

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

- 8:00AM For The Parishioners
- 9:30AM Gloria Istrico (M/M Nick Spinelli)
- 11:00AM Rose & Anthony Tomaselli (Carolyn Pulomena & Family)
- 12:30PM Stephen Paul Buzzero (Philip Xavier Clinton) Serverio Ferina (Loving Daughter, Bernadette) Richard Giallanza (Heedles Family) Dominic Mossa (M/M Ron Carbone) Francesca Pipitone (Loving Family) Myrtle Pugliese (Loving Husband) James & Linda Scagnelli (Heedles Family)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023

- 9:00AM Filomena Montanino (Mary Bonanno & Jennifer Tubolino)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023 *St. John Bosco*

- 9:00AM Anthony & Sylvia DiPietro (Loving Daughter)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023

- 9:00AM Frank Fogliano (Santina Fogliano)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023 *Presentation of the Lord*

- 9:00AM Michael Cabral (Ernie Walter & Family)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023 *Sts. Blaise & Ansgar*

- 9:00AM Christine O'Connor (Donald J. Healy & Family)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023

- 9:00AM **Ciro Bunone** (Rosalie & Howard Furman)
- 5:00PM **Andrew Eichner** (Kevin & Regina Dowzing) **Margaret Fradella** (Mistretta Family) **Dominic Mossa** (Don & Mary Guarino) **Jeanne Sartorio** (Chrystie Genetski) **Edward Tudisco** (Don & Mary Guarino)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

- 8:00AM **George & Claire Cox**
- 9:30AM **Connie Chwalek** (St. Helen Rosarians)
- 11:00AM **Michael Cabral** (Baglino Family)
- 12:30PM **Tony Bencivengo** (Cohen Family) **Gae Anthony Fasanello** (Marianne Lettieri) **Sandra Lombardino** (George Calderaro) **Louis Massari** (Raia Family) **Aracelly Montejo** (Loving Daughter)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



Amalia Izzo

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, February 24, 2023.**

Men's Ministry with Fr. Panicali
for men 18+, meets Thursdays at 7:00PM in the Rectory meeting room.
Rosary, fellowship, coffee.
Build your masculine Christian spirituality!

HEAR US HEAL US
Florence Albrecht, Amado Araneta, Beatrice Arango, Anthony Barresi, Stella Barresi, Mary Battista, Barbara Bitetto, Gail, Blanc, Helena Brophy, Mary Ann Camhi, Loraine Cammarata, Daniel Campion, Mary Chiarello, Zena Cipolla, Lucille Claps, Rose Curti, Domenic DelAnno, Domenica DeVito, Toni Ann Diaz, Virginia DiGangi, Mary Divers, Colin F., Jennie Federici, Adeline Florio, Dawn Franceschetti, Clementine Gagliardi, Tony Giampietro, Rosemarie & Joseph Guagenti, Gertrude Gwardjak, the Hagen Family, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Henry J. Hinton, Genoveva Ibanez, Steven Igllo, Keri & Baby Tristan, Baby Peyton Krajcik, Elaine Lazzeri, Susan Leone, James Leung, William J. Litt, Tom Mercatante, Barbara Miller, Brenda Myers, John Myers, Angela Otomanelli-Hubbs, Mary Palermo, Frank Palmenteri, Sebastian Panasci, Santo Pantina, Doris Pecchillo, Nino Pedone, Rosemarie Perl, Josephine Profera, Vivian Puglissi, Joseph Questore, Recupero Family, Maria Rivera, Joseph Russo, Remington Stafford, Rubie Anna Torall, Lynn Torres, Chrissie Tremblay, Paul Tremblay, Paul John Tremblay, Sr., Sr. Joanne Walters.

FR. PANICALI thanks parishioners for their prayers and support. In recognition of his Pro-Life activities, he was awarded the Blessed Michael J. McGivney Award (named for the founder of the Knights of Columbus) on Sunday, January 22, by Bishop Robert J. Brennan, at the Brooklyn diocese’s Pro-Vita Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. James.

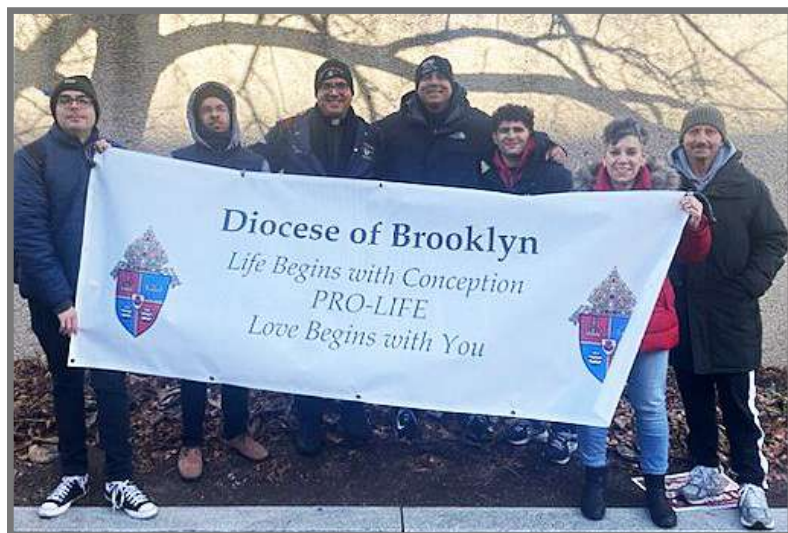
Fr. Panicali is passionate about the Pro-Life and anti-abortion cause, drawing inspiration from his late father, Eugene R. Panicali, who was one of the founding members of the advocacy group V.I.V.A. (Voices for the Innocent Victims of Abortion) in the Brooklyn diocese, and his mother, the late Santina Panicali, who, together, raised eleven children out of St. Athanasius parish in Bensonhurst.

Fr. Panicali often preaches about the evils and threats of the culture of death, mobilizes parishioners to pray for an end to abortion, brings pro-life lessons to the children he teaches as a catechist at St. Helen, and is a frequent contributor to *The Tablet* Brooklyn diocesan newspaper, promoting the culture of life in his writing.

When he is able, he accompanies parishioners at the monthly Brooklyn Witness to Life Mass and Rosary procession in Downtown Brooklyn. Fr. Panicali is chaplain of the Most Precious Blood-Sts. Simon and Jude Council of the Knights of Columbus, and also serves as local chaplain of Rosary For Life.

Anyone wishing more information about praying the Rosary For Life is asked to contact him.

“Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination, Christ is with you: Be Not Afraid!” – Pope St. John Paul II





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): **February 26 & March 12 & 26**

Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms (All begin at 2:00PM): February 26 & March 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.



Are you new to St. Helen Parish? If so, for easier and faster service **please register through our website at www.sthelen.org.** **If you are already registered, please, please help us by using the personalized bar-coded envelopes that are being sent to you, which has your parish ID # and will also ensure that you are being credited properly!** *Thank You!*



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

Congratulations to R. Mattei, December’s winner of \$326.00!



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!



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
HOWARD BEACH SENIOR CENTER**

Daily Events:

Monday, Tuesday & Friday at 9:30AM: Chair Exercise

Wednesday at 9:45AM: Belly Dance

Wednesday at 10:30AM: Zumba

Wednesday at 1:15PM: Stretching & Balancing Exercise

Thursday at 9:30AM: Chair Yoga

Thursday 1:15-2:15PM: Virtual Travels with Lisa

Friday 9:00-9:30AM: Leisure Pool

Friday at 10:30AM: Sign Language

The Center is located at 155-55 Cross Bay Blvd. (across from Stop N Shop). For more information on the Center, please call (718) 738-8100.

There is always something fun to do!

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.

St. Helen’s Support Group is open to new members. Twice a month (the 1st & 3rd Wednesday) we provide emotional and social support. We encourage the homebound parishioners to venture out from their home and spend a few hours with us. Please call Joan (718-848-9173) or Rosemary (718-738-4628 for more information.



Please join us on Thursdays at 3:00PM in Church to pray the special prayers to **The Devotion of the Holy Face of Jesus** in reparation for the crimes of communists, blasphemers, the profaners of his Holy Name and of the Holy Day of Sunday.

Hands-On Learning at St. Helen Catholic Academy is



**Christ-Centered,
Results-Driven
& Always Engaging**

**Open House and Tours, Sunday January 29th
10:45 am to 12:30 pm**



We are focused on educating the whole child through:

•**Faith Formation:** Daily prayer and spiritual development, complete sacramental program for First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation, First Friday Mass, prayer services and community service projects.



•**Rigorous Academics:** Full-day Kindergarten, Pre-K 3 and 4 year-old full-day and half-day programs, focused instructional schedule of 8:10-3 p.m. with 7 a.m. arrival and after-school program until 6 p.m., TACHS preparation, Algebra 1 Regents participation, PK-8 Spanish program, iPad and SMARTBoard® technology, fully equipped STEM lab, digital tools, coding, and engineering design applications.



•**Specialized Programs:** Full-day Free 3-K for All and Pre-K for All, afterschool extracurricular activities, training in music and art, choir, chess, drama club, engineering club, coding, Kiwanis Builders Community Service Club, soccer and CYO sports.

[Ready to get started?](http://sthelencatholicacademy.org)
sthelencatholicacademy.org

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Let Us Help You Find A Reverent Catholic Church Near You!




Recently, an independent and interactive website named Reverentcatholic-mass.com has made its way onto the internet. The website has both resources for the Catholic faith, and an interactive map listing Catholic parishes throughout the United States, who offer the Traditional Latin Mass (TLM) or offer the Sacraments and reverent Mass according to the Novus Ordo (Vatican II Mass). This website is especially helpful for those who have moved or are traveling abroad in the United States, aiding them in finding a Catholic Church where the liturgy is celebrated in a noble way.

It gives me great pleasure to note that Saint Helen Parish is the ONLY parish in the Diocese of Brooklyn listed on this independent website. We do not offer the TLM, yet we are listed as a parish that offers the Holy Mass reverently and the Sacraments are easily accessible. Perhaps in the future more parishes within this Diocese will be listed, but Saint Helen Parish will have the distinction of being mentioned as the first parish in the Diocese of Brooklyn, that does not offer the TLM, but is considered a reverent Catholic house of worship.

I sort of consider this badge of honor or distinction like the Michelin Star for restaurants. The work of Liturgy is, in fact, hard work, and it is not just the work of the clergy, but the people of God. Reverence before and after Mass aids others in their efforts to encounter God. The diligent work of the children’s choir, adult choir, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, altar servers and sacristans all make for the reverent worship of God. The careful preparation of the priests and deacons for the celebration of our Sacred Rites, along with these ministries, has been duly noted on a national/independent website, and I am proud to say our hard work has been noticed. This is not boasting, but a recognition of the cooperation of the many ministries of this parish who live out the scripture passage: “Zeal for my Father’s house consumes me”.






**Stop & Shop
Bloomin’ 4
Good Program**

Supporters raised **\$177.00** from the purchase of the Bloomin’ 4 Good Bouquets with the red circle stickers at the Stop & Shop on Crossbay Blvd. Thank you for the important work you do to fight hunger in our community!

**About the
Bloomin’ 4 Good Program**

This program allows shoppers to combat the hunger crisis with every floral bouquet sold. Every month, at every Stop & Shop location, a different, local hunger organization is selected by Store Leadership to benefit from the sale of the \$10.99 Bloomin’ 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker. For every Bloomin’ 4 Good Bouquet sold, \$1 is donated to a hunger relief organization local to the store in which it was purchased.

Learn more by visiting
Stopandshop.bloomin4good.com



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.