

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

- 8:00AM George & Claire Cox
- 9:30AM Matthew Pecorino (*Sinacori Family*)
- 11:00AM Ernest Molinaro (*Anita Anderson*)
- 12:30PM Karl R. Albrecht (*Julie Dimler*)
- Karl R. Albrecht (*Vita & Fred*)
- Julian Boccio (*Steve Giusto*)
- Anthony Busa (*Antoinette & Ray*)
- Frank DiPietra (*Cavuto Family*)
- Christine Genzone (*Cathy & Theresa Wunder*)
- Jenna Puleo (*Chinosi Family*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022 *St. Francis de Sales*

- 9:00AM Hector Erice (*Juana Erice*)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022

- 9:00AM Vincenzo Cascio (*Teresa Cascio*)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022 *Sts. Timothy & Titus*

- 9:00AM Joseph Quagliariello (*Loving Family*)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022 *St. Angela Merici*

- 9:00AM Fortunata Filogamo (*M/M Frank Pravata*)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022 *St. Thomas Aquinas*

- 9:00AM Purgatorial Society Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022

- 9:00AM Maria Scaduto Hutton (*M/M Frank Scaduto*)
- 5:00PM Karl R. Albrecht (*Natalie & Ron Carbone*)
- Anthony Busa (*Catherine Mazzella*)
- Beatriz Cordero (*Violeta Ortaliza*)
- John Cuttone (*Phyllis Digristina*)
- Patrick Dawson (*Andrew Scotti*)
- Frank DiPietra (*Haiffa Vizoso*)
- Mary Faello (*Phyllis Digristina*)
- Anthony Lauretta (*Mariana & Willie Lozito*)
- Barbara Miller (*Edna K. Amarante*)
- Giovanni Sorrentino (*Assunta Sorrentino*)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

- 8:00AM Jozef Bodziony (*Teresa & Alicja*)
- 9:30AM Frank DiPietra (*Steven Giusto*)
- 11:00AM Giuseppina Adamo (*Phyllis & Gene Saraceno*)
- 12:30PM Karl R. Albrecht (*M/M Michael Ferri*)
- Frank DiPietra (*Angelica DiMaria*)
- Giuseppe Irianni (*Marie Miraglia*)
- Michael Kelly (*Jackie DeMaria*)
- Esteban Rosario (*Jerry & Rosa Salerno*)
- James & Linda Scagnelli (*Heedles Family*)
- John & Rita Spano (*Carolyn Pulomena & Family*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



Louis Ammirati — Rocco Anselmo
Charles F. Chirico — Guy Losito
Ioan (Jon) Mihaila



For the months of January & February, 2022, **St. Helen' 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 15601 Crossbay Blvd., Howard Beach, NY. Your participation in this endeavor will greatly help those in need in our community!



Congratulations to Theresa Sassone, December's 50/50 winner of \$373.00!

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, Mary Divers, Colin F., Jennie Federici, Clementine Gagliardi, Dennis Giammalvo, Tony Giampietro, John Joseph Gleeson, John Pierce Gleeson, Patty Grimes, Rosemarie & Joseph Guagenti, Frank Guerra, Gertrude Gwardjak, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Henry J. Hinton, Steven Iglia, 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, January 28, 2022.**



Below are the responses from questions #6 & #7, from those who participated in the Diocesan Synod here at Saint Helen on December 1st:

Results From Question #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?

- We don't fit in. Sadly, everyday Catholics are becoming more adaptive to society and culture, instead of becoming more like Christ. Catholic culture needs to be become a stronger force in our public life.
- We are told we are not progressive enough, but we shouldn't fit in to today's world.
- The leadership of the Church needs to lead the fight against the evils in the culture.
- The moral teachings of the Church need to be taught.
- The Pope's role in our society is being questioned. His Socialistic views are not shared by some in the Church. This divisiveness is causing harm to the Body of Christ. Rules for many, but not all, is apparent in today's society and in the Church.
- There is a failure of leadership in not standing up for Catholic values.
- The role of women needs to be addressed. We need to increase the number of women in various ministries. Women Deacons should be considered. They would be an asset and a breath of fresh air in the Church.

The Pastor's Response:

Wow, there is a lot going on here! This question has been opined by every author, Bishop, and commentator in the world. First and foremost, this question hits at the question of ecclesiology, that is, what is the Church? Whether your ecclesiology is top/down, that is, a model where the Church (that is, her members) rely heavily on the magisterium and the leaders of the church to guide their moral principles; or more of a communion of believers, or simply an individualistic view of Church where one makes decisions based on their own conscience and interpretations (which is protestantism). And this is where I personally disagree completely with the Pope on this matter of a Synodality. The purpose of the Synod is that "the Church needs to listen to the world". Uhm? Where is that found in Scripture? I recall the words of our Savior "the world will hate you"! It's difficult enough for me to understand how God is speaking to me, now I need to listen to the world? I believe God still speaks and we must listen, and this task is so difficult in a world that seems to ignore God. That being said, I am more of an optimist and believe that humanity is seeking truth and has a desire to be loved. The previous Holy Father, Pope Benedict, entitled his first encyclical, simply "God is Love". This is a message that the world needs to hear, because the world is quite dark right now and is in need of hearing the message that each and every person is made in His image and is His beloved. "For God so loved the world that he sent His son" (John 3:16), and His son can be found in His Church. As Catholics, we experience Christ every time we experience the Sacraments. It is an absolute fallacy and heresy to say Christ can be found outside of his Church. The Church is the very Body of Christ, He is the head and we are the members. I know you have all heard these words before, but there are many in the world who do not believe such! Now, as for ecclesiology, I am a huge fan of Pope Benedict, even long before he became Pope. I read every single one of his books and continue to reread them often. What impresses me most about Pope Benedict is simply his episcopal motto; "Cooperators in the truth". That single statement is ground shaking. It is an absolute directive stating that **we** are all in this together. We are cooperators; like the ancient image of the Church, the beehive. In a beehive, every bee has its task and its mission. All cooperating towards a common goal. But we are not bees, who just drone on. We are guided by absolute truth, and that truth can be found in God's word and in the teachings of the Church. Statements such as the last comment about "women deacons should be considered", turn the hive into a hornets nest, and I will not even entertain the thought. Such statements ignore the tradition of Holy Orders, the teaching and law of the Church, and the role of deacons and the role of women in the Church. So are we saying the only way someone (man or woman) can participate in various roles in the Church is by being ordained? That's offensive and smacks of ignorance. In all my years of being a Catholic, women have been in roles of leadership every step of the way; guiding me, teaching me, and yes even as a pastor, governing me (the Vice Chancellor of the Diocese of Brooklyn is a woman!).

Question #7 with its one response:

How do we find in other Christian denominations a common purpose and vision that can bring our faith communities together?

This question was answered and discussed in Question 6.

READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it—for he was standing higher up than any of the people—; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!”

Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: “

Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep”—for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!”

Responsorial Psalm

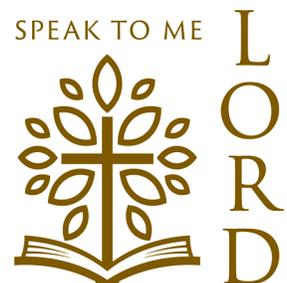
R. *Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.*

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
The command of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eye. **R.**

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
The ordinances of the LORD are true,
all of them just. **R.**

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart
find favor before you,
O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. **R.**



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READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading II *1 Cor 12:12-30*

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you." Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

Alleluia

R. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
and to proclaim liberty to captives. **R.**



Gospel *Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21*

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

ST. HELEN PARISH PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022

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*)
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*)
Phillip Digristina (*Loving Niece*)
Raffaella Digristina (*Rachele Sannino*)
Carmela Digristina-O'Connell (*Loving Niece*)
Frank DiPietra (*Cavuto Family*)
William F. DiPietra (*Loving Family*)
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*)
Dominick & Angelina Librizzi (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
Timothy Liello (*Loving Family*)
Lumetta-MacDonnell Family (*Pauline Mantineo*)
Justine Nigra Maguire (*Connie Chwalek*)
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*)
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mullalley (*Jane Orban*)
Margaret Murphy (*Loving Family*)
Mark Myers (*Loving Parents*)
Nicholas Louis Napolitano (*Loving Family*)
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 (*Arline, Diane, Laurie & Steve*)
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*)
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 & Geraldine Taliercio (*Kris Schiavone*)
Frank & Ann Tomitz (*Patricia*)
Maryann E. Tomitz (*Patricia*)
Margaret Tucci (*Loving Niece*)
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*)