

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
- 9:30AM In Thanksgiving for the Priests, Deacons, Staff & Parishioners (*Vita Monastero*)
- 11:00AM Pasquale (Patty) Ciullo (*Wife, Ann & Family*)
- 12:30PM Edward Bradford (*Joe & Donna Palagonia*)  
Marina Coraci—Special Intention  
Antonio DiFiore (*M/M Gandolfo Taravella*)  
Frank Pagano (*M/M Gandolfo Taravella*)  
Joseph & Gloria Porto (*Loving Family*)  
Maria Sannino (*Rachele Sannino*)
- 5:00PM Francesca Gaudino (*Rosalie LoCascio*)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021 *The Chair of St. Peter*

- 9:00AM Mary Porrello (*JoAnne Doody*)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021 *St. Polycarp*

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

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

- 9:00AM Stephen Petroglia (*Loving Niece*)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021

- 9:00AM Mary J. Corrigan (*Mary Jo & Will Vendittelli*)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021

- 9:00AM Purgatorial Society Mass

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021

- 9:00AM Anthony Pravata (*Loving Parents*)
- 5:00PM John Durante (*Linda Miranti*)  
Eleanor Furino (*Ann Marie Leist*)  
Vivien Hegarty (*Susan Polvorosa*)  
Robert Sylvester (*Mary Ann Kellen*)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

- 8:00AM Paul Auwarter (*Rachele Sannino*)
- 9:30AM Danielle Arre (*Madonia Family*)
- 11:00AM Jack Marotta (*Marie Marotta*)
- 12:30PM Rose Goffredo (*Rosalie Librizzi*)  
Jean LeFavi (*Connie Camelliri*)  
Linda Iacopelli (*Joe & Fara Evola*)  
Lawrence Martire (*Maio Family*)  
Salvatore Montalbano (*Joe & Donna Palagonia*)  
Mariano & Nancy Pulomena (*Loving Family*)
- 5:00PM Lawrence Martire (*Loving Family*)



**Scott Bucaria—Patsy D. Murgida**  
**Rose Santoro—Doreen Vitale**



**THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week are donated in memory of **Gino Augusto**, requested by **Joe & Lorraine Trotta**.



**Please join us every Tuesday at 1:00PM** 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.

**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)!



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, Henry J. Hinton, 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, Recupero Family, 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, February 26, 2021.**

## ST. HELEN PARISH PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021

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*)  
 Gino Augusto (*Joe & Lorraine Trotta*)  
 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*)  
 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*)  
 Nancy & Emanuel Camelliri (*Constance & Joseph Camelliri*)  
 Mary Camelo & Joshua Basin (*Zena Basin*)  
 Giuseppe & Maria Caputo (*Loving Son, Rosario*)  
 Julianne Caputo (*Loving Dad*)  
 Catalanotto & Egan Family (*Barbara Catalanotto*)  
 C. Joseph & Laura Chiarello (*Lois Chiarello*)  
 Linda V. Cichocki (*Rachele Sannino*)  
 Vi & Joseph Cimo (*Loving Niece*)  
 Claire Louise Colamaria (*Fr. Colamaria*)  
 Corrigan-Vendittelli 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*)  
 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*)  
 Rev. William Gaughan, C.M. (*Deidre 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 (*Loving Daughter*)  
 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*)  
 Sandy Pepitone (*Arline, Diane, Laurie & Steve*)  
 Sandy Pepitone (*Rachele Sannino*)  
 Steve & Ann Petroglia (*Loving Niece*)  
 Mary & John Pristina (*Laura, Rita & Ray*)  
 Peter J. Pulomena (*Loving Wife*)  
 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*)  
 Mr. & Mrs. Peter Rovtar (*Louise Rovtar*)  
 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*)  
 Casimir Szatkowski (*Loving Family*)  
 Celeste Talierno (*Kris Schiavone*)  
 Frank & Ann Tomitz (*Patricia*)  
 Maryann E. Tomitz (*Patricia*)  
 Margaret Tucci (*Loving Sister & Niece*)  
 Turrigiano Family (*Antoinette Turrigiano*)  
 Walter & Elizabeth Ujazdowski (*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*)



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

### **Reading I**

*Gn 9:8-15*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: “See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.” God added: “This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings.”



### **Responsorial Psalm**

***R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.***

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
teach me your paths,  
Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my savior. **R.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,  
and your love are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O LORD. **R.**

Good and upright is the LORD,  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice,  
and he teaches the humble his way. **R.**

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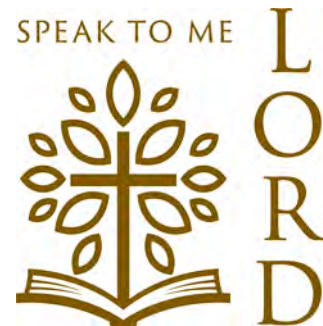
### **Reading II**

*1 Pt 3:18-22*

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

### **Verse Before the Gospel**

One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth  
from the mouth of God.



### **Gospel**

*Mk 1:12-15*

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."



# faith is Back!

## LAB

**Each Tuesday during Lent we will once again be conducting Faith Lab.**

The definition of a Laboratory is: "A room or building equipped for scientific experiments, research, or teaching." Now, we will not be creating anything like some mad scientists! Faith Lab is an invitation to all parishioners to bring their thoughts, research, and questions to the table in a setting that will be led by one or both of the priests of the parish.

We will not be solving the problems of the world but more like engaging each other with questions like... Why do we do that? or Does the Church teach this? or Father, what's your opinion? (including some of the more sticky questions). Father Giulietti and I are not theologians, and so you may stump both of us! In fact, we will be open to anonymous questions!

There is no sign-up and no prerequisites or requirements, just a willingness to explore the Catholic faith in a respectful manner using Scripture, tradition, anecdotes and experiences.

Faith Lab will be held on the following five **Tuesdays during Lent in Church at 7:00PM: February 23, March 2, March 9, March 16, & March 23** (Faith Lab will not be held on the Tuesday of Holy Week).

If you would like to submit questions for Faith Lab, you may place the questions in the collection any weekend Mass prior to Faith Lab, and we will answer them at the meeting. Please place your questions in an envelope marked "Faith Lab". You may submit a question even if you do not attend.

**Come join us to explore and investigate the Catholic Faith!**

**Fr. Colamaria & Fr. Giulietti**

### Regulations Concerning Fasting and Abstinence

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of mandatory fasting and abstinence from meat.
- All Fridays in Lent are days of mandatory abstinence from meat.
- The obligation to fast applies to those aged 18-59.
- The obligation to abstain from meat applies to those aged 14 and older.
- Those fasting may eat only one normal-sized meal. Two smaller meals may be eaten, if needed for strength. These smaller meals together should not equal a normal-sized meal. No food may be eaten between meals.
- The bishops of the United States recommend voluntary fasting on the other weekdays of Lent. It is a praiseworthy tradition to fast on Holy Saturdays, until the Easter Vigil.
- It is worth remembering that every Friday of the year is a day of penance, unless a solemnity falls on a Friday. In the United States, on Fridays outside of Lent, one may choose either to abstain from eating meat or to perform some other act of penance.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH BENEDICTION  
Every Friday evening at 7:30PM.

### CONFESSION

Monday - Friday: 8:45AM  
Saturdays: 12:30-1:30PM

**Reconciliation Monday:**

**March 29, 2021: 3:00-8:00PM**

### 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.



**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 28 & March 14**

**Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms (All begin at 2:00PM): February 28 & March 14**

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.**