

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

- 8:00AM Rose Pecorella (*Jennie Taranto*)
- 9:30AM Joseph Lupia (*DeSanctis & Addonisio Family*)
- 11:00AM Charles & Angela Barrreca (*Loving Children*)
- 12:30PM Angela Costello (*Susan & Sal Anselona*)
- Mariano & Nancy Pulomena (*Loving Family*)
- Alexa Ruiz (*LeBron-Peralta Family*)
- Carolyn Talento OFS (*Fred & Vita*)
- Kevin Turner (*St. Helen's Religious Ed*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, JULY 31, 2023 *St. Ignatius of Loyola*

- 9:00AM Rudolph Renzi (*Margaret & Carl Haussler*)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023 *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

- 9:00AM Elizabeth Ujazdowski (*Quagliariello Family*)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2023 *St. Eusebius of Vercelli*

- 9:00AM Rosina & Francesco Gangi Dino (*Maria Pugliese*)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023

- 9:00AM Joseph Hirsch (*Loving Grandma*)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, 2023 *St. John Vianney*

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



Rosalie Hawk—Marie Elaine Marotta
Dorothy Yap

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, August 25, 2023.**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023 *Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus*

- 9:00AM Jessica Hanna—Good Health (*Susan Anselona*)
- 5:00PM Leonard Battaglia (*Pat Heinemann*)
- Anna Caputo (*Don & Mary Guarino*)
- Frances DeSimone (*Jean Bernardo*)
- Domenica DeVito (*Jim Pelsler & Maria*)
- Rosalie Hawk (*Barbara Bitetto*)
- Lucille Pankanin (*Auber Family*)
- Theresa Piscino (*Haiffa Vizoso*)
- Carolyn Talento (*Mary Ann Kellen*)
- Kevin Turner (*Lenore Antignani*)
- Carmen Valles (*Berrios-Lopez Family*)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

- 8:00AM Arlene Sen (*Rachele Sannino*)
- 9:30AM Maria & Giuseppe Morreale (*Rabito-Sama Family*)
- 11:00AM Kazimieras Kerbedis (*Aukse & Family*)
- 12:30PM Gerard Albano (*Loving Wife & Family*)
- Joseph Papa (*Michael & Stephanie Marrone*)
- Angelina Pugliese (*Loving Son, Paul*)
- Alexa Ruiz (*LeBron-Peralta Family*)
- Josephine Spato (*Margaret Pane*)
- Francesco & Maria Tullo (*Tullo Family*)
- Kevin Turner (*Haiffa Vizoso*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

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!



Are you new to St. Helen Parish? If so, for easier and faster service please register through our website at www.sthelen.org.



Florence Albrecht, Amado Araneta, Beatrice Arango, Carolyn Barbiero, 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, Toni Ann Diaz, Virginia DiGangi, Mark Esposito, Jennie Federici, Adeline Florio, Dawn Franceschetti, Clementine Gagliardi, Tony Giampietro, Florence Hauschild, Rosemarie & Joseph Guagenti, Gertrude Gwardjak, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Henry J. Hinton, Genoveva Ibanez, Steven Igljo, 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.

My Sincere Thanks



I am truly grateful to Father Colamaria and you, the parishioners of St. Helen's, for helping me welcome a century of years.

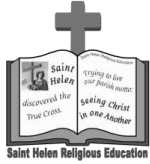
Your cards and tributes humbled me as you were always present to help me in ministry.

I pray that the Lord will bless you and keep you in His care as I daily remember you in prayer.

*With my love, gratitude and prayers,
Sr. Hannah Marie Cox*



Religious Education Registration for 2023 - 2024



We are now registering children for the 2023 - 2024 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: sthelens.org. or you may email your request to: info@sthelensreled.org.

The program is available to children in kindergarten through 7th grade.

The registration fee for forms received or postmarked by July 14, 2023, is \$100 per child; the fee for forms submitted after July 14, 2023, 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 given out in class in early March. 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.



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
HOWARD BEACH SENIOR
CENTER**

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.



**Right of Christian
Initiation of Adults**

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.

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 home-bound 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.



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): **August 27—September 10 & 24**

Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms (All begin at 2:00PM): August 27—September 10 & 24

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.

CARNIVAL

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY !

**The "FEAST" returns to
Howard Beach**

**Wednesday, August 9th thru
Sunday, August 13th**

5:30pm-11pm



CARNIVAL RIDES, GAMES & DELICIOUS FOOD

**Proceeds will be donated to
St. Helen Catholic Church**

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**COUNCILWOMAN
JOANN ARIOLA
DISTRICT 32**



St. Helen RC Church Parish Grounds

Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 30, 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 / Romans 8:28-30 / Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



Finding Buried Treasure

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Much like still-fishing, which is when the fish ultimately find the one sitting quietly waiting for the fish, most of the really treasured aspects of life somehow find us when we're not looking. Consider falling in love or discovering a friend; the job you enjoy so much that you'd almost do it for free; a hobby that gives you so much satisfaction; creative gifts you never knew you had until you stumbled upon them later in life. To say nothing of happiness for which so many go looking and never seem to find, while others are happy without ever seeking it out.

Wisdom, the gift Solomon asked for, is much like all of that. It seems to find us. Common sense, the stepchild of wisdom, is something most parents want their children to have, and, for some parents, it may be a source of great frustration as they try to make sure their children have it and use it. Wisdom is certainly a hint of the kingdom of heaven, but then so too is finding love and experiencing joy and living with a peace that refuses to be unsettled by the storms of life. All of those are the buried treasures of which the Gospel speaks, just as for others it is the pearl of great price for which they look and look until it finds them, not unlike still-fishing. All are buried treasures, hidden pearls, and tastes of eternal life. ●

Reflect

Is there a treasure in your life that ultimately found you?

[Solomon said to the Lord,]
"Give your servant, therefore,
a listening heart to judge your people
and to distinguish between good
and evil."

1 KINGS 3:9A

