Family)
  - Jeffrey Ford (Joseph Family)
  - Carlos Luis Gonzalez (Mastrangelo Family)
  - Jean LeFavi (Paul & Maria Ciccione)
  - Pat Nolan (Margaret Butler)
  - Patrick Kearney (Mann Family)

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
- 9:30AM Lucy Tartaglino (Marilyn Haberman)
- 11:00AM Fidelina LaPaix (St. Helen Adult Choir)
- 12:30PM Marie Costa (Osmanski Family)
  - Michele & Nicholas DiVitto (Loving Family)
  - Angela & Walter Flesche (Yvonne Flesche)
  - Francesca Lentini (Loving Sister)
  - Leone & Panico Family (Loving Family)
  - Lawrence Martire (Jack & Nancy Evola)
  - Anthony Pulgrano (Friends & Family)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



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



Elaine Caraccio—Nora Zerella

**New Families:** All are welcome to St. Helen Parish, and are asked to please register through our website at [www.sthelen.org](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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, Joe Barreca, Anthony Barresi, Stella Barresi, Mary Battista, Barbara Bitetto, Theresia Brech, Buonocore Family, 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, John Myers, 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 Anna Torall, Lynn Torres, Chrissie Tremblay, Paul Tremblay, Paul John Tremblay, Sr., Sr. Joanne Walters.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Intentions for the next monthly Purgatorial Society Mass will be offered on **Friday, December 18th**.



**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.**

**Upcoming Mornings of Preparation**

***Required Before a Baptism***

*(All begin at the 11:00AM Mass and continue in the Msgr. McGinness Room):*

**December 13 — January 10 & 24**

**Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms**

*(All begin at 2:00PM)*

**December 13 — January 10 & 24**

Dates for the Morning of Preparation and Baptisms are the same for the convenience of the Celebrant. It is **strongly suggested** you plan on taking the Baptism class **prior** to the date of your child’s baptism.

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

**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, you may either call or visit the Rectory.**

**Sponsorship Certificates**

If you have been asked to be a godparent for baptism, or sponsor for Confirmation, you will need a Sponsorship Certificate form which can be completed by one of the priests or deacons **in the Church directly after any of the week-day morning or weekend Masses.** Appointments are not made for these at the Rectory. You must come yourself—you cannot send someone else to get the form for you.

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**Are you new to St. Helen Parish? If so, please stop in at the Rectory to register your family, or for easier and faster service please register through our website at [www.sthelen.org](http://www.sthelen.org)!**

## **READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **Reading 1**

*IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7*

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

***R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.***

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,  
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
Rouse your power,  
and come to save us. **R.**

Once again, O LORD of hosts,  
look down from heaven, and see;  
take care of this vine,  
and protect what your right hand has planted  
the son of man whom you yourself made strong. **R.**

May your help be with the man of your right hand,  
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.  
Then we will no more withdraw from you;  
give us new life, and we will call upon your name. **R.**



## **READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **Reading II**      *1 COR 1:3-9*

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Alleluia**

**R.**    *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Show us Lord, your love;  
and grant us your salvation.    **R.**



### **Gospel**      *MK 13:33-37*

Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’”

# *St. Helen Christmas Giving Tree*

## **FOR NEEDY CHILDREN AND ADULTS**

In keeping with our Christmas tradition at St. Helen, the St. Vincent de Paul group is asking for your help as we reach out to families in our own parish, other parishes, a home for adults with special needs and other charities.

**Due to the COVID 19 restrictions and for the safety and health of all involved, we will only be able to collect gift cards or monetary donations.** If you are able to assist us this year, please consider donating cash, a check, or one of the gift cards listed below:

**Bank Cards:**

**AMERICAN EXPRESS, MASTERCARD, VISA, TD BANK.**

**The only store cards requested are:**

**TARGET, STOP & SHOP, KEYFOOD OR FOOD EMPORIUM**

**FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY, PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF ANY CLOTHING, TOYS OR OTHER ITEMS AS PREVIOUSLY DONE IN THE PAST. WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT THEM & THEY WILL HAVE TO BE DISCARDED.**



Our traditional GIVING TREE will still be set up but all the tags will be for MONETARY DONATIONS or one of the GIFT CARDS listed. We ask for your cooperation during this very stressful time, as we try to help those in need while keeping everyone safe during this Pandemic.

**NEXT WEEKEND: DEC. 5/6:**

*You may take a tag from the GIVING TREE in the Lobby to be returned with your gift the next weekend.*

**THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND,  
DECEMBER 12/13:**

*Please bring your gift card or monetary donation to the church and place in the box in the lobby.*



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

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