

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022

8:00AM George & Claire Cox
 9:30AM Vincenzo Moccia (*Luigi Moccia & Family*)
 11:00AM Robert Anderson (*Debbie Anderson Marra*)
 12:30PM Isabel Patricia Allmen (*Taglienti Family*)
 Connie Camelliri (*Vita & Fred*)
 Michael Casillo (*Rachele Sannino*)
 Teddy D'Alessandro (*Loving Daughter*)
 Michael LaMarca (*Terrana Family*)
 Maffeo Family (*Loving Family*)
 Trapasso Family (*Loving Family*)
 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2022

9:00AM Tulia Arias (*Lombardo Family*)

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022

9:00AM Dominick W. Vendittelli (*Loving Family*)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022—ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00AM For The Parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022 *St. Katharine Drexel*

9:00AM Anthony DiGiosa (*Deborah & Michael McAliney*)

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022 *St. Casimir*

9:00AM Bruna & Angelina Romano (*Sister, Nina & Family*)



Yolanda Malone — Michael Mazza

New Families: All are welcome to St. Helen Parish, and are asked to please register at the Rectory during office hours, or online at www.sthelen.org.

Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the Rectory to register for the baptism of your child. Baptisms will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month (no Baptisms during Lent).

Sacrament of Confession: *Saturdays* 12:30PM to 1:30PM.
Weekdays: 15 minutes prior to the 9:00AM Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples should contact the Rectory at least one year in advance of the desired date. Please call for an appointment for the initial interview.

Communion Calls: Please call the Rectory to arrange for one of the priests to bring Holy Communion to a sick person who is confined to home due to a serious illness.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Anyone who expects to be hospitalized (or in an emergency) and wishes the Anointing of the Sick, should call the Rectory.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022

9:00AM Luisa Argento (*Argento Family*)
 5:00PM Ronald M. Ambrosio (*Sarosy Family*)
 Ronald M. Ambrosio (*Terrana Family*)
 Louis Ammirati (*Ray Brown*)
 Connie Camelliri (*Rachele Sannino*)
 Michael Casillo (*Lauri Family*)
 Rosalia Macaluso (*Diane & Irwin Joseph*)
 Eppie Manasia (*Christine Lettieri*)
 Antonino Mangiaracina (*Pamela Healy*)
 Ioan Mihaila (*Vallely Family*)
 Sr. Patricia Morrison (*Sarosy Family*)

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022

8:00AM Anna M. Fiume (*Rachele Sannino*)
 9:30AM Angela & Vincent Saraceno (*Saraceno Family*)
 11:00AM Frank LeFavi (*Sabrina Mastrangelo*)
 12:30PM Michael LaMarca (*Tony & Nury Pavone*)
 Lawrence Martire (*Katherine Timper*)
 Martha Metzgar (*Formanek Family*)
 Pacella-Miraglia Family (*Marie Miraglia*)
 Josephine Punzone (*Lillian Esposito*)
 Bernardo & Maria Scagnelli (*Heedles Family*)
 Bernard Speranza (*Janet & Joe Matera*)
 5:00PM For The Parishioners



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 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.



GOOD SHEPHERD STATUE

We would like to thank Vita Monastero, who has kept the statue for these past few weeks. Anyone interested in keeping the Good Shepherd statue in their home and praying for vocations should contact the Rectory.

PLEASE NOTE: The Intentions for the next monthly Purgatorial Society Mass will be offered **Friday, March 25, 2022.**

**ASH
WEDNESDAY
MARCH 2, 2022**



**THERE WILL BE ONLY
ONE MASS AT 7:00AM.**

There will be no other scheduled Mass or Service on Ash Wednesday.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar all day for private prayer and devotion. The distribution of ashes will be available all day until **8:00PM.**

You may enter the Church at any time on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd between the hours of 8:00AM and 8:00PM.

**REGULATIONS CONCERNING
FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of mandatory fasting and abstinence from meat.
- All Fridays in Lent are days of mandatory abstinence from meat.
- The obligation to fast applies to those aged 18-59.
- The obligation to abstain from meat applies to those aged 14 and older.
- Those fasting may eat only one normal-sized meal. Two smaller meals may be eaten, if needed for strength. These smaller meals together should not equal a normal-sized meal. No food may be eaten between meals.
- The bishops of the United States recommend voluntary fasting on the other weekdays of Lent. It is a praiseworthy tradition to fast on Holy Saturday, until the Easter Vigil.
- It is worth remembering that every Friday of the year is a day of penance, unless a solemnity falls on a Friday. In the United States, on Fridays outside of Lent, one may choose either to abstain from eating meat or to perform some other act of penance.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2022

Stations of the Cross: Every Monday in Lent at 12:30PM *(with School children)*
With Benediction Every Friday evening at 7:30PM

Weekday Masses: Monday—Saturday: 9:00AM

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM & 5:00PM

Confessions: Monday—Friday at 8:45AM
Saturdays 12:30-1:30PM, or by appointment (please call Rectory)

RECONCILIATION MONDAY: APRIL 11, 2022

Throughout the N.Y. region, this day is set aside for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in preparation for Easter. Here at St. Helen, the opportunity for the Sacrament will be offered from **3:00PM thru 8:00PM.**

You're Invited to Participate in CRS Rice Bowl!

We are called. Join our parish—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Lenten packet from Church this weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

READINGS FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading I

Sir 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, Most High,
To proclaim your kindness at dawn
and your faithfulness throughout the night. **R.**

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree,
like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow.
They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God. **R.**

They shall bear fruit even in old age;
vigorous and sturdy shall they be,
Declaring how just is the LORD,
my rock, in whom there is no wrong. **R.**



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Reading II

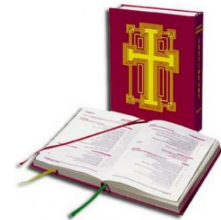
1 Cor 15:54-58

Brothers and sisters: When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: *Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?* The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Alleluia

R. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Shine like lights in the world
as you hold on to the word of life. **R.**



Gospel *Lk 6:39-45*

Jesus told his disciples a parable, “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,’ when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye.

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”

faith is Back! Each Thursday Evening LAB During Lent

The definition of a Laboratory is: “A room or building equipped for scientific experiments, research, or teaching.” Now, we will not be creating anything like some mad scientists! Faith Lab is an invitation to all parishioners to bring their thoughts, research, and questions to the table in a setting that will be led by one or both of the priests of the parish.

We will not be solving the problems of the world but more like engaging each other with questions like... Why do we do that? or Does the Church teach this? or Father, what’s your opinion? (including some of the more sticky questions). Father Giulietti and I are not theologians, and so you may stump both of us! In fact, we will be open to anonymous questions!

There is no signup and no prerequisites or requirements, just a willingness to explore the Catholic faith in a respectful manner using Scripture, tradition, anecdotes and experiences.

Faith Lab will be held on the following six Thursdays during Lent in Church at 7:00PM: March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24, March 31 & April 7 (Faith Lab will not be held on the Thursday of Holy Week).

If you would like to submit questions for Faith Lab, you may place the questions in the collection any weekend Mass prior to Faith Lab, and we will answer them at the meeting. Please place your questions in an envelope marked “Faith Lab”. You may submit a question even if you do not attend.

**Come join us to explore and investigate the Catholic Faith!
Fr. Colamaria & Fr. Giulietti**



Don't forget to drop your 50-50 envelope in the collection basket!

**Please, only \$1 per envelope!
Good Luck To All!**



For the month of 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!

ST. HELEN HOLY NAME SOCIETY ST. PATRICK'S DAY / ST. JOSEPH'S DAY 500 TO 1 RAFFLE



Grand Prize: \$5,000
Runner-Up: \$2,500
Second Place: \$1,250
Second Runner-Up: \$ 500
Third Place: \$ 250



Pick Your Favorite Number!
Only 500 Tickets will be Sold at \$50 Each!

Tickets will be sold before & after every Mass Saturday nights & Sundays—or call James Baglino at (917) 617-0391 or Vincent Campanella at (646) 529-2176.

Drawing to be held March 13th at 6:30PM in Fr. Dooley Hall
(will also be shown live on Facebook)