

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2021 *St. Nicholas*

- 9:00AM Angela Mary Calastro (*Marilyn & Angela*)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2021 *St. Ambrose*

- 9:00AM Elaine Caraccio (*Berritto Family*)
- 7:30PM Adolph & Frances Zangrillo (*Maguire Family*)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021

- Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9:00AM Dorothy McClure (*Loving Sister*)
- 7:30PM Bill DeLorenzo (*Dcn. Rick & Maria Elrose*)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021 *St. Juan Diego*

- 9:00AM Carmela Militano (*Lenore Bruno*)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021

- 9:00AM Gelsomina Serrapica (*Loving Sister*)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021 *St. Damasus I*

- 9:00AM Lillian & Charles Monastero (*Vita*)
- 5:00PM Michael Abiuso (*Victor Abiuso & Family*)
- Thomas A. Arthur (*Claire Scudiero*)
- Thomas Boyd, Jr. (*Intrabartolo Family*)
- Margaret D'Auria (*Margaret Butler*)
- Joseph DiLorenzo (*Vita & Fred*)
- Kathy Doyle (*Margaret Butler*)
- Carmen Frallicciardi (*Joe & Lorraine Trotta*)
- Angelica Miano (*Yvonne Flesche*)
- Brad Puglisi (*M/M Michael Ferri*)
- William Wilson (*Maureen Rice O'Grady*)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

- 8:00AM George & Claire Cox
- 9:30AM Richard H. Dimler (*Julie Dimler*)
- 11:00AM Paul Auwarter (*Loving Wife, Vita*)
- 12:30PM Patricia & Josephine Bonanno (*Charles Bonanno*)
- Michael Calamia (*M/M Vincent LaVerda*)
- In Thanksgiving to O.L. of Fatima (*Benita Methieu*)
- Carmen Frallicciardi (*Michele Carollo*)
- Linda Karmondy (*Natalie & Ron Carbone*)
- Angie Miano (*Debbie Mele*)
- Mariann Syron (*Jackie DeMaria*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



Karl R. Albrecht
Lillian Hopkins—Charles R. Torre



THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE for this week are donated in memory of **Carol Digristina**, requested by **Annette & Marty**.



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.



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



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 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.

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

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.

THIS WEEKEND: DECEMBER 4 & 5:

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

NEXT 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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SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Reading I

Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

Responsorial Psalm

R. *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion,
we were like men dreaming.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with rejoicing. **R.**

Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad indeed. **R.**

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the torrents in the southern desert.

Those who sow in tears
shall reap rejoicing. **R.**

Although they go forth weeping,
carrying the seed to be sown,

They shall come back rejoicing,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**



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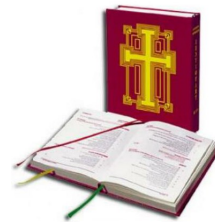
Reading II *Phil 1:4-6, 8-11*

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Alleluia

R. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **R.**



Gospel *Lk 3:1-6*

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: *A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*



SAINT HELEN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Parishioners,

As you may be aware, recently we have been informed that Joseph Canzoneri, instructor of the TACHS Program (High School exam tutoring class) held on Parish grounds, has had allegations filed against him for misconduct with students at his place of secular employment.

These accusations were made known to the diocese on Sunday, November 22, 2021, which coincided with a published report by a local newspaper.

The protection of children is our most important priority. As such, Joseph Canzoneri will not be permitted to serve in any capacity within our parish or Diocese and he will also not be allowed to teach in any of our programs until a thorough investigation into these allegations has been conducted and concluded.

If you have any concerns or questions, you can reach out to Jasmine Salazar, Director of the Office for Protection for Children & Young People, at (718) 623-5236 (or email at jsalazar@diobrook.org) or Maryellen Quinn Coordinator of the Office of Safe Environment at (718) 281-9670 (or by email at mquinn@diobrook.org).

Anyone who has been the victim of sexual abuse by a cleric, employee, or volunteer of the Diocese is encouraged to report it to law enforcement or to the Diocesan Reporting Line (888) 634-4499. All calls are forwarded to law enforcement.

Sincerely,
Fr. Colamaria