

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
- 9:30AM Phil Carollo (*Loving Family*)
- 11:00AM Dominick & Jennie Peperone (*Daughter, Mary*)
- 12:30PM Betty Cohen (*Debra Cohen*)
- Salvatore Como (*Loving Wife & Family*)
- Tina DiPalo (*Annette & Marty*)
- Martin Griffin, Jr. (*Debra Cohen*)
- Janet Powers (*Peter & Grace Belmonte*)
- Joseph Serpico (*Debra Cohen*)
- Serafina Tullo (*Loving Family*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021 *Sts. Philip & James*

- 9:00AM Urban Family (*John Urban*)

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

- 9:00AM Margaret Murphy (*Loving Family*)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021

- 9:00AM Lynn Boutureira (*Debra LaPreziosa & Mark*)

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

- 9:00AM Rosa & Salvatore Gambino (*Loving Family*)

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

- 9:00AM Elvira Santo (*Geraldine & Peter Carotenuto*)

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

- 9:00AM Mary J. Corrigan (*Mary Jo & Will Vendittelli*)
- 5:00PM Rebecca D'Costa (*Espiritu Family*)
- Pasquale R. Falco (*Paul & Maria Ciccione*)
- Jean Fochetta (*Joe & Lorraine Trotta*)
- Moynie King (*Auber Family*)
- James Lambe (*Nicole & Christopher Delano*)
- Mary Messina (*Joe & Lorraine Trotta*)
- M/M Michael Pantaleo (*Marie Savarese*)
- Janet Powers (*Handal Family*)
- Grace Schoen (*Rose Swierkowski*)
- Gelsomina Serapico (*Joe & Lorraine Trotta*)

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

- 8:00AM Mother's Day Novena
- 9:30AM Mother's Day Novena
- 11:00AM Mother's Day Novena
- 12:30PM Peggy Sue Arroyo (*Ana Maldonado*)
- Renee Barraco (*Arline Rabito*)
- Linda Iacopelli (*Pane Family*)
- Zoila Luz Maldonado (*Ana Maldonado*)
- Evelyn Mattone (*Michele Carollo*)
- Vivienne Pagano (*Tammi & Paula*)
- Jennie Zammetti (*Michele Carollo*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



Frances Ganci

GOOD SHEPHERD STATUE



We would like to thank Vita Monastero, who has been keeping the statue in their home and praying for vocations for one week should contact the Rectory.



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



Amado Araneta, Joe Barreca, Anthony Barresi, Stella Barresi, Mary Battista, Barbara Bitetto, Theresia Brech, Daniel Campion, Sally Capozziello, Shang Cheng, Zena Cipolla, Lucille Claps, Marge D'Auria, Patrick Delaney, Domenica DeVito, Toni Ann Diaz, Virginia DiGangi, Mary Divers, Colin F., Jennie Federici, Clementine Gagliardi, Dennis Giammalvo, Tony Giampietro, John Joseph Gleeson, John Pierce Gleeson, Rosemarie & Joseph Guagenti, Gertrude Gwardjak, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Henry J. Hinton, Steven Iglio, 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, May 28, 2021.

FEMA FUNERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR FAMILIES TO FILE CLAIMS FOR COVID-RELATED FUNERAL COSTS

FEMA is now processing applications for funeral assistance. FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020. The death must have occurred in the United States. These special FEMA funds have a maximum financial assistance of \$9,000 per funeral. Dial 1-844-684-6333 For COVID-19 Funeral Relief.

FEMA will only award COVID-19 funeral assistance for a deceased individual on a single application. If multiple individuals contributed toward funeral expenses, they should register under a single application as applicant and co-applicant. The applicant or co-applicant must have incurred the funeral expenses. The deceased individual's documentation status is not considered as part of the reimbursement process, but the applicant(s) must be U.S. citizens, legal residents, asylees, refugees, or non-citizen nationals.

FEMA will only accept one claim per deceased individual so it is vitally important everyone who helped cover the funeral and cemetery expenses work together on one application and wait until all the expenses have been incurred.

Specifically, the applicant must provide the following documents:

1. **A copy of the death certificate.** The death certificate must indicate the death "may have been caused by" or "was likely a result of" COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms. Similar phrases that indicate a high likelihood of COVID-19 are also considered sufficient.
2. **Proof of funeral expenses incurred.** Documentation (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) must include the applicant's name as the responsible person for the expense, the deceased individual's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and that funeral expenses were incurred after January 20, 2020.

Eligible funeral expenses include but are not limited to:

- Transportation for up to two individuals to identify the deceased individual
- Transfer of remains
- Casket or urn
- Burial plot or cremation niche
- Marker or headstone
- Clergy or officiant services
- Arrangement of the funeral ceremony
- Use of funeral home equipment or staff
- Cremation or interment costs
- Costs associated with producing and certifying multiple death certificates
- Additional expenses mandated by any applicable local or state government laws or ordinances.

If applicants already received reimbursement for certain funeral expenses through government agencies, voluntary agencies, non-profits, burial or funeral insurance, they cannot re-submit those same expenses for reimbursement through this FEMA-administered program. If you received any outside assistance, you must include documentation of this assistance in your application. If you received financial assistance through the deceased's life insurance policy, you may still apply for reimbursement.

For fastest service after you have called to apply, submit documentation online through disasterassistance.gov, or by fax 855-261-3452. Documents may also be mailed to: COVID-19 Funeral Assistance, POB 10001, Hyattsville, MD 20782. Applicants can also visit [FEMA.gov/funeral-assistance/faq](https://www.fema.gov/funeral-assistance/faq). Information is provided in several languages both by telephone and the website.

Dial 1-844-684-6333 For COVID-19 Funeral Relief Today!

READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reading I

Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

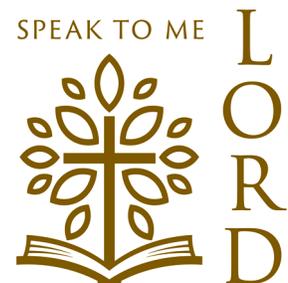
I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD.

The lowly shall eat their fill;
they who seek the LORD shall praise him:
“May your hearts live forever!” *R.*

All the ends of the earth
shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of the nations
shall bow down before him. *R.*

To him alone shall bow down
all who sleep in the earth;
before him shall bend
all who go down into the dust. *R.*

And to him my soul shall live;
my descendants shall serve him.
Let the coming generation be told of the LORD
that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born
the justice he has shown. *R.*



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Reading II

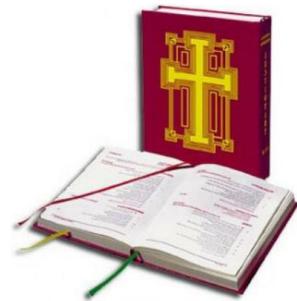
1 Jn 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit. **R.**



Gospel

Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!
ST. HELEN CATHOLIC ACADEMY'S
2ND CHANCE
200 TO 1 RAFFLE!!



\$10,000 Grand Prize (\$100 per ticket)

Drawing will take place on Friday, May 21, 2021 at 7:00PM
 Live Streamed on St. Helen RC Church Facebook Page

To purchase tickets or for additional information please call
Maria Ford 718-344-1998 or
Diane Joseph 917-697-5351

Tickets sold on a first-come first-served basis.
Only 200 tickets will be sold!



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): **May 23 — June 13 & 27**

Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms (All begin at 2:00PM): May 23 — June 13 & 27

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.



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.



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!

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.