

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
- 9:30AM Elvira Lenzo (Turturro Family)
- 11:00AM Michael Cabral (Deacon Rick & Maria Elrose)
- 12:30PM Betty Cohen (Deborah Cohen)
- Martin Griffin, Jr. (Deborah Cohen)
- Dominick Martimucci (Deborah Cohen)
- Joseph Serpico, Jr. (Deborah Cohen)
- Joseph Serpico, Sr. (Deborah Cohen)
- Jack Shaw (Susan Scafidi)
- Marilyn Shaw (Susan Scafidi)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

### MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023 *St. Joseph*

- 9:00AM Louise M. Rovtar (Louise Rovtar)

### TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

- 9:00AM Frank & William DiPietra (Loving Wife & Mother)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2023

- 9:00AM Gilda Ferri (John Schretzman)

### THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023 *St. Turibius of Mogrovejo*

- 9:00AM Firik Family (Helen DiPietra)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2023

- 9:00AM Susan Prosa Heffer (Prosa Family)



Margaret Fricano—Salvatore Musso  
Anne Roberto

**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).

**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, March 31, 2023.**

### SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023 *Annunciation of the Lord*

- 9:00AM Kathleen Clark (Tuesday Evening Rosary Grp.)
- 5:00PM Santa Coraci (Victor Arana)
- Aurora Hidrobo (Loving Family)
- Lynn Kirwen (Jolyne & John Pisano)
- Salvatore Musso (Frank Salvati)
- Eileen Sheerin (Camille Rossomando)
- Rita White (Victor Torres)
- Louis Villano (JoAnne Raffaele)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

- 8:00AM Mary Montelbano (Roseanne Lepani)
- 9:30AM Roberto Cortes (Loving Family)
- 11:00AM Franciszek Pelczar (Pelczar Family)
- 12:30PM Dolores Carway (Ron & Laura Antal)
- Joseph Cesare (Loving Wife & Family)
- Margaret Dobransky (Ron & Laura Antal)
- Amarilys Hernandez (Loving Spouse & Children)
- Daria Montero (Ron & Laura Antal)
- Bernardo & Maria Scagnelli (Heedless Family)
- Tomaselli Family (Carolyn Pulomena)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



**THE ALTAR CANDLES** for this week are donated for the **Special Intention of Susan D'Andrea.**



### 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!**



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.

**SAINT HELEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**  
**Disciple of the Month — February, 2023**



These students regularly attended and actively participated in religion classes seeking knowledge of God. In addition, these students gave witness by treating others with the kindness and compassion of Jesus.

**First Grade**

Isabella Baquero  
 Isabella Rose Bershad  
 Madison Rose Fortunato  
 Lillian Grace Widor

**Second Grade**

Gabriella Grace Davi  
 Jensen Kennedy McMilleon  
 Antonia Montalbano  
 Valentina Isabella Sturiano  
 Maryanne Felicia Yap

**Third Grade**

Sofia Kathleen Falcis  
 Julian Andres Ferrerosa

**Fourth Grade**

Olivia Jill Christopher  
 Madison Michele Errico  
 Giuliano Galbo  
 Jacob Zych

**Fifth Grade**

Isabella Rose Costanza  
 Vito Joseph Stabile  
 Sabrina Rose Zollo

**Sixth Grade**

Camila Baquero  
 Anthony James Prosser  
 Farren Retas

**Seventh Grade**

Katie Anne Barker  
 Vanessa Henry  
 Louis Felix Sartori



Only 2 sessions left! **Thursdays in Church at 7:00PM: March 23, and March 30.** (Faith Lab will not be held on the Thursday of Holy Week).

*Come join us to explore and investigate the Catholic Faith!*



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](http://www.olgsoccer.com/travel-registration)

**LENTEN SCHEDULE 2023**

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Monday in Lent at 12:30PM (with School children).

**With Benediction Every Friday evening at 7:00PM.**

**Weekday Masses:** Monday—Saturday: 9:00AM

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday at 5:00PM  
 Sunday: 8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM & 5:00PM.

**Confessions:** Monday—Friday at 8:45AM  
 Saturdays 12:30-1:30PM, or by appointment (please call Rectory).

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY: APRIL 3, 2023**

Throughout the N.Y. region, this day 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 **3:00PM thru 8:00PM.**

St. Helen Catholic Academy presents

**RADIO BINGO**

Hosted by **DJs @ Work**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 7PM**  
**LOCATED AT ST. HELEN'S**

**IT'S "NAME THAT TUNE" MEETS "BINGO"**

**ADMISSION FEE IS \$50 PER PERSON**

**(INCLUDES RADIO BINGO GAMES, SANDWICH WRAPS, SALAD, CHIPS, CAKE, COFFEE & GREAT MEMORIES!)**

**GUESTS ARE WELCOME TO BRING THEIR OWN REFRESHMENTS, BYOB!**

**DANCING! PRIZES! 50/50**

For tickets please contact Diane Joseph at (917) 697-5351 or Maria Ford at (718) 344-1998  
**ADULTS ONLY PLEASE**



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): April 23

**Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms (All begin at 2:00PM): April 23**

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’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**

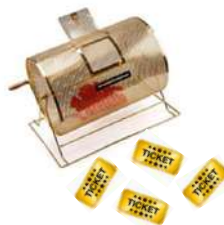
Call or text Vinny Campanella at 646 529-2176 or Rick Elrose at 347-374-1722

**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.

**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 16<sup>TH</sup>

at

12:30pm

St. Helen RC 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](mailto:homeacademyexecboard@gmail.com)**

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ephesians 5:8-14 / John 9:1-41 or John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



## Coming of Age, Coming of Faith

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**I**t is said we never become a believer before age thirty-five. I don't think there is anything magical about that age. Some in their seventies still have not yet come to be people of faith, and there are those who, at a very young age, seem to have entrusted their lives to God. What the age of thirty-five does say, however, is that most people need to have lived a while and experienced a few ups and downs to recognize there is a power in their lives greater than themselves.

This week's Gospel story of the man born blind encapsulates a lifelong journey of coming to see who Jesus is, compressed into a few days. When asked who cured him of blindness, the man first says the man Jesus did it. Brought to testify before the Pharisees, he says that Jesus must be a prophet. Confronted by the

Pharisees a second time, he testifies that Jesus must be of God. Finally, when he sees Jesus again, he calls him Lord, a name for God. The story is a parable of sorts about how we come to have faith, to see with new and different eyes.

Faith involves trusting, sometimes trusting an unseen Power who feels absent at times; about surrendering control over our lives to God, as we come to see in an entirely new way. It can take a lifetime to begin seeing in such a way. ●

### Reflect

*Where am I on the journey of faith?  
How open are my eyes?*

[The man who had been blind] replied, "...One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."

JOHN 9:25

