

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
- 9:30AM Gaetano & Caterina Barone (*Loving Family*)
- 11:00AM Rocco DeVito (*Domenica & Daughters*)
- 1:00PM Louis Ammirati (*DiMaria Family*)
- Margaret Giampietro (*Loving Family*)
- Frank LaBocchetta, Jr. (*Jeanette Brown*)
- Rosalia Macaluso (*Rachele Sannino*)
- Giovanni Prestianni (*Stipanovic Family*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2022

- 9:00AM Ignatius Licato (*Loving Family*)

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2022

- 9:00AM Angelica Miano (*Loving Grandchildren*)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022

- 9:00AM Philip Vecchione (*Mary Ann Vecchione*)

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022

- 9:00AM Morning Prayer
- 7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (*For Deceased Priests of the Diocese*)

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2022

- 9:00AM Morning Prayer
- 3:00PM Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022

- 9:00AM Morning Prayer
- 11:00AM Blessing of Easter Baskets
- 8:00PM Julia Ammirati (*Jeanette Brown*)
- Louis Ammirati (*Jeanette Brown*)
- Connie Camelliri (*Mary Jo & Will Vendittelli*)
- Francis Colamaria (*Joe Barreca*)
- Victoria DeSimone (*Loving Family*)
- Stephen Emanuel (*Gentile Family*)
- Robert O'Connor (*Glenn Kolonics*)
- Kevin Ramos (*Bernadette Garcia*)
- Maria Tirro (*Lina Melisi*)
- Frederick R. Vitti (*Turner Family*)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022

- 8:00AM For The Parishioners
- 9:30AM Mary & Vito Rabito (*Rabito & Sama Family*)
- 11:00AM Christine Ann Salegna (*Loving Mom & Dad*)
- 12:30PM Bitetto-Pepe Families (*Barbara Bitetto*)
- Anthony Corozzo (*Tamburo Family*)
- Dorothy Gargano (*Renee & Rukind Pariseau*)
- Geraldine Gonzalez (*Loving Family*)
- Michael LaMarca (*Phyllis Arcabasso*)
- Scott A. McCallun (*Renee & Rukind Pariseau*)
- Alessandro Valenti (*Loving Mom & Dad*)



Christopher Rizzuto



THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE for this week are donated in memory of **Michael Casillo**, requested by **Mr. & Mrs. Ron Fuggetta**.

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, Domenic Dell'Anno, 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, 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, Maria Rivera, 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 Pur-gatorial Society Mass will be offered **Friday, April 29, 2022**.



Don't forget to drop your 50-50 envelope in the collection basket! **Please, only \$1 per envelope! Good Luck To All!**

HOLY WEEK 2022



RECONCILIATION MONDAY, APRIL 11:

Throughout the N.Y. region, today 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 3PM—8PM.



HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 14:

**Confessions: 8:45-9:00AM — Solemn Morning Prayer at 9:00AM
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:30PM, followed by Adoration**

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15:

**Solemn Morning Prayer at 9:00AM — No Confession on Good Friday
The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00PM
Stations of the Cross at 7:30PM.**

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16:

**Confessions: 8:45-9:00AM — Solemn Morning Prayer at 9:00AM
Blessing of Easter Baskets at 11:00AM**

The Church will be closed after the Blessing of the Baskets until the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

There will be no 5:00PM Mass! Easter Vigil at 8:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17:

Easter Day Masses: 8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM & 12:30PM

NO 5:00PM MASS EASTER SUNDAY!

The Rectory Office will be closed Good Friday, April 15, open Holy Saturday from 9AM to 12PM, & closed Easter Sunday and Easter Monday, reopening on Tuesday, April 19 at 9:00AM. The Rectory office Hours April 19-22 will be 9:00AM to 4:00PM. There are no evening hours April 19-22.

Congratulations to the following St. Helen Catholic Academy students on the Principal's List for the second marking period. To achieve this honor, a student must attain an overall average of 95%:

Grade 5A

Jillian DeCandia
Christian DeMaso
Emily Keyser
Michael LaPollo
Domenico Latella
Nicholas Leo
Jake Mohan
Lucas Parrales
Julia Semianow
Isabella Steininger
Julianna Vargas

Grade 5B

Adriana Antonello
Juliana Antonello
Michael Conte
Robert DiMino
Lucas Dinally
Theresa Esposito
Thomas Ford
Emily Hunt
Giuliana Malinconico
Teresa Malinconico
Mia Mangano
Connor Ortega
Rani Sunder

Grade 6

Scarlett Arango
Rosalia Casillo
Leonard Chavez
Unjali Frank
Matthew Godlewski
Justin Greenberg
Maria Longo
Isabella Mihaila
Olivia O'Connor
Alexa Paziienza
Alyssa Rajab
Francesca Trotta
Gemma Vallely
Lorelai Villalona

Grade 7

Emma Bridgemohan
Bella Cabeza
Francesco Casillo
Annabella Chinosi
Alexa Chirico
Christian Deliole
Gemma DeSanti
Gienna Fasano
Hailey Limitone
Jack Lombardo
Arielle Lopez

John Magna
Sophia Maldari
Alessia Mohan
Emma Perlicki
Gia Piccirillo
Gabriela Rivera
Julia Spadaccini
Amy Valic
Katelyn Vargas

Grade 8

Alessia Arcabascio
Ava Campanella
Joseph Caracciolo-Vitale
Gianpiero Caruso
Jahnna Crasto
Joseph DeCandia
Justine Fleming
Alyssa Longo
Sienna Martorella
Joseph Mullaly
Olivia Pudlowski
John Rodriguez
Kaitlyn Rodriguez
Tehya Ross
Jayden Sturge
Raymond Tomins
Victoria Voli



CRS Rice Bowls are being collected at all Masses this weekend. If you forget to bring yours to Mass, you may drop it off at the Rectory during the week.



Many times people come to the Rectory inquiring about memorials they can give to a family who has lost a loved one. The following are available:

- **Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Altar Candles or the Sanctuary Candle** in memory of a loved one for one week (\$50.00 each).
- **Votive Candles** for one year (\$100.00).
- **A plaque** permanently placed on the **Anniversary Wall** (\$350.00).

For further information, you may either call or visit the Rectory.

Women & Girls Communion Breakfast



May 1, 2022
Following the 9:30AM Mass in the School Cafeteria

Breakfast—Raffles—Prizes!

Tickets are \$15

\$10 for 7-12 Yr. Old—6 Yrs. & Under: Free

For tickets and/or more information call Vanessa at (917) 589-8827 or Mary Ann at (347) 806-6960.

St. Helen Catholic Academy's 200 TO 1 RAFFLE!



\$10,000 Grand Prize!

\$100 Per Ticket (Only 200 tickets will be sold)
Tickets will be sold on a first-come first-served basis!

Drawing: Friday, May 20, 2022 at 7:00PM
Live Streamed On St. Helen R. C. Church Facebook Page

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

READINGS FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Reading I *Is 50:4-7*

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.



Responsorial Psalm

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Reading II *Phil 2:6-11*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel *Lk 22:14—23:56*

N. – Narrator

V. – Voice

✠ – Christ

C. – Crowd

N. The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

When the hour came, Jesus took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them,

✠ "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it again until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God."

N. Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said

✠ "Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you that from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes."

N. Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying,

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- ✠ “This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.”
- N. And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying,
- ✠ “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.
“And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table; for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed.”
- N. And they began to debate among themselves who among them would do such a deed. Then an argument broke out among them about which of them should be regarded as the greatest. He said to them,
- ✠ “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them and those in authority over them are addressed as ‘Benefactors’; but among you it shall not be so. Rather, let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves. It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
“Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers.”
- N. He said to him,
- V. “Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you.”
- N. But he replied,
- ✠ “I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.”
- N. He said to them,
- ✠ “When I sent you forth without a money bag or a sack or sandals, were you in need of anything?”
- C. **“No, nothing,”**
- N. they replied. He said to them,
- ✠ “But now one who has a money bag should take it, and likewise a sack, and one who does not have a sword should sell his cloak and buy one. For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me, namely, *He was counted among the wicked*; and indeed what is written about me is coming to fulfillment.”
- N. Then they said,
- C. **“Lord, look, there are two swords here.”**
- N. But he replied,
- ✠ “It is enough!”
- N. Then going out, he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disci-

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- ples followed him. When he arrived at the place he said to them,
- † “Pray that you may not undergo the test.”
- N. After withdrawing about a stone’s throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying,
- † “Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done.”
- N. And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. He was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground. When he rose from prayer and returned to his disciples, he found them sleeping from grief. He said to them,
- † “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not undergo the test.”
- N. While he was still speaking, a crowd approached and in front was one of the Twelve, a man named Judas. He went up to Jesus to kiss him. Jesus said to him,
- † “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”
- N. His disciples realized what was about to happen, and they asked,
- C. “Lord, shall we strike with a sword?”**
- N. And one of them struck the high priest’s servant and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said in reply,
- † “Stop, no more of this!”
- N. Then he touched the servant’s ear and healed him. And Jesus said to the chief priests and temple guards and elders who had come for him,
- † “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? Day after day I was with you in the temple area, and you did not seize me; but this is your hour, the time for the power of darkness.”
- N. After arresting him they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest; Peter was following at a distance. They lit a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat around it, and Peter sat down with them. When a maid saw him seated in the light, she looked intently at him and said,
- C. “This man too was with him.”**
- N. But he denied it saying,
- V. “Woman, I do not know him.”
- N. A short while later someone else saw him and said,
- C. “You too are one of them”;**
- N. but Peter answered,
- V. “My friend, I am not.”
- N. About an hour later, still another insisted,
- C. “Assuredly, this man too was with him, for he also is a Galilean.”**
- N. But Peter said,
- V. “My friend, I do not know what you are talking about.”

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- N. Just as he was saying this, the cock crowed, and the Lord turned and looked at Peter; and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” He went out and began to weep bitterly. The men who held Jesus in custody were ridiculing and beating him. They blindfolded him and questioned him, saying,
- C. **“Prophecy! Who is it that struck you?”**
- N. And they reviled him in saying many other things against him. When day came the council of elders of the people met, both chief priests and scribes, and they brought him before their Sanhedrin. They said,
- C. **“If you are the Christ, tell us, “**
- N. but he replied to them,
- ✠ “If I tell you, you will not believe, and if I question, you will not respond. But from this time on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God.”
- N. They all asked,
- C. **“Are you then the Son of God?”**
- N. He replied to them,
- ✠ “You say that I am.”
- N. Then they said,
- C. **“What further need have we for testimony? We have heard it from his own mouth.”**
- N. Then the whole assembly of them arose and brought him before Pilate. They brought charges against him, saying,
- C. **“We found this man misleading our people; he opposes the payment of taxes to Caesar and maintains that he is the Christ, a king.”**
- N. Pilate asked him,
- V. “Are you the king of the Jews?”
- N. He said to him in reply,
- ✠ “You say so.”
- N. Pilate then addressed the chief priests and the crowds,
- V. “I find this man not guilty.”
- N. But they were adamant and said,
- C. **“He is inciting the people with his teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to here.”**
- N. On hearing this Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean; and upon learning that he was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod who was in Jerusalem at that time. Herod was very glad to see Jesus; he had been wanting to see him for a long time, for he had heard about him and had been hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at length, but he gave him no answer. The chief priests and scribes, meanwhile, stood by accusing him harshly. Herod and his soldiers treated

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him contemptuously and mocked him, and after clothing him in resplendent garb, he sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly. Pilate then summoned the chief priests, the rulers, and the people and said to them,

- V. “You brought this man to me and accused him of inciting the people to revolt. I have conducted my investigation in your presence and have not found this man guilty of the charges you have brought against him, nor did Herod, for he sent him back to us. So no capital crime has been committed by him. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.”
- N. But all together they shouted out,
- C. **“Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us.”**
- N. — Now Barabbas had been imprisoned for a rebellion that had taken place in the city and for murder. — Again Pilate addressed them, still wishing to release Jesus, but they continued their shouting,
- C. **“Crucify him! Crucify him!”**
- N. Pilate addressed them a third time,
- V. “What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime. Therefore I shall have him flogged and then release him.”
- N. With loud shouts, however, they persisted in calling for his crucifixion, and their voices prevailed. The verdict of Pilate was that their demand should be granted. So he released the man who had been imprisoned for rebellion and murder, for whom they asked, and he handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they wished. As they led him away they took hold of a certain Simon, a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country; and after laying the cross on him, they made him carry it behind Jesus. A large crowd of people followed Jesus, including many women who mourned and lamented him. Jesus turned to them and said,
- ✠ “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep instead for yourselves and for your children for indeed, the days are coming when people will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed.’ At that time people will say to the mountains, ‘Fall upon us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us!’ for if these things are done when the wood is green what will happen when it is dry?”
- N. Now two others, both criminals, were led away with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him and the criminals there, one on his right, the other on his left. Then Jesus said,
- ✠ “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.”
- N. They divided his garments by casting lots. The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said,
- C. **“He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.”**

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- N. Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out,
- C. **“If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.”**
- N. Above him there was an inscription that read, “This is the King of the Jews.” Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,
- V. “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us.”
- N. The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,
- V. “Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal.”
- N. Then he said,
- V. “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”
- N. He replied to him,
- ✠ “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”
- N. It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
- ✠ “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit”;
- N. and when he had said this he breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

- N. The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said,
- V. “This man was innocent beyond doubt.”
- N. When all the people who had gathered for this spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts; but all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

