

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2021—Labor Day

- 9:00AM Karl Albrecht (*Florence Albrecht*)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

- 9:00AM Jean LeFavi (*Campanella Family*)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 *Nativity of the BVM*

- 9:00AM Andrew Costantino (*JoAnn & Bill Dobranski*)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 *St. Peter Claver*

- 9:00AM Michael Palermo (*Phyllis Digristina*)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

- 9:00AM Robert R. Keighron (*Loving Family*)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

- 9:00AM 9/11 20th Anniversary Memorial Mass
- 5:00PM Josephine Ardolino (*Vivian & Ben Cretaro*)
- Phyllis D'Accordo (*Grace & Peter Belmonte*)
- Julio Anthony Delgado (*Schedlbauer Family*)
- Raffaella Digristina (*Cynthia Ottomanelli*)
- Jeanette Mata (*Loving Husband, Ken*)
- Amelia Marino (*Grace & Peter Belmonte*)
- Rosemary Montanino (*Eric Ulrich*)
- Matthew Pecorino (*Grace & Peter Belmonte*)
- Gloria Rizzo (*Connie Chwalek & Deidre McVey*)
- Antoinette Turrigiano (*Violeta Ortaliza*)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

- 8:00AM George & Claire Cox
- 9:30AM Geraldine Gonzalez (*Loving Family*)
- 11:00AM Jean LeFavi (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
- 12:30PM Angela & Walter Flesche (*Yvonne Flesche*)
- Dominic Manieri (*Mike Howard*)
- Amelia Marino (*Scelfo Family*)
- Carmen Nunez (*Haiffa & Irene Vizoso*)
- Matthew Pecorino (*Scelfo Family*)
- Geraldine Taliercio (*Josephine Massino & Fam.*)
- Antoinette Turrigiano (*Vita Monastero*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



Margaret D'Auria



THE ALTAR BREAD for this week is donated in memory of **Jeanette Mata**, requested by her loving husband, **Ken**.

Please Note:

The Rectory office will be closed on **Monday, September 6th** in observance of Labor Day, and will reopen on Tuesday at 9:00AM.

Regular office hours are now in effect for the Rectory: **Monday-Thursday from 9:00AM-8:00PM, Friday, 9:00AM-4:00PM, and Saturday & Sunday from 9:00AM to 12 Noon.**

Please join us on Mondays at 3:30PM 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: 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, 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 Iglito, 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, 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.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 20th Anniversary of the Terror Attacks on our Nation and City

Next Saturday, September 11, 2021, our Nation and City will remember, mourn, and pray for those who lost their lives on that terrible day.

Many will mourn privately, others will watch or attend the services held in Manhattan at the 9/11 Memorial. As a parish, the **Saturday 9:00AM Mass** will be a

Mass for the dead, and after the Mass a prayer will be said at the 9/11 Memorial Tree located in front of the School. We are inviting any parishioner who attends that Mass to bring with them an American lawn flag so they may place it at the tree, after we say a prayer of remembrance at this location.



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.

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



All women are invited to join the **Rosarians** next Sunday, **September 12th**, after the 9:30 am Mass in the school cafeteria. Light refreshments will be served. Come and see what we are all about!



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, or you may email your request to: info@sthelensreled.org.

The program is available to children in grades Kindergarten through 7th 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.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I

Is 35:4-7a

Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm

R. *The Praise the Lord, my soul!*

The God of Jacob keeps faith forever,
 secures justice for the oppressed,
 gives food to the hungry.
 The LORD sets captives free. **R.**

The LORD gives sight to the blind;
 the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.
 The LORD loves the just;
 the LORD protects strangers. **R.**

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains,
 but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
 The LORD shall reign forever;
 your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia. **R.**



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SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading II *Jas 2:1-5*

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Sit here, please, ” while you say to the poor one, “Stand there, ” or “Sit at my feet, ” have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

Alleluia

R. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people. **R.**



Gospel *Mk 7:31-37*

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man’s ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, “*Ephphatha!*”— that is, “Be opened!” — And immediately the man’s ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, “He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

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



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 7:00-11:00PM in Fr. Dooley Hall
 (Doors open at 6:00PM)

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

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

Please make check payable to Kiwanis Club of Howard 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 encouraged to offer decades in other languages.

**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.**

in **LOVING** *Memory*

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.



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