

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022 *Holy Name of Jesus*

- 9:00AM Linda Cichocki (*Fred Vasquez*)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

- 9:00AM For the intentions of Michael Presutti (*Heedles Family*)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022 *St. John Neumann*

- 9:00AM Marie Esposito (*Margaret Butler*)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022 *St. Andre Bessette*

- 9:00AM Giuseppe Zerilli (*Zolfo Family*)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022 *St. Raymond of Penafort*

- 9:00AM Emilia Licato (*Licato Family*)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

- 9:00AM DaRita Family (*Loving Family*)
- 5:00PM Ernest Barra (*Diane & Irwin Joseph*)
Carol Fulgieri (*Vita Monastero*)
Rosa Giampapa (*Taravella Family*)
Joseph Gimpel (*Joe & Lorraine Trotta*)
Linda Karmondy (*Linda Miranti*)
Alexander Levine (*Levine Family*)
Zenaida Mendoza (*Orbordo Family*)
Gloria Mercado (*Diane & Irwin Joseph*)
Edward Parisi (*M/M Antonio Candela*)
Joseph Zerilli (*Mangieri Family*)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022

- 8:00AM Taciana Agbayani (*Joaquim & Melanie Bravo*)
- 9:30AM Victoria Witt (*Basia & Krystyna*)
- 11:00AM Lucy DeCrescenzo (*Louis DeCrescenzo*)
- 12:30PM Robert Brady (*Patricia McGinley*)
Anthony Busa (*Haddock Family*)
For the intentions of Howard Bush (*Robert Heedles*)
Giovanni Escobar-Londono (*Loving Mother*)
Adriana Laccona (*Joseph Giannetti*)
Pasquale Novara (*Julie Dimler*)
Joseph Ra (*Maria & Paul Brigandi*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE for this week are donated in memory of **Michele Rubino**, requested by **Sabrina Mastrangelo**.



For the month of January, 2022, **St. Helen's Food Pantry** has once again been selected to receive a **\$1 donation** for every **\$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet** (with the red circle sticker as shown) sold at the store located at 92-10 Atlantic Avenue, Ozone Park, NY. Your participation in this endeavor will greatly help those in need in our community!



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, January 28, 2022**.



Amado Araneta, Joe Barreca, Anthony Barresi, Stella Barresi, Mary Battista, Barbara Bitetto, Maureen Brosky, Mike Cabral, Connie Camellieri, Daniel Champion, 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 Igllo, 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.



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



Below are the responses from question #3, from those who participated in the Diocesan Synod here at Saint Helen on December 1st:

Results from question #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?

- Yes, we here at St. Helen generally feel free to communicate our needs. We are not afraid to speak our minds.
- In general, people feel uncomfortable publicly discussing the Catholic faith because of a fear of not knowing the answers to questions and not having enough knowledge of our faith.
- We, the Church, have become countercultural. We are a very visible Church. Everyone is aware of our churches, schools, and leadership. However, we do not know of the leadership and presence of other faith communities.

Father Colamaria's response:

"We are not afraid to speak our minds". Well, that's sort of true. I am surprised how often I do not hear from people.

Feeling uncomfortable discussing the faith is something that no Catholic should ever feel! As mentioned in the previous comments, Faith Lab was very successful, and will resume soon. Fr. Anthony does conduct a weekly Bible Study in the summer. But I believe if you want to deepen your faith, pick up a book! Find a good Catholic Blog. I cannot possibly conduct such lengthy courses, as I do not have enough hours in the day! Question 3 states "those most involved in the Church", does that mean the priests? There are only two of us and 1000's upon 1000's of you!



The men, brothers and friars from the St. Anthony Shelter for Renewal are very grateful for your donation of 400 pair of socks and almost 200 pieces of underwear. God bless your generosity! You will be remembered in their prayers as a benefactor.

SUNDAY READINGS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Reading I

Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
He shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment. **R.**

Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R.**

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him. **R.**

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save. **R.**



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Reading II *Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6*

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage. *R.*



Gospel *Mt 2:1-12*

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

Congratulations to the following St. Helen Catholic Academy students on the Principal’s List for the first marking period. To achieve this honor a student must attain an overall average of 95%.

Grade 5A

Giada Cucinella
Jillian DeCandia
Christian DeMaso
LeAnna Gurino
Emily Keyser
Michael LaPollo
Domenico Latella
Nicholas Leo
Ava Leone
Salvatore Mazzola
Jake Mohan
Lucas Parrales
Mario Russo
Julia Semianow
Isabella Steinger
Julianna Vargas

Grade 5B

Adriana Antonello
Juliana Antonello
Michael Conte
Micah Davis
Robert DiMino
Lucas Dinally
Theresa Esposito
Thomas Ford
Emily Hunt
Giuliana Malinconico
Teresa Malinconico
Mia Mangano
Connor Ortega

Adam Polanco
Rani Sunder

Grade 6

Scarlett Arango
Cooper Byrne
Rosalia Casillo
Leonard Chavez
Unjali Frank
Matthew Godlewski
Chace Goldstein
Justin Greenberg
Maria Longo
Isabella Mihaila
Olivia O’Connor
Alyssa Rajab
Francesca Trotta
Gemma Vallely
Lorelai Villalona

Grade 7

Anthony Acevedo
Julian Bravo
Bella Cabeza
Francesco Casillo
Annabella Chinosi
Alexa Chirico
Christian Deliotte
Gienna Fasano
Hailey Limitone
Jack Lombardo
Arielle Lopez

John Magna
Sophia Maldari
Alessia Mohan
Emma Perlicki
Gia Piccirillo
Matthew Pineda
Gabriela Rivera
Julia Spadaccini
Amy Valic
Katelyn Vargas

Grade 8

Alessia Arcabascio
Ava Campanella
Joseph Caracciolo-Vitale
Gianpiero Caruso
Jahna Crasto
Joseph DeCandia
Justine Fleming
Alyssa Longo
Sienna Martorella
Joseph Mullaly
Olivia Pudlowski
Jahleal Ramcharan
John Rodriguez
Kaitlyn Rodriguez
Tehya Ross
Jayden Sturge
Raymond Tomins
Victoria Voli



The Holy Name Society will hold its monthly meeting next **Sunday, January 9th**, after the 8:00AM Mass. All men of the parish are welcome!



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): **January 9 & 23 & February 13 & 27**

Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms (All begin at 2:00PM): **January 23 & February 13 & 27**

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.