

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
- 9:30AM Maria & Giuseppe Morreale (*Rabito & Sama Family*)
- 11:00AM Lucy DeCrescenzo (*Louis DeCrescenzo*)
- 12:30PM Gerard Albano (*Loving Wife & Family*)
- Thomas Asti (*Joe & Donna Palagonia*)
- Constance Chwalek (*Violeta Ortaliza*)
- Giuseppe Furca (*Maria Pugliese*)
- Rosina & Francesco Gangi Dino (*Loving Family*)
- Jack Muscarella—In Honor of His 90th Birthday (*Lombardi Family*)
- Donata Roberts (*Spinelli Family*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022 *St. Dominic*

- 9:00AM Karl R. Albrecht (*Joe Barreca*)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022 *St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

- 9:00AM Millie Foti (*Rosalie Librizzi*)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022 *St. Lawrence*

- 9:00AM Karl R. Albrecht (*Accardi Family*)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022 *St. Clare*

- 9:00AM Karl R. Albrecht (*Liello Family*)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2022 *St. Jane Frances de Chantal*

- 9:00AM Frank DiPietra (*Patricia Urso*)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022 *Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus*

- 9:00AM Louis Leist (*Leist-Murphy Family*)
- 5:00PM Ana Caban (*Jeanette & Edward*)
- Marilyn Calastro (*Loving Family*)
- Nicky Carbonaro (*Ann Berritto & Family*)
- Constance Chwalek (*Calcagnile Family*)
- Sebastiano Geraci (*Mistretta Family*)
- Michael Long (*John Schretzman*)
- Patrick Quigley (*M/M William Ervin, Jr.*)
- Sylvia Rosenberg (*Vita & Fred*)
- Raimonda Scalia (*Patricia Aquilino*)
- Jose N. Zambrana (*Carol Derespinis*)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022

- 8:00AM Maria Sannino (*Rachele Sannino*)
- 9:30AM M/M Jose & Elena Galang (*Loving Family*)
- 11:00AM Felice Pugliese (*Marietta Piccinonno*)
- 12:30PM Patricia Brady (*Andrew & Linda Mastrangelo*)
- Giuseppe Calabrese (*Maria Pugliese*)
- Sr. Teresita Catalano (*Belmonte Family*)
- Constance Chwalek (*Cynthia Ottomanelli*)
- Diane Davidson (*Asencio Family*)
- Louise Rubino (*Belmonte Family*)
- In Thanksgiving (*Mary Farina*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



Colleen Filloramo—Sebastiano Geraci

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.

PLEASE NOTE: The Intentions for the next monthly Purgatorial Society Mass will be offered **Friday, Aug. 26, 2022.**



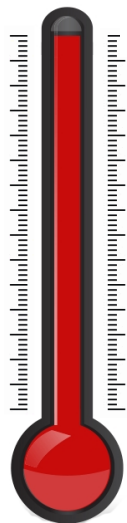
THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE for this week are donated in memory of **Constance Chwalek**, requested by **Ron & Laura Antal**.

THE ALTAR CANDLES for this week are donated in honor the 90th Birthday of **Jack Muscarella**, requested by the **Lombardi Family**.

PLEASE BE ADVISED: This week (Monday, August 8 thru Friday, August 12) the Church will be **closed for the day each morning after the 9:00AM Mass in order for the floors to be waxed.**



Jack Albin, 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 Dell'Anno, Domenica DeVito, Toni Ann Diaz, Virginia DiGangi, Mary Divers, Colin F., Jennie Federici, Clementine Gagliardi, Phyllis Gatti, Tony Giampietro, John Joseph Gleeson, John Pierce Gleeson, Rosemarie & Joseph Guagenti, Gertrude Gwardjak, the Hagen Family, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Henry J. Hinton, Genoveva Ibanez, Steven Iglio, Keri & Baby Tristan, Baby Peyton Krajcik, Elaine Lazzeri, Susan Leone, James Leung, William J. Litt, Tom Mercatante, Barbara Miller, John Myers, Angela Ottomanelli-Hubbs, Mary Palermo, Frank Palmenteri, Sebastian Panasi, Santo Pantina, Doris Pechillo, Nino Pedone, 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.



"Make Cents Campaign" For The New Marian Shrine

The final tally* is in! Give or take, the parishioners of Saint Helen Church donated in all: **\$9178.00** to the "Make Cents Campaign" !!!! That is pretty amazing considering that this campaign was simply a donation of your loose change! I want to thank those who donated the wagons. They were essential in transporting the change (please retrieve them from the sacristan). I want to thank everyone who participated. I want to thank those who separated the change, counted it, and bagged it. I want to thank John Spagnuolo, who assisted in the deposits for the campaign. This was truly a group effort and made "cents". Because this was such a group effort, I believe that the monies raised should be spent on items for the new shrine so that everyone can say, "I did my part in donating that particular item"; items such as candle sticks, crucifix, and a crown for the Blessed Mother. These items will be necessary for the celebration of Mass when the shrine is complete. In the near future there will be other opportunities for donations, such as benches with plaques and other items.

The breakdown of the Make Cents Campaign:

Quarters:	\$3,887.75
Dimes:	\$2,484.00
Dollar Coins:	\$ 180.00
Nickels:	\$ 995.65
Pennies:	\$ 850.00
Loose cash:	\$ 781.00

That is 145,484 coins!!!! Makes a lot of "cents"! There were also about 5 handfuls of foreign coins, as well as laundry, arcade, and commemorative tokens. These coins were thrown into the school yard for the children to "discover" or find.

*This final tally is subject to a slight change (no pun intended), as we are still depositing coins and the bags must be counted by the bank.

Thanks again for making this small campaign a success!

Father Colamaria

Just An Update On The Marian Shrine

(as people have asked some questions about it):

1. The new shrine is still committed to its original dedication, that is the great work of Msgr. Pfeiffer.
2. The new shrine concept in the foyer of the Church is not an exact replica of what is to be installed, but a concept depending on how much money is raised.
3. The purpose of creating the grotto/shrine area is to better utilize the space for outdoor religious devotion such as novenas, praying the rosary, May crownings, and the public celebration of outdoor Mass.
4. The reason for renovating the shrine area was precipitated by the fact that the original shrine had a baldachino (the canopy) that had to be torn down due to deterioration. The shrubbery and design of the shrine had the baldachino in mind when it was first built.
5. There is a tremendous amount of space in that location that can be better utilized for public devotion.
6. I will be meeting with contractors this week to discuss the scope of work.
7. There will be an opportunity to dedicate benches and perhaps pavers. I am in the process of researching dedicated pavers (at other parishes) and the ability of those pavers to withstand weathering and the test of time.

READINGS FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1 *Wis 18:6-9*

The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage. Your people awaited the salvation of the just and the destruction of their foes. For when you punished our adversaries, in this you glorified us whom you had summoned. For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution.

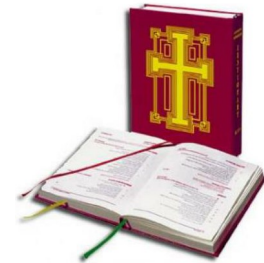
Responsorial Psalm

R. *Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

Exult, you just, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance. **R.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine. **R.**

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you. **R.**



Reading 2 *Heb 11:1-2, 8-19*

Brothers and sisters: Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well attested. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile—for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

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Reading 2 *(Continued)*

All these died in faith. They did not receive what had been promised but saw it and greeted it from afar and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth, for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land from which they had come, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better homeland, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

Alleluia

R. *Alleluia, alleluia.*

Stay awake and be ready!

For you do not know on what day your Lord will come. **R.**



Gospel *Lk 12:32-48*

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.

"Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Then Peter said, "Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?" And the Lord replied, "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master on arrival finds doing so. Truly, I say to you, the master will put the servant in charge of all his property. But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the menservants and the maidservants, to eat and drink and get drunk, then that servant's master will come on an unexpected day and at an unknown hour and will punish the servant severely and assign him a place with the unfaithful. That servant who knew his master's will but did not make preparations nor act in accord with his will shall be beaten severely; and the servant who was ignorant of his master's will but acted in a way deserving of a severe beating shall be beaten only lightly. Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more."

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA Any adult Catholic interested in receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, please contact the Rectory, as classes will begin in September. Any adult interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the Rectory as well to begin the process of initiation into the Catholic faith.

A second **Defensive Driving Class** will be held on **Saturday, August 27th**. Forms for this class are available at the Rectory. If you wish to attend this class stop in at the Rectory to complete a form, and bring the registration fee of \$55 (check to be made payable to Northeast Road Safety) as soon as possible, as seating is limited!

The Rectory office will once again have **summer office hours Monday-Friday from 9:00AM-4:00PM, through Friday, September 2nd** (weekend office hours will remain the same). There will be no evening hours throughout the summer. The Mass schedule will remain the same.

Stella Maris H.S. Class of 1982 will be holding their **40th Year Reunion** on **Saturday, September 10th** at the Belle Harbor Yacht Club at 7:00PM. Join their Class of 82 Reunion page on Facebook to find out more details.

GOOD SHEPHERD STATUE



We would like to thank **Maria Garcia**, 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.

Are you new to St. Helen Parish? If so, please visit our website at www.sthelen.org to register your family!

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

Congratulations to Mrs. Aracelly Valentino, July's winner of \$266.00!



Pass On the Good News!

What good news? – The Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! This fall over 400 children, kindergarten through 7th grade, will sign up to learn more about Jesus and our Catholic faith. You can help them learn and grow in faith by becoming a catechist for Faith Formation. With classes offered Monday evenings (7pm - 8:15pm) and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons (3:45pm -5pm), you are almost sure to find a time that fits your schedule. As you nurture the faith of our young, you will learn and grow as well! As one long-time catechist put it, "I learn so much from the children!" We provide you with training, materials and support. Classes begin September 25. If interested, or for more information, please contact Ms. Haiffa Vizoso, Director of Religious Education at the St. Helen's Religious Education Office: 718-322-7700.



Religious Education Registration For 2022-2023

We are now registering children for the 2022-2023 school year; a parish registration number is required for all religious education registrations. The religious education registration form may be obtained online at the St. Helen's Parish website: sthelen.org. or you may email your request to: info@sthelensreled.org.

The program is available to children in Kindergarten through 7th grade. We realize that at this time many of you have questions and concerns about the upcoming year; first and foremost I'd like to assure all that the safety of our students, their families and our catechists are our prime concern. We are following all NYS sanitary requirements; the course work will follow the Board of Education and Brooklyn Diocese guidelines for in-class and/or remote learning.

The registration fee for forms received or postmarked by July 15, 2022, is \$100 per child; the fee for forms submitted after July 15, 2022, will be \$125 per child. A copy of your child's Baptism certificate is required for children not baptized at St. Helen. If you do not have one available, contact the rectory of the Church where your child was baptized; most parishes take a couple of weeks to process a baptismal certificate. Place your request now so your registration for our program will not be delayed.

The registration form for children currently enrolled in our program was mailed out in early April. Parents wanting to enroll an additional child that was not previously attending the program must fill-out a new student registration form for that child.

If you have any concerns or questions, please contact us at 718-322-7700 or email us at: info@sthelensreled.org.