

# NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
- 9:30AM Maria & Giuseppe Morreale  
*(Rabito & Sama Family)*
- 11:00AM Jean LeFavi *(St. Helen Support Group)*
- 12:30PM Gerard Albano *(Loving Wife & Family)*
- Carl Boehle *(Markesello & Jiran Families)*
- Raffaella Digristina *(St. Helen Support Group)*
- Dr. Aida Jocson *(LaMarca & Ambrosio Families)*
- Fe Marcaida *(Jun & Sisters)*
- Roberta Ruocco *(Paul & Maria Ciccione)*
- Ossie Smith *(Eric Adams)*
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

### MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021 *St. Teresa Benedicta*

- 9:00AM Albert A. Lazaro *(Joan Grieco)*

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021 *St. Lawrence*

- 9:00AM Jean LeFavi *(Annette & Marty)*

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021 *St. Clare*

- 9:00AM Anthony Carotenuto *(Carotenuto Family)*

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021 *St. Jane Frances de Chantal*

- 9:00AM Rose Castellano *(Phyllis Digristina)*

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2021 *St. Pontian*

- 9:00AM Jeffrey Ford *(Pantaleo Family)*

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2021 *St. Maximilian Kolbe*

- 9:00AM Peter Quartulli *(Maria Quartulli)*
- 5:00PM Madeline Bagnato *(Vita Monastero)*
- Gerald L. Daniels *(Eric Adams)*
- Rose Marie DeBari *(Rosetta Liuba)*
- Raffaella Digristina *(Gail Mauro)*
- Dr. Aida Jocson *(Steve Giusto)*
- Edward McDonald *(Mihaila Family)*
- Salvatore Mesuraca *(Mann Family)*
- Walter Osmanski *(Pat & Sal Recupero)*
- Matthew G. Pecorino *(Vita Monastero)*
- Anna Santiago *(Annie Santiago)*

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

#### ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 8:00AM Suzanne LaSalle *(Yvonne Flesche)*
- 9:30AM Elena & Jose Galang *(Loving Family)*
- 11:00AM Gaetano & Caterina Barone *(Daughter, Dina Abate)*
- 12:30PM Vera Brady *(Patricia McGinley)*
- Raffaella Digristina *(Vita Monastero)*
- Dr. Aida Jocson *(Mary Chiarello)*
- Walter Osmanski *(Alberta & Heather Osmanski)*
- Margaret Russo *(Florence Albrecht)*
- Ernest Smith, Jr. *(Eric Adams)*
- Susan Vitale *(Loving Family)*
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners




**Theresia Brech—Emma Lynch**

**Please Note:** Next weekend we celebrate the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, which falls on a Sunday. All Assumption Masses will follow the weekend schedule.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** The Rectory office will once again have **summer office hours Monday-Friday from 9:00AM-4:00PM through Friday, August 27th** (weekend office hours will remain the same). There will be no evening hours throughout the summer. The Mass schedule will remain the same.



**Congratulations Margaret Peperone, July's 50/50 Winner of \$559.50!**  
Don't forget to drop your 50-50 envelope in the collection basket! **Please, only \$1 per envelope! Good Luck To All!**



Karl Albrecht, Amado Araneta, Joe Barreca, Anthony Barresi, Stella Barresi, Mary Battista, Barbara Bitetto, Mike Cabral, 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, Joseph Questore, Recupero Family, Frances Russo, John Secreti, Remington Stafford, Rubie Anna Torall, Lynn Torres, Chrissi 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, August 27, 2021.**

**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)!



## Religious Education Registration for 2021-2022

We are now registering children for the 2021-2022 school year. The registration form may be obtained online at the St. Helen Parish website: [www.sthelen.org](http://www.sthelen.org), or you may email your request to: [info@sthelensreled.org](mailto:info@sthelensreled.org).

The program is available to children in grades Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. We realize that at this time many of you have questions & concerns about the upcoming year. First & foremost, be assured that the safety of our students, their families and our catechists are our prime concern. We are following all NYS sanitary requirements, and the course work will follow the Board of Education & Brooklyn Diocese guidelines for in-class and/or remote learning.

The registration fees are: \$100 for one child and \$125 for two or more children in the same family. If the child was baptized at a church other than St. Helen, you will need a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. If you do not have one available, contact the rectory of the Church where your child was baptized. Most parishes take a couple of weeks to process a Baptismal certificate. Place your request now so your registration for our program will not be delayed.

The registration form for children currently enrolled in our program was sent home via email the week of 5/3/2021. Parents wanting to enroll an additional child that was not previously attending the program must fill-out a new student registration form for that child.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact us at (718) 916-2319, or you may email us at: [info@sthelensreled.org](mailto:info@sthelensreled.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): **Sept. 12 & 26—Oct. 10 & 24**

### Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms (All begin at 2:00PM): Sept. 12 & 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.

**Please call 718-738-1616 for more information and/or to schedule an appointment.**

**Please Note:** The **Rosarians Wine & Cheese Party** scheduled for **Friday, August 11th** at 6:30PM will be held in the School Cafeteria. Please call (347) 806-6960 if you plan to attend.



**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!**

**Please Note:** The Tree of Life is now full. No more orders can be taken.



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 plaque** permanently placed on the **Anniversary Wall** (\$350.00).

**For further information, you may either call or visit the Rectory.**

## SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Reading I *1 Kgs 19:4-8*

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying: "This is enough, O LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

### Responsorial Psalm

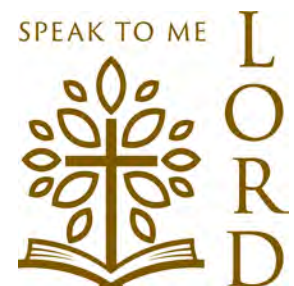
*R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

I will bless the LORD at all times;  
 his praise shall be ever in my mouth.  
 Let my soul glory in the LORD;  
 the lowly will hear me and be glad. *R.*

Glorify the LORD with me,  
 Let us together extol his name.  
 I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
 and delivered me from all my fears. *R.*

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy.  
 and your faces may not blush with shame.  
 When the afflicted man called out, the LORD heard,  
 and from all his distress he saved him. *R.*

The angel of the LORD encamps  
 around those who fear him and delivers them.  
 Taste and see how good the LORD is;  
 blessed the man who takes refuge in him. *R.*



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## SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Reading II *Eph 4:30—5:2*

Brothers and sisters: Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

### Alleluia

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

I am the living bread that  
came down from heaven, says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever. *R.*



### Gospel *Jn 6:41-51*

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven, ” and they said, “Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” Jesus answered and said to them, “Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They shall all be taught by God.* Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”





# Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Eph 4:30-5:2

Jn 6:41-51

## Live in Love

**N**ow that's an exhortation that should be **easy to follow**, because everyone wants to love and to be loved. However, it's not as easy as it appears. Today's second reading contains a list of offenses against love: "bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling" (Ephesians 4:31). Even those we should love the most can so annoy us that we lose control and might respond with bitterness or shouting. Furthermore, this exhortation is difficult because we are told to refrain from such anger toward people we don't even know or those we don't like.

We are to show kindness toward everyone. How can we ever do this? We might not have the courage or the desire. We are, after all, just weak human beings. True, but we have been "sealed for the day of redemption" with the "holy Spirit of God" (Ephesians 4:30). For the Jewish people, the Spirit of God referred to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. This means that the dynamic power of God is with us to transform us from bitter, angry people to be "imitators of God, as beloved children" (Ephesians 5:1).

Because this *is* the case, because this transforming power *is* available to us, why don't we allow it to transform us and, in so doing, transform our world? Why is the world in such disarray? Why is there so much violence, oppression, and despair? Why are the most vulnerable among us often preyed upon? If we so desperately want to give and receive love, then why don't we?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- \* *What keeps you from being a loving person?*
- \* *What can you do about this?*



*Be kind to one another, compassionate,  
forgiving one another  
as God has forgiven you in Christ.*

EPHESIANS 4:32