

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020 St. Ambrose

- 9:00AM Mary Mele (*Paul & Mary Conlon*)
- 7:30PM Frances & Adolph Zangrillo (*Loving Family*)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 9:00AM Maryann Freeman (*Vanessa Morgan*)
- 7:30PM Carmel Salerno (*Marion & Joe Costa*)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2020 St. Juan Diego

- 9:00AM Maryann Freeman (*Harold Family*)

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020

- 9:00AM Carolina & Giuseppe Pravata (*Pravata Family*)

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020 St. Damasus

- 9:00AM Elizabeth Ujazdowski (*Loving Family*)

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020 O.L. of Guadalupe

- 9:00AM Elenita Arguelles (*Loisa Arguelles*)
- 5:00PM Janis Auwarter (*Rachele Sannino*)
- Paul Auwarter (*Ralph & Rosalie LoCascio*)
- Tricia DeFrank (*DeFrank Family*)
- Janna Krepps (*Mann Family*)
- Jean LeFavi (*Connie Chwalek & Deidre McVey*)
- Mary Mele (*Paul & Mary Conlon*)

### 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



**THE ALTAR BREAD** for this week is donated in memory of **Julianne Friscia**, requested by **Monica & Frank Ottomanelli**.

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



**Rose Castellano—Philip Lunarola**  
**Cesira Vinciguerra**

**Please Note:** The Rectory Office will be closed on **Tuesday, December 8th** for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and will reopen on Wednesday at 9:00AM.



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.

**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.

**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.**



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.

**THIS WEEKEND: DECEMBER 5/6:**  
*You may take a tag from the GIVING TREE in the Lobby to be returned with your gift the next weekend.*

**NEXT 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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## **READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **Reading 1**

*IS 40:1-5, 9-11*

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.



### **Responsorial Psalm**

***R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.***

I will hear what God proclaims;  
the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.  
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,  
glory dwelling in our land. **R.**

Kindness and truth shall meet;  
justice and peace shall kiss.  
Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven. **R.**

The LORD himself will give his benefits;  
our land shall yield its increase.  
Justice shall walk before him,  
and prepare the way of his steps. **R.**

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

### **Reading 2**     *2 PT 3:8-14*

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

### **Alleluia**



### **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
All flesh shall see the salvation of God. **R.**

### **Gospel**     *MK 1:1-8*

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

### With Many Thanks...



Fathers Louis Marie and Luke and some of the men from Saint Anthony’s Shelter for Renewal were the happy recipients of our “Socktober” collection. Even with a smaller congregation, you donated over 350 pairs of socks and over 100 pieces of underwear. The friars, brothers and men are very grateful. Your generosity is overwhelming!

### 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.



baptism

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):

January 10 & 24 — February 7 & 28

### Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms

(All begin at 2:00PM)

January 10 & 24 — February 7 & 28

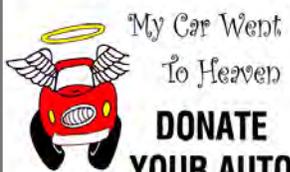
Dates for the Morning of Preparation and Baptisms are the same for the convenience of the Celebrant. It is **strongly suggested** you plan on taking the Baptism class **prior** to the date of your child’s baptism.

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

### 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 weekday 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)