

THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

- 8:00AM Vivien Hegarty (*Vita Monastero*)
- 9:30AM Dr. Ernesto Jocson (*Aida T. Jocson*)
- 11:00AM Christine Ann Salegna (*Loving Mom & Dad*)
- 12:30PM Robert D. Anderson (*Debbie Marra*)
- Raffaella Digristina (*SantaCatarelli*)
- Carmen Frallicciardi (*Marie Cazzalino*)
- Rose Goffredo (*Loving Family*)
- Linda Karmondy (*Daniella & Nick Trotta*)
- Fidelina LaPaix (*Patti Stola*)
- Linda & John Urban—50th Anniversary (*Rochelle Franzese*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021 *St. John*

- 9:00AM Rose Goffredo (*Gillespie Family*)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021 *The Holy Innocents*

- 9:00AM Celeste Taliercio (*Vincent Izzo*)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021

- 9:00AM Paul Charny (*Loving Family*)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021

- 9:00AM Elda Cedena Calderon (*Evola Family*)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021

- 9:00AM Purgatorial Society Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022—NEW YEAR'S DAY

- 9:00AM Emilio & Paolina Gallo (*Loving Daughter*)
- 5:00PM Michael Calamia (*Steve Giusto*)
- Anna Chabisi (*Taravella Family*)
- Giacomo DiGrigoli (*Guzzo Family*)
- Carmen Frallicciardi (*Steve Giusto*)
- Edward Klinger (*Julie Dimler*)
- Breege McCaul (*Margaret Butler*)
- Gregory J. Medoro (*Ortiz-Rivera Family*)
- Antoinette Miller (*Douglas Nitzberg*)
- Ralph Turchio (*Taravella Family*)
- Joseph Zerilli (*Hubbs Family*)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
- 9:30AM John Diorio, Jr. (*Loving Parents*)
- 11:00AM Jeorgina Soto (*Lisa Asencio*)
- 12:30PM Phil Baghai (*Giuseppe Canzani*)
- Joseph Costa (*Delluomo Family*)
- Robert E. Cruz (*Noriega Family*)
- Millie Foti (*St. Helen Rosarians*)
- Lena Orsino (*John & Jolyne Pisano*)
- Michele Rubino (*Andrew & Linda Mastrangelo*)
- Giuseppe Zerilli (*John & Jolyne Pisano*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE for this week are donated in memory of **Gino Augusto**, requested by **Joe & Lorraine Trotta**.



THE ALTAR CANDLES for this week are donated in memory of **Christine Ann Salegna**, requested by **Aunt Marilyn**.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE for this week is donated in memory of **Frances Russo**, requested by **Jeanie & Rose Marie**.



NY Governor Kathy Hochul has announced that **effective immediately, face masks will be required to be worn in all indoor public places in New York**. This mandate will be in effect until reevaluation on or about January 15, 2022. **Therefore, all parishioners are asked to please wear masks while in Church!**

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



**Ernest Grisaffi — Rita Shurn
Nunzio Vitale**



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, 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 Iglia, Marilyn Krajcik, Keri & Baby Tristan, Elaine Lazzari, 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, Joseph Russo, 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!**

NEW YEAR'S DAY Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God **Saturday, January 1, 2022** (*Not a Holy Day of Obligation*)

Masses at 9:00AM & 5:00PM Vigil Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord (*Sunday Mass*)
The Rectory office will be closed Friday & Saturday, December 31 & January 1, and will reopen on Sunday January 2 at 9AM.



Below are the responses from question #2, from those who participated in the Diocesan Synod here at Saint Helen on December 1st:

Results from question #2:

Do we feel heard by the Church and do we as a faith community need to listen better?

- Here at St. Helen, we needed more faith instruction. Fr. Colamaria's Faith Labs are a success and need to continue. There is a thirst for more knowledge of the Catholic faith.
- Listen better is the key. We are a society who does not listen.
- The Pope is infallible in his words on morality, but we do not hear his message.
- Today, people do not feel the Church hears us as a whole. There are those who feel the Pope is too Progressive in his ideas and will not listen. They feel why bother to say anything because their needs and thoughts will be lost. It's bad from the top down.
- Today the devil is the hero. All you have to do is turn on the television and see a show named after him, Lucifer. Listen to today's music and lyrics, and action in movies not to mention video games. The devil has twisted the world. He exists; not God. Why doesn't the Church speak out loudly against the turn in values?
- The Parish Council is needed to be active. Resume its meetings and find a way with COVID. Zoom if necessary. This is a forum where parishioners can be heard and is not presently meeting. The original Constitutional Parish Council did not listen to the people. The clergy were the hierarchy who made all the decisions no matter what the parishioners expressed. Some parishes still utilize the old methods of the Constitutional Parish Council. In the past, the clergy in general did not hear or listen to you. They "forgot their hearing aids."
- Nothing is going on in our Parish. We used to have Soup and Scripture, Lenten Retreats and Missions, Days of Reconciliation, and social events where parishioners gathered. People are continually recalling these special events and would like them to become part of our Parish again.
- We as a faith community always need to improve on listening better. However, people are getting frustrated. Communication is a two-way street.

Father Colamaria's response:

"Nothing is going on in our Parish." Well, that is simply offensive! If that is to mean that social events have been limited, well, yes they have been. Many may not realize, but due to Covid restrictions, we may not serve food (except prepackaged) on parish property. Currently, the gym is being used as a cafeteria, tables with two chairs set so that children may eat "socially distant". But, But, But, Saint Good-a-goonda Church had a parish breakfast or St. Cuthberts had hot cocoa at an event. Yes, it's true. And I also sit on the Presbyteral Council (the Bishop's Priest Council) and such violations are brought to the attention of the Bishop and summarily are addressed. I am not going to throw caution to the wind during a health crisis. That being said, Saint Helen Academy opened its doors this September as did Religious Education, and has not closed! I teach two classes in the Academy, Father Giulietti teaches two classes in Religious Ed and Deacon Mastrangelo teaches in Religious Ed. Three clergy teaching the almost 1000 children who are taught here at the parish on a weekly basis; I do not know of a time when that occurred! Only recently has our sports program resumed, with many guidelines from the Diocese. And, where other parishes closed their doors on programs such as RCIA, Saint Helen Parish did not! Deacon Rick has been conducting RCIA classes weekly. To summarize, the COVID restrictions placed on parishes (from on high) sort of preclude mass gatherings that involve social activity.

As for the comment on the Parish Council, I am guilty of not having meetings on a more regular basis. I plan on resurrecting the Parish Council, as well as having elections of new members, in the near future.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Reading I

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
 who walks in his ways!
 For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
 blessed shall you be, and favored. **R.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
 in the recesses of your home;
 your children like olive plants
 around your table. **R.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed
 who fears the LORD.
 The LORD bless you from Zion:
 may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
 all the days of your life. **R.**



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SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Reading II

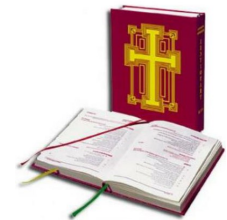
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Alleluia

R. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. **R.**



Gospel *Lk 2:41-52*

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

ST. HELEN PARISH PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021

Giuseppa Adamo (*Rachele Sannino*)
Ann M. Ahern (*Jo-Ann & Phyllis Leccese*)
Karl Albrecht (*Florence Albrecht*)
Karl R. Albrecht (*Loving Mom*)
All Souls in Purgatory (*Kathleen Cocchiola*)
Aloise-Dabrowski Family (*Annette & Marty Gould*)
Amato & Sannino Family (*Rachele Sannino*)
Anzalone & Azzato Family (*Mr. & Mrs. Peter Anzalone*)
Gino Augusto (*Joe & Lorraine Trotta*)
Henry & Janis Auwarter (*Vita Monastero*)
Paul Auwarter (*Loving Wife, Vita*)
Renee Barraco (*Rachele Sannino*)
Charles & Angela Barreca (*Loving Son & Daughter*)
Thomas A. Barreca (*Loving Brother & Sister*)
Mario & Angelina Barrella (*Loving Family*)
Belulovich-Mattei-Salzano Family (*Loving Family*)
Gina Bender (*Loving Aunt & Uncle*)
Frank W. Bitetto (*Barbara Bitetto*)
Bongiorno & Rocco Family (*Loving Family*)
Paul Anthony Bono (*Mom & Dad*)
Braganza Family (*Rachele Sannino*)
Nancy & Emanuel Camelliri (*Constance & Joseph Camelliri*)
Giuseppe & Maria Caputo (*Loving Son, Rosario*)
Julianne Caputo (*Loving Dad*)
Catalanotto & Egan Family (*Barbara Catalanotto*)
John Chiarello (*Mary Chiarello*)
C. Joseph & Laura Chiarello (*Lois Chiarello*)
Linda V. Cichocki (*Rachele Sannino*)
Vi & Joseph Cimo (*Loving Niece*)
Claire Louise Colamaria (*Fr. Colamaria*)
Ida Colletti (*Leone Nieces & Nephew*)
Corrigan-Vendittelli Family (*Loving Family*)
Roberto Cortes (*Loving Family*)
Emilia Cuttone (*Loving Sister & Niece*)
Vincent J. D'Amato (*D'Amato Family*)
Salvatore D'Angelo (*Loving Family*)
John DeRiso (*Loving Family*)
Concetta & Pasquale DeSantis (*Linda DeSantis*)
Carol Digristina (*Loving Sis, Chicki*)
Joseph Damian Digristina (*Loving Sister, Chicki*)
Philip Digristina (*Loving Niece*)
Raffaella Digristina (*Rachele Sannino*)
Carmela Digristina-O'Connell (*Loving Niece*)
Frank DiPietra (*Cavuto Family*)
William F. DiPietra (*Loving Mom & Dad*)
Sr. Maria Ercolano, OCD (*Barbara & Amelia*)
Giovanni Escobar Londono (*Loving Mother*)
Mary Faello (*Linda DeSantis*)
John & Anna Falco (*Loving Family*)
Louise & Vincent Festa (*Annette & Marty Gould*)
Ralph Fiore (*Loving Niece*)
Giustina & Ralph Fiore (*Loving Granddaughter*)
William & Rose Fioto (*Amelia Pepe*)
Frank Fogliano (*Loving Family*)
Carmela Foti (*St. Helen's Lectors*)
John T. & Marcella M. Gallagher (*Loving Family*)
Rev. William Gaughan, C.M. (*Deidre McVey*)
Margaret Giampietro (*Giampietro Family*)
Roe & Nofy Giannone (*DeSanctis Family*)
Gidaro-Izzo Families (*Loving Family*)
Giunta-Bernardo Family (*Jean Bernardo*)
Raymond Giusto (*Steven Giusto*)
Theresa Giusto (*Linda DeSantis*)
Gorycki Family (*Helen Repstad*)
Gwardjak & Kosinski Family (*Daughter*)
Joseph Ishan (*Trotta & Malinconico Families*)
Pasquale Izzo (*Loving Family*)
Jaskot & Wolynski Families (*Joan Szatkowski*)
Dr. Aida Jocson (*Rachele Sannino*)
Eddie Juba (*Barbara Dorme*)

Linda Karmondy (*Trotta & Malinconico Families*)
Dr. Nabil Labib (*Trotta & Malinconico Families*)
Elaine Larkin (*Rachele Sannino*)
Theresa Laudicina & Rudy (*Chicki, Linda & Rachele*)
Michael & Mary Leccese (*Jo-Ann & Phyllis Leccese*)
Dominick & Angelina Librizzi (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
Timothy Liello (*Loving Family*)
Lumetta-MacDonnell Family (*Pauline Mantineo*)
Justine Nigra Maguire (*Loving Daughter*)
Jennie Maniscalco (*Loving Son & Family*)
Michael J. Mannarino (*Loving Granddaughter*)
Irma Medina (*Loving Family*)
Angelica Miano (*Rachele Sannino*)
Miazga-Nervo-Togneri Family (*Loving Family*)
Carol Miele (*June, Laurie & Lorraine*)
Alexander Miraglia (*Marie Miraglia*)
Rocco & Phyllis Miranti (*Loving Family*)
Lillian & Charles Monastero (*Vita Monastero*)
Theresa & Mary Montelbano (*Rose Anne Lepani*)
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mullalley (*Jane Orban*)
Margaret Murphy (*Loving Family*)
Mark Myers (*Loving Parents*)
Maggie O'Dee (*Loving Friend*)
Richard Orban (*Jane Orban*)
Joan Mary Orban-Jones (*Orban Family*)
Joseph P. Ottomanelli (*Frank & Monica Ottomanelli*)
Joseph Pecorella (*Loving Family*)
Matthew G. Pecorino (*Rachele Sannino*)
Dominick Pepe (*Amelia Pepe*)
Joseph Pepe (*Amelia Pepe*)
Pepe-Bitetto Family (*Barbara Bitetto*)
Sandy Pepitone (*Arlene, Diane, Laurie & Steve*)
Sandy Pepitone (*Rachele Sannino*)
Steve & Ann Petroglia (*Loving Niece*)
Mary & John Pristina (*Laura, Rita & Ray*)
Peter J. Pulomena (*Loving Wife*)
Marie & Annie Putorti (*Loving Friend*)
Joseph Quagliariello (*Quagliariello Family*)
Questore Family (*Joseph Questore*)
Francis Vincent Rand (*Loving Family*)
Joanne Rebecchi (*Cynthia Ottomanelli*)
William J. Reddy (*The Marmo Family*)
Renschak-Trotta Family (*Loving Family*)
Felicita Reyes (*Evaristo Rodriguez-Reyes*)
Gloria Rizzo (*Friends*)
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Rovtar (*Louise Rovtar*)
Frances Russo (*St. Helen Support Group*)
Paul Russo (*Joe Barreca*)
Salierno Family (*Jo-Ann & Phyllis Leccese*)
Maria & Luciano Sannino (*Rachele Sannino*)
Linda & James Scagnelli (*Heedles Family*)
Dorothy Schmitt (*Loving Friend*)
Kay & Walter Schretzman (*John Schretzman*)
Frank T. Serpico (*Serpico Family*)
Casimir Szatkowski (*Loving Family*)
Celeste Taliercio (*Kris Schiavone*)
Frank & Ann Tomitz (*Patricia*)
Maryann E. Tomitz (*Patricia*)
Margaret Tucci (*Loving Niece*)
Turrigiano Family (*Antoinette Turrigiano*)
Walter & Elizabeth Ujazdowski (*Quagliariello Family*)
Lorraine Vasquez (*Loving Husband*)
Vasquez-Perez Family (*Vita Monastero*)
Carl Vigliarolo (*Anne M. Vigliarolo*)
Frances Vigliarolo (*Anne M. Vigliarolo*)
Frank J. Vigliarolo (*Anne M. Vigliarolo*)
Phyllis Jean Zanghi (*Mom, Dad & Joe B.*)
Mary Zurick (*Sophia Gadinis*)