

# FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021

- 8:00AM Paul Auwarter (*Bruce & Enid Borgesen*)
- 9:30AM Charlene Fiorentino (*Marie Marotta*)
- 11:00AM Christine Ann Salegna (*Aunt Marilyn*)
- 12:30PM Philip Barresi (*Yvonne Flesche*)  
**Bellanti & Patania Family** (*M/M Giuseppe Bellanti*)  
**Robert Coleman** (*Steve & Diane Coleman*)  
**Jean LeFavi** (*M/M Frank Ottomanelli*)  
**Natividad Lopez—Good Health** (*Janet Valenzuela*)  
**Nicholas Louis Napolitano** (*Loving Wife*)  
**Trapasso Family** (*Rose & Ralph Trapasso*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021 *Sts. Jerome & Josephine*

- 9:00AM Jeffrey Ford (*Patty & Kevin Harold*)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

- 9:00AM Paul Auwarter (*Joe Barreca*)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021 *St. Scholastica*

- 9:00AM Jeffrey Ford (*Karen Pallini*)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 *Our Lady of Lourdes*

- 9:00AM Peter Moran (*Campanella Family*)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2021

- 9:00AM Dr. Ernesto Jocson (*Dr. Aida Jocson*)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2021

- 9:00AM Frank Fogliano (*Santina Fogliano*)
- 5:00PM Filippa Bertucci (*Vita Monastero*)  
**Anthony Bozzanca** (*Secular Franciscans*)  
**George Buonocore** (*Joe & Lorraine Trotta*)  
**Jeffrey Ford** (*Michele Carollo*)  
**Rose Goffredo** (*Joe & Lorraine Trotta*)  
**Linda Susan Iacopelli** (*Vita Monastero*)  
**Mary Laddonada** (*Dispinseri Family*)  
**Mary Laddonada** (*Mistretta Family*)  
**Carmela Militano** (*Mariana Lozito*)  
**Sal Montalbano** (*Hubbs Family*)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021

- 8:00AM George & Claire Cox
- 9:30AM Mary Camelo (*Loving Daughter, Zena*)
- 11:00AM Frank T. Serpico (*Loving Family*)
- 12:30PM Paul Auwarter (*Adele Meehan*)  
**Francis Xavier Clinton** (*Wife, Bernadette*)  
**Robert Coleman** (*Steve & Diane Coleman*)  
**Marina Coraci—Special Intention**  
**Anthony Robert Messina** (*Grandma, Barbara*)  
**Gelsomina Serrapica** (*Janet & Don Balsamo*)  
**Leo & Jennie Vento** (*Karen Jasiak*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



**Jorge Hidrobo—Salvatore Montalbano**



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.**

# Hands-on Learning at St. Helen Catholic Academy is

**Christ-Centered  
Results-Driven  
& Always Engaging**



**Virtual Tour Available  
Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**We Are Focused on Educating the Whole Child Through:**

- **Faith Formation:** Daily prayer and spiritual development, complete sacramental program for First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation, First Friday Mass, prayer services and community service projects.
- **Rigorous Academics:** Full-day Kindergarten, Pre-K 3 and 4 year-old full-day and half-day programs, focused instructional schedule of 8:10-3 p.m. with 7 a.m. arrival and after-school program until 6 p.m., TACHS preparation, Algebra 1 Regents participation, K-8 Spanish program, iPad and SMARTBoard® technology, fully equipped STEM lab, digital tools, coding, and engineering design applications.
- **Specialized Programs:** Full-day Free 3-K for All and Pre-K for All, “Mom and Me” for ages 1 ½-2 ½, after-school extracurricular activities, training in music and art, Paul Effman band program, choir, chess, drama club, engineering club, Italian, Mandarin, soccer and CYO sports.

**For more information call (718) 835-4155 or visit: [sthelencatholicacademy.org](http://sthelencatholicacademy.org)**



**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.**



**St. Helen’s Holy Name Society  
is sponsoring a**



**Sock & Hat Drive This Weekend: February 6/7**

*There will be a box in the Church vestibule during all Masses.*

**In this time of pandemic, let us remember those who are in need of our help. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Proceeds will be given to Catholic Charities for distribution.**

*“Blessed by John of Verceli, Founder of the Holy Name Society”*

## READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Reading I

*Jb 7:1-4, 6-7*

Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? Are not his days those of hirelings? He is a slave who longs for the shade, a hireling who waits for his wages. So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me. If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again.



### Responsorial Psalm

***R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted.***

Praise the LORD, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him. The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; the dispersed of Israel he gathers. **R.**

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He tells the number of the stars; he calls each by name. **R.**

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit. The LORD sustains the lowly; the wicked he casts to the ground. **R.**

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## **READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **Reading II**

*1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23*

Brothers and sisters: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! If I do so willingly, I have a recompense, but if unwillingly, then I have been entrusted with a stewardship. What then is my recompense? That, when I preach, I offer the gospel free of charge so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible. To the weak I became weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.

### **Alleluia**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Christ took away our infirmities  
and bore our diseases. **R.**



### **Gospel** *Mk 1:29-39*

On leaving the synagogue Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them. When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.





# Our Parish COMMUNITY

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1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Mk 1:29-39



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MARK 1:32-33

## Grin and Bear It

**T**his harsh bit of advice is more military than religious. However, it does carry some truth. There are times when there is no way to avoid hardship, so all we can do is find some way of dealing with it. This is the situation in today’s reading from Job. He experiences life as burdensome. To make matters worse, life is too short to be able to get beyond the difficulty. So what does he do? What might most of us do in similar situations? Complain.

There is really nothing wrong with complaining. The problem is to whom and for how long. A large number of the psalms are complaints or, to use the theological term, *laments*. To complain to God can be a profound prayer, for it admits our human inability to fix everything. And, it presumes that God can and just might fix the problem. The psalm response continues this train of thought with a prayer of confidence that God will fix it. The Gospel reading then provides examples of how Jesus did just that.

These are not merely stories of past events. Rather, they trace a profound yet difficult-to-accept religious belief: when we are overwhelmed by hardship, we should turn to God and place our need in God’s care, believing that God wants what is best for us. Perhaps the rest is out of our hands, but we must believe that we are in God’s hands and, therefore, safe.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ✦ *Hardship can test our trust in God. Might this be the case with you?*
- ✦ *As a disciple of Jesus, pray for the gift of trust.*

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