

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

- 8:00AM Anthony Robert Messina (*Loving Family*)
- 9:30AM Carmela Esposito (*Esposito Family*)
- 11:00AM For The Parishioners
- 5:00PM Anthony Giampietro (*Vanegas Family*)
- Grazia LoDuca (*Loving Family*)
- Antonio Pedone (*Loving Wife*)
- Jake Ryan (*John & Marion O'Connell*)
- Salvatore Scaturra (*Randy Jackson*)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024

- 9:00AM Edwin Espada (*Linda & John*)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

- 9:00AM Ernesto Jocson (*D'Amelio Family*)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

- 7:00AM For The Parishioners
- 9:00AM Frank T. Serpico (*Mom & Dad*)
- 11:00AM Gloria Casillo (*M/M S. Recupero*)
- 1:00PM Prayer Service
- 3:30PM Prayer Service
- 7:00PM Frank C. Ottomanelli (*Goddaughter, Angela & Family*)



### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

- 9:00AM Walter Joseph Osmani (*Alberta & Heather Osmani*)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024

- 9:00AM Francis Vincent Rand (*Loving Mother, Carmela*)



Are you new to St. Helen Parish? If so, you may register with us online by visiting our website at: [www.sthelen.org](http://www.sthelen.org).

**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, Feb. 26, 2024.**

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

- 9:00AM Gilma Cardenas (*Lombardo Family*)
- 5:00PM Saverio Basile (*Paul & Maria Ciccione*)
- Anna Bifulco (*Den. Rick & Maria Elrose*)
- Leonardo Castelli (*Agata Geraci*)
- James Dineen (*Vita & Fred*)
- Anthony Giampietro (*Phyllis Digristina*)
- Joyce Merendino (*M/M J. Connors*)
- Frank Ottomanelli (*Vanessa Harold*)
- Janina Romańczyk (*Wronowski Family*)
- James G. Ruane (*Maria Ciccione*)
- Theresa Sullivan (*Cheng Family*)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

- 8:00AM George & Claire Cox
- 9:30AM Mary Grace & Thomas Guitian (*Loving Daughter, Deborah*)
- 11:00AM For The Parishioners
- 5:00PM Robert Anderson (*Debbie Marra*)
- Ludmila Benitez (*Loving Family*)
- Anna Bifulco (*Steve Giusto*)
- Katherine Clemente (*M/M Vincent Delio*)
- Anthony Giampietro (*Steve Giusto*)
- For The Intentions of C. Mannino (*Family*)
- Theresa Martinez (*Grace Cerrone & Edward Ojeda*)

**THE ALTAR BREAD** for this week is donated in memory of Frank Ottomanelli, requested by Theresa Somma.



**THE ALTAR CANDLES** for this week are donated in memory of Anthony Giampietro, requested by The Antal Family.



**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, Carolyn Barbiero, Joseph Barreca, Anthony Barresi, Stella Barresi, Mary Battista, Barbara Bitetto, Gail, Blanc, Helena Brophy, Mary Ann Camhi, Loraine Cammarata, 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, Florence Hauschild, Rosemarie & Joseph Guagenti, Gertrude Gwardjak, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Henry J. Hinton, Genoveva Ibanez, Steven Iglia, Keri & Baby Tristan, Baby Peyton Krajcik, Dylan Labisi, Susan Leone, James Leung, Tom Mercatante, Barbara Miller, Brenda Myers, John Myers, Christine Noriega, Angela Ottomanelli-Hubbs, Cynthia Ottomanelli, Mary Palermo, Frank Palmenteri, Al Panasci, Santo Pantina, Doris Pecchillo, Nino Pedone, Rosemarie Perl, Josephine Profera, Vivian Puglissi, Theresa Quagliarriello, Joseph Questore, Maureen Quinn, Recupero Family, Maria Rivera, Helen Rourke, Joseph Russo, Antoinette Sciuillo, Remington Stafford, Rubie Anna Torall, Lynn Torres, Chrissie Tremblay, Paul Tremblay, Paul John Tremblay, Sr., Sr. Joanne Walters, Sonia Zeller.



## ASH WEDNESDAY

February  
14, 2024

*The following schedule of Masses and Services will be the only times Ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday:*

**Masses:**

**7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 7:00PM**

**Liturgy of the Word:  
1:00PM & 3:30PM**

### REGULATIONS CONCERNING FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of mandatory fasting and abstinence from meat.
- All Fridays in Lent are days of mandatory abstinence from meat.
- The obligation to fast applies to those aged 18-59.
- The obligation to abstain from meat applies to those aged 14 and older.
- Those fasting may eat only one normal-sized meal. Two smaller meals may be eaten, if needed for strength. These smaller meals together should not equal a normal-sized meal. No food may be eaten between meals.
- The bishops of the United States recommend voluntary fasting on the other weekdays of Lent. It is a praiseworthy tradition to fast on Holy Saturday, until the Easter Vigil.
- It is worth remembering that every Friday of the year is a day of penance, unless a solemnity falls on a Friday. In the United States, on Fridays outside of Lent, one may choose either to abstain from eating meat or to perform some other act of penance.

### **LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024**

**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 5:00PM

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

**RECONCILIATION MONDAY: MARCH 25, 2024**

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**.

### **Lent Is Coming!**

Join our faith community in a transformative Lenten journey through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Uganda, El Salvador and Indonesia who are working hard to overcome the challenges of hunger and the impact of climate change. Rice Bowls will be in the Lenten packets being distributed this weekend. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on our connectedness as one family in Christ and work together to ensure our sisters and brothers worldwide can thrive. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

St. Helen Catholic Academy  
Presents

THE 13th ANNUAL  
**CARD PARTY**  
**SPECTACULAR!**

Friday, March 8th

In Father Dooley Hall (Doors open at 6:00PM)

**\$50.00 Per Person**

Admission price includes 2 Bingo Cards,  
Specialty Pizza, Salad, Cake, Coffee, Tea & Water

**Bring your own Drinks!!!**

\*No Food Items can be brought in the event\*

Additional Bingo Cards and Raffle Chances  
will be available for Purchase!



*Join us for an exciting evening of fun and games!*

Prizes to Win:  
Designer Bag Valued at \$1,500.00  
\$1,000.00 Gift Card  
Cash and much more!  
Over 100 prizes!



For tickets or additional Information, please call  
Maria Ford at 718-344-1998 or Diane Joseph 917-697-5351.



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):* **March 10 — April 14**

**Upcoming Schedule for Baptisms (All begin at 2:00PM):** **March 10 — April 14**

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 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.

The **Bereavement Group** will be held in the Rectory Meeting Room the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 4-6PM on **Feb. 13th, March 12th & April 9th.** In case of snow, meeting will be held the following week. This will be a safe place to share your thoughts, feelings and get support through this most difficult time of loss. Coffee/tea and pamphlets will be available. Coordinator, Lorraine Rose.



**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.

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



**Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Giorgio Migliaccio, January’s winners of \$247.00!**

*Do you have a question you would like to have discussed at*



*Simply jot your question(s) below and drop it off at the Rectory or in the collection at Mass!*

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 / 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 / Mark 1:40-45



## Bringing Outsiders In

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A**s a child, were you teased, bullied, chosen last for a team? Did you feel apart from the in-crowd? If so, in various ways this treatment may have kept you from being fully engaged with the larger community, possibly continuing to scar you in even your grown-up world.

In 2021, the news media reported that a Louisiana cemetery refused burial for Darrell Semien because he was black. Though he had served his community as a deputy sheriff for fifteen years and had helped raise seventy-two foster children, none of that was of any significance. After the news broke, the cemetery quickly lifted its whites-only stipulation, but the damage had been done. In so many ways, we continue to exclude others from the human community, even in death.

Our Sunday Gospel tells of Jesus curing a leper, enabling the man to again become part of the community. Even more startling, by touching him, Jesus himself became "impure," and thus isolated himself from the community, thereby switching roles with the man. Bringing others into community even at a cost to ourselves is divine.

Such compassion is exemplified when people work to reform prisons, seek to integrate immigrants into national life, give voice to the voiceless, improve mental health care, strive to alleviate paralyzing poverty, and more. The world witnessed compassion at its finest during the COVID-19 pandemic when medical personnel worked to heal the sick, even at the cost of isolating themselves from their own families. Compassion toward those in need is holy. ●

### Reflect

*Who made you feel welcome when you felt locked out? Can you do the same for another?*

A leper came to him [and kneeling down] begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

MARK 1:40

