

## ***Parish Staff***

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Mr. Patrick Marques

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Mrs. Terry Bonanome

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***July—August 2016***

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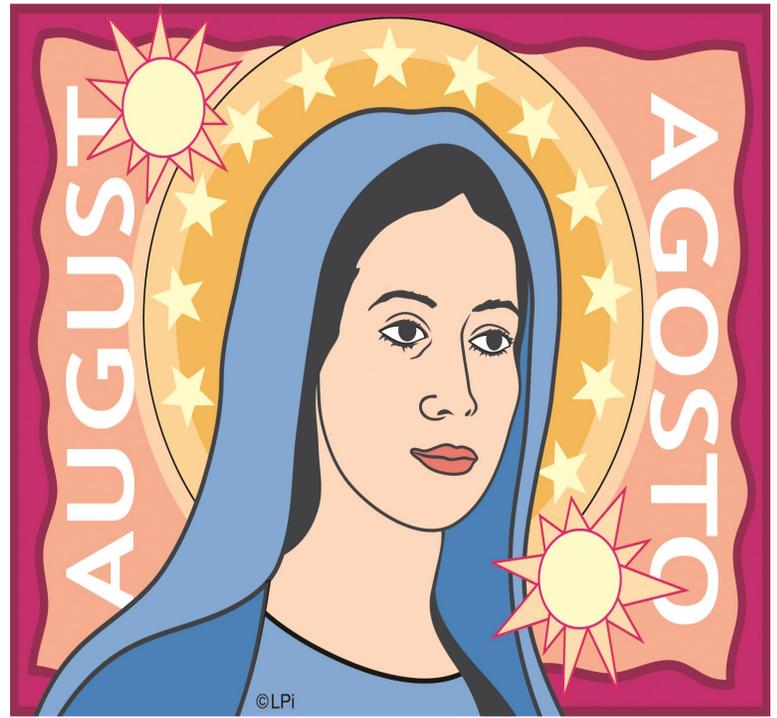
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# ***saint Helena parish***



***Bronx, NY***

## ***Mass Schedule (Horario de Misas)***

***Saturday: 5:30 PM***

<b><i>Sunday: AM</i></b>	<b><i>PM</i></b>
7:30	12:00 (Spanish)
9:00	1:30
10:30 (Family)	5:00

***Holy Days: 6:50AM, 8:30 AM, 12:15 PM and 7:30 PM***

***Weekdays: 6:50AM, 8:30 AM and 12:15 PM***

***Morning Prayer—Daily 8:30AM***

***Spanish Mass: Sunday, 12:00 Noon***

***Holy Days — Evenings Before—7:30PM***

***Wednesday —7:30 PM (Spanish)***

***Monday 7:30PM (every first Monday of the month in Spanish)***

***Primeros lunes de mes***

### ***Confessions:***

***Saturday — 4 to 5:30***

### ***Sick Or Emergency Calls:***

***At any time***

***call the Rectory at 892-3232***

### ***Devotions:***

- Circulo De Oracion: lunes, 7 a 9PM,
- Miraculous Medal Novena  
Monday after 12:15 PM Mass
- Exposición del Santísimo y Coronilla de la Divina  
Misericordia: miércoles, 7PM
  - Eucharistic Adoration  
Thursday between the 8:30 & 12:15 Masses
- Sacred Heart Novena: Thursday, Noon
- English Bible Study: Tuesday, 7:30PM

### ***Baptisms:***

***Arrangements must be made at the  
Rectory for Baptismal Class.***

***Bring copy of child's Birth Certificate.***

### ***Marriages:***

***Arrangements for weddings should be  
made as soon as possible at the Rectory.***

### ***Parish Registration:***

***All Catholics who live within the  
parish boundaries should fill out a  
registration card at Church or Rectory.***



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**A WORD FROM THE PASTOR:****CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION**

There is a special second collection for the *Church in Latin America and the Caribbean* on the weekend of August 13-14. Many St. Helena parishioners are from and have families in Latin America and Caribbean Countries. This year, we celebrate the important milestone of 50 years of solidarity with the Church in Latin America. The Church there faces many challenges. Often, there are too few priests and many communities there are too isolated. Strategies to train and support evangelization leaders are vital to reach those who are disconnected from the life and mission of the Church. This summer, Br. Ricardo went with a group of Piarists and laypersons on our Piarist Province of the United States and Puerto Rico's annual Piarist Summer Mission to Macuspana, Mexico to train and support pastoral leaders and lay catechists in some of the more remote villages in Mexico.

For the past 50 years, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has helped 25 countries in Central and South America and the Caribbean to confront challenges to the faith. With financial assistance from this collection, the parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Diocese of Garzon, Colombia created "Catholic Faith" kits to aid in evangelization and catechesis to reach the 3,700 families of the parish. Every little bit counts, so please be as generous as possible to this collection. *Fr. David*

### Saint Dominic - Feast August 8 He gave us The Rosary

Saint Dominic was born in Caleruega, Spain in 1170. His parents were members of the Spanish nobility and related to the ruling family. According to one legend, his mother Joan made a pilgrimage to an abbey at Silos. Legend says there were many signs of the great child she would bear. One of the most common legends says that during the pilgrimage, Joan had a dream of a dog leaping from her womb with a torch in its mouth. The animal "seemed to set the earth on fire." His parents named him Dominic a play on the words Domini canis, meaning the Lord's dog in Latin. An alternative, and possibly more likely story, says he was named after St. Dominic de Silos, a Spanish monk who lived a century before.



It is known that Dominic was educated in Palencia, where he concentrated on theology and the arts. He was widely acclaimed as an exemplary student by his professors. In 1191, a famine left many people desolate and homeless across Spain. Dominic sold everything he had, including his furniture and clothes, and bought food for the poor. When he sold his manuscripts, which were required for study, he replied, "Would you have me study from these dead skins when people are dying of hunger?" On two other occasions, Dominic attempted to sell himself into slavery to the Moors to obtain the freedom of others.

In 1194, Dominic joined a Benedictine order, the Canons Regular in Osma. He became the superior, or prior of the chapter in 1201. In 1203 he joined his bishop, Diego de Acebo on a trip to Denmark. His mission was to help find a bride for Crown Prince Ferdinand. Although an agreement was made, the princess died before she could depart for Spain. Her untimely death left the pair free to travel where they wished. They opted to travel to Rome, where they arrived in late 1204. The reason for this trip was that Bishop Diego de Acebo wanted to resign his office to pursue a new mission, the conversion of unbelievers.

Pope Innocent III did not wish the pair to travel to a distant land filled with unbelievers. Instead, the pair were asked to go to

southern France, the region of Languedoc, to convert heretics back to the true faith. At that time, the Albigensian heresy was flourishing. This heresy was so dangerous that it even praised the suicide of its members, often by means of self-inflicted starvation. The heresy wrongly taught that all material things, including the human body itself, were fundamentally evil. The Christian faith teaches otherwise. In fact, it proclaims the very resurrection of the Body.

A group of monks, an order of Benedictines who returned to an ancient Rule and who were known as the Cistercians, were specifically assigned to combat the heresy through prayer, fasting and instruction, but they made little headway. Diego and Dominic were austere, and their austerity and personal self discipline appealed to many of the heretics who had been deceived in their thinking. When Dominic debated the heretics, they could not defend their beliefs, and because of this, many heretics threatened Dominic with violence. Despite the threats, Dominic traveled throughout the region, preaching and converting many back to Catholic Christian faith and practice.

Dominic recognized the need for a physical institution in Southern France to preserve the gains he made against the Albigensian heresy. The nobility needed a place to educate their children, and Catholic women needed a safe place away from hostile heretics. Dominic established a convent at Prouille in 1206, which would later become the first Dominican house. Bishop Diego and Dominic established their headquarters there. The monastery remains to this day as the Notre-Dame-de-Prouille Monastery.

In January 1208, the French nobility decided to take up arms against the heretics, after they murdered a papal legate. During the crusade that followed, Dominic consistently appealed for mercy for the heretics. Dominic followed the armies and spent his time reconciling survivors to the Church.

Around this time, two things have been attributed to St. Dominic: The first is his status as the first Inquisitor of the Inquisition. This story is doubtful because historians have recently discovered that the first formal Inquisition was actually established in 1184, when Dominic would have been barely a teenager. The purpose of the Inquisition was to combat heresy by bringing the accused to trial and giving them an opportunity to repent. While many people have criticized the Inquisition, it must also be pointed out that it was the first court system to provide many of the rights afforded to accused persons in modern courts. It was very progressive for its time. So, while St. Dominic may not have been the "first" inquisitor, he probably did advise various judges of the Inquisition on Catholic orthodoxy when questions arose.

The second thing concerns the Rosary. According to legend, St. Dominic received the Rosary during a period of prayer at the abbey in Prouille. This allegedly took place in 1214 during an apparition of the Virgin Mary. The fact that there is no record of the Marian rosary existing before this time suggests that this legend may be true.

Dominic became famous as a result of his mercy and his work. Several other prominent religious figures of the time petitioned for Dominic to be made a bishop. He refused at least three attempts at promotion, saying he would rather run away with nothing than become a bishop. Dominic remained steadfast to his mission to establish an order dedicated to promoting morality and the expulsion of heresy.

In July 1215, Dominic was granted permission to form his own religious order for this purpose. He was joined by six followers. The group followed a Rule of Life which included a strict routine of discipline, including prayer and penance. They also established a system of education. They often traveled the countryside to

preach. His order was confirmed on December 22, 1216, and in 1217, Pope Honorius III dubbed Dominic and his followers "The Order of Preachers."

In the summer of 1217, Dominic decided it was time to send his followers out to grow the order. The band of seventeen men was ordered to depart Prouille and to go out across Europe to spread the order. The decision was a fateful one which proved successful. New members began to appear in great numbers across the continent. After sending out his followers, Dominic headed to Rome to meet with the Pope and seek support for his mission. Shortly afterwards, Pope Honorius III elevated Dominic to the rank of "Master of the Sacred Palace." The position has been occupied by Dominican preachers since Dominic himself in 1218.

Pope Honorius III issued a Bull, a papal decree, asking all clergy across Europe to support the Order of Preachers. He then asked Dominic to assist with a new mission. The Pope noted that the religious orders for women in Rome were becoming lax in their discipline. He desired to bring them together to restore their discipline. He assigned Dominic this task.

He gave Dominic an old church, San Sisto, which required renovation. Once complete, Dominic did the hard work of persuading several orders of nuns to relocate. Somehow, he accomplished this mission. However, the arrival of the nuns meant that Dominic's small order had no place to call home in Rome. The Pope rewarded Dominic with a new church, the basilica of Santa Sabina. The basilica remains the headquarters of the Dominican order to this day.

Following these successes, Dominic began a period of travel that would continue for the rest of his life. His followers managed to establish several new houses which were growing rapidly. According to writings about him, Dominic chose for himself only the most meager of provisions. His accommodations and clothes were described as "lean." He refused to sleep on a bed. When he reached the edge of a town, he removed his sandals and walked barefoot, regardless of the path. He constantly prayed or issued instruction as he walked and **whenever he faced discomfort, he praised God.** His only possessions were a small bundle and a staff. In his bundle he kept a copy of the Gospel of Matthew and the Epistles of St. Paul, which he would read over and over again. He always drew great crowds wherever he went.

As Dominic traveled, he recognized the need for written rules for his monks to follow. His order had previously adopted the Rule of St. Augustine, but they recognized a need for a more formal constitution. This was worked out between 1220 and 1221. The constitution was revolutionary for its time. Every superior was to be elected for a limited period of time. The order was to be supported with alms, and still is to this day. Preaching and study were to be the dominant work of the Dominican orders.

By the spring of 1221, Dominic went back to his travels. He began with a trip to Venice, then returned to Bologna where he had established a convent in 1218. In July of 1221, Dominic took ill with a fever. He asked to be laid on the ground, still refusing a bed. He exhorted his brothers to keep a spirit of humility and charity. After several weeks of illness, he made a last confession and a will, then passed away on August 6. He died in the presence of his brother Dominicans. Dominic was just 51.

Dominic's body was placed in a humble sarcophagus in 1223. It was then moved to a shrine in 1267. Pope Gregory IX canonized St. Dominic on July 13, 1234, and his feast day is August 8. Saint Dominic is the patron saint of astronomers, the Dominican Republic, and the innocent who are falsely accused of crimes. He is commonly depicted in icons with a dog, or lilies, holding a book. His hair always appears cut with a tonsure.

## St. Clare of Assisi - Feast August 11 The Power of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Clare of Assisi was born in Assisi on July 16, 1194, as Chiara Offreduccio, the beautiful eldest daughter of Favorino Sciffi, Count of Sasso-Rosso and his wife Ortolana. Tradition says her father was a wealthy representative of an ancient Roman family and her mother was a very devout woman belonging to the noble family of Fiumi.

As a young girl, Clare dedicated herself to prayer. When she was 18-years-old, she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach during a Lenten service in the church of San Giorgio and asked him to help her live according to the Gospel. On Palm Sunday in 1212, Clare left her father's home and went to the chapel of the Porziuncula to meet with Francis. While there, Clare's hair was cut off and she was given a plain robe and veil in exchange for her rich gown.

Clare joined the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo, near Bastia, under Francis' orders. When her father found her and attempted to force her back into his home, she refused and professed that she would have no other husband than Jesus Christ. In order to give her the greater solitude she desired, Francis sent Clare to Sant' Angelo in Panzo, another Benedictine nuns monastery. Clare's sister Catarina, who took the name Agnes, joined her at this monastery. The two remained there until a separate dwelling was built for them next to the church of San Damiano.

Overtime, other women joined them, wanting to also be brides of Jesus and live with no money. They became known as the "Poor Ladies of San Damiano." They all lived a simple life of austerity, seclusion from the world, and poverty, according to a Rule which Francis gave them as a Second Order. St. Clare and her sisters wore no shoes, ate no meat, lived in a poor house, and kept silent most of the time. Their lives consisted of manual labor and prayer. Yet, they were very happy, because Our Lord was close to them all the time.

San Damiano became the center of Clare's new order, which was then known as the "Order of Poor Ladies of San Damiano." For a brief period of time, the order was directed by St. Francis himself and by 1216, Clare became the abbess of San Damiano. Ten years after Clare's death, the order became known as the Order of Saint Clare.

While serving as the leader of her order, Clare defended them from the attempts of prelates to impose a rule on them that more closely followed the Rule of Saint Benedict than Francis. Clare was so devoted and dedicated to Francis that she was often referred to as "alter Franciscus," or another Francis. She encouraged and aided the man she saw as a spiritual father figure, and she took care of him as he grew old. Following Francis' death, Clare continued to promote her order, fighting off every attempt from each pope trying to impose a rule on her order that would water down their "radical commitment to corporate poverty."

In 1224, an army of rough soldiers from Frederick II came to attack Assisi. Although very sick, Clare went out to meet them with the Blessed Sacrament in her hands. She had the Blessed Sacrament placed at the wall where the enemies could see it. Then on her knees, she begged God to save the Sisters. "O Lord, protect these Sisters whom I cannot protect now," she prayed. A voice seemed to answer: "I will keep them always in My care." In that moment, a sudden fright struck the attackers, and they fled



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as fast as they could without harming anyone in Assisi.

St. Clare became sick and suffered great pains for many years, **but she expressed that no pain could trouble her.** So great was her joy in serving the Lord that she once exclaimed: "They say that we are too poor, but can a heart which possesses the infinite God be truly called poor?"

On August 9, 1253, Pope Innocent IV declared Clare's rule would serve as the governing rule for Clare's Order of Poor Ladies. Two days later, Clare died at 59-years-old. Her remains were placed in the chapel of San Giorgio while the church dedicated to her remains was being built. At Pope Innocent's request, the canonization process for Clare began immediately, and two years later in 1255, Pope Alexander IV canonized Clare as Saint Clare of Assisi.

The construction of the Basilica of Saint Clare was finished in 1260, and on October 3, 1260 Clare's remains were transferred there and buried beneath the high altar. Nearly 600 years later, her remains were transferred once again to a newly constructed shrine in the crypt of the Basilica of Saint Clare. Her body is no longer claimed to be incorrupt. The Order of Poor Ladies was officially changed to the Order of Saint Clare in 1263 by Pope Urban IV.

St. Clare was designated as the patron saint of television in 1958 by Pope Pius XII, because when St. Clare was very ill, she could not attend Mass and was reportedly able to see and hear it on the wall in her room. She is also the patroness of eye disease, goldsmiths, and laundry. Clare is often pictured carrying a monstrance or pyx, to commemorate the time she warded off the soldiers at the gates of her convent with the Blessed Sacrament. St. Clare's feast day is celebrated on August 11.

### **UPCOMING PARISH FEAST DAYS:**

**Feast of the Assumption:** This year, the Feast of the Assumption is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation, although the faithful are encouraged to attend Mass on that day. The Feast falls on **Monday, August 15.** Masses on that day will be at **6:50AM, 8:30AM, 12:15PM, and 7:30PM (bi-lingual).**

**The Feast of St. Helena,** patroness of the parish, is **Thursday, August 18.** Masses will be on **Wednesday, August 17** at **7:30PM** in **Spanish** and at **6:50AM, 8:30AM, and 12:15PM** in **English** on **Thursday, August 18.** The relic of St. Helena is located in the main altar. We will venerate the Relic of the True Cross at all Masses that day. There is a Plenary Indulgence attached to attending Mass here at St. Helena on this feast day.

**The Feast of St. Joseph Calasanz,** the founder of the Piarist Fathers, is **Thursday, August 25.** Masses will be on **Wednesday, August 24** at **7:30PM** in **Spanish** and at **6:50AM, 8:30AM, and 12:15PM** in **English** on **Thursday, August 25.** We will venerate the Relic of St. Joseph Calasanz at all Masses that day. Because the parish is staffed by Piarists, there is a Plenary Indulgence attached to attending Mass here at St. Helena on this feast day.

**The Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross,** the Patronal Feast of the Parish, is **Wednesday, September 14.** Masses will be held at **6:50AM, 8:30AM, 12:15PM, and 7:30PM (in Spanish.)** We will venerate the Relic of the True Cross at all Masses on that day. There is a Plenary Indulgence attached to attending Mass here at St. Helena on the Patronal Feast Day.

The Parish Sunday Celebration of the **Exaltation of the Cross** will take place during the **10:30AM Mass** on **Sunday, September 18.** We will venerate the Relic of the True Cross during this Mass.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY and FELIZ CUMPLEANOS**  
to St. Helena's **OLDEST PARISHIONER,**  
**Juana Carmen Rodriguez, who turned 102 years young**  
on July 9.

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**50/50 DRAWING: The July 31 winners are: No. 225 & No. 315 @ \$20**

- **BIBLE STUDY**-The Fall Semester class will begin **September 6** and will be Church History. It will meet both at **1PM** and **7:30PM** in the green Family Life Center
- **SPANISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING** takes place every **Monday** evening at **7PM.**
- **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS** for August will be held at **7PM** on **August 11** and **25.**
- **A SECOND BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** will begin at St. Helena's starting **Saturday, September 10, 2016.** The group is intended for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one or dear friend. Saturday, September 10 will be the opening session, in the Green Family Life Center. For more information please contact: Jessica Perez at [jeniperez\\_s@yahoo.com](mailto:jeniperez_s@yahoo.com) or Stephanie Colon at [srcolon610@gmail.com](mailto:srcolon610@gmail.com)
- **RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**-If you are interested in helping organize a Respect Life Ministry that would plan and organize Respect Life activities here at St. Helena's, call the parish office and leave your contact information.
- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION** for the 2016-2017 school year will begin on the weekend of **August 13-14** after all Masses except the 7:30AM and 9AM Sunday Masses. Registration may be done in either English or Spanish and will continue every weekend thereafter through September and will take place at the back of the church. You may also register for First Communion, Confirmation, RCIA or regular religious education classes with Fr. Richard at the rectory during the weekdays.
- **PARISH FLEA MARKET**-will take place on **Sunday, August 21** from **10AM - 3PM** in the green Family Life Center. We have a lot of baby items available.
- **YOU DID IT FOR ME**-Perhaps you know a senior that could benefit from attending a Catholic Charities senior center day program. We have one here in the Bronx. It is the St. Vincent de Paul Center. Transportation is available to and from the center. Contact the parish office at **718-829-3232** for more details on this wonderful multifunctional facility.

### **OFFERING ENVELOPES**

**Sunday, July 31, 2016**

**\$3,561.85**

Our weekly budget, (Nuestro presupuesto semanal es) \$4,231.00  
Thank you to everyone for your generosity and for your support and for all that you do for St. Helena's Parish and the Home Missions. Summer vacations are here, and we were shy of our weekly budget goal. Everyone is welcomed here at St. Helena. We are your spiritual home, and your support means a lot, and together, we are making a difference.

**Envelope users:** Please enter the amount of your donation on the envelope in the space provided. This will be a big help to us when counting the collection. Also, it is usually not necessary to tape or staple the envelope closed. Your help is appreciated.

Gracias a todos por su generosidad y por todo lo que hacen por esta Iglesia de St. Helena.

- **CARNEGIE HALL GOSPEL CONCERT**-Carnegie Hall's 2016-17 season has been announced, and one of the concerts offered this season will be *A Night of Inspiration* a wonderful program of gospel music led by composer, music director and producer Ray Chew on **Tues., Dec. 6 at 8PM**. Tickets are now available to groups of 15 or more before the general public! We are wondering if there is enough interest in having a group go from the parish. Prices are as follows:  
\$72.90 - Parquet  
\$72.90 (front) or \$54.90 – Dress Circle  
\$30.50 – Dress Circle Obstructed View  
\$32.40 (\$27 if paid for right away) – Balcony  
\$18 00– Balcony Obstructed View

If you are interested in attending this Gospel Concert, please call the rectory at **718-892-3232** and let us know which ticket you would like to order, and as soon as we have requests for 15 tickets, we shall place the group order.

- **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC, or are you an Adult Needing Communion, Confirmation, or the Convalidation of Your Marriage?** Make an appointment with one of the parish priests by calling **718-892-3232**. Leave your contact information, and a priest will get back to you to set up an appointment.
- **WEDDING DRESS AVAILABLE**-If you are a full-figured woman who is planning to get married, and you are in need of a wedding dress, please call the rectory at **718-892-3232**, and we may have a solution to your need.

## **ST HELENA SCHOOL NEWS**

- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS SEPTEMBER 8th**-Our first day of school for students for the new academic year is a full day on Thursday, Sept 8th. We hope to get the new school website up and running in mid to late August.
- **BR. DONALD JOSEPH KELLY, F.M.S., '56**, who was baptized and confirmed at St. Helena's Parish, graduated from St. Helena Elementary School, and attended St. Helena High School before joining the Marist Brothers, passed away this week. He was 74. Br. Kelly received his Ph.D. in Mathematics, and he was a professor for many years at Marist College. He was a generous person who always thought of the welfare of others, and he had a deep devotion to Mary. He also enjoyed playing the clarinet. He would have celebrated his 55th anniversary as a Marist Brother on August 15.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **THE ITALIAN APOSTOLATE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK** invites you to save the date for the **2016 Columbus Day Mass and Parade** at St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Monday, October 10 at 9:30AM**. To register early and to obtain Mass tickets and tickets to stand in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral to view the parade, visit <http://archny2016columbus.eventbrite.com>. Please email [ColumbusDay@archny.org](mailto:ColumbusDay@archny.org) with any questions.
- **AFRICA TO BE CONSECRATED TO THE DIVINE MERCY**-The continent of Africa will be consecrated to the Divine Mercy on **September 14**, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and the Patronal Feast of St. Helena Parish. The consecration will take place during the Third Congress for Africa and Madagascar on Divine Mercy in Kigali, Rwanda. Pope Francis has named Cardinal Pasinya Laurent Monsengwo of the Democratic Republic of the

Congo as his legate to the congress.

- **NYC BROADWAY WEEK TICKETS** go on sale **Aug. 18**. Talk about a hot ticket: Get 2-for-1 seats to riveting dramas, sidesplitting comedies and spectacular musicals during NYC Broadway Week (September 5-18.) They go on sale soon—so see what's on stage and mark your calendar accordingly.
- **THREE SUMMER RELIGION CLASSES** will take place in August. The first is: *Religion Teaching Skills* on **Saturday, August 13 from 9AM-5PM** at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (2380 Belmont Ave, Bronx.) The second is: *Celebration of Christian Mysteries* on **Saturday, August 13 from 9AM-5PM** at St. Philip Neri Parish Hall (3025 Grand Concourse, Bronx.) The third is: *Prayer and Spirituality* on **Saturday, August 20 from 9AM- 4PM**, also at St. Philip Neri Parish Hall. Registration is required, and to register for any of these three courses, go to **Bronx@nyfaithformation.org** People must be present for the entire day in order to receive credit for having taken the course.
- **SCANLAN BOARD CHALLENGE**-The Scanlan Board continues to challenge you to donate to the Annual Giving Campaign. The Board will match your donation - dollar for dollar - up to a total of \$75,000. So far, it has matched \$33,000. This challenge and your match will once again assure that they reach their goal and continue their mission of transforming the lives of the students through the Catholic values-based education of Monsignor Scanlan High School. You can mail your check to the Alumni Office, made payable to Monsignor Scanlan High School, 915 Hutchinson River Pkwy, Bronx, NY 10465
- **DOMINICAN COLLEGE INFORMATION SESSION**-concerning both Undergraduate and Graduate degrees as well as Undergraduate online programs will take place at the Hennessy Center, 470 Western Highway, Orangeburg, NY on **Wednesday, August 10 from 5:30 - 7:30PM**. Info about financial aid, grants, and scholarships will be available.
- **APARTMENT NEEDED**-Within the Parkchester area. If you know of one that is available, please call the Rectory at **718-892-3232**.
- **FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME MAINTENANCE OR HANDYMAN** job position wanted. Call **718-239-6994**.
- **FREE ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES**-Over 900 free day and night classes are available for adults 21 years and older in all five boroughs, including Spanish High School Equivalency. Proof of US residency IS NOT required. For more information, contact The Bronx Adult Learning Center, 3450 E. Tremont Ave. **718-863-4057**.
- **A MATTER OF CONSCIENCE** is the third novel written by author Michael Gryboski. It is a modern retelling of the life of St. Thomas More, and its setting is inspired by the Empire State. The main character is a devout Catholic. His novel is available at Amazon.
- **BACKPACK GIVEAWAY**-Hope for Us will host a backpack giveaway at three different locations for hundreds of children in the Bronx on **August 13**. You can donate: unused backpacks, unused school supplies, money, or gift cards. All donations are tax deductible. You can drop off your donations in the rectory by **August 12**. For more information, call Vera Acquah at **646-229-4256**.
- **ADORATION CHAPEL**-Holy Cross Parish, 620 Thieriot Avenue, has an Adoration Chapel, which is open **Monday-Friday from 10AM - 9PM**.

***Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish***

Joanne Frances Bernadette Sanabria, Sylvia Carballo,  
Ruben Mercado, Mike Adorno, Catherine Holden,  
Carmelle and Nicole Antoine, Indrowdi Sadu, Rosa Pena,  
Adam Mary, Brenda Jackson, James Leunge,  
Carol Primak, Lucy Cannavacciuolo, Joan Ricci,  
Aaron Sylvester, Sean Gaffney, Peter Vaccaro, Gino Vaccaro,  
Veronica Gonzalez, Bertha Mero, Ronald Horne, Doris Waldropt,  
Lorelei Williams, Milagro Vasquez

***Please Pray for the Deceased and their Grieving Families:***

Eladia Skerrett, Fr. Jacques Hamel, Msgr. John Woolsey,  
Marie Denise Antoine, Marco Ramos, Br. Donald Kelly '56,  
Theodore Tirado

## **ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL**

### **Fiesta de la Asunción del Señor**

**lunes 15 de agosto.** Horarios de Misas: a las **6:50AM, 8:30AM, 12:15PM y 7:30PM (Misa en español y ingles)**

### **Fiesta Patronal de Santa Helena**

Horario de Misas **miércoles 17 de agosto** a las **7:30PM en español** **Jueves 18 de agosto 6:50AM, 8:30AM, y 12:15PM** en Ingles

### **Fiesta de San José De Calasanz**

**fundador de los Padres Escolapios. Misa el día miércoles 24 de agosto** a las **7:30pm en español. Jueves 25 de agosto 6:50AM, 8:30AM, y 12:15PM** misas en Ingles

### ***Colecta para la Iglesia en Latino América***

programada para el fin de semana del 13 y 14 de agosto.

Este año, celebramos el importante hito de los 50 Años de solidaridad con la *Iglesia Latinoamericana y del Caribe*. La Iglesia ally enfrenta muchos retos, incluyendo la falta de acceso a los recursos que el creyente necesita para nutrir su vida espiritual. Muchas veces, hay pocos sacerdotes que puedan responder a las necesidades de las muchas comunidades que ellos sirven o a las comunidades mismas que se encuentran tan aisladas que se les hace difícil acceder a recursos importantes para la fe. Estrategias para entrenar y apoyar la evangelización de líderes son vitales para alcanzar aquellos que están desconectados de la vida y misión de la Iglesia.

Por los últimos 50 Años, la conferencia Católica de Obispos de los Estados Unidos, ha ayudado a 25 ¡Daises en Centro y Sur America, como también al Caribe, para confrontar los retos de la fe. Por ejemplo, en la Diócesis de Garzon, Colombia, la parroquia Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe ha creado herramientas para la "Fe Católica", para ayudar en la evangelización y en la enseñanza catequética para aquellos en su comunidad. A través de este proyecto, la parroquia fue capaz de alcanzar sus metas de crear un programa de evangelización que llega a 3,700 familias de la parroquia.

- **Las registraciones para clases de CCD de 2016-2017** comienzan en agosto 13-14. Después de cada misa dominical, comenzando a las 10:30pm. Las registraciones serán hasta el mes de septiembre; para más información comunicarse con la rectoría al **718-892-3232** cualquier día de la semana o con el P. Richard.

- **Clases de Estudio Bíblico:** "Historia de la Iglesia" se impartirán en Ingles a partir del 6 de septiembre, en dos secciones a las 1:00pm y 7:30pm en la Casa Verde.
- **El grupo carismático** te invita a participar este lunes 1 de agosto a partir de las 7:00pm al Rosario Caminante; adoración al Santísimo, terminando con la Santa Misa a las 7:30am.
- **Las clases de preparación para el sacramento del Bautismo** correspondientes al mes de agosto serán los días jueves 11 y 25 de agosto.
- **La Escuela Elemental de Santa Helena** informa que el primer día de clase para el curso escolar 2016- 2017 empieza el jueves 8 de septiembre. Más información estará disponible en la página oficial de la Escuela.
- **La Parroquia de Santa Helena iniciará un grupo de apoyo para todas aquellas personas que han perdido un amigo o ser querido. Sábado 10 de septiembre, 2016 en la Casa Verde. Favor contactar a:** Jessica Pérez al [jeniperez\\_s@yahoo.com](mailto:jeniperez_s@yahoo.com) o Stephanie Colon al [srcolon610@gmail.com](mailto:srcolon610@gmail.com)
- **Si estas interesado en formar parte de un grupo** cuya finalidad es el Respeto a la Vida y prepararte para dicho ministerio. Favor dejar tu información en la Rectoría.
- **El próximo Flea Marquet** se realizara el domingo 21 de agosto de 10:00am – 3:00pm en la casa verde. Ven y apoya a nuestra Iglesia. Accesorios para bebés estarán a la venta.
- **La Comunidad Italiana de la Arquidiócesis de NY** te invita a celebrar la misa y desfile en la Catedral del San Patricio con motivo del Descubrimiento de América, 10 de octubre a partir de las 9:30am. Para registrarse y obtener las entradas para ambos eventos tienen que hacerlo vía: <http://archny2016columbus.eventbrite.com>. Email [ColumbusDay@archny.org](mailto:ColumbusDay@archny.org)
- **El Centro de San Vicente de Paul** del Bronx ofrece transportación para aquellas personas adultas que lo necesitan. Favor llamar a la oficina de la Parroquia para más información al 718- 829-3232
- **Concierto de música Góspel** en el Auditorio Carnegie el día martes 6 de diciembre a partir de las 8pm: Las entradas varían entre: \$72.90 (al frente) hasta \$18 00. Interesados llamar a la rectoría de la parroquia 718-892-3232.
- **Variación de vestidos para novias:** Interesadas favor llamar a la rectoría 718-892- 3232.
- **EL continente africano** será consagrado a la Divina Misericordia el 14 de septiembre; en el día de la exaltación de la santa Cruz y del patrocinio de la Iglesia de Santa Helena, estamos muy contentos, y nos unimos en oración con ellos.
- La fundación de **Monseñor Scanlan** te invita a contribuir en su campaña anual de recaudación de fondos. La comitiva que representa la fundación realizara una contribución de un dólar por dólar de los fondos recaudados. La meta es recoger \$75,000, hasta la fecha se han recaudado \$19,005; tu ayuda es importante.
- **Se necesita Apartamento** en el area de Parkchester favor llamar al 718-892-3232
- **Clases para Adultos:** mas de 900 clases gratuitas se imparten de día y noche para adultos. incluyendo clases para la preparación del GED. para mas informacion favor comunicarse al Centro de Enseñanzas Para Adultos 3450 E Tremont Ave 718- 863- 4067

- **Se necesita empleador para trabajos de mantenimiento,** favor de comunicarse al **718- 239- 6964**

## **BUEN DIA, HERMANOS:**

*Primera lectura: (Sb 18,6-9)*

Tu pueblo esperaba ya la salvación de los inocentes y la perdición de los culpables... El autor evoca los acontecimientos de la noche de la liberación de Egipto. Interpreta midrásicamente\*, es decir, con la intención de adoctrinar a sus contemporáneos intentando actualizar la significación de aquellos hechos. El autor de este libro entiende que aquel gesto fue una expresión de la delicada providencia de Dios para con su pueblo. Dios actuó de manera admirable y misteriosa a la vez. La celebración pascual judía actualizaría siempre aquel prodigio del poder de Dios.

*Segunda lectura: (Hebreos 11,1-2.8-19)*

La fe es seguridad de lo que se espera, y prueba de lo que no se ve. En la vertiente histórico-salvífica de Hb 11 se comprende la virtud de la esperanza este autor. En los acontecimientos de la historia de Israel descubre que la actuación de Dios es segura y garantía de los que creen en Él. La fe, como adhesión personal al Dios Personal que se revela, va inseparablemente unida a la esperanza en un Dios omnipotente y bondadoso. De este modo la esperanza aparece como una virtud dinámica que pone en movimiento a todo un pueblo y a cada uno de sus miembros con la seguridad de conseguir aquello que se les promete. Ahora el autor lo traslada a los discípulos de Jesús para exhortarles a vivir en la esperanza y seguridad en medio de las persecuciones. Los cristianos vivían, en sus comienzos, amparados por el reconocimiento del judaísmo como religión lícita y reconocida en el Imperio. Cuando se produce la ruptura, los cristianos quedan desprovistos de este paraguas protector y son perseguidos por los judíos, de los que se separan, y por los romanos, que no los reconocen. Esto lleva consigo extorsiones de todo género, atropellos, confiscación y despojo de sus bienes.. Jesús pasó por dificultades y persecuciones pero ahora se encuentra glorioso en el cielo y realiza la tarea de Mediador de todos ante el Padre. Nunca ha sido fácil pertenecer al grupo de los seguidores de Jesús.

*Evangelio: (Lucas 12,32-48)*

Tened ceñida la cintura y encendidas las lámparas... La cintura ceñida es la imagen del caminante y del peregrino siempre dispuesto a ponerse en marcha (cf. Ex 12). La otra imagen indica la espera de algún personaje importante. Mantienen las lámparas encendidas los que esperan al novio para las bodas (recuérdese la parábola de las 10 muchachas que leemos en Mt 25,1-13). Las imágenes en ambos autores reflejan la premura y lo imprevisible de la puesta en marcha. Por eso hay que estar siempre a punto. Evidentemente aquí estamos leyendo varias realidades a la vez. La más importante es que Jesús volverá de nuevo glorioso, pero la Iglesia primitiva no recibió información del Maestro acerca del día concreto y la hora. El Señor no admite rivales, por tanto quien quiera participar de su gloria al final, debe colocarlo ahora en el centro de la vida mientras va de camino. Renunciar a todo y ponerse en camino detrás de él son condiciones para el seguimiento que sólo las ha exigido Jesús (no sabemos de ningún rabino que lo hubiera hecho nunca), porque sólo Él garantiza el destino final del hombre. Hoy como ayer, no podemos entretenernos en otros negocios que entorpezcan el principal. Sólo cabe una interpretación de lo temporal adecuada y correcta, a saber, partir de la esperanza del futuro. Ciertamente se exige un compromiso serio con lo temporal, pero entendido como una

etapa previa de la construcción del definitivo Reino de Dios. Se produce así una tensión entre la temporalidad y la eternidad, entre la esperanza cristiana y el compromiso serio por lo temporal que compartimos con los hombres.

(Reflexiones Betania) Fr. Gerardo Sánchez Mielgo. Convento de Santo Domingo Torrent (Valencia) *P. Jose Javier*

## **Mass Intentions**

**SUNDAY, Aug. 7, 2016-Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:30 Edward E. Pitta**  
Antonio Lagrazon and Ernesto Lagrazon
- 9:00 Fr. Joseph J. O'Shea**  
Norma Rodriguez Hernandez  
Tomas Quinones and Emilia Quinones
- 10:30 Katherine Callaghan**
- 12:00 Migdalia Morales**  
**Our Parishioners**
- 1:30 Philip E. Parker, Jr.**
- 5:00 Elvis Lee Rosado**

**MONDAY, August 8, 2016-Feast of St. Dominic**

- 6:50 Telma Anith and Family (Intentions)**
- 8:30 Elvis Lee Rosado**
- 12:15 D'Agostino and Bellizzi Families**

**TUESDAY, August 9, 2016-Feast of St. Teresa**

- 6:50 For the Souls of Job. A. Mani, Mary Mani and Porichu Neyyan**
- 8:30 Rex Booth**
- 12:15 Julieta and Augusto Arroyo (Intentions)**

**WEDNESDAY, August 10, 2016-Feast of St. Lawrence**

- 6:50 Julia Wnek**
- 8:30 Bridget and Pat Joe Early**
- 12:15 Ernesto Rivera and Pura Cameron**
- 7:30 Feliz Maria Rodriguez**

**THURSDAY, August 11, 2016-Feast of St. Clare**

- 6:50 Soul of Matthew Varuni**
- 8:30 Rod Cook**
- 12:15 Ralph A. Cerbone, Jr.**

**FRIDAY, Aug. 12, 2016-Feast of St. Jane Frances de Chantel**

- 6:50 Xavier Francis and Merra Family (Intentions)**
- 8:30 Mamie Herman**
- 12:15 Reena and Reji Family (Intentions)**

**SATURDAY, August 13, 2016-Feast of St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus**

- 6:50 Pearlina Jones**
- 8:30 Xavier Francis, Meera, Staven and Jair Joseph (Intentions)**
- 12:15 Ralph A. Cerbone, Jr.**
- 5:30 Altagracia, Carmen, José and Manuel Capellan**

**SUNDAY, Aug. 14, 2016-Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 7:30 Reena and Reji Family (Intentions)**
- 9:00 Edward Rafael Salgado, Jr.**
- 10:30 Carol McClafferty**
- 12:00 Julio Medina**  
Migdalia Morales  
Christopher Arce Gonzalez
- 1:30 Margie Pizarro (1st Anniversary)**
- 5:00 Xavier Francis and Family (Intentions)**  
**Our Parishioners**

**Readings for the Week of August 7, 2016**

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8--3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21--19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53