

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
- 9:30AM Phyllis Zehro (Loving Family)
- 11:00AM Dominick & Jennie Peperone (Daughter, Maria)
- 12:30PM Rocco Anselmo (Linda Miranti)
- Sharon Beharry (M/M Peter Concilio)
- Michael Angelo Calamia (Deacon Andrew & Linda Mastrangelo)
- John Diorio, Jr. (Grammy Diorio)
- Rosalia Macaluso (St. Helen Religious Ed Office)
- Norma Sanchez (Friends of the Family)
- Serafina Tullo (Loving Family)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

### MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022 St. Athanasius

- 9:00AM Philip Carollo (Loving Family)

### TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022 Sts. Philip & James

- 9:00AM Sal Iannello (Carol & Tommy Genovese)

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022

- 9:00AM Rocco Miranti (Loving Family)

### THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022

- 9:00AM Margaret Murphy (Loving Family)

### FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022

- 9:00AM Phoebe Ortaliza (Violeta Ortaliza)

### SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022


- 9:00AM Rosa & Salvatore Gambino (Loving Family)
- 5:00PM Linda Barresi (Caterina Bullaro)
- Francis Colamaria (Asencio Family)
- Carmela Foti (Nena Garcia)
- Angel Gonzalez (Czyzo Family)
- Rudolph Grzanic (Sam Albano)
- Rosalia Macaluso (Caterina Bullaro)
- Kevin Ramos (Lisa Asencio)
- Donna Riccardi (Michele Carollo)
- Anthony Walsh (Margaret Butler)

### SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022

- 8:00AM Mother's Day Novena
- 9:30AM Mother's Day Novena
- 11:00AM Mother's Day Novena
- 12:30PM Elaine Duca-Abrahams (Thomas Farrell)
- Maximino Guadalupe (Dylan A. & Family)
- Aurora Hidrobo (Loving Family)
- Maria & Gaspare Libranti (Loving Family)
- Vincent Libranti (Loving Family)
- Rosalia Macaluso (Casillo Family)
- Peter Tommasino (Spina Family)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



*Rest in Peace*  
James Cadicamo — Constance Janet Chwalek

 **THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE** for this week are donated in memory of **Carmela Foti**, requested by **Andrew & Linda Mastrangelo**.

**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](http://www.sthelen.org).

 Amado Araneta, Joe Barreca, Anthony Barresi, Stella Barresi, Mary Battista, Barbara Bitetto, Mike Cabral, Loraine Cammarata, Daniel Campion, Kathleen Cassata, Shang Cheng, Mary Chiarello, Zena Cipolla, Lucille Claps, Rose Curti, Patrick Delaney, Domenic DellAnno, 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, the Hagen Family, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Henry J. Hinton, Genoveva Ibanez, Steven Iglio, Keri & Baby Tristan, Elaine Lazzeri, Susan Leone, James Leung, William J. Litt, Tom Mercatante, Barbara Miller, John Myers, Angela Otmanelli-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.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please call the Rectory to register for the baptism of your child. Baptisms will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Intentions for the next monthly Purgatorial Society Mass will be offered **Friday, May 27, 2022**.

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

**Are you new to St. Helen Parish?** If so, for easier and faster service please register through our web-site at [www.sthelen.org](http://www.sthelen.org), or you may stop in at the Rectory for a registration card.

If you are already registered, please, please help us by using the personalized bar-coded envelopes that are being sent to you, which will also ensure that you are being credited properly!

*Thank You!*



**GOOD SHEPHERD STATUE**

We would like to thank **Frank Ladone**, who has been keeping the statue. Anyone interested in keeping the statue in their home and praying for vocations for one week should contact the Rectory.



**The Knights of Columbus Hall**, 94-04 Linden Blvd., Ozone Park, NY, is **now available for rent for parties and functions!**

Hold your party with us. We can hold up to 50 people, and the rent is \$450.00. If you are a parishioner of St. Helen Church, we will discount to \$400.00! For more information, or to book your function, please call Charlie or Donald at (718) 843-9188.



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.**



**St. Helen will share in the profits! For each car, truck or van, running or not, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our Church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Call The Society today if you have a vehicle to donate!**



**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):* **May 22—June 12 & 26**

**Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms**

*(All begin at 2:00PM):* **May 22—June 12 & 26**

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.**

**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 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Reading I *Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41*

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, the high priest questioned them, "We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles said in reply, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R.** *I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

I will extol you, O LORD, for you drew me clear  
and did not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O LORD, you brought me up from the netherworld;  
you preserved me from among those going down into the p

Sing praise to the LORD, you his faithful ones,  
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger lasts but a moment;  
a lifetime, his good will.

At nightfall, weeping enters in,  
but with the dawn, rejoicing. **R.**

Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me;  
O LORD, be my helper.

You changed my mourning into dancing;  
O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks. **R.**



### Reading II *Rev 5:11-14*

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." The four living creatures answered, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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## READINGS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Alleluia**

**R.** *Alleluia, alleluia.*  
Christ is risen, creator of all;  
he has shown pity on all people. **R.**



**Gospel**

*Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14*

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me."



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Rev 5:11-14

Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



[Jesus] then said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." JOHN 21:16

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## Do You Love Me?

**Three times Jesus asked Simon Peter:** "Do you love me?" (John 21:16). This is the same Peter who earlier had sworn three times that, even if everyone else deserted Jesus, he never would. He was so sure of himself. Now, realizing the unreliability of his loyalty to Jesus, Peter is not so quick to answer with such self-confidence. Note that Peter did not reply with a straightforward, "Yes!" Rather, he amplified each response with the telling words: "You know...." With these words he acknowledged that Jesus could read his mind and heart, that he knew Peter's genuine love of him despite his all-too-human weakness. This itself was an act of faith.

This simple exchange did not humiliate Peter. That was not Jesus' way. They both understood what Peter had done, and they both knew how brokenhearted it had left him. Peter was humbled—not by Jesus, but by

the recognition of his own human frailty. Despite this, or perhaps because of it, Jesus commissioned Peter to be leader among his followers. Another person might have chosen a more reliable man. However, there is great strength and wisdom in a leader who has learned from experience how circumstances might cause otherwise brave people to turn their backs on their responsibilities and run from danger. Such a leader will challenge while being compassionate and stand firm while being understanding. This is the kind of leader Jesus chose, for he knew that Peter would be that kind of leader.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- ✦ *What have you learned about yourself from your mistakes?*
- ✦ *In what ways have you been given a second chance?*