

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
- 9:30AM Carmela Esposito (*Loving Family*)
- 11:00AM Anthony Robert Messina (*Luciano, Joseph & Abby Messina*)
- 12:30PM Ryan Charles Blair (*Sam Albano*)
Joseph Brunetti (*Sam Albano*)
Michael Casillo (*Phyllis Dispinseri*)
Joseph Castelli (*Gabriella Castelli*)
Robert Clarey (*Sam Albano*)
Felice Pugliese (*St. Helen Rosarians*)
In Thanksgiving to St. Theresa (*Margaret Butler*)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022 *Sts. Cyril & Methodius*

- 9:00AM Phyllis & Rocco Miranti (*Loving Family*)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022

- 9:00AM Francesca Gaudino (*Rosalie LoCascio*)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022

- 9:00AM Francis Vincent Rand (*Loving Mother*)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022

- 9:00AM Frank T. Serpico (*Loving Family*)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2022

- 9:00AM Gilma Cárdenas (*Diana Lombardo & Family*)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022

- 9:00AM Mary J. Corrigan (*Mary Jo & Will Vendittelli*)
- 5:00PM Ronald Ambrosio (*Dario & Anna Maria Cupido*)
Eugene Bambace (*John & Pam Kingsley*)
Michael Casillo (*Speranza Family*)
Carole Corrado (*Joanne Corso*)
Paul Goldstein (*Patty & Kevin Harold*)
Christopher G. Kolasa (*Schedlbauer Family*)
Guy Losito (*Joe & Lucille Mazzi*)
Ioan Mihaila (*Vincenzo & Debra Longo*)
Felice Pugliese (*Angela DeRuvo*)
Nunzio Vitale (*Connie & Joe Frandina*)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022

- 8:00AM Angelina Weltick (*Loving Family*)
- 9:30AM Frank Yurcan (*M/M Paul Brigandi*)
- 11:00AM Pasquale Ciullo (*Loving Wife, Ann & Family*)
- 12:30PM Michael Casillo (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
Saverio Sam Ferina (*Loving Daughter, Bernadette*)
Grace Lettieri (*Loving Family*)
Carmela Musso (*Jack & Francesca Raia*)
Antonio Pedone (*Loving Family*)
Sal Porcaro (*Loving Family*)
Felice Pugliese (*Luz & Rick Franzini*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



Angelo Nicoletta — Frederick R. Vitti



THE ALTAR WINE for this week is donated in memory of **Joseph Andriano**, requested by his loving wife, **Isabella**.



For the month of February, 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 15601 Crossbay Blvd., Howard Beach, NY. Your participation in this endeavor will greatly help those in need in our community!



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, Daniel Campion, 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 Iglío, 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, February 25, 2022.**



Below are the responses from questions #10, from those who participated in the Diocesan Synod here at Saint Helen on December 1st:

Results From Question #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?

- Personal effort is needed to grow as a community. We must also take responsibility for ourselves and not expect to be spoon fed. However, more communication is helpful to give a nudge.
- Faith Labs are well received and need to be continued. Fr. Colamaria was highly spoken about.
- There should be Bible study for all ages. Again, use social media and streaming to expand the audience and make it more accessible.
- The bulletin should include links to religious websites and podcasts that discuss and teach about our faith.
- All church societies need to be listed in the bulletin. Dates and times of the meetings should be kept up to date.
- By increasing our use of social media and technology, we should be able to attract and increase participation of the younger generation. They must be fed using the same tools as they use every day.

Pastor's Response:

I do like the responses to this question. As I pen these words, I am preparing the schedule for Lent, which will include Faith Lab. In the past, I have included websites that I have found helpful in deepening the faith. That being said, deepening one's faith is very personal. Some people are more interested in a spiritual deepening, others want to know more about the Bible, others are interested in history or apologetics. I do see Faith Lab as a sort of a catch all for these topics, but not sufficient enough. I believe there are tremendous resources on the web, that were once only available in theological libraries. That being said, I do believe it is up to the individual to be committed to deepening their faith. Sure, social media and technology is a tool for evangelization, but it all starts with the family. Question 10 speaks about the Baptismal call; well, that began at Baptism, when parents promised to raise their children according to the faith! That begins with prayer in the home, the reading of scripture in the home as well. That means teaching children their prayers. Yet, how often the parish is receiving children in the first year of religious instruction or in the Academy who are at a pre-catechetical level, meaning they don't know basic prayers, the sign of the cross, or who Jesus is! Teaching the faith is a daunting task, but it must begin in the home. Question 10 asks, does the church offer enough? The Church offers Christ everyday and every Sunday; is that not enough? Obviously it's not enough, because when children are entering parish educational programs and do not know Christ, we are already behind the eight ball! Christ is not a what, but a Who. Christ Jesus is a person, a divine person, who needs to be met personally in the Church of the family, not the classroom. The classroom is a supplement to what should already be taking place in the home, but unfortunately this is not happening. Such a disadvantage cripples the abilities of teachers, catechists, priests, and what the Church has to offer! We have much work to do as a Church, and when I say Church, I mean everyone, and everyone has a responsibility. We need not point fingers at anyone, but start looking at ourselves and ask, have I done my part?

Fr. Colamaria, Pastor

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Reading I

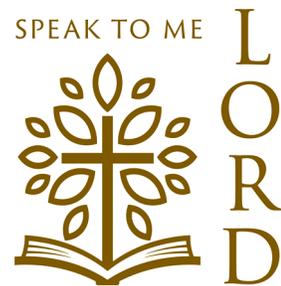
Jer 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Blessed the man who follows not
the counsel of the wicked,
nor walks in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the company of the insolent,
but delights in the law of the LORD
and meditates on his law day and night. ***R.***



He is like a tree
planted near running water,
that yields its fruit in due season,
and whose leaves never fade.
Whatever he does, prospers. ***R.***

Not so the wicked, not so;
they are like chaff which the wind drives away.
For the LORD watches over the way of the just,
but the way of the wicked vanishes. ***R.***

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Reading II

1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

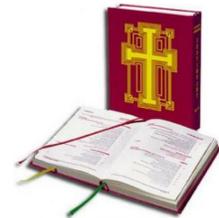
Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all.

But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven. *R.*



Gospel *Lk 6:17, 20-26*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.”

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in Fr. Dooley Hall
(will also be shown live on Facebook)**