

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021

- 8:00AM Bro. James McVeigh, OSF (*Vita Monastero*)
- 9:30AM For The Parishioners
- 11:00AM Peter J. Pulomena (*Loving Wife & Children*)
- 12:30PM Robert Brady (*Patricia McGinley*)
- Raymond D'Auria (*Steven Giusto*)
- Angelica Miano (*Eileen Marzo*)
- Camille Napolitano (*Rachele Sannino*)
- Matthew Pecorino (*Dcn. Andrew & Linda Mastrangelo*)
- Charles Prestia (*Priolo Family*)
- Martin A. Valentino (*Aracelly Valentino*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2021

- 9:00AM Thomas Meo, Jr.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021 *St. Andrew*

- 9:00AM Anna DeGrazia (*Annette & Marty*)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021

- 9:00AM Maria Giacalone (*Casillo Family*)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021

- 9:00AM Salvatore Amato (*Rachele Sannino*)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2021 *St. Francis Xavier*

- 9:00AM Maureen Goehring (*Carol Macchia*)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021 *St. John Damascene*

- 9:00AM Paul Auwarter (*Loving Wife, Vita*)
- 5:00PM Francesca Cicio (*Joe & Fara Evola*)
- Carol Digristina (*Michele Carollo*)
- Raffaella Digristina (*Michele Carollo*)
- Josie Dullea (*Joe O'Mahony*)
- Mary Ann Esposito (*Roberta Mione*)
- Carmen Frallicciardi (*Rachele Sannino*)
- Angelica Miano (*Theresa Goldkranz*)
- Martino Pellicano (*Joe & Fara Evola*)
- Bernard Speranza (*Loving Family*)
- Virginia & Frank Wierzbicki (*Helen Rourke*)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

- 8:00AM Richard H. Dimler (*Rachele Sannino*)
- 9:30AM George Buonocore (*Rachele Sannino*)
- 11:00AM Angelina Petroglia (*Fran & Marissa Furman*)
- 12:30PM Antonio Cracchiolo (*Loving Family*)
- Phyllis D'Accordo (*Andrew & Linda Mastrangelo*)
- Melina Diana (*Jack & Lena DiGrigoli*)
- Daisy Heinz (*Sonia & James*)
- Angelica Miano (*Jennie Taranto*)
- Giovanni Pirro (*Lena Melisi*)
- Matteo Vitale (*Loving Family*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

THE ALTAR BREAD for this week is donated in memory of **Dennis DeFrank**, requested by **Vincent Poggio**.



THE ALTAR WINE for this week is donated in memory of **Americo Velez**, requested by **Marie Miraglia**.

THE ALTAR CANDLES for this week is donated in memory of **Lucia Burke**, requested by **Mr. & Mrs. John Zaccheo**.



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.



Karl Albrecht, Amado Araneta, Joe Barreca, Anthony Barresi, Stella Barresi, Mary Battista, Barbara Bitetto, Mike Cabral, Connie Camelliri, Daniel Campion, Sally Capozziello, Kathleen Cassata, Shang Cheng, Mary Chiarello, Zena Cipolla, Lucille Claps, Rose Curti, Patrick Delaney, Domenica DeVito, Toni Ann Diaz, Virginia DiGangi, Frank DiPietra, Mary Divers, Colin F., Jennie Federici, Clementine Gagliardi, Dennis Giammalvo, Tony Giampietro, John Joseph Gleeson, John Pierce Gleeson, Rosemarie & Joseph Guagenti, Frank Guerra, 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 Otomanelli-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, John Secreti, Remington Stafford, Rubie Anna Torall, Lynn Torres, Chrissie Tremblay, Paul Tremblay, Paul John Tremblay, Sr., Sr. Joanne Walters.



Don't forget to drop your 50-50 envelope in the collection basket! **Please, only \$1 per envelope! Good Luck To All!**

PLEASE NOTE: The Intentions for the next monthly Purgatorial Society Mass will be offered **Friday, December 31, 2021.**

**Mark your calendar for St. Helen's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting!
Saturday, December 4, 2021 immediately after the 5:00PM Mass!**



On Wednesday December 1st at 7:00PM, Saint Helen Parish will be engaged in the Synod that is taking place in every Diocese throughout the world. The purpose of the Synod is to elicit information from the faithful on specific topics and questions. This is accomplished by gathering the faithful for a listening session, where information will be collected and issued to the diocese. Each Diocese in the United States will present their findings to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and each Conference throughout the world will issue their findings to the Holy See in Rome. The topic of this Synod is: "Communion-Participation-Mission". At the gathering at our parish, a series of 10 questions will be reflected upon and discussed with those who choose to attend.

The following 10 questions will be discussed:

1. Who do we envision the "Church" is and how do we share our faith in and out of our community?
2. Do we feel heard by the Church and do we as a faith community need to listen better?
3. Do all feel free to communicate their feelings with those most involved in the Church? Why do Catholics feel uncomfortable about speaking about their faith outside of their Church?
4. How can the Church and its people be more inviting to those not celebrating the Mass and Holy Eucharist with us?
5. Do we as a Church people foster communion and unity within our church amongst different cultural and economic backgrounds and within our larger communities with different religious denominations? Do we support the Church and surrounding community?
6. How does the Church and its people fit in with the whole of the greater society in which we live, culturally, politically, civilly, and economically?
7. How do we find in other Christian denominations a common purpose and vision that can bring our faith communities together?
8. Who do we see as the person in charge of the parish church? The diocese? What is our role in keeping the parish and diocese vibrant and full?
9. How do we see ourselves as part of the decision making process on a parish level? On the Diocesan level?
10. Does the Church offer us enough to help us grow in our baptismal call? Does the Church remind us to grow in our faith continually?

Prayer For the Synod

*We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together
to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen*

SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Reading I

Jer 33:14-16

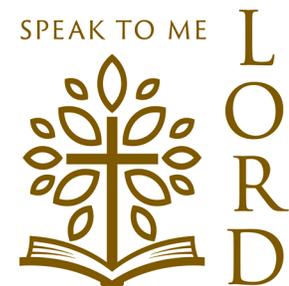
The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice."

R. *To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
 teach me your paths,
 Guide me in your truth and teach me,
 for you are God my savior,
 and for you I wait all the day. **R.**

Good and upright is the LORD;
 thus he shows sinners the way.
 He guides the humble to justice,
 and teaches the humble his way. **R.**

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy
 toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
 The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him,
 and his covenant, for their instruction. **R.**



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Reading II *1 Thes 3:12—4:2*

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen. Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

Alleluia

R. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Show us, Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation. **R.**



Gospel *Lk 21:25-28, 34-36*

Jesus said to his disciples: “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. “Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

St. Helen Christmas Giving Tree

FOR NEEDY CHILDREN AND ADULTS

We are asking for your help in answering the requests of the needy in our own parish, several other parishes in Queens, a home for special adults, and other charities.

NEXT WEEKEND: DECEMBER 4 & 5:

Please take a gift tag from the Giving Tree in the lobby.

THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND, DECEMBER 11 & 12:

During this weekend, please leave your unwrapped gift with tag attached, near the tree. Place monetary donations or gift cards in the Christmas box inside the Church.



SEMINARIAN CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD PROGRAM

In addition, envelopes are available on our Christmas Giving Tree which will provide an opportunity to purchase a gift card for a seminarian (a young man studying to be a priest). If you are interested, please take one of the white envelopes labeled "2021 Seminarian Christmas Gift Card Program" from the Tree the **weekend of Dec. 4/5**. There is a letter enclosed with the name of a seminarian which explains the program. Please follow the instructions on the letter to ensure your gift is delivered to one of our seminarians.

***GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR
GREAT GENEROSITY!***

ST. HELEN PARISH

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