

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022 *Sts. Perpetua & Felicity*

- 9:00AM Vlad Formanek (*Loving Family*)

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022 *St. John of God*

- 9:00AM Joseph Meshak (*Longo Family*)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022 *St. Frances of Rome*

- 7:00AM Leonard Brattoli (*Loving Wife & Daughter*)

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022

- 9:00AM Rocco Longo (*Longo Family*)

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022

- 9:00AM Jean Colantuoni (*Loving Family*)

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022

- 9:00AM Hernando Camelo (*Loving Sister, Zena*)
- 5:00PM Karl R. Albrecht (*John Schretzman*)
- Caroline Alfi (*Horowitz Family*)
- Constance Camelliri (*Phyllis Digristina*)
- Michael Casillo (*John Schretzman*)
- Laura Fanizza (*Fusaro Family*)
- Michael LaMarca (*John Schretzman*)
- Rosalia Macaluso (*Vita & Fred*)
- Ioan Mihaila (*Melisi Family*)
- Giovanni Raia (*Jolyne Pisano*)
- Carolyn Watz (*Vita & Fred*)

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 Vallely*)
- Patrick Polimeni (*Susan & John Bellon*)
- Felice Pugliese (*Julie Dimler*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

*Rest
in
Peace*

Francis Colamaria

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 Champion, 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 Pechillo, 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.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS
NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 13th, so remember to set your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday evening before bed!

GOOD SHEPHERD STATUE

We would like to thank Edith Dinero, 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! Each Thursday Evening During Lent

LAB

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

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**.

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

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

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

Good News! The Immaculate Conception Residence in Douglaston has reopened to visitors! Anyone who is interested in joining a very small group to visit **Msgr. Pfeiffer** is asked to call Deidre McVey at (718) 845-8465, or email her at DedireMcVey@aol.com, and she will coordinate the visits.

READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading I *Dt 26:4-10*

Moses spoke to the people, saying: “The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God, ‘My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And having set them before the LORD, your God, you shall bow down in his presence.”

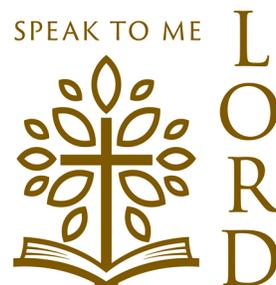
R. *Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.*

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
 who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
 say to the LORD, “My refuge and fortress,
 my God in whom I trust.” **R.**

No evil shall befall you,
 nor shall affliction come near your tent,
 For to his angels he has given command about you,
 that they guard you in all your ways. **R.**

Upon their hands they shall bear you up,
 lest you dash your foot against a stone.
 You shall tread upon the asp and the viper;
 you shall trample down the lion and the dragon. **R.**

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him;
 I will set him on high because he acknowledges my name.
 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him;
 I will be with him in distress;
 I will deliver him and glorify him. **R.**



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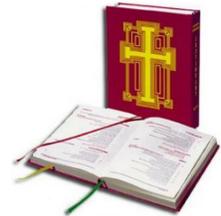
Reading II

Rom 10:8-13

Brothers and sisters: What does Scripture say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*—that is, the word of faith that we preach—, for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the Scripture says, *No one who believes in him will be put to shame.* For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Verse Before the Gospel *Mt 4:4b*

One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.



Gospel *Lk 4:1-13*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*” Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, “I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me.” Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.*” Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*” Jesus said to him in reply, “It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*” When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.



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.

Congratulations to the following students from St. Helen Parish who have merited recognition for commendable academic performance at St. Francis Preparatory School during the second quarter of the current school year:

Rosanna Amato
Kayla Backa
Sofia Borg
Julia Cejnog
William Dagostino
James Defillippo
Brianna Ferrerosa
Dina Fontana

Maria Fontana
Angelina Gradzki
Isabella Guido
Emma Guthertz
Hayden Marin
Robby Melendez
Loren Paguntalan
Enza Perna

Gabrielle Queijo
John Rodriguez
Michelle Rojas
Alyssa Rufrano
Michael Rufrano
Morgan Russo
Paul Shala
Alexa Siavichay

Sophia Tejada
Julianna Troia
Michael Tudisco
Julia Vicari
Taylor Zарomatidis



**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)