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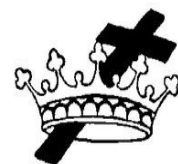
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Mass Schedule (Horario de Misas)

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: AM

7:30

9:00

10:30 (Family)

PM

12:00 (Spanish)

1:30

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—7:00PM

Wednesday —7:00 PM (Spanish)

Monday 7:00PM (every first Monday of the month in Spanish) Primeros lunes de mes

Confessions: Saturday — 4 to 5:30

Sick Or Emergency Calls:

Call the Rectory at 892-3232

Devotions:

- Circulo De Oracion: lunes, 7 a 9:00PM
- 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
- Spanish Bible Study: Tuesday, 7:00PM
- Rosary: Wednesday, 1:00PM

Baptisms: Arrangements must be made at the Rectory for Baptismal Class. Bring a copy of the child's Birth Certificate and Godparent documents.

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 the Rectory.



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SOLEMN PROFESSION

Br. Ricardo Rivera, Sch.P. will profess his Solemn Religious Vows here at St. Helena on Saturday, June 23 at 10AM in the Church. The Very Rev. Pedro Aguado, Sch.P., the Piarist Fathers Superior General will receive his vows. A reception for Br. Ricardo David of the Face of Jesus and St. Joachim, Sch.P. will follow the ceremony in the gym.

The Feast of Corpus Christi

The Feast of Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (as it is often called today), goes back to the 13th century, but it celebrates something far older: the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper.

While Holy Thursday is also a celebration of this mystery, the solemn nature of Holy Week, and the focus on Christ's Passion on Good Friday, often overshadows that aspect of Holy Thursday. On this day, we are reminded that Jesus Christ still gives Himself to us, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. He comes to live within us, and we live in Him through our Baptism into His Body, the Church.

On this Feast we proclaim our belief in the Real presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We also proclaim that same Jesus lives within each one of us who are baptized into His Body, the Church, of which we are members. That is also a Real presence. The Lord Himself teaches us that the entire Trinity takes up residence within us. Then, through our life in the Church, which is His Body, and our participation in the Sacraments, which communicate Divine Life, we can begin to live in the Trinity, right now. This is the theological mystery we call communion. It is a huge word, with multiple implications. It is one reason why we call the reception of the Eucharist, Holy Communion. The Christian faith and life is about relationship, with the Father, in and through His Son Jesus through the Holy Spirit. And, in Jesus Christ, with one another, for the sake of the world. The world into which we process is the world that God still loves so much that He continues to send His Son - to save, recreate and transform it from within. The Corpus Christi procession symbolizes the ongoing redemptive mission of Jesus Christ - and our participation in it.

In 1246, Bishop Robert de Thorete of the Belgian diocese of Liège, at the suggestion of St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon (also in Belgium), convened a synod and instituted the celebration of the feast. St. Juliana, a Belgian nun in Retinne, lived at the time of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Louis. She received this inspiration from Our Lord for the following reasons: 1) that the Catholic doctrine receive aid from the institution of this festival at a time when the faith of the world was growing cold and heresies were rife; 2) that the faithful who love and seek truth and piety may be enabled to draw from this source of life new strength and vigor to walk continually in the way of virtue; 3) that irreverence and sacrilegious behavior towards the Divine Majesty in this adorable Sacrament may, by sincere and profound adoration, be extirpated and repaired; 4) to announce to the Christian world His will that the feast be observed.

From Liège, the celebration began to spread, and, on September 8, 1264, Pope Urban IV issued the papal bull "Transiturus," which established the Feast of Corpus Christi as a universal feast of the Church, to be celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday. At the request of Pope Urban IV, St. Thomas Aquinas composed the office (the official prayers of the Church) for the feast. This office is widely considered one of the most beautiful in the traditional Roman Breviary (the official prayer book of the



Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours), and it is the source of the famous Eucharistic hymns *Pange Lingua Gloriosi* and *Tantum Ergo Sacramentum*. St. Thomas wrote: "Material food, first of all, turns itself into the person who eats it, and as a consequence, restores his losses and increases his vital energies. Spiritual food, on the other hand, turns the person who eats it into itself. Thus, the proper effect of this sacrament is the conversion of man into Christ, so that he may no longer live for himself, but that Christ may live in Him. And as a consequence, it has the double effect of restoring the spiritual losses caused by sins and defects and of increasing the power of the virtues."

For centuries after the celebration was extended to the universal Church, the feast was also celebrated with a Eucharistic procession, in which the Sacred Host was carried throughout the town, accompanied by hymns and litanies. The faithful would venerate the Body of Christ as the procession passed by. In recent years, this practice has almost disappeared, though some parishes still hold a brief procession around the outside of the parish church. After the last Mass on this feast day, Our Lord is placed in the monstrance. The priest then carries Him to four different altars representing the four corners of the earth. While processing, the congregation follows and sings. At each altar, there are readings, prayers, and benediction.

While the Feast of Corpus Christi is one of the ten Holy Days of Obligation in the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church, in some countries, including the United States, the feast has been transferred to the following Sunday.

SAINT HELENA EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION MASS on **Tuesday, June 5 at 6PM** in the Church.

EIGHT GRADE GRADUATION will take place on **Saturday, June 9 at 10AM** in the Church. We have 33 graduates, and this is our 77th graduating class.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018

Justin Abreu	Rio Storm Lawrence
Tamea Beckford Hutchinson	Yuki Liu
Tiana Beckford Hutchinson	Katelyn Mangroo
Kieara Blackwood	Francisco Mattei
Chimere Bright	Jalis McMyers
Nicole Buitron	Albert Nyantakyi
Anisa Chattar	Fernando Ocotitla
Kaetlyn Chavez	Logan Ortiz
Seedel Chris-Emenike	Christian Owens Colter
Maria Delgado	Jeremiah Padilla
Nathalia Diaz	Alice Paredes
Jenesia Getfield	Julia Shavuo
Racann Gopaul	Jayden Smith
Kayla Green	Devonne Stewart
Samuel Guardiola	Mia Tejeda
Puja Harripersaud	Omari Ward

Oluwatobi Williams

The Story of Sts. Charles Lwanga, Joseph Mkasa, and Companions - June 3

Charles Lwanga was martyred on June 3, 1886, at the age of 26, along with 12 other Catholics and 11 Anglicans, for refusing to renounce their faith and to comply with the corrupt and unchaste demands of King Mwanga of Uganda.

King Mwanga was a violent ruler and pedophile with a predilection for the young boys and men who served him as pages and attendants. The Christians at Mwanga's court tried to protect the pages from King Mwanga. A young Catholic named Joseph Mkasa was the chief steward of Mwanga's court. He confronted King Mwanga when he killed a Protestant missionary and his companions. Angered by his underling's insolence, Mwanga ordered him killed. At the hands of his executioners, and forgiving the tyrant king, Mkasa said, "A Christian who gives his life for God is not afraid to die." He was beheaded and burned on Nov. 15, 1885.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Upon Josph Mkasa's death, chief page Charles Lwanga took his place in the instruction and leadership of the Christian community at Mwanga's court, having sought baptism, himself, on the very day of Mkasa's execution. When Mwanga's sexual advances were rebuffed by another young page, the King killed him and then sealed the royal court so that no one could escape, summoning the country's executioners.

Seeing that the situation had become desperate, Charles Lwanga baptized four catechumens that night, including a thirteen-year-old boy. The next morning Mwanga brought his whole court before him and separated the Christians from the rest by saying, "Those who do not pray stand by me, those who do pray stand over there." He demanded of the fifteen boys and young men (all under 25) if they were Christians and intended to remain Christians. When they answered "Yes," Mwanga condemned them to death.

The king sent the prisoners on a 37 mile trek to the place of execution at Namugongo, along which walk, three of the faithful were killed. Upon arriving at the execution site, the survivors were held captive for seven days. On June 3, the Christian captives – 13 of them Catholics, 11 Protestants – were brought out and executed. As they were burning to death, they called out the name of Jesus, proclaiming, "You can burn our bodies, but you cannot harm our souls."

St. Boniface - June 5

In the first half of the 8th century, St. Boniface served as a missionary in Europe and helped reorganize the church in Germany and the Frankish kingdom. He was born circa 675 in what is today known as the county of Devon, England, and was named Wynfrid. He studied in English monasteries before traveling to Europe, where he converted pagan peoples in present-day Germany and the Netherlands. In his role as a bishop and archbishop, he also worked on church reforms. After returning to missionary work, Boniface was killed by pagan tribespeople in Frisia on June 5, 754, at the approximate age of 80.

Overcoming the initial disapproval of his Anglo-Saxon family, he was able to pursue a career in the church. Wynfrid was educated at English monasteries (first Exeter, then Nursling), and became an ordained priest at the approximate age of 30. Instead of remaining in England, he decided to become a missionary. In 716, he traveled to Frisia (now part of the Netherlands), following in the footsteps of other Anglo-Saxon missionaries. However, he found the local ruler unwelcoming and soon left the area.

After his return to England, Wynfrid was chosen to be the abbot of his monastery. Still wishing to evangelize, he turned down the position and proceeded to Rome in 718. There, he met with Pope Gregory II, who gave him the name Boniface.

On May 15, 719, the pope sanctioned Boniface's desire to spread the gospel. Boniface once again visited Frisia, where the political climate had changed. This allowed him to gain valuable experience as a missionary, which he then put to use in Hesse. In 722, Boniface was made a bishop. He soon received the protection of Charles Martel, the Carolingian ruler of the Franks. His path made easier by this protection, Boniface returned to missionary work. In Geismar, he cut down an oak tree that was associated with the god Thor; conversions followed when its worshipers saw that Boniface was not immediately punished for his actions.

Boniface focused on Thuringia (part of present-day Germany) from 725 to 735. He received the pallium in 732, which made him an archbishop and gave him the ability "to consecrate bishops wherever the faithful have increased." As his proselytizing took effect, Boniface also did his best to stem any heresies he encountered. He applied the same zeal to his next task, that of organizing the church in Bavaria.

After their father's death, Boniface coordinated with Carloman and Pepin, Martel's sons, over church reforms. This resulted in Frankish clergy growing closer to Rome. Boniface, whom Pope Zachary had named the archbishop of Mainz, also may have crowned Pepin III as king in 751. Whether or not Boniface oversaw the coronation, he had laid the groundwork for papal authority to influence religious and political development in a large swath of Europe in the coming years. Boniface next chose to return to his missionary work. He was at Dokkum in Frisia when a group of pagans killed him and his companions on June 5, 754.

Boniface was approximately 80 years old at the time. His body was taken to the monastery at Fulda, which he had founded in 744. Boniface, deemed the "apostle to the Germans," is regarded as the patron saint of brewers and tailors, as well as of Germany.

Saint Ephrem - June 9

Br. Ricardo has just completed an original icon for St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. Poet, teacher, orator, and defender of the faith, Ephrem is the only Syrian recognized as a doctor of the Church. He took upon himself the special task of opposing the many false doctrines rampant at his time, always remaining a true and forceful defender of the Catholic Church.

Born in Nisibis, Mesopotamia, he was baptized as a young man and became famous as a teacher in his native city. When the Christian emperor had to cede Nisibis to the Persians, Ephrem fled as a refugee to Edessa, along with many other Christians. He is credited with attracting great glory to the biblical school there. He was ordained a deacon but declined becoming a priest. Ephrem was said to have avoided presbyteral consecration by feigning madness!

He had a prolific pen, and his writings best illumine his holiness. Although he was not a man of great scholarship, his works reflect deep insight and knowledge of the Scriptures. In writing about the mysteries of humanity's redemption, Ephrem reveals a realistic and humanly sympathetic spirit and a great devotion to the humanity of Jesus. It is said that his poetic account of the Last Judgment inspired Dante.

It is surprising to read that he wrote hymns against the heretics of his day. He would take the popular songs of the heretical groups, and using their melodies, he would compose beautiful hymns embodying orthodox doctrine. Ephrem became one of the first to introduce song into the Church's public worship as a means of instruction for the faithful. His many hymns have earned him the title "Harp of the Holy Spirit." Ephrem preferred a simple, austere life, living in a small cave overlooking the city of Edessa. It was here that he died around 373.

La sainteté, tension vers la rencontre avec Jésus

Au moment de l'épreuve, le pape François met en garde contre « la tentation de regarder en arrière, de regarder les schémas du monde », car « cela t'enlève la liberté. » Le pape a souligné que l'appel à la sainteté était « l'appel normal... l'appel à vivre en chrétien » : « vivre en chrétien, c'est la même chose que de dire 'vivre en saint' ». Bien souvent, a-t-il fait observer, « nous pensons à la sainteté comme à quelque chose d'extraordinaire, comme d'avoir des visions ou des prières très élevées... ou certains pensent qu'être saint signifie faire une tête d'image pieuse... non ! Être saint, c'est autre chose. »

« Et qu'est-ce que c'est, marcher vers la sainteté ? » s'est demandé le pape : c'est être « en tension dans l'espérance de la rencontre avec Jésus ». Mais pour cela, il est nécessaire d'« être libre et de se sentir libre ». Il s'agit de ne pas entrer « dans les schémas du monde » : « n'entre pas dans les schémas, dans la manière de penser mondaine, dans la manière de penser et de juger que t'offre le monde, parce que cela t'enlève la liberté ».

« Pour marcher vers la sainteté, il faut être libre, a poursuivi le pape : la liberté d'aller en regardant la lumière, d'avancer. Et quand nous retournons, comme on le dit ici, à la manière de vivre que nous avions avant la rencontre avec Jésus-Christ ou quand nous retournons aux schémas du monde, nous perdons la liberté », comme le peuple d'Israël qui, dans le désert, « imaginaient la belle vie qu'ils avaient en Égypte... à la table de l'esclavage ».

« Au moment de l'épreuve, a-t-il noté, nous avons toujours la tentation de regarder en arrière, de regarder les schémas du monde, les schémas que nous avions avant de commencer le chemin du salut : sans liberté. Et sans liberté, on ne peut pas être saint. La liberté est la condition pour pouvoir marcher en regardant la lumière devant soi. Ne pas entrer dans les schémas de la mondanité : aller de l'avant, en regardant la lumière qui est la promesse, dans l'espérance ; c'est la même promesse que pour le peuple de Dieu dans le désert : quand ils regardaient devant eux, cela allait bien : quand revenait la nostalgie parce qu'ils ne

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pouvaiient pas manger les bonnes choses qu'on leur donnait là-bas, ils se trompaient et oubliaient que là-bas, ils n'avaient pas de liberté. »

En conclusion, le pape François a souligné deux paramètres pour savoir si l'on est en chemin vers la sainteté : regarder vers la lumière du Seigneur dans l'espérance de le trouver et, quand viennent les épreuves, ne pas se réfugier dans les schémas mondains qui « te promettent tout et ne te donnent rien ».

HEALING MASS on **Saturday, June 16** at **12:15PM** in the church.

SECOND COLLECTION today, **June 2-3** is for the Black and Indian Home Missions. Among their activities, the Mission Office funds Native American academic scholarships at four universities. Thank you for your continued generosity.

NEW CATECHISTS NEEDED for the fall in our Religious Education Program. Call the rectory if you are interested. Several grade levels are available. Experience preferred but not necessary.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **50/50-The May winner, selected by Fr. Andrew, is #285 @ \$237.** Remember, it only costs **\$5.00** to enter. The June winner will be picked on **Monday, June 25**. You cannot win unless you enter. Special pink envelopes are available at the two Church entrances or in your packet.
- **ENGLISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meets every **Saturday** from **1PM** to **3PM**, in the Green Building.
- **THE BOOK OF PSALMS** continues today, **Sunday, June 3** at **11:30AM** in the Green Building. This 11-week course will also take place every **Tuesday** at both **1PM** and **7:30PM**. Psalms is the only Bible Book that is read from at every single Catholic Mass.
- **ROSARY** every **Wednesday** in the church after the **12:15PM** Mass and every **Friday** in Spanish at **7PM** in the rectory meeting room. May is the month of Mary.
- **BOY SCOUTS**, every **Wednesday** at **6:30PM** in the cafeteria.
- **YOUTH GROUP** every **Friday** from **7-8:30PM** in the gym.
- **2019 MASS BOOK**-Come in now if you want very specific Mass dates and times. Some 2018 dates are still available.
- **RELIGIOUS ARTICLES ROOM** now has St. Helena medals and holy cards and is open every **Sunday** from **8AM-1:30PM**. We are expanding the room. Do you have any religious articles or handicraft you wish to donate to the church? If so, bring them to the rectory. **Now On Sale** in the Religious Goods Room: **THE FISHERMAN'S TOMB**.
- **NEXT BAPTISM PREP CLASS ES** will be held on **Thursday, June 14 and 28** at **7PM**. **Arrangements must be made at the Rectory for the Baptismal Class.** Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate as well as either a letter of suitability for the godparents from their local pastor or a copy of the godparent's Confirmation Certificate, and if a godparent is married, bring a copy of their Catholic Marriage Certificate. These must all be brought to the class.
- **CARNIVAL MEETING**-There will be an important Carnival Meeting on **Thursday, June 7** at **7:30PM** in the cafeteria. This year, the Carnival will run 30 hours over four days, **June 28-July 1**. The parish will prepare and serve food and will operate two games. We are in need of volunteers. If you can help, please either come to the meeting or leave your name and phone number at the rectory along with the days that you can help. We are in need of donations of small bottled water and cans of soda. Bring donations or cash to the rectory.

- **UNLIMITED RIDE CARNIVAL TICKETS**-For the very first time, you can now buy a \$20 ticket that will give one person unlimited rides for **ANY ONE DAY** of the 4th Annual Parish Carnival, which will take place **June 28-July 1** at St. Helena. On the day of the carnival, you will bring the ticket to the box office on the day of your choosing and redeem it for a colored wristband. Buying the ticket in advance will save you \$5 off the cost of buying the wristband at the carnival. Individual rides at the carnival will range from \$3.75-\$6.25 per ride at the carnival. These special tickets are now available at the rectory along with discounted ride sheets. In addition to the carnival rides, there will be food and games. The Carnival will take place from **6-10PM** on **June 28**, **6-11PM** on **June 29**, **NOON-11PM** on **June 30**, and **NOON-10PM** on **July 1**. For more info, call the rectory at **718-892-3233**.
- **FAMILIES NEEDED FOR NEW PROGRAM-HEALTHY CHILDREN, HEALTHY FAMILIES** is a free, 8-week program that will take place beginning **Sat., June 9** from **2-3:30PM** and will run for 8 consecutive Saturdays. The program is for children in grades 3-6. At least one parent must participate with the child. The program emphasizes the importance of healthy eating and exercising regularly. Please call the rectory this week at **718-892-3233** to sign up or for more information.
- **FINANCIAL WELLNESS 101 WORKSHOP**-St. Helena's wants to help you understand how to enhance your financial wellness by how to plan for emergencies, college, weddings, retirement, etc. The workshop will take place on **Sunday, June 10** at **11:30AM** in English and **1:30PM** in Spanish in the gymnasium. The workshop is being presented by Foresters Financial. The workshop is just informational and no specific product recommendations will be made.
- **BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**-Please support Expectant Mother Care. By Fathers' Day you may return the bottle filled with donations for EMC. Expectant Mother Care empowers girls and women in the NYC area to courageously choose motherhood. To donate directly, please visit emcfrontline.org. or call **212-213-4690** for more info.
- **NURSING HOME GIFTS NEEDED**-We are currently collecting Father's Day gifts for the residents of the Rebekah Rehab and Extended Care Center. You can bring your donations to the rectory.
- **MUSICIANS NEEDED**-We are in need of a volunteer musician to play at the **5PM Sunday** night Mass. If you can help us, please contact the rectory at **718-892-3233**.
- **PARISH DIRECTORY**-Information sheets are at the church entrances. We are now compiling an official St. Helena School and Parish Directory. The directory will be available either on line or in print format. You will have the option of uploading your own family photo or submitting one to us, and we will upload it. You will also have the ability to update your photo as your family changes.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday, May 27 **\$3,975.26**
St. Helena's Elementary School **\$1,264.13**

Our weekly budget, (Nuestro presupuesto semanal es) \$4,423.00
We continue repairs on our cooling systems, and we are doing some electrical upgrades. Thank you all for your generosity and support and for all that you do for St. Helena's.

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER SEASON

Gracias a todos por su generosidad y por todo lo que hacen por esta Iglesia de St. Helena. Nosotros estamos haciendo reparaciones en la escuela y la iglesia; por favor, considere aumentar su oferta para ayudar y apoya estas mejoras.

- **FORMED**-An interesting series called *Presence* is now available, and St. Helena's has a free subscription to **FORMED**. All parishioners have unlimited access to its programs. To register with **FORMED**, FIRST go to formed.org and click the REGISTER link in the middle of the page; enter the parish code **2KQQYD** and your email, then click "Go." Fill in the registration information. After registering, you will receive a message asking you to verify your email address. Check your email (it may be in your spam folder) and click VERIFY. You will be prompted to login. You can then enjoy using **FORMED**.
- **AA BIG BOOK STUDY** meets every **Sat., 7-8:30PM** in the green building. New members are always welcome.
- **CO-DEPENDENTS ANONYMOUS (CODA)** meets every **Monday** from **7-8:30PM** in the rectory meeting room.
- **RAIN** Home Attendant Services-**718-829-2131**.
- **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?** Call **1-800-621-HOPE**
- **ARE YOU LOOKING TO RENT YOUR HOUSE, APARTMENT, OR CONDO?** Two parishioners are looking to rent a one and a two-bedroom unit in the Parkchester area. If you have one, call **718-892-3233**.

SCHOOL NEWS

- **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** are still needed to help support our School. We only need the special square labels. You can drop them in the collection basket or bring them to either the rectory or the school office. For a list of participating products, go to BTFF.com.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **CONGO ARCHDIOCESE SUSPENDS SACRAMENTS DUE TO EBOLA EPIDEMIC**-Archbishop Fridolin Ambongo Besungu of Kinshasa, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, one of the countries in which the Piarist Fathers minister, has ordered a temporary halt to the administration of the sacraments in his archdiocese, in response to an outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus. The sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and Extreme Unction will not be administered. Mass will be celebrated, but Communion reception cannot involve physical contact.
- **LOUISIANA GOVERNOR SIGNS PRO-LIFE BILL** banning abortions after 15 weeks. Mississippi passed a similar law in March, but a judge has prevented it from going into effect.
- **NEW MISAL ROMANO WORKSHOP**-The first Spanish -language Roman Missal to be approved specifically for the United States. Join clergy, lay leaders, and musicians for a bilingual workshop on the formation and pastoral implementation of the new Misal Romano. Fordham University-McGinley Center-**Tuesday, June 12, 1-4PM** for clergy and lay leaders; **6:30-9:30PM** for musicians. Registration fee: \$35. For more information and registration: nyliturgy.org/workshops or **914-968-6200 x8177**.
- **PUERTO RICAN DAY ANNUAL MASS** at St. Patrick's Cathedral. **Sunday, June 3** at **4:00PM**. The Bishop of the Diocese of Ponce, the Most Reverend Ruben Gonzalez, will be the main celebrant and homilist. The music will be provided by La Tuna Mayagüezana.
- **SUMMER SACRED MUSIC COURSES**-Principles of Sacred Music-online/in class **June 4-July 22**, and Introduction to Chant-**June 25-28** both at St. Joseph's

Seminary (Yonkers). For more info: nyliturgy.org/workshops or contact: liturgy@archny.org or **914-968-6200 x8177**.

- **CATHEDRAL HS SUMMER FACTS PROGRAM**-This program is for rising 7th, 8th and 9th grade girls to come together for three weeks of summer fun. Besides activities and games to sharpen students academic skills, they will also prepare students for the TACHS exam. They will be using the latest up to date software, 3D printing labs, and Maker Space where they will work together to imagine, design and create. The program fee is \$600 which includes all course materials, 2 T-shirts, and a metro card. Register by June 1 online. Website: www.cathedralhs.org and click Summer Program under the Student Life tab. 350 E. 56th Street, NYC, **212-688-1545 x224**
- **ST. CATHARINE ACADEMY SUMMER TACHS PREP PROGRAM** for girls entering 7th and 8th grade will take place from **Monday, June 25th to Friday, July 20th** from **9:00AM to 2:00PM**. HAP will help to strengthen and reinforce English, Math, Reading and Time Management skills in preparation for taking the Test for Admission in Catholic High Schools (TACHS). In addition, the program includes enrichment courses in Robotics, Art, Writing and Dance. Contact: website, www.scahs.org or Ms. Tracy Keelin, Program Director at **718-882-2882 ext. 122**, for more info.
- **DISCOUNTED YANKEES TICKETS**-The Archdiocese is hosting Catholic Schools Night at Yankee Stadium when the Yankees take on the Tampa Bay Rays on **Friday, June 15** at **7PM**. Tickets are available for \$25 at <https://csn-private-parish-highschool2018.eventbrite.com> and will be mailed to your home address by the beginning of June. All proceeds will go to support Catholic Schools. For more information, call **646-794-3303**.
- **ATTENTION STUDENTS**-Summer Employment-The American Turner Club is looking for lifeguards. Call Ida or Pat @ **718-829-4200**. 748 Clarence Avenue, Bx, NY 10465.
- **CABRINI CARE TO GO**-High quality and compassionate care is now available in the privacy of your own home through Cabrini Certified Home Health Agency. If you or a loved one are in need of rehabilitation or skilled nursing care, call **914-693-6800 X 550**.
- **GET PAID** up to \$70,000 to care for your family and friends through the **CDPAP Program**. Se habla español. Bronx office: 1878 Cross Bronx Expressway. Visit us at: www.housecallshc.org or call **212-671-1299**. House Calls Home Care is a licensed home care agency certified to provide Home Care services in Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, Staten Island, Queens and Westchester County.
- **WIC** is now being offered near St. Helena's at the Morris Heights Health Center, 2019 Westchester Ave., Bx. **WIC** services will be available **Mon.-Fri. from 8:30AM-5PM**.
- **NOURISHMENT FOR SENIORS**-Are you a SNAP-eligible senior citizen living in NYC? You may qualify for a **free monthly food package**. For more information, call **917-982-2564** or visit: www.nycommonpantry.org

ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL

- **Misa de Graduación del Octavo Grado: Martes, junio 5 a las 6 pm**, Iglesia.
- **Graduación de Octavo Grado: Sábado, junio 9 a las 10 am**, Iglesia.

Felicitaciones a la clase de 2018

- **TE GUSTARIA SER CATEQUISTA?** *Ven y hablamos* sobre la posibilidad de participar en nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa.

CARNAVAL

IMPORTANTE REUNION PARA EL CARNAVAL: Jueves, 7 de junio a las 7.30 pm en la cafetería. **COLABORA con alegría** para el bien de toda la comunidad. Dona un poco de tu tiempo para hacer posible el carnaval de nuestra parroquia y al mismo tiempo disfruta compartiendo este tiempo con tu familia en la fe. Ven el jueves a la reunión, o deja en la rectoría tu nombre y teléfono y te llamaremos para ponernos de acuerdo cerca de tu voluntariado. **Recuerda:** Hay más alegría en dar que en recibir!

- **PREMIOS PARA LAS RIFAS DEL CARNAVAL:** Se necesitan donantes de buenos regalos para el próximo festival. Todas las donaciones tienen deducción de impuestos. También se necesitan donaciones de agua y sodas.
- **TICKETS PARA EL CARNAVAL:** Este año habrá una innovación en la venta de tickets, pensando en su conveniencia. Pueden comprar, además de los tickets tradicionales, un ticket de \$20 US, con el cual puedes hacer uso de las atracciones en **forma ilimitada por un día**. Cuando llegas al carnaval presentas tu ticket y se te colocará una banda en la muñeca que te identifica como usuario ilimitado para ese día. **A disfrutar!!!!** **NOTA IMPORTANTE:** El precio de 20 dólares es hasta el momento en que se inicia el carnaval, jueves 28 de junio a las 6 pm. Tickets comprados durante el carnaval tienen un precio de \$25 US.

FECHAS DEL CARNAVAL Y PRECIOS DE TICKETS:

Jueves 28 de junio 6 pm a 10 pm.
Viernes 29 de junio 6 pm a las 11 pm.
Sábado 30 de junio 12 pm a 11 pm.
Domingo 1 de julio 12 pm a 10 pm.

Los tickets individuales tienen un costo que va de \$3.75 a \$6.25 por ride.

- **BAUTISMO CLASE DE PREPARACION PARA EL BAUTISMO:** Jueves 14 de junio a las 7 pm. **NOTA IMPORTANTE:** Se debe traer copia del certificado de nacimiento del niño. Si los padrinos son pareja, deben estar casados por la Iglesia y traer el certificado de matrimonio de la iglesia donde se casaron. Si el padrino o madrina es soltero/a, debe traer su certificado de confirmación.
- **CUIDADO Y AMOR A LAS MADRES EMBARAZADAS:** La Iglesia siempre busca animar a las jóvenes y mujeres de nuestra área a escoger la maternidad sobre el aborto. En las oficinas de Queens, Brooklyn y el Bronx, se ofrecen exámenes de embarazo y sonogramas para que pueda confirmar su embarazo y pueda ver su hijo con sus propios ojos. La Iglesia honra de esa manera la santidad de la vida. También se ofrece consejería sobre la realidad del aborto y se provee ayuda y consejo sobre la posibilidad de la adopción. También se realizan exámenes para detectar enfermedades transmitidas sexualmente. Lleva a tu casa un biberón el día de la madre y devuélvelo el día del padre con tus donaciones para apoyar a las madres embarazadas que lo necesiten. Si tu ayuda es en cheque puedes hacerlo a nombre de: **"EXPECTANT MOTHER**

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Joanne Frances Bernadette Sanabria, Carmelle and Nicole Antoine, Indrowdi Sadu, Rosa Pena, Luzvina Vega, Michelle Vega, Jose Rosario, Augustine Ayala, Florence Churchill, Joyce Hoyt, Heyllie Cardona, Genil Alcantara, Maria Barro, Erica Vargas, Vayron Orellana, Teresa Orellana, Khether Raby, Caroline Caper, Chaya Jonathan, Leah Rodriguez, Alen George, Phillip Williams, Bertha Mero, Marie Lopez, Pat Callahan

Please Pray for the Deceased and their Grieving Families:

Louis Antonio Rodriguez, Nelson Garcia, Ana Rosa Millan, Harry Garriga, David Sheehan, Francis Varghese, Kathleen Rango, Lupita Obando, Carmen Berrios, Lisa Cortijo, Brenda Parker, Pura Castro, Antonio Romero Colon

CARE". Para más información o para donar directamente pueden llamar al **212-213-4690**.

FORMACION ESPIRITUAL

- **CALASANZ COMMUNICATIONS:** Te enriqueció espiritualmente alguna de las homilias del P. Nelson? Deseas escucharla de nuevo o compartirla con alguien más? Sólo tienes que ir a youtube.com y buscar: **Calasanz Communications**. Allí las encontrarás. También te puedes suscribir al canal para que te llegue automáticamente la última homilía. Ayuda a propagar la Palabra de Dios!!!! **Es una buena manera de evangelizar**.
- **"LA SEMILLA DEL DIA":** Deseas recibir cada día la reflexión sobre la **Palabra de Dios** por el P. Nelson? **Inscríbete** al grupo **"La Semilla del Día"**. Sólo tienes que **enviar un e-mail** a: **jnelsonh55@yahoo.com**, o dejar tu **nombre y número de teléfono** en la rectoría, o puedes llamar a la rectoría (718-892-3233) y dejar tu información, diciendo que quieres ser parte de "La Semilla del Día". El P. Nelson te incluirá en su grupo de **WhatsApp**.
- **"LA SEMILLA DE LA SEMANA":** El P. Nelson te invita a leer cada semana su artículo **"La semilla de la semana"** en el boletín de la parroquia. Allí el reflexiona sobre algún punto importante de la Palabra de Dios durante la semana.

ACTIVIDADES EN ESPAÑOL

LUNES 7 - 9 pm **Grupo Carismático de Oración.** Misa cada primer lunes
MARTES 7.30 - 9 pm **Clase "Mariología"**
MIÉRCOLES 7 - 9 pm Coronilla de la **Divina Misericordia**, Adoración, **Eucaristía**
VIERNES 7 - 8 pm **Legión de María.** Rosario y reunión.
7 - 8.30 pm **Grupo Juvenil.** Edades 12-18. 7-8.30pm
7.30 - 9 pm **JECAFA.** Jesús, Calasanz y la Familia. Grupo de reflexión. Segundos y cuartos viernes. Edificio verde.

las amonestaciones del matrimonio

Ricardo Jimenez Preza & Wendy Guadalupe Cortes
Juan Carlos Velez & Mairénys Liriano
Pablo Cabañas & Bellamar Vazquez

LA SEMILLA DE LA SEMANA

Hola queridos hermanos. La semana que termina nos dió un gran banquete de lecturas, entre ellas la **Primera Carta de San Pedro**, en la que el autor de la misma nos entregó criterios de vida para que el creyente los tenga en cuenta, tanto en la vida fuera de la Iglesia como en ella. Sin embargo, en esta ocasión me quiero referir a una fiesta que vivimos el día jueves: La Fiesta de la Visitación de la Bienaventurada Siempre Virgen María.

Es que el tema de la Virgen María es de gran importancia para los cristianos en general. Aunque durante siglos ha sido tema de división, creo que a través de ella se puede dar el re-encuentro entre los cristianos, porque al fin y al cabo es a través de ella que Dios Padre hace concreto el re-encuentro entre Dios y la humanidad. Cómo será eso? Cuándo ocurrirá? Son preguntas a las que no tenemos respuestas concretas, pero confiamos que esa búsqueda permanente de unidad que Jesús le pide al Padre -que sean uno como Tú y Yo somos uno- se irá concretando, poco a poco, en la jornada de la historia.

La Virgen María está presente de una manera muy especial en las Sagradas Escrituras, desde el comienzo hasta el final de ellas. El jueves se nos presentó en el encuentro con su prima Isabel, encuentro que le llevó a ella a exclamar: "Bendita entre las mujeres", "Dichoso el fruto de tu vientre", "Quien soy yo para que la madre de mi Señor venga a verme?", "Se cumplirá cuanto fue te fue anunciado de parte del Señor". Nada de esto es invento

de los Católicos, está en las Escrituras, este pasaje lo encuentras en el primer capítulo del **Evangelio de San Lucas**.

Además, este recibimiento de Isabel lleva a María la lleva a responder con ese precioso canto del **Magnificat**: “Mi alma glorifica al Señor”, “Desde ahora me llamarán dichosa todas las generaciones”, “Ha hecho grandes cosas en mí el que todo lo puede”. Todas estas expresiones son manifestación, no sólo del encuentro entre dos mujeres sencillas de Galilea, sino la manifestación de la voluntad de Dios Padre, quien, como siempre, es quien toma la iniciativa en lo referente a lo esencial de nuestras vidas.

Quien toma en serio las Escrituras debe llegar a la conclusión que el papel de María en el plan de salvación es esencial, es grandioso, no porque Dios no nos haya podido salvar por sí mismo, el solito, como argumentan algunos cristianos para quienes la Virgen María es sólo una mujer más. **No, el papel de ella es grandioso porque Dios lo ha querido así.** La Virgen no hace la más mínima sombra a ninguna persona de la Santísima Trinidad; al contrario, lo que hace es enaltecer de manera preciosa el poder de Dios. El que todo lo puede, lo hace con la ‘participación’ de nosotros, los que poco podemos por nosotros mismos, simplemente porque esa es su **Santa Voluntad**.

Leí en algún lugar que ahora no recuerdo: **“Entonces comprendí que no puedo excluir a la Madre de mi Señor de mi vida, sin negar la voluntad del Dios-Trinidad, quien quiso iniciar y llevar a cumplimiento los grandes misterios de la historia de la salvación, con la responsable y fiel colaboración de la humilde sierva de Nazaret”.**

Voy a explicar brevemente lo que enseña el magisterio de nuestra Iglesia con respecto a la adoración a Dios y la veneración a los santos. Considero que conociendo estos términos que menciono más adelante, se nos ayudará a comprender mejor la relación de los Católicos con Dios y los santos sin complicarnos tanto la vida, sólo obedeciendo a Dios. Los términos son:

LATRIA: Es adoración o culto que se ofrece **exclusivamente** a Dios Padre, a Dios Hijo y a Dios Espíritu Santo. Bien sea a la Santísima Trinidad o a alguna de sus personas en particular. Un muy buen ejemplo de latría es la adoración al Padre por medio del sacrificio del Hijo, y por la acción del Espíritu Santo en la celebración del Sacramento de la Eucaristía. **DULIA:** Es la **veneración** a los santos, no a sus imágenes, aunque sea a través de ellas en muchos casos. Cuando se venera un santo se alaba la obra de Dios, quien hace de un hombre o una mujer como nosotros, alguien verdaderamente **“a su imagen y semejanza”**

Pero entre todos los santos hay uno muy especial, es la Virgen María, la veneración a ella se llama **HIPERDULIA**, o sea, es un respeto muy especial a quien, por deseo de **Dios Padre**, fue escogida desde siempre para ser la madre de nuestro Redentor. Porque **Dios Hijo**, nuestro Redentor, aceptó hacerse uno de nosotros habitando por nueve meses el vientre de una virgen

llamada María. Porque Dios Espíritu Santo fue quien concibió en el vientre de la Virgen a nuestro Salvador. Si la semilla de un hombre hubiera concebido a la virgen y de ella hubiera nacido Jesús, simplemente Él no sería Hijo de Dios sino otro hombre cualquiera, por muy especial que haya sido.

Los católicos debemos sentirnos agradecidos con Dios por la maravillosa doctrina que tenemos sobre la Virgen y, porque por su voluntad, Dios ha querido que el plan de salvación sea cosa de familia, la familia de la fe, en donde cada uno tiene su participación. No nos dé nunca miedo hablar con entereza de la Virgen porque ella no es un invento de los Católicos, ella es producto del amor inmenso y de la misericordia de Dios con toda la humanidad. Bendiciones.

P. Nelson

MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, June 3, 2018-The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Corpus Christi**

7:30 Lucy Cannavacciuolo
9:00 Catherine Carolan
10:30 Katherine Callaghan
12:00 Digna Robles; Francisco Galvez, Martina Capellan,
Eulogio Galvez, Pedro Galvez and Faustino Galvez
1:30 Terence Lorino
5:00 Terri and Franco Bonanome-Health Intention

MONDAY, June 4, 2018-St. Francis Caracciolo

6:50 Joseph and Matilda Carty
8:30 In Thanksgiving for Favors
12:15 Sophie Gay
7:00 Deceased Members of Our Parish

TUESDAY, June 5, 2018-St. Boniface

6:50 Fr. Richard Wyzkiewicz, Sch.P. for Blessings and in
Thanksgiving on His 47th Anniversary of Holy
Ordination, Parents and Family
8:30 Msgr. Arthur J. Scanlan
12:15 Carlos (Birthday) and Bienvenida Reyes (both dec)
6:00 St. Helena 8th Grade Graduation Mass

WEDNESDAY, June 6, 2018-St. Norbert

6:50 Francisco Chavier
8:30 Intentions for David Savino's Spiritual & Emotional Needs
12:15 Terence Lorino
7:00 Fr. Rafael Corniel

THURS., June 7, 2018-The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:50 In Thanksgiving for Favors
8:30 Fr. David Powers, Sch.P. for Blessings on Father's
Birthday and for His Parents, Joseph and Catherine
12:15 Virginia Colon

FRIDAY, June 8, 2018-The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:50 For the Safety of Our Country
8:30 Constance Warneke
12:15 Elio, Jean and Emanuel Atsu and Komi and Family

SAT., June 9, 2018-The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:50 In Thanksgiving for Favors
8:30 Catherine Carolan
10:00 St. Helena Graduation
12:15 For the St. Helena Graduates
5:30 Horatio Mootoo and Poptie Ellen Mootoo

SUNDAY, June 10, 2018-Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Lucy Cannavacciuolo
9:00 Theresa Connelly
10:30 Maureen Sullivan
12:00 Altagracia, Carmen, Manuel and Jose Capellan;
Pedro Figueroa and Julio Figueroa
1:30 Margaret Friend-Intentions
5:00 Mercedes Morales

Readings for the Week of June 3, 2018

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26; **Monday:** 2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16 [cf. 2b]/Mk 12:1-12; **Tuesday:** 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17; **Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27; **Thursday:** 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34; **Friday:** Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37; **Saturday:** 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Lk 2:41-51; **Next Sunday:** Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7bc]/2 Cor 4:13--5:1/Mk 3:20-35

