

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
- 9:30AM Vincenzo Zaccheo (M/M Nick Spinelli)
- 11:00AM John DeRiso (Loving Family)
- 12:30PM Ronald Ambrosio (Tony & Nury Pavone)
- Michael Casillo (Lauri Family)
- Connie Camelliri (Julie Dimler)
- Stanley Jasiak, Jr. (Loving Family)
- Rosalia Macaluso (Melissa & Billy Valley)
- Patrick Polimeni (Susan & John Bellon)
- Felice Pugliese (Julie Dimler)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022

- 9:00AM Robert Cruz (M/M Bill Perski)

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022

- 9:00AM Steven Fabrizio (Kevin Mann & Rossella Quientieri)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022

- 9:00AM Ana Lieske (Fred Vasquez)

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022 St. Patrick

- 9:00AM Vernon Smith (Linda DeSantis)

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

- 9:00AM Alberto Polvorosa (Susan Polvorosa)

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022 St. Joseph

- 9:00AM Frank Bitetto (Barbara Bitetto)
- 5:00PM Ronald Ambrosio (Mariana & Willie Lozito)
- Louis Ammirati (Deidre McVey)
- Constance Camelliri (Deidre McVey)
- Margaret Craig (Kevin & Maria Turner)
- Katherine Dugan (Kevin & Maria Turner)
- Michael LaMarca (Mariana & Willie Lozito)
- Rosalia Macaluso (Kevin & Maria Turner)
- Ioan Mihaila (Joseph Family)
- Barbara Miller (Carolyn Lazawskaa)
- Rose Monaco (Mariana & Willie Lozito)

SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

- 8:00AM Louise M. Rovtar (Louise Rovtar)
- 9:30AM Kolodziejczyk, Domin & Kaczmarek Families (Loving Family)
- 11:00AM Anna & Peter DeLosa (Phyllis & Gene Saraceno)
- 12:30PM Joseph Arbitello (Loving Family)
- Michael Casillo (Lauri Family)
- Claire Colamaria (Michael Lucci)
- Barbara Illari (Stephanie, Michael & Family)
- Rosalia Macaluso (Daniela & John Melisi)
- Patrick J. Polimeni (Lauren Nishi)
- Gloria Porto (Justina Porto & Robert)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



THE ALTAR BREAD for this week is donated in memory of **Francis Colamaria**, requested by **Maria DaRita**.

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.



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, Rosemarie & Joseph Guagenti, Frank Guerra, Gertrude Gwardjak, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Henry J. Hinton, Steven Igllo, 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 Palmeteri, 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 Edith Dimiro, 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**.

faith is Back!

LAB

Each Thursday Evening During Lent at 7PM in Church

March 17, March 24, March 31 & April 7
 Faith Lab will not be held on the Thursday of Holy Week.

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

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.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2022

Stations of the Cross:

Every Monday in Lent at 12:30PM *(with School children)*

Every Friday evening at 7:30PM with Benediction

Weekday Masses: Monday—Saturday: 9:00AM

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 5:00PM

Sunday: 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM, 12:30PM & 5PM

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**.



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): **March 27 — May 22**

Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms *(All begin at 2:00PM):* **March 27 — May 22**

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.**

Eagle Scout Project Troop 139 for Jonathan Murgida PLAY IT FORWARD!

There will be a collection of **new and unused sports equipment this weekend, March 12th and 13th after all Masses.**

All donations from this collection will be used to help Delivering Good (a 501(c)(3) non-profit) distribute sporting goods to NYC families affected by poverty and tragedy. **Thank you in advance for your time and donations!**

St. Helen Catholic Academy's 200 to 1 RAFFLE

\$10,000 Grand Prize!



\$100 Per Ticket
(Only 200 tickets will be sold)

Drawing: Friday, May 20, 2022 at 7:00PM

Live Streamed On St. Helen R. C. Church Facebook Page

Tickets will be available on:

Saturday, March 19th

9:00AM–11:30AM (in Father Dooley Hall)
4:00–6:00PM (before and after 5:00PM Mass)

Sunday, March 20th

7:30AM– 1:45PM

(before and after all Sunday Masses)
(Cash or Checks Only)

To purchase tickets, or for additional information please call Maria Ford (718) 344-1998 or Diane Joseph (917) 697-5351

Tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis!

READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading I

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so,” he added, “shall your descendants be.” Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

He then said to him, “I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” “O Lord GOD,” he asked, “how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He answered him, “Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him.

When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates.”

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

The LORD is my life’s refuge;
of whom should I be afraid? *R.*

Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call;
have pity on me, and answer me.
Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks. *R.*

Your presence, O LORD, I seek.
Hide not your face from me;
do not in anger repel your servant.
You are my helper: cast me not off. *R.*

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD. *R.*



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Reading II *Phil 3:17—4:1*

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their “shame.” Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

Verse Before the Gospel *Mt 4:4b*

From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.



Gospel *Lk 9:28b-36*

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.



Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 13, 2022

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

Gn 15:5–12, 17–18

Phil 3:17–4:1 or Phil 3:20–4:1

Lk 9:28b–36

Who Was This Man?

Peter, John, and James must have asked this question themselves. This Jesus was certainly not the man they had come to know. Here he was radiant, and his clothing was dazzling. Furthermore, he was in deep conversation with two of the greatest heroes of the religious tradition: Moses, the agent of the law, and Elijah the prophet. And then there was that voice that identified Jesus as “my chosen Son” and commanded them to “listen to him” (Luke 9:35). What were they to think? What would anyone think? Who was this man?

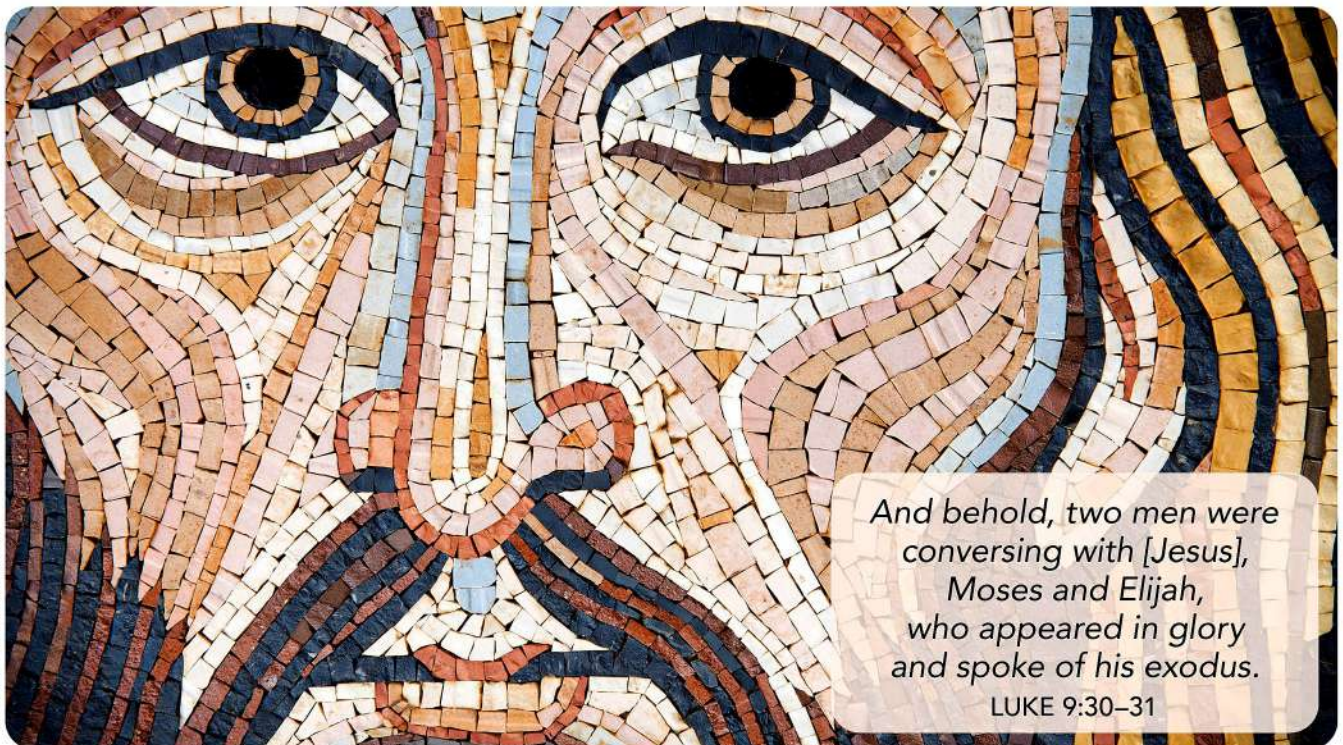
Jesus’ own experience was quite different. While he prayed, he was transfigured, and in that transformed state he engaged Moses and Elijah in conversation. They discussed his future death in Jerusalem, his exodus, his deliverance. It is important to note that they maintain that his exodus was to be his own accomplishment—not a deed done to him. Who was this man?

It was the mysterious voice from the cloud that provided an answer to that question: “This is my chosen Son.” But what did “my Son” mean? Unlike we who profess faith in the Trinity, it’s likely the disciples still had to learn what being God’s Son was all about. However, they must have realized that it meant something about Jesus’ relationship with God. Every aspect of this mystifying experience told them so. When they came to their senses, the light had disappeared, the ancient men were gone, the voice was silent. And there he was again, the man they had come to know. But who was this man?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ Give praise and glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
- ✦ What does Jesus mean in your life?



And behold, two men were conversing with [Jesus], Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus.

LUKE 9:30–31

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