

# TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

- 8:00AM Vivien Hegarty (*Rachele Sannino*)
- 9:30AM Jean LeFavi (*Rachele Sannino*)
- 11:00AM George & Theresa Maldarelli (*Loving Daughter*)
- 12:30PM Bro. Joseph Bach—For Good Health (*St. Helen Franciscans*)
- Madeline Bagnato (*Dcn. Rick & Maria Elrose*)
- Phyllis D'Accordo (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
- Raffaella Digristina (*Donna & Joe Palagonia*)
- Dr. Aida Jocson (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
- Matthew Pecorino (*Dcn. Rick & Maria Elrose*)
- Maria Tullo (*Loving Family*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

### MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2021

- 9:00AM Theresa Maldarelli (*Giancarlo & Gianna Bintas*)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 2021

- 9:00AM Frank LeFavi (*Loving Family*)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

- 9:00AM Joseph Villano (*Loving Family*)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

- 9:00AM Leccese Family (*Annette & Marty*)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2021 *St. Gregory the Great*

- 9:00AM In Thanksgiving (*Maria & Felice Puglese*)

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2021

- 9:00AM Anthony Rainone (*Secular Franciscans*)
- 5:00PM Peter Anzalone (*Ann Labisi*)
- Rosa M. Caleca (*Carol Cimadomo*)
- Dennis R. DeFrank (*Norma Roldan*)
- Raffaella Digristina (*Rosetta Liuba*)
- Frank Ganci (*Vita Monastero*)
- Rosario Maniaci (*Lucia Maniaci*)
- Dion McMahon (*Violeta Ortaliza*)
- Rosemary Montanino (*Dennis Croce*)
- Gloria Rizzo (*Friends*)
- Antoinette Turrigiano (*Zena Basin*)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

- 8:00AM Mary Ann Freeman (*Harold Family*)
- 9:30AM Rosaria Mazzella (*Yvonne Flesche*)
- 11:00AM David Olsen (*Loving Family*)
- 12:30PM Victor Amass (*Ann Labisi*)
- Mary Camelo (*Loving Daughter*)
- Claire Colin (*Dcn. Andrew & Linda Mastrangelo*)
- Margaret Giampietro (*Loving Family*)
- Charles Reynoso (*Annie Santiago*)
- Anna Santiago (*Annie Santiago*)
- Antoinette Turrigiano (*Nena Garcia*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



Joseph SanFilippo—Sue Taranto



**THE ALTAR BREAD** for this week is donated in memory of **George Buonocore**, requested by **Andrew & Linda Mastrangelo**.



The Rectory **summer office hours** are **Monday to Friday from 9:00AM-4:00PM** through **Friday, September 3rd** (weekend office hours will remain the same). There are no evening hours throughout the summer. The Mass schedule will remain the same.

Please join us during August on Tuesdays 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.

**Please Note: Starting September the new day & time for this Devotion will be on Mondays at 3:30PM!**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Intentions for the next monthly Purgatorial Society Mass will be offered next **Friday, September 24, 2021.**



Karl Albrecht, Amado Araneta, Joe Barreca, Anthony Barresi, Stella Barresi, Mary Battista, Barbara Bitetto, Mike Cabral, Michael Calamia, Connie Camelliri, 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, Mary Palermo, Frank Palmenteri, Sebastian Panasci, Santo Pantina, Doris Pecchillo, Nino Pedone, Amelia Pepe, Rosemarie Perl, Josephine Profera, Vivian Puglissi, Maurice Puleo, 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.

## Welcome Back! Save the Dates!



**St. Helen CYO Basketball registration will be held September 1-3 & 7-10 from 7:00-8:30PM in Fr. Dooley Hall.**  
**More information to follow. Contact Anthony Leone at (917) 494-9569, or email: sthelencyobb@gmail.com.**

**FREE ADMISSION**  
 New York State Senator  
**Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr.** invites you  
 to the Annual

**ARNIE MIG  
 MEMORIAL  
 BIG BAND CONCERT**

Co-Sponsored by  
 NYS Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato  
 and Brady & Bader, Attorneys at Law

**Featuring:**



*Music Staff Swing Orchestra*

**Thursday, September 9, 2021**  
 7:00-9:00PM  
 Outside at St. Helen's Parking Lot  
 (Corner 157<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 84<sup>th</sup> Street)

**\*\*PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR\*\***  
 In case of rain Concert will be held in Fr. Dooley Hall

**For more information  
 contact NYS Senator Joe Addabbo's  
 Howard Beach Office at  
 (718) 738-1111**



**Howard Beach Kiwanis Club  
 Presents**

**The Fabulous Accords**

*A Doo Wop  
 Extravaganza!  
 A night of  
 entertainment  
 with music  
 from the 50's,  
 60's, & 70's!*



**Saturday, September 18, 2021**  
 7:00-11:00PM in Fr. Dooley Hall  
 (Doors open at 6:00PM)


Door Prizes 50/50

**\$75.00 Per Person & includes a hot buffet  
 catered by Russo's on the Bay, soft drinks,  
 coffee and dessert to be served during inter-  
 mission (BYOB).**

**For more information call Bob at (917)  
 805-3115, or Joe at (917) 745-2713.**

Please make check payable to Kiwanis Club of How-  
 ard Beach. Mail to: Bob LoCascio, 159-16 92nd  
 Street, Howard Beach, NY 11414.

**St. Helen's Secular Franciscans sponsors a  
 Rosary for World Peace every Tuesday at  
 6:30PM in Church. All are welcome and en-  
 couraged to offer decades in other languages.**



**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): **Sept. 26—Oct. 10 & 24**

**Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms (All begin at 2:00PM):** **Sept. 26—Oct. 10 & 24**

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.



**ADULT CONFIRMATION AND BECOMING CATHOLIC**

Any **adult** who has not received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation and desires to do so, please contact the Rectory to set an appointment with Father Colamaria.

Any **Adult** who is curious about becoming Catholic, or to be received into the Church, is invited to contact the Parish office at 718-738-1616.

Any and all questions about Adult Sacraments can be made at any time, **but September is an important deadline for the beginning of classes for Sacraments to be received in 2022.**

## SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Reading I

*Dt 4:1-2, 6-8*

Moses said to the people: “Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, ‘This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.’ For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?”

### Responsorial Psalm

**R.**    *The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.*

Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice;  
 who thinks the truth in his heart  
 and slanders not with his tongue.    **R.**

Who harms not his fellow man,  
 nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;  
 by whom the reprobate is despised,  
 while he honors those who fear the LORD.    **R.**

Who lends not his money at usury  
 and accepts no bribe against the innocent.  
 Whoever does these things  
 shall never be disturbed.    **R.**



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## SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Reading II

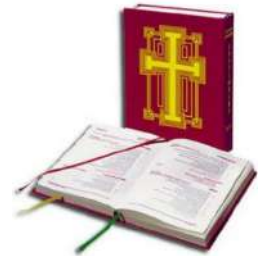
*Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27*

Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### Alleluia

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

The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. **R.**



### Gospel

*Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands.—For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds.—So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, “Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?” He responded, “Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.* You disregard God’s commandment but cling to human tradition.” He summoned the crowd again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. “From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile.”



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 29, 2021

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## Law Versus Values

**T**hat is a very difficult choice to place before people. Why can't we choose both? Actually, that is the ideal.

Law is a legislated way that a group lives out a value. We value safe highways, and so we legislate traffic regulations, speed limits, and so forth. We value communal prayer, and so we devise liturgical calendars and worship ceremonies. Usually, the way we live out a value changes more frequently than the value itself. However, it often happens that people become so attached to a custom or law, though unfamiliar with the underlying value it embodies, that a change of custom becomes very disruptive. This certainly happened in the Church after the Second Vatican Council, which took place in the 1960s.

This seems to be the source of tension in today's Gospel scene. Washing hands before eating was a ritual custom here, not just a hygienic one. It probably originated with priests who bloodied their hands while sacrificing animals. Eventually, ritual washing became one of the 613 customs that Pharisees expected every Jewish man to observe. Referred to as "a hedge around the law," such customs served to ensure the law itself was protected and would not be broken. Jesus' disciples did not observe this ritual, and so they were criticized.

Jesus immediately came to their defense. He did not disparage the value of appropriate ritual behavior. Rather, he accused his opponents of clinging to out-of-date practices while disregarding underlying values. Practices are external; values are internal. Laws and customs can change; fundamental principles and standards endure.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

\* Do you have a favorite religious practice? The rosary? Communal singing? What religious value does it reflect?

*[Jesus said,]  
"Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile."*

MARK 7:15



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