CHURCH OF ST. HELENA

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FEBRUARY 7, 2021 - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



VERY REV. ANTHONY M. SIRIANNI, PASTOR REV. JOSEPH KUBIAK, OFM CAP. REV. KEITH CERVINE - IN RESIDENCE DEACON BOB YUNKER SISTER MARY CHARLES - ST. HELENA SCHOOL PRINCIPAL SISTER REBECCA PIATEK - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

MASSES: WEEKDAYS: 8:30 AM SATURDAY MORNING MASS: 8:30 AM SATURDAY: 4:00 PM SUNDAY: 8:00 & 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM

VIGILS OF EVES OF HOLY DAYS: 7:30 PM HOLY DAYS: 8:30 AM & 7:30 PM

Confessions Saturday Morning: 9:00AM to 10:00 AM Rectory: Fax Church Office: Business Manager Parish Secretary 732-494-3399 732-494-2076 732-494-3399 FEBE CHUA CARRIE VIGLIANTI

 ST. HELENA SCHOOL:
 732-549-6234

 2018 National Blue Ribbon
 School

 FAX
 732-549-6205



SECRETARY

Anna Morabito

MISSION STATEMENT

"As a diverse parish, the community of St. Helena's encourages parishioners to be good stewards through the interaction and involvement of all members with respect and dignity to the poor, the sick and those in need, as well as encouraging the youth to participate fully in parish life." **PARISH MEMBERSHIP** All parishioners should be registered. Please register at the Rectory when you move into the parish and also notify the Rectory if you are leaving the parish.

SPONSOR LETTERS Church law mandates that a Godparent for Baptism and a Sponsor for Confirmation be an active Confirmed Catholic. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the church, is in a valid Catholic marriage, and publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching. We can only write letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.

BAPTISM Baptism is celebrated every Sunday at 1:30 PM except during Lent. Arrangements must be made in advance. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. If sponsors are from another parish, they are to obtain a sponsor letter from their parish priest indicating that they are practicing Catholics.

MARRIAGE Marriage arrangements should be made at least one year in advance and prior to any social plans. Contact the Parish Office for all pre-marriage.

MUSIC MINISTRY For information regarding our Adult Choir and Children's Choir, contact the Parish Office at 732-494-3399.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION (CCD) If

you are new to the parish and wish to enroll your child in the Religious Education Program, please call our Religious Ed office at 732-549-4660.

RCIA Adults wishing to become Roman Catholic or receive First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, please call our Religious Ed office for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

MASS INTENTIONS Contact the Parish Office to schedule a Mass for our beloved deceased.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday's after the 8:30 AM Mass - 11:00 AM. Please join us for the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, private prayer and the Rosary of Our Blessed Mother at 10:30 AM for the Intention of Respect for Life.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS/MINISTRIES

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Director of Music:	Paul Bergin	
Readers/EM Co.	L. Radler, J. Maldony	
	A. Allen	
Youth Director:	M. Tonzola	
YLF:	ylfshp@gmail.com	
Trustees:	Dr. M. Garcia and J. Nolan	
HSA Pres.:	R. Wall, 732-549-6234	
Athletic Assoc.:	732-549-6234	
Altar Servers	J. Castro	
Dir. of Religious Ed	L. Soltys, 732-549-4660	
Altar Rosary Society:	J. Maldony	
Holy Name Society:	T. Fiedorowicz	
Knights of Columbus:	J. DiPaola	
Legion of Mary:	J. Toth	
FAA:	Dr. M. Garcia	
Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts	Sue Dalton, 732-680-1719	

If you wish to get in touch with anyone in these Organizations/Ministries, please call the Rectory Office at 732-494-3399, Ext. 10, unless otherwise noted.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Join the Knights of Columbus online at KofC.org Pope John Paul 1 Council 6571, Colonia, NJ we meet the first Thursday of each month at the VFW Hall on Inman Ave. in Colonia at 7:30 PM. Please contact Charlie at 732-381-3389 for more information. Great Insurance program, and Church and community work.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Our Priests and members of the Legion of Mary bring Communion to homebound parishioners or those in local area nursing homes. If you or a family member would like to be put on our homebound list please contact the Parish Office to arrange such visits. To contact a priest in a genuine emergency involving the sick or dying, call the rectory office. After normal business hours dial the regular rectory number, 732-494-3399 and then Ext. 13.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY The St. Vincent de Paul food collection **takes place on the second weekend of the month.** Please leave your non -perishable food donations on the tables in the breeze-way the second weekend of the month.

HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement and/or by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan website: https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse.



<u>SUNDAY</u> - February 7 2021 Fifth Sunday in Ordnary Time

- 8:00 AM Mary Patricia Hendrickson r/o Lynne and Kathy Soltys
- 10:30 AM Louise and Arty Eisenberg r/o Fr. Anthony Sirianni
- 12:15 PM Antoinette and Giuseppe Parisi r/o Family

MONDAY - February 8, 2021-Ss. Jerome and Josephine Bakhita

8:30 AM Lucille Disano r/o Teresa Caruso and Families

TUESDAY - February 9, 2021

8:30 AM Andre Arian r/o Nadia El-Shazly

WEDNESDAY - February 10, 2021-St. Scholastica

8:30 AM Robert Dandola, Jr. r/o Susan and John Aramini

<u>THURSDAY</u> – February 11, 2021 –Our Lady of Lourdes 8:30 AM Pierre Viglianti r/o The Chua Family

8:30 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

February 2021 Emilio Frank Cesareo r/o The Ronk family Ed Zadnowicz r/o Olivia Zdanowicz Ken Patrusevich r/o/ The Gochuico Family Santiago Pagtaklan r/o The Gochuico Family Mary Patrusevich r/o The Gochuico Family Ira Lacson r/o The Gochuico Family Josephine Wienckoski r/o Anna Morabito and Family Frank Sabine r/o/ Family Robert Dandola, Jr. r/o Rita and Emery Fisher Emilio Frank and Josephine Cesareo r/o Rita & **Emery Fisher** Peter A. Lukawski r/o Beverly Lukawski Melvina A. Urbanski r/o Beverly Lukawski Stephen W. Urbanski r/o Beverly Lukawski Aniela Lukawski r/o Beverly Lukawski Joseph Lukawski r/o Beverly Lukawski Ursula Kowalski r/o Beverly Lukawski Irene Canavera r/o Beverly Lukawski Herb Canavera r/o Beverly Lukawski William Gardner, Jr. r/o Beverly Lukawski Edwin Lanback r/o Beverly Lukawski

FRIDAY - February 12, 2021

8:30 AM Ed Zdanowicz r/o Olívia Zdanowicz

SATURDAY - February 13, 2021

8:30AM	Purgatorial Society
4:00 PM	Josephine Wienckoski r/o Sean and
	Leonore McTague

SUNDAY– February 14, 2021 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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8:00 AM	Peter Scibetta r/o Deacon Bob and	
	Elaine Yunker	
10:30 AM	Judith Murray r/o Mary Capellupo	
12:15 PM	Matthew McGrath r/o Monica	
	McGrath	

Today we celebrate "World Day for Consecrated Life." We especially remember Sr. Mary Charles, Sr. Rebecca, and all religious and priests who have served our parish so well.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER DURING CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary, We, your children of every nation, Turn to you in this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them at your feet, Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, And obtain peace, healing, rescue, And timely help in all our needs. You are our Mother. Pray for us to your Son. Amen.

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Dear Parishioners,

Due to Covid-19, the blessing of throats for the Feast of St. Blaise will be a bit different this year. There will only be a main blessing spoken from the Altar. The congregation will stay in their seats for the main blessing. No one will process to the Altar.

Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 8:30AM and 4PM. Due to Covid-19, ashes will be distributed at the end of Mass. This will also be a bit different. The prayer will be spoken from the Altar. The congregation will then process to the Altar to receive ashes on the forehead with a Q-tip. The Q-tips will then be properly disposed of by the priest. No prayer will be spoken. Please wear your masks and maintain a safe distance while in line.

This weekend, we find Jesus healing Peter's Mother-in-law who gets up and immediately begins to wait on her guests. Jesus heals so many others in Scripture..

This week, my prayer is that the Lord walks into each of our homes, takes us by the hand and heals our feelings of anxiety, sadness, depression, isolation and loss. I pray that he makes us realize that He is truly journeying and walking with us during this time.

May we all be reassured, whether we watch the Mass on TV or the web, we are all truly together and one in the Eucharist.

This year, with his Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

Let me close with a prayer created for the occasion that I hope we may all pray during this year: Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Father anthony

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Thank You to all of you that are continuing to contribute at this time! I Am Truly Humbled by your Generosity - Thank You!

Tithing information for January 17, 24, 31 and February 7, will be in the February 14th bulletin.

IMPORTANT

Tax statements have been sent out for those contributing \$250 or more to the Church.

Our Campaign total is \$1.48 Million! Thank you for your continued generosity!

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ST. HELENA SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

VISIT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE AT

https://www.sthelenaedison.org/ TO VIEW OUR <u>VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE</u>



INFORMATION ON OUR VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOUR AND APPOINTMENTS TO SPEAK WITH OUR TEACHERS WILL BE AVAILABLE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2021-2022 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at https:// online.factsmgt.com/aid. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2021. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Helena School is dedicated to providing a wellrounded education for students in grades prekindergarten through eighth. Gospel values are instilled by creating an environment of stewardship and by encouraging respect and tolerance. Strong academic skills are achieved through a challenging curriculum enriched by the study of fine arts, technology, and physical education.



SAVE THE DATE!! Come join us on Friday, April 23, 2021 St. Helena School VIRTUAL TRICKY TRAY

Sponsored by the HSA Donations are appreciated, must be brand new with tags, Please call Maryanne 908-456-0812

MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT

ST. HELENA SCHOOL

A GoFundMe page has been set up for St. Helena School Please support our school and consider making a donation to help offset our school's expenses. Even a small donation can help reach our fundraising goal!

Go to the following link: gf.me/u/y8h52n

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

The Chaplet is Prayed on a five-decade Rosary

- 1. Make the Sign of the Cross
- 2. Our Father
- 3. Hail Mary

4. The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

5. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

6. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

7. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (5) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (6) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

8. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

RELIGIOUS AWARDS FOR CATHOLIC GIRL SCOUTS

Since there will not be an annual Gathering Day for Girl Scouts in person this year, the Catholic Girl Scout Committee has designed a series of virtual meetings so that Girl Scouts can continue to make progress toward their religious awards, including the following:

Juniors - I Live My Faith Cadettes - Marian Medal Seniors and Ambassadors - Spirit Alive If you are interested in participating in these virtual meetings, please email domgirlscouts@gmail.com and providing the following information:

Name
Parish
Girl Scout level
Religious award of interest
Have you started to work on this award?

VOLUNTEER TO MAKE POCKET ROSARIES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Office of Family Life is pleased to announce the creation of the Blue Rosary Guild. The purpose of the Guild is for community members of all ages to make pocket Rosaries for law enforcement officers, providing them with support and spiritual strength and promoting devotion

to the Rosary among all the faithful. All materials and instructions will be provided and a Zoom virtual tutorial will also be scheduled. Anyone interested should contact Cristina D'Averso-Collins, Director of the Office of Family Life at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.

Our Campaign Prayer God, our refuge and our strength, be with us in our

God, our refuge and our strength, be with us in our labors, for we remember if the Lord does not build this house, in vain do its builders labor. Assist the community of St. Helena to renew our commitment to Jesus, Your Son, and to improve Your Parish. Bless, O Lord the work of our hands. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & INFIRM

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, YOU ARE THE EVERLASTING HEALTH OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN YOU...HEAR US FOR:

John W. Dambrauskas, Sue Ann Catalon, Lisa Pelli, Shujat Hussain, Jean Hillyer, Michael O'Connor, Carmella Hillyer, Victor Sabeh, Nick Delmonaco, Bill Hillyer, Marion Pimonte, Mary Caprio, Sue Nemer, Mary Ellen DeAngelo, Alice Wolsky, Nat Minucci, Debbie Perryman, Lonnie Perryman, Fran Perlin, John Welgos, Jr., Lauren Fonseca, Linda Fonseca, Rose Corbisiero, Robert Jordan, Timothy McGovern, Siobhan McGovern, Kelly McGovern, Carol Nancy Hall, Bob Jenkins, Mary Partesi, Joseph Fatatis, Kevin Richardson, John Allen, Enrique Curbelo, A.J. Crowder, Dave Springsteen, Yvette Coyle, Terry Briante, Rose Catalon, Dorothy Voza, Mary Lynne Milek, Alphie Paternostro, Michael Giovanniello, Anthony Service, Joan Gibson, Louis Briante, Jennifer Resil Johnson, Margarete Brandl, Nicholas Baldasarre, Wayne Radice, Joanne Cordes, Anthony Aliberti, Sandy Aliberti, Sandra Lynn Place, Sondra Albert, Margherita Fatatis, Werner Brandl, Marie Alexander, Sandy Buck, Eugenia Rzegocki, Reynaldo Manahan, John Ciani, Marie Rossi, Anna Vulpi, Mary Annichearico, Michael Roppo, Ronald Spata, Mel Vaticano, Albert Kuchinskas, Rob Colonnello, Henrietta Stankewicz, Valerie Huber, Christine Capellupo, Kathleen Gebler ,Gino Delfini, Mary Salsbury, Joseph Luistro, Nick Affinito, Pat Riley, Patricia LaRocca, Harry Huber, Mary Maloney and Fe Demaclid

YOUR ILL SERVANTS FOR WHOM WE IMPLORE THE AID OF YOUR TENDER MERCY, THAT BEING RESTORED TO BODILY HEALTH, THEY MAY GIVE THANKS TO YOU IN YOUR CHURCH. THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.



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