

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020

- 8:00AM Jose Galang (*Loving Family*)
- 9:30AM Philip Priolo (*Yvonne Flesche*)
- 11:00AM Christopher Gullo (*Loving Family*)
- 12:30PM Joseph Andriano (*Loving Wife, Isabella*)
 Antal Family (*M/M Ronald Antal*)
 Paul Auwarter (*John Schretzman*)
 Albert Bordat (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
 Louis Falco (*Loving Family*)
 Winnie McCormick (*Loving Family*)
 Daniel Pazmino (*Falco Family*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020 St. John of the Cross

- 9:00AM Mary Ann Freeman (*Margie Blanco*)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2020

- 9:00AM Celina Garcia (*Nena Garcia*)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020

- 9:00AM Joseph P. Ottomanelli (*Loving Family*)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020

- 9:00AM Anthony Robert Messina (*Brothers, Luciano & Joseph*)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020


- 9:00AM Purgatorial Society Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020

- 9:00AM Riccardo Marangone (*Rosetta Liuba*)
- 5:00PM Paul Auwarter (*Joan DeRiso & Family*)
 Arthur Bonetti (*Berritto Family*)
 Vincent DeRuvo (*Berritto Family*)
 Steven Fischetti (*Jacqueline O'Hagan*)
 Jean LeFavi (*Jack Raia*)
 Nicholas Nardella (*Gino Nardella*)
 Mary Pristina (*Berritto Family*)
 Carmelo Sanchez (*Lisa Garcia Asencio*)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020

- 8:00AM George & Claire Cox
- 9:30AM Angelo Marino (*Loving Family*)
- 11:00AM Fr. Fabian Grifone (*Friends & Family*)
- 12:30PM Francis Xavier Clinton, Jr. (*Loving Family*)
 Frances Drago (*Michele Carollo*)
 Michael Fricano (*Loving Wife & Children*)
 Margaret Giampietro (*Loving Family*)
 Ernesto Jocson (*A. Jocson*)
 Frank LeFavi (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
 Anthony Robert Messina (*Loving Parents*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



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

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE for this week is donated in **memory of Joseph Berritto**, requested by **his loving family**.



Frank Gervasi—Antoinette Marro
Angelina Petroglia

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.



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, Toni Ann Diaz, 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, Doris Pecchillo, Nino Pedone, Amelia Pepe, Josephine Profera, Vivian Puglissi, 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**.

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.

THIS 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!**

**SPONSORED BY THE
ST. VINCENT
DE PAUL GROUP**

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS ROSARY RALLY

Sunday, December 20th



**Immediately following
the 5:00PM Mass**

**Outside in front of the
Nativity**

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve

Mass at 9:00AM
Christmas Eve Masses: 2:00PM, 3:30PM, 5:00PM
Midnight Mass

Friday, December 25—Christmas Day

9:30AM, 11:00AM & 12:30PM
No 5:00PM Mass

Thursday, December 31—New Year's Eve

Masses at 9:00AM & 5:00PM

Friday, January 1, 2021—New Year's Day

*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Holy Mother of God*
9:00AM, 11:00AM & 5:00PM

The Rectory Office will be closed:

Thursday & Friday,
December 24 & 25 and

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December 31 and January 1, 2021.



Please join us every Tuesday at 1PM
in Church to pray the special prayers to

The Holy Face of Jesus

in reparation for the crimes of communists,
blasphemers, the profaners of His Holy
Name and of the Holy Day of Sunday.



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 any-time 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):*
January 10 & 24 — February 7 & 28

Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms

(All begin at 2:00PM)
January 10 & 24 — February 7 & 28

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.**

READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading 1

IS 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm

R. *My soul rejoices in my God.*

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: **R.**

The Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation. **R.**

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy, **R.**



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Reading 2

1 THES 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor. **R.**



Gospel

JN 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

ST. HELEN PARISH PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020

Giuseppa Adamo (*Rachele Sannino*)
Karl Albrecht (*Florence Albrecht*)
All Souls in Purgatory (*Kathleen Cocchiola*)
Amato & Sannino Family (*Rachele Sannino*)
Anzalone & Azzato Family (*Mr. & Mrs. Peter Anzalone*)
Henry & Janis Auwarter (*Vita & Paul*)
Paul Auwarter (*Loving Wife, Vita*)
Charles & Angela Barreca (*Loving Son & Daughter*)
Thomas A. Barreca (*Loving Brother & Sister*)
Mario & Angelina Barrella (*Loving Family*)
Beltrani-Greco Family (*Dino & Clem Bono*)
Belulovich-Mattei-Salzano Family (*Loving Family*)
Gina Bender (*Loving Aunt & Uncle*)
Frank W. Bitetto (*Barbara Bitetto*)
Paul Anthony Bono (*Mom & Dad*)
Azea Braganza (*Rachele Sannino*)
Dr. Peter J. Calabretta (*Steven Giusto*)
Nancy & Emanuel Camelliri (*Constance & Joseph Camelliri*)
Mary Camelo & Joshua Basin (*Zena Basin*)
Giuseppe & Maria Caputo (*Loving Son, Rosario*)
Julianne Caputo (*Loving Dad*)
Antoinette & Silvio Casazza (*Maria Russo*)
Catalanotto & Egan Family (*Barbara Catalanotto*)
C. Joseph & Laura Chiarello (*Lois Chiarello*)
Vi & Joseph Cimo (*Loving Niece*)
Jerry Codispoti (*Loving Family*)
Claire Louise Colamaria (*Fr. Colamaria*)
Corrigan-Venditelli Family (*Loving Family*)
Roberto Cortes (*Loving Family*)
Mary Ann Costarelli (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
Emilia Cuttone (*Loving Sister & Niece*)
Concetta Dabrowski (*Annette & Marty Gould*)
Vincent J. D'Amato (*D'Amato Family*)
Salvatore D'Angelo (*Loving Family*)
John DeRiso (*Loving Family*)
Concetta & Pasquale DeSantis (*Linda DeSantis*)
Joseph Digristina (*Loving Wife & Daughter*)
Joseph Damain Digristina (*Linda DeSantis*)
Philip Digristina (*Loving Niece*)
Carmela Digristina-O'Connell (*Loving Niece*)
William F. DiPietra (*Loving Mom & Dad*)
Giovanni Escobar Londono (*Loving Mother*)
John & Anna Falco (*Loving Family*)
Daniele Alejandro Fernandez (*Michele, Linda & Santa*)
Louise & Vincent Festa (*Annette & Martin Gould*)
Giustina & Ralph Fiore (*Loving Daughter & Granddaughter*)
William & Rose Fioto (*Amelia Pepe*)
Frank Fogliano (*Loving Family*)
Jeffrey Ford (*Trotta-Malinconico Families*)
John T. & Marcella M. Gallagher (*Loving Family*)
Marcella Gallagher (*Dedire McVey*)
Roe & Nofy Giannone (*DeSanctis Family*)
Gidaro-Izzo Families (*Loving Family*)
Joseph Giordano (*Furman 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*)
Fidelina LaPaix (*Loving Family*)

Theresa Laudicina (*Chicki, Linda & Rachele*)
Michael & Mary Leccese (*Jo-Ann & Phyllis Leccese*)
Frank & Jean LeFavi (*Alba Gutierrez*)
Jean LeFavi (*Trotta & Malinconico Family*)
Dominick & Angelina Librizzi (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
Timothy Liello (*Loving Parents*)
Mary Ann Luciani (*Rachele Sannino*)
Lumetta-MacDonnell Family (*Pauline Mantineo*)
James & Joan McCosker (*Rachele & Joan*)
Justine Nigra Maguire (*Connie Chwalek*)
Jennie Maniscalco (*Loving Son*)
Michael J. Mannarino (*Loving Granddaughter*)
Miazga-Nervo-Togneri Family (*Loving Family*)
Alexander Miraglia (*Marie Miraglia*)
Rocco & Phyllis Miranti (*Loving Family*)
Dominick J. Monaco (*Loving Family & Friends*)
Lillian & Charles Monastero (*Vita Monastero*)
Theresa & Mary Montelbano (*Rose Anne Lepani*)
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mullalley (*Jane Orban*)
Margaret Murphy (*Loving Family*)
Mark Myers (*Loving Parents*)
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*)
Mary & John Pristina (*Laura, Rita & Ray*)
Marie & Annie Putorti (*Loving Friend*)
Joseph Quagliariello (*Quagliariello Family*)
Questore Family (*Joseph Questore*)
Kathleen Rammelkamp (*Charles Rammelkamp*)
Francis Vincent Rand (*Loving Family*)
Joanne Rebecchi (*Cynthia Ottomanelli*)
Renschak-Trotta Family (*Loving Family*)
Salierno Family (*Jo-Ann & Phyllis Leccese*)
Maria & Luciano Sannino (*Rachele Sannino*)
Benito & Leonila Santiago (*Loving Family*)
Linda & James Scagnelli (*Heedles Family*)
Dorothy Schmitt (*Loving Friend*)
William Schoemaker (*Jo-Ann & Phyllis Leccese*)
Kay & Walter Schretzman (*John Schretzman*)
Frank T. Serpico (*Serpico Family*)
Father Kenneth Slattery, C.M. (*Deidre McVey*)
Casimir Szatkowski (*Loving Family*)
Celeste Taliercio (*Kris Schiavone*)
Frank & Ann Tomitz (*Patricia*)
Maryann E. Tomitz (*Patricia*)
Margaret Tucci (*Loving Sister & Niece*)
Turrigiano Family (*Antoinette Turrigiano*)
Walter & Elizabeth Ujzdowski (*Quagliariello Family*)
Albert F. Valenzuela (*Loving Family*)
Carl Vigliarolo (*Anne M. Vigliarolo*)
Frances Vigliarolo (*Anne M. Vigliarolo*)
Frank J. Vigliarolo (*Anne M. Vigliarolo*)
Phyllis Jean Zanghi (*Mom, Dad & Joe B.*)
Mary Zurick (*Sophia Gadinis*)
Helen Zwosta (*Phyllis & Jo-Ann Leccese*)