

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

- 8:00AM Antoinette Tomasello (*Loving Daughter, Linda*)
- 9:30AM Baby DiVeglio (*Loving Family*)
- 11:00AM Francesco Abate (*Loving Family*)
- 12:30PM Gino Augusto (*Longo Family*)
 - Paul Auwarter (*Sheliza Rohoman*)
 - Joseph Berritto (*Steven Giusto*)
 - Jean LeFavi (*M/M Ron Antal*)
 - Maffeo Family (*Rose & Ralph Trapasso*)
 - Rolando Rosario (*Loving Wife, Madeline*)
 - Joan Speranza (*Maria & Bernard Speranza*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021 *Dr. MLK, Jr. Holiday*

- 9:00AM Gallo Family (*Maria DaRita*)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021

- 9:00AM Joan McCosker (*St. Helen Rosarians*)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021 *Sts. Fabian & Sebastian*

- 9:00AM Paul Auwarter (*Ray Clarke*)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021 *St. Agnes*

- 9:00AM Peter Colantuoni (*Mary Lou Colantuoni*)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021 *St. Vincent*

- 9:00AM Louise & Vincent Festa (*Annette & Marty*)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021 *St. Marianne Cope*

- 9:00AM Fortunata Filogamo (*M/M Frank Pravata*)
- 5:00PM Paul Auwarter (*Diane Blankley*)
 - George Buonocore (*Diane Joseph*)
 - George Buonocore (*Barbara & Thomas Mann*)
 - Linda V. Cichocki (*Vita Monastero*)
 - Jeanette Corozzo (*Michael*)
 - Rose Goffredo (*Barbara & Thomas Mann*)
 - Adele Meehan (*Vita Monastero*)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021

- 8:00AM Paul Auwarter (*Rachele Sannino*)
- 9:30AM Josephine Paese
- 11:00AM Ann DiFiore (*Marie Marotta*)
- 12:30PM Paul Auwarter (*Liello Family*)
 - George Buonocore (*Antal Family*)
 - Saverio & Frances Ferina (*Beloved Daughter*)
 - Rose Goffredo (*Antal Family*)
 - David Kobbe (*Antal Family*)
 - Jean LeFavi (*Casillo Family*)
 - Andrew Spadafora (*Liello Family*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



Robert Coleman — Nicholas DeSola
Raymond Guglielmi — Louis Leist

Please Note: The Rectory office will be closed on **Monday, January 18th** in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, and will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00AM.



THE ALTAR BREAD, WINE & CANDLES for this week are donated in memory of **Francesco Abate**, requested by his loving family.



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.



Amado Araneta, Joe Barreca, Anthony Barresi, Stella Barresi, Mary Battista, Barbara Bitetto, Theresia Brech, Daniel Campion, Sally Capozziello, Shang Cheng, Zena Cipolla, Marge D'Auria, Patrick Delaney, Domenica DeVito, Toni Ann Diaz, Virginia DiGangi, Tina DiPalo, 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, January 29, 2021.**



Christmas Tree Plaques

If you wish to take your Christmas Tree plaque, you may now do so. This year, due to COVID restrictions, **we will not be holding any plaques for you to pick up once the trees are removed.** All remaining plaques will be **discarded** when the trees are removed **starting Monday, February 1st.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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):
February 7 & 28

Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms (All begin at 2:00PM)
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.



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 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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



St. Helen will share in the profits! For each car, truck or van, running or not, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our Church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Call The Society today if you have a vehicle to donate!



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!

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I *1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19*

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me and heard my cry.
And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God. **R.**

Sacrifice or offering you wished not,
but ears open to obedience you gave me.
Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not;
then said I, "Behold I come." **R.**

"In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,
to do your will, O my God, is my delight,
and your law is within my heart!" **R.**

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know. **R.**



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Reading II *1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20*

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

Alleluia

R. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. **R.**



Gospel *Jn 1:35-42*

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” — which translated means Teacher —, “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.” So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas” — which is translated Peter.



Our Parish

COMMUNITY

January 17, 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Jn 1:35-42



So [Eli] said to Samuel,
 "Go to sleep, and if
 you are called, reply,
 'Speak, LORD, for your
 servant is listening.'"

1 SAMUEL 3:9

You Called?

Today we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *In the ordinariness of your life, what might actually be God's voice?*
- ★ *What kind of goodness attracts you?*