

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

- 8:00AM Mary Sabella (M/M Nick Spinelli)
- 9:30AM Mary & Vito Rabito (Rabito & Sama Family)
- 11:00AM Francesco Abate (Wife, Dina & Children)
- 12:30PM Grace Aquilino (Ruocco Family)
- Lucia Accardo DeSimone (Rachele Sannino)
- Mary Galeno (Eda Galeno & Family)
- Sebastiana LoPrinzi (Maitlin Family)
- Domenick Puleo (Marty & Sissy Grosso)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023 *St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen*

- 9:00AM Gilda Ferri (Peter & Carol Accardi)

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023 *St. Mark*

- 9:00AM John William Crawford (St. Helen Rosarians)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023

- 9:00AM Alberto Polvorosa (Susan Polvorosa)

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023

- 9:00AM Hector C. Erice (Juana Erice)

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023 *Sts. Peter Chanel & Louis Grignon*

- 9:00AM Purgatorial Society Mass

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023 *St. Catherine of Sienna*

- 9:00AM Maria & Luciano Sannino (Rachele Sannino)
- 5:00PM Peter Cerevolo (St. Helen Support Group)
- Patricia DeLeo (Rosetta Liuba)
- Margaret Fricano (St. Helen Support Group)
- Joseph Lupia (Haiffa Vizoso)
- Helen Parasmio (Mary Pecorino & Family)
- Ann Pardi (Phyllis Dispinseri)
- Rose Pecorella (Mary Pecorino & Family)
- Richard Rice (Mariono Connell)
- Donata Roberts (Barbara Nigro)
- Virginia Vocaturo (Margaret Butler)

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

- 8:00AM George & Ann Papandrea
- 9:30AM Willie & Albert Paziienza (Louis Paziienza)
- 11:00AM Constance Amore (Brucino Family)
- 12:30PM Dolores Bedigan (Marc Lesser)
- Giuseppe Ciaccio (Loving Family)
- Saint Gianna (Susan Anselona)
- John Ingargiola (Mannino Family)
- Elena Lauro (Rachele Sannino)
- Ada Perez (Mannino & Marracello Family)
- Mary Ann Rizzo (Mannino Family)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



Orlando M. Cillo, Anita Colello
Michael Falco, Kathleen Horton
Rose Pecorella, Anthony Perdichizzi

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 spirituality!

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

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 Iglio, 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.

St. Helen Rosarians Women & Girls Communion Breakfast

May 7, 2023



*Following the 9:30AM Mass
in the School Cafeteria*

Breakfast—Raffles—Prizes!



Tickets are \$15

\$10 for 7-12 Yr. Old—6 Yrs. & Under: Free

For tickets and/or more information call

Vanessa at (917) 589-8827

or Mary Ann at (347) 806-6960

SAINT HELEN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Disciple of the Month — March, 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.

Kindergarten

Eliana Giusi DiStefano

First Grade

Alessandra Valeria Londono
Michael Anthony Malave Jr.
Jayden Max Rodriguez

Second Grade

Michael Joseph Bologna
Novalie Anne Custor
Kaia Kolm
Mia Jane Nelson
Anthony Michael Torres

Third Grade

Chloe Birardi
Matteo Tocco



Fourth Grade

Gianna Nicole Maffucci
Antonina Lynn Mazzola
Alice Ramon
Sienna Rose Traina

Fifth Grade

Gabriella Francesca Deodato
Sabrina Michelle Martinez
Hailey Elizabeth Morgan

Sixth Grade

Mason Anthony DeToma
Analia Diaz
Patrycja Olivia Gumieniak
Frankie Joseph Sturiano



Seventh Grade

Lia Sarina Graziosi
Ariana Nonnato
Sophie Rosemond



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.



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 Holy Name Society



is hosting their
**2nd Annual Evening of
Cigars, Bourbons &
Scotches!**

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 PARISH PURGATORIAL SOCIETY MASS INTENTIONS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023

Karl Albrecht (*Loving Wife*)
 Karl R. Albrecht (*Loving Mom*)
 All Souls in Purgatory (*Kathleen Cocchiola*)
 Aloise-Dabrowski Family (*Annette & Marty Gould*)
 Aja Alter (*Loving Mother*)
 Amato & Sannino Family (*Rachele Sannino*)
 Philip Ameduri (*Rachele Sannino*)
 Henry & Janis Auwarter (*Vita Monastero*)
 Paul Auwarter (*Loving Wife, Vita*)
 Charles & Angela Barreca (*Loving Son & Daughter*)
 Thomas A. Barreca (*Loving Brother & Sister*)
 Mario & Angelina Barrella (*Loving Family*)
 Belulovich-Mattei-Salzano Family (*Loving Family*)
 Gina Bender (*Loving Aunt & Uncle*)
 Frank W. Bitetto (*Barbara Bitetto*)
 Bongiorno & Rocco Family (*Loving Family*)
 Paul Anthony Bono (*Mom & Dad*)
 Drew Bostinto (*Loving Friend*)
 Maria Bournias (*Zena Basin*)
 Patricia Brady (*Quagliariello Family*)
 Braganza Family (*Rachele Sannino*)
 Michael Cabral (*Rachele Sannino*)
 Camelo & Basin Family (*Zena Basin*)
 John Chiarello (*Mary Chiarello*)
 C. Joseph & Laura Chiarello (*Lois Chiarello*)
 Constance Chwalek (*Vita & Fred*)
 Frank & Constance Chwalek (*Rachele Sannino*)
 Linda V. Cichocki (*Rachele Sannino*)
 Vi & Joseph Cimo (*Loving Niece*)
 Julius Cirillo (*Grandson & Family*)
 Anthony Coccaro (*Quagliariello & Madden Families*)
 Francis & Claire Louise Colamaria (*Fr. Colamaria*)
 Corrigan-Vendittelli Family (*Loving Family*)
 Roberto Cortes (*Loving Family*)
 Gillio Costanzo (*Grandson & Family*)
 Emilia Cuttone (*Loving Niece*)
 Vincent J. D'Amato (*D'Amato Family*)
 Salvatore D'Angelo (*Loving Family*)
 Patricia DeLeo (*Loving Sister*)
 John DeRiso (*Loving Family*)
 Concetta & Pasquale DeSantis (*Linda DeSantis*)
 Carol Digristina (*Loving Sis, Chicki*)
 Joseph Damian Digristina (*Loving Sister, Chicki*)
 Philip Digristina (*Loving Niece*)
 Raffaella & Joseph Digristina (*Loving Daughter, Chicki*)
 Carmela Digristina-O'Connell (*Loving Niece*)
 Frank & William DiPietra (*Loving Family*)
 Sr. Maria Ercolano, OCD (*Barbara & Amelia*)
 Giovanni Escobar Londono (*Loving Mother*)
 John & Anna Falco (*Loving Family*)
 Louise & Vincent Festa (*Annette & Marty Gould*)
 Ralph Fiore (*Loving Niece*)
 Giustina & Ralph Fiore (*Loving Granddaughter*)
 William & Rose Fioto (*Barbara Bitetto*)
 Frank Fogliano (*Loving Family*)
 Carmela Foti (*St. Helen's Lectors*)
 John T. & Marcella M. Gallagher (*Loving Family*)
 Rev. William Gaughan, C.M. (*Deidre McVey*)
 Giuseppe Geremia (*Nicole, Anthony & Lisa*)
 Margaret Giampietro (*Giampietro Family*)
 Gidaro-Izzo Families (*Loving Family*)
 Giunta-Bernardo Family (*Jean Bernardo*)
 Giusto Family (*Steven Giusto*)
 Theresa Giusto (*Linda DeSantis*)
 Gorycki Family (*Helen Repstad*)
 Elizabeth & George Gould (*Annette & Marty*)
 Gwardjak & Kosinski Family (*Daughter*)
 Pasquale Izzo (*Loving Family*)
 Jaskot & Wolynski Families (*Joan Szatkowski*)
 Eddie Juba (*Barbara Dorme*)
 Elaine Larkin (*Rachele Sannino*)

Dominick & Angelina Librizzi (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
 Carmelo & Josephine Licata (*Rachele Sannino*)
 Timothy Liello (*Loving Family*)
 Ana Lieske (*Fred & Vita*)
 Lumetta-MacDonnell Family (*Pauline Mantineo*)
 Dr. Vito Luongo (*Rachele Sannino*)
 Joan McCue (*Phyllis Digristina*)
 Justine Nigra Maguire (*Deidre McVey*)
 Jennie Maniscalco (*Loving Son & Family*)
 Michael J. Mannarino (*Loving Granddaughter*)
 Irma Medina (*Loving Family*)
 Rose Menagh (*Bitetto Family*)
 Miazga-Nervo-Togneri Family (*Loving Family*)
 Alexander Miraglia (*Marie Miraglia*)
 Rocco & Phyllis Miranti (*Loving Family*)
 Lillian & Charles Monastero (*Vita Monastero*)
 The Monastero-Iannuzzi Family (*Vita & Fred*)
 Sr. Patricia Morrison, PBVM (*Rachele Sannino*)
 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mullalley (*Jane Orban*)
 Margaret Murphy (*Loving Family*)
 Mark Myers (*Loving Parents*)
 Jennie & Valentino Napolitano (*Loving Family*)
 Nicholas Louis Napolitano (*Loving Family*)
 Maggie O'Dee (*Loving Friend*)
 Richard Orban (*Jane Orban*)
 Joan Mary Orban-Jones (*Orban Family*)
 Joseph P. Ottomanelli (*Frank & Monica Ottomanelli*)
 Joseph Pecorella (*Loving Family*)
 Matthew Pecorino (*Loving Family*)
 Bobby Pepe (*Rachele Sannino*)
 Dominick Pepe (*Barbara Bitetto*)
 Joseph & Amelia Pepe (*Barbara Bitetto*)
 Pepe-Bitetto Family (*Barbara Bitetto*)
 Sandy Pepitone (*Arline, Diane, Laurie & Steve*)
 Steve & Ann Petroglia (*Loving Niece*)
 Mary & John Pristina (*Laura, Rita & Ray*)
 Peter J. Pulomena (*Loving Wife*)
 Marie & Annie Putorti (*Loving Friend*)
 Joseph Quagliariello (*Quagliariello Family*)
 Francis Vincent Rand (*Loving Family*)
 Joanne Rebecchi (*Cynthia Ottomanelli*)
 Renschak-Trotta Family (*Loving Family*)
 Felicita Reyes (*Evaristo Rodriguez-Reyes*)
 Sylvia Rosenberg (*St. Helen Support Group*)
 Mr. & Mrs. Peter Rovtar (*Louise Rovtar*)
 Frances Russo (*St. Helen Support Group*)
 Maria & Luciano Sannino (*Rachele Sannino*)
 Anthony J. Sassone (*Loving Family*)
 Linda & James Scagnelli (*Heedles Family*)
 Dorothy Schmitt (*Loving Friend*)
 Kay & Walter Schretzman (*John Schretzman*)
 Frank T. Serpico (*Serpico Family*)
 Angelo Somma (*Loving Wife*)
 Nicolina Spinelli (*Rachele Sannino*)
 Nicolina Spinelli (*Lorraine & Joseph Trotta*)
 Irene Swastek (*Loving Sister*)
 Casimir Szatkowski (*Loving Family*)
 Frank & Ann Tomitz (*Patricia*)
 Maryann E. Tomitz (*Patricia*)
 Margaret Tucci (*Loving Niece*)
 Walter & Elizabeth Ujazdowski (*Quagliariello Family*)
 Lorraine Vasquez (*Loving Husband, Fred*)
 Vasquez-Perez Family (*Vita & Fred*)
 Carl Vigliarolo (*Loving Sister*)
 Frances Vigliarolo (*Loving Daughter*)
 Frank J. Vigliarolo (*Loving Daughter*)
 Carmela & Rocco Vignola (*Loving Family*)
 Eleanor & Joseph Visconti (*Vita & Fred*)
 Mary Zurick (*Loving Sister*)

Our Parish COMMUNITY

April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) (A)

Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Peter 1:3-9 / John 20:19-31



The Gift of Doubts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When people tell me they have doubts about their faith, I usually tell them that doubts can be a good thing. "Reflect on your doubts," I say. So very often the doubts bring someone to deeper faith and understanding. When people say they're not sure they believe in God anymore, often what they mean is that they don't believe in a particular idea of God, like the bearded old man in the sky or a God who "allows" children to die of cancer and "permits" wars that slaughter people.

What such doubts ask us to do is to rethink our understanding of who God is. Tossing out our old idea of God does not mean there is no God. It simply means we had a faulty or immature notion of God. It may take some time to rethink who God is, but if we stay with it, do some reading, ask some questions, and pray over it, we

may come to a deeper and richer understanding of God. In short, because I don't understand how something can be does not mean that that something—or someone—is not true or real.

In this week's Gospel, Thomas, who was not with the community when Jesus appeared, later could not believe that the Jesus he had known was alive. He doubted. Yet when he was with the community the following week, he discovered that the risen Lord was indeed real but in an entirely new reality. It takes a community of faith to become a believer. ●

Reflect

How has your understanding of God changed over the years?



Jesus said to (Thomas),... "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

JOHN 20:29