

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 PALM SUNDAY

- 8:00AM Maria & Luciano Sannino (*Rachele Sannino*)
- 9:30AM Alice Scherf (*Zaccarelli Family*)
- 11:00AM Kazimieras Kerbedis (*St. Helen Adult Choir*)
- 12:30PM Vincent Camastro (*Ramos Family*)
 - Giuseppe Cucinella (*Loving Family*)
 - Joan DeRiso—Good Health (*St. Helen Rosarians*)
 - Gina Furno (*Stella Brokos*)
 - Amarilys Hernandez (*Loving Spouse & Children*)
 - Dorothy Pizzo (*Albert Pizzo*)
 - Angelina Pugliese (*Loving Son*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2023

- 9:00AM Jane & Neil Harold (*Harold Family*)

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023

- 9:00AM Vincent DeRuvo (*Loving Family*)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2023

- 9:00AM Frank T. Serpico (*Mom & Dad*)

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023 HOLY THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023 GOOD FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023 HOLY SATURDAY

- 9:00AM Morning Prayer
- 8:00PM Santa Coraci (*Taylor Heedles*)
 - John William Crawford (*Dcn. Rick & Maria Elrose*)
 - Mary Galeno (*Georgia & Jack Muscarella*)
 - Dominick & Angela Librizzi (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
 - Louis Villano (*Christine Mandzuk*)

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023 EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:00AM For The Parishioners
- 9:30AM Christine Ann Salegna (*Loving Parents*)
- 11:00AM Caterina & Gaetano Barone (*Loving Daughter & Family*)
- 12:30PM Grace Aquilino (*Ruocco Family*)
 - Giuseppe Cucinella (*Loving Family*)
 - Maria Folchetti (*Ruocco Family*)
 - Edward Lettieri (*Marianne Lettieri*)
 - Vito Pipitone (*Loving Family*)
 - Francesco Storti (*Loving Family*)



THE ALTAR BREAD & WINE for this week are donated in memory of **Frank & William DiPietra**, requested by **loving wife & mother.**



Joseph Lupia

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, April 28, 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 spirituali-



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 Dell'Anno, Domenica DeVito, Toni Ann Diaz, Virginia DiGangi, Mary Divers, Jennie Federici, Adeline Florio, Dawn Franceschetti, Clementine Gagliardi, Tony Giampietro, Rosemarie & Joseph Guagenti, Gertrude Gwardjak, 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 Ottomanelli-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, Sonia Zeller.

HOLY WEEK 2023



PALM SUNDAY MASSES—APRIL 1 & 2:

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM, 1:00PM & 5:00PM

RECONCILIATION MONDAY, APRIL 3:

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 6:

(No Confessions on Holy Thursday) Solemn Morning Prayer at 9:00AM
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00PM, followed by Adoration until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7:

(No Confessions on Good Friday) Solemn Morning Prayer at 9:00AM
 The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00PM
 Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8:

(No Confessions on Holy Saturday) 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 9:

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 7, open Holy Saturday from 9AM to 12PM, & closed Easter Sunday and Easter Monday, reopening on Tuesday, April 11 at 9:00AM. The Rectory office Hours April 11-14 will be 9:00AM to 2:00PM. There are no evening hours April 11-14.



This weekend, the St. Vincent de Paul group will be collecting CRS Rice Bowls at all Masses. If you forget to bring yours to Mass, you may drop it off at the Rectory during the week.



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 21 — June 11 & 25**

Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms (All begin at 2:00PM): May 21 — June 11 & 25

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.



Registration for the Spring Soccer Season is now open at Our Lady of Grace Parish, Howard Beach, for boys & girls, grades 1-8 CYO travel teams. Instructional program available for ages 3-6. Practices Monday & Friday at Charles Park. New players & coaches welcome! For additional information visit:

www.olgsoccer.com/travel-registration



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

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.



St Helen's Holy Name Society



You are invited to join us on **Friday, April 28, 2023**

7:00PM to 10:00PM

behind the Rectory (*weather permitting.*)

Each guest will receive 5 cigars and an assortment of Bourbons & Scotches will be available.



Cigars supplied by Lefties Hand-rolled Cigars

Lenny's Clam Bar will be providing THE FOOD!!!

TICKET PRICE \$65.00 per person

You Must RSVP by April 25, 2023

Call or text Vinny Campanella at 646 529-2176 or Rick Elrose at 347-374-1722



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.

St. Helen Catholic Academy's 200 TO 1 RAFFLE



Drawing to be held Friday, April 28th at 7:00PM!

\$10,000 Grand Prize!

\$100 Per Ticket

(Only 200 tickets will be sold)

Tickets will be sold on a first-come first-serve basis!

To purchase tickets, or for additional information please call

Maria Ford at (718) 344-1998 or Diane Joseph at (917) 697-5351.



St. Helen Catholic Academy
Alumni Mass 2023

**Honoring the 50th Anniversary of
 The Class of 1973**

**Welcoming All Alumni on
 Sunday April 16th at 12:30PM
 St. Helen R.C. Church**

Immediately following Mass, the school building will be open for tours. Light refreshments will be served.

Hosted by:
The Home Academy Executive Board
homeacademyexecboard@gmail.com

Signups For Intramurals 2023!
In Fr. Dooley Hall

Mon., April 3: 7:00-8:30PM **Wed., April 5:** 7:00-8:00PM **Tues., April 11:** 7:00-8:00PM
Tues., April 4: 7:00-8:00PM **Mon., April 10:** 7:00-8:30PM **Wed., April 12:** 7:00-8:00PM

Fee: \$100 (cash or check) due at registration ♦ Divisions: 4th/5th grades — 6th/7th grades — 8th, 9th & 10th grades ♦ Girls division — boys division ♦ There will be tryouts before teams are formed (no add-ons after tryouts) ♦ Games played during the week ♦ 2 coaches per team—2 refs per game ♦ For more information call Anthony Leone at (917) 494-9569.

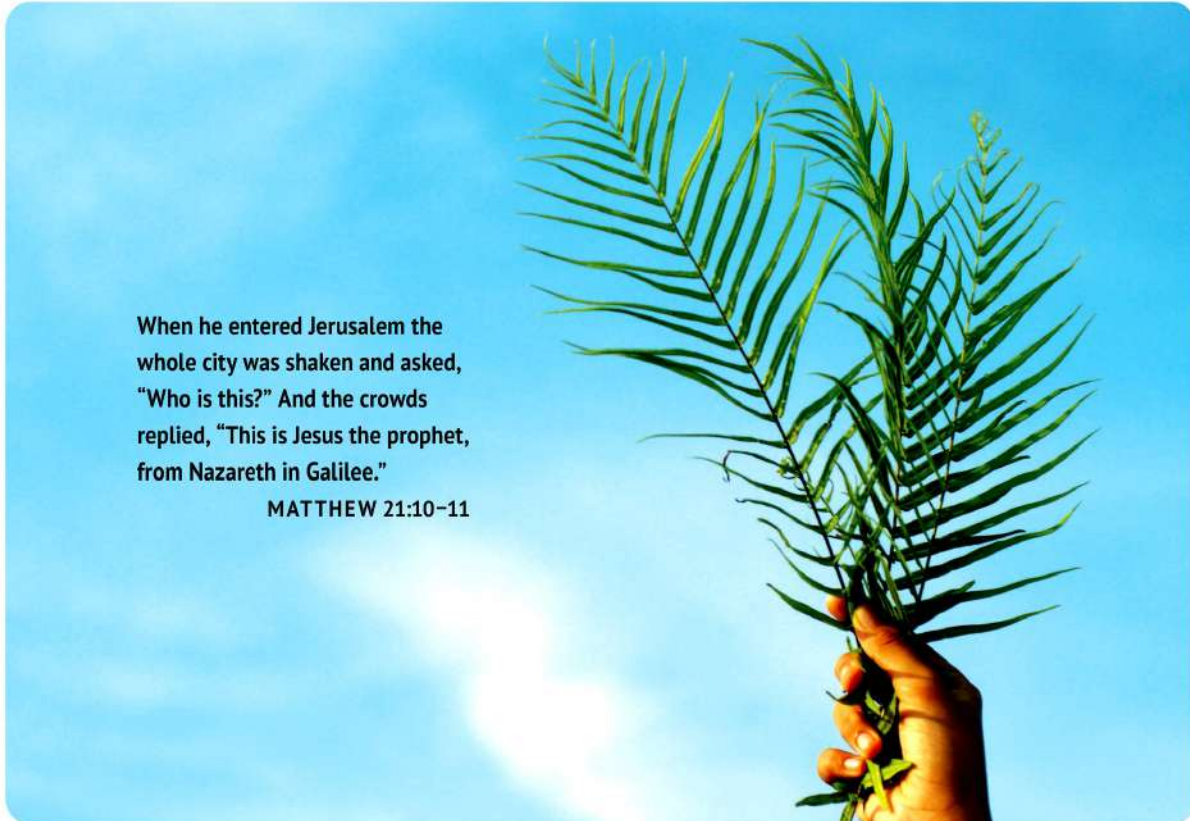
Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (A)

Matthew 21:1-11 / Isaiah 50:4-7 / Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54



When he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

MATTHEW 21:10-11

The Art of Dying

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When I was much younger and idealistic, I might have been ready to die for some worthy cause. Friends about my age had the same experience. There was something romantic about giving our lives then. Something glorious—or so we thought. There was the brotherhood and sisterhood of us all, peace and non-violence, nuclear arms opposition, equal opportunities for education and housing. Many of us now over fifty thought we would lay down our lives for any one of those dreams.

For some of us, things have changed. We've grown older and, perhaps, wiser, and it seems we're not so eager to die anymore. The glamor has been tarnished, and, for some, the romance

has turned from infatuation to disillusion. Death seems like a tragedy, continually rearing its strength to destroy in full or in part the fruit of our lives.

Yet death continues to remain the only doorway into real life. Without death there is no life—in this life or in any life. For that reason, then, one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, something we also need to teach our children. It takes a lifetime to learn how to die for one another, and that is why our young people need a community of adults who seek to master the art of dying. It is also why, for one long week,

we tell the story of Jesus and of how, for the sake of us all, he did not back away from death. ●

Reflect

Who has sacrificed for you? Have you "paid it forward" with gratitude?