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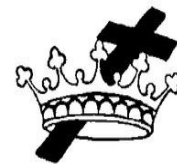
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Bronx, NY

Mass Schedule (Horario de Misas)

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: AM

7:30

9:00

10:30 (Family)

PM

12:00 (Español)

1:30

5:00

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

Weekdays & Sat.: 6:50AM, 8:30AM, 12:15 PM

Morning Prayer: Daily 8:30AM

Spanish Mass: Sunday, 12:00 Noon

Holy Days—Evenings Before—7:00PM

Wednesday —7:00PM (Español)

Monday 7:00PM (every first Monday of the month in Español) 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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June - The Month of the Sacred Heart

The Month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Friday following the second Sunday after Pentecost. In addition to the liturgical celebration, many devotional exercises are connected with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Of all devotions, devotion to the Sacred Heart remains one of the most widespread and popular in the Church.

Understood in the light of the Scriptures, the term "Sacred Heart of Jesus" denotes the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of his being, and his person considered in its most intimate essential: Son of God, uncreated wisdom; infinite charity, principal of the salvation and sanctification of mankind. The "Sacred Heart" is Christ, the Word Incarnate, intrinsically containing, in the Spirit, infinite divine-human love for the Father and for his brothers.



This dedication has its origin in the appearances of Christ made to St. Mary Margaret Alacoque, a French religious sister. After joining the Visitation Convent at Paray-le-Monial in 1671, she began in 1673 to receive visions revealing the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She was rebuffed by her superior and by theologians for a time about the validity of the visions but remained obedient, and charitable to those who persecuted her until the truth of the mission given to her by Our Lord convinced those who opposed her.

The task given her by Christ, who called her the Beloved Disciple of the Sacred Heart, was to teach and encourage devotion to His Sacred Heart. It was based on this Christly inspiration that St. Margaret Mary was moved to establish the Holy Hour and Sacred Heart Devotion in its modern form. Prior to this time, there was a devotion to the love of Jesus and to the wounded Heart of Christ, but not established as the devotion is today. The practice encouraged by the saintly woman, at the guidance of Christ, included the Holy Hour on Thursdays, to share in the mortal sadness He endured when abandoned by His Apostles in His Agony, and to receive Holy Communion on the first Friday of every month. Additionally, He appointed through St. Margaret Mary for the Friday after the octave of the feast of Corpus Christi to be the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart.

Margaret Mary was canonized in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV and then in 1928, Pius X reiterated in his encyclical *Miserentissimus Redemptor* the value of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart. The feast of the Sacred Heart was approved for specified dioceses by Clement XIII in 1765, and extended to the whole Church by Pius IX in 1856. In 1889, Leo XIII elevated it to the rank of first class, and through an encyclical letter in 1899 dedicated the whole Catholic world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart was also an essential component of Pope John Paul II's hopes for the "new evangelization" called for by the Church.

The Unusual Parable

A parable is a Jewish story with a deeper meaning. One of the rules concerning parables is that you never use personal names or talk about specific events, but there is one parable in the gospels in which Jesus seems to violate that rule. Therefore, many people are unsure whether Jesus' story of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31) actually happened or whether it is only a parable. In this parable, Jesus uses two personal names (Lazarus and Abraham) and seems to be referring to a very specific person as the rich man, but on the other hand, the concepts of "Abraham's bosom" or the dialogue with souls in Hades that we find in the Lukan parable are unattested elsewhere in Scripture. However, there are plenty of Jewish sources outside of the Bible that indicate that these themes were common beliefs at the time: that the bosom of Abraham and other patriarchs is the resting place for the righteous, and that there was a fiery holding realm for the wicked until the final judgment (cf. 4 Maccabees 13:17; *Apocalypse of Zephaniah*; b. Kiddushin 72b).

Jesus describes the main character of the parable as (1) rich, (2) dressed in purple and fine linen, (3) living in luxury, (4) receiving good things, (5) living in his father's house, (6) with five brothers, (7) who all had Moses and the prophets, (8) though they did not listen to them, such that (9) they would not repent even if someone was resurrected. This nine-pointed description is just too detailed not to refer to a particular person. For many reasons, including the testimony of the Jewish historian Flavius Josephus who stated that Caiaphas' father-in-law Anas had five priestly sons, it is likely that Jesus had someone very specific in mind.

Rereading the nine points about the rich man reveals that Caiaphas as the high priest is an excellent candidate for Jesus' parabolic "rich man" insofar as he fits the first seven criteria perfectly. Exodus 28:5 indicates that the priests will be dressed in purple and fine linen, and both Caiaphas and his family twice refused to believe, even after someone was raised from the dead. The first time they refused to believe was after Jesus resurrected his friend, who was named Lazarus, and the priests responded by collaborating to kill him (John 12:10). Later, after Jesus, himself, was raised from the dead, their hard hearts remained unchanged as they persecuted Jesus' apostles and denied Jesus' own resurrection (Acts 4:1-3). Thus, it seems that the "Rich Man and Lazarus" parable, was based on real-life persons and events.

The Catholic Church is the largest single denomination in Christianity. The first name used by the followers of Jesus in AD 30, after his Ascension, was "the Way," and we were considered a sect of Judaism. In Antioch, the followers of Christ were called "Christians" for the first time around the year AD 60, probably out of mockery. The word "Catholic" was first used by Ignatius of Antioch around the year AD 110. It is from the Greek word *katholikos*, which means "toward the whole." Ignatius was suggesting that the Church is a gift offered by Christ to all people.

Charles Lwanga & Companions - June 3

Officially, St. Charles Lwanga is the patron saint of converts and torture victims. Unofficially, it would seem he's a perfect patron of those striving for purity and resisting the myriad temptations of unchastity and sexual confusion. He was canonized by Pope Paul VI on October 18, 1964, in Uganda.

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. Upon Joseph 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 too.

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 asked 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 the way, 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 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."

Saint Boniface - June 5

Saint Boniface was born Wynfrid in 675, in the kingdom of Wessex, probably at Crediton, and he was an Anglo-Saxon missionary who propagated Christianity in the Frankish Empire during the 8th century. He is the patron saint of Germany, the first archbishop of Mainz, and the "Apostle of the Germans". He was nearly 80 when he was killed in Frisia in 754, along with 52 others. His remains were returned to Fulda, where they rest in a sarcophagus which became a site of pilgrimage.

Boniface's life and death, as well as his work, became widely known because there is a wealth of material available, including a number of vitae, especially the near-contemporary *Vita Bonifatii* written by Willibaldi, and legal documents, some sermons, and above all his correspondence. He was educated in English monasteries and was ordained at the age of 30 and 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.

The three roles Boniface played that made him "one of the truly outstanding creators of the first Europe, as the apostle of Germany, the reformer of the Frankish church, and the chief negotiator of the alliance between the papacy and the Carolingian family." After their father's death, Boniface coordinated with Carloman and Pepin, Martel's sons, over church reforms. Through his efforts to reorganize and regulate the church of the Franks, he helped shape Western Christianity, and many of the dioceses he founded to remain until today. After his martyrdom, he was quickly hailed as a saint in Fulda and other areas in Germany and in England. His cult is still notably strong today. Boniface is celebrated as a missionary; he is regarded as a unifier of Europe, and he is seen as a German national figure.

Saint Norbert - June 6

In the 12th century in the French region of Premontré, Saint Norbert founded a religious Order known throughout the world as the Praemonstratensians or the Norbertines. Of noble rank and rare talents, Norbert passed a most pious youth and entered the ecclesiastical state. By a strange contradiction, his conduct now became a scandal to his sacred calling, and at the court of Emperor Henry IV, he led, like many clerics of that age, a life of dissipation and luxury. One day, when he was thirty years of age, he was thrown half dead from his horse, and on recovering his senses, resolved upon a new life. After a severe and searching preparation, he was ordained as a priest and began to expose the abuses of his Order. Silenced at first by a local council, he obtained the Pope's sanction and preached penance to listening crowds in France and the Netherlands. In the wild vale of Premontré he gave to some trained disciples the rule of St. Austin, and a white habit to denote the angelic purity proper to the priesthood. The Canons Regular, or Premonstratensians, as they were called, were to unite the active work of the country clergy with the obligations of the monastic life. Their fervor renewed the spirit of the priesthood, quickened the faith of the people, and drove out heresy.

A vile heretic, named Tankelin, appeared at Antwerp, in the time of St. Norbert, and denied the reality of the priesthood, and especially blasphemed the Blessed Eucharist. The Saint was sent to drive out the pest. By his burning words, he exposed the impostor and rekindled the people's faith in the Blessed Sacrament. Many of the apostates had proved their contempt for the Blessed Sacrament by burying it in filthy places. Norbert bade them search for the Sacred Hosts. They found them entire and uninjured, and the Saint bore them back in triumph to the tabernacle. Hence he is generally painted with the monstrosity in his hand. Founding the Order was a monumental task: combating rampant heresies—particularly regarding the Blessed Sacrament, revitalizing many of the faithful who had grown indifferent and dissolute, plus effecting peace and reconciliation among enemies. Norbert entertained no pretensions about his own ability to accomplish this multiple task. Even with the aid of a goodly number of men who joined his Order, he realized that nothing could be effectively done without God's power. Finding this help

especially in devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, he and his Norbertines praised God for success in converting heretics, reconciling numerous enemies, and rebuilding faith in indifferent believers. Many of them lived in central houses during the week and served in parishes on weekends.

Reluctantly, Norbert became archbishop of Magdeburg in central Germany, a territory half pagan and half Christian. In this position, he zealously and courageously continued his work for the Church until his death on June 6, 1134.

"REGARDER VERS LE CIEL..."

Un jour un monsieur se baladait avec son fils. Chemin faisant, il a découvert une porte feuille égarée. Voulant ramassé, il a d'abord regardé devant et derrière ; il a regardé à gauche et à droite et n'ayant vu personne, il a rapidement ramassé le portefeuille. Quelques temps après cela, son fils lui a posé une question : « Papa quand tu as vu le portefeuille, tu as regardé devant, derrière, à gauche et à droite, pourquoi n'as-tu pas regardé en haut ? ». En ce moment-là, le monsieur s'est rappelé qu'il a toujours dit à son fil que Dieu est en haut et il nous regarde. Ayant donc compris que Dieu l'a vu d'en haut, il est rentré remettre le portefeuille.

Jeudi dernier l'église a célébrée la solennité de l'Ascension du Seigneur au ciel. La première lecture ainsi que l'évangile que nous avons lu ce jour-là (Ac 1 :1-11 et Luc 24 :46-53), nous présentait la scène de l'Ascension. Jésus a pris congé de ses apôtres pour monter au ciel. Ça devait certainement être une séparation triste pour les apôtres qui avait déjà passé trois ans avec Jésus.

L'évangile de ce septième dimanche pascale nous présente Jésus avec les yeux levés au ciel vers son Père pour prière. Nous sommes au chapitre dix-sept de St. Jean. Le geste de regarder le ciel semble donc avoir une signification pour nous aujourd'hui.

Premièrement le ciel c'est notre destination finale après notre pèlerinage terrestre. Dans la prière que Jésus nous a laissé comme modèle de toute prière, nous commençons : « Notre Père qui est aux cieux... » Ceci veut dire que, la terre ou nous sommes n'est qu'un passage. Nous sommes en pèlerinage vers le ciel ou nous retrouverons celui qui nous a créé. Alors, quand Jésus monte au ciel devant les apôtres, il veut les rappeler comme nous aujourd'hui, que notre vie sur la terre doit toujours être orienter vers le ciel. Le ciel est la destination de notre pèlerinage terrestre. Comment vis-tu dont ta vie de chaque jour ? Est-ce que tu es consciente du fait qu'un jour nous serons appelé à partir ? La fête de l'Ascension que nous avons célébré jeudi doit donc nous rappeler cela.

Deuxièmement, notre secours viendra du ciel. Regarder le ciel c'est invoquer l'aide de l'esprit de Jésus. Avant de monter au ciel dont, le Seigneur a demandé aux apôtres de ne pas quitter la ville jusqu'à ce qu'il envoie l'esprit Saint. Nous avons besoin de l'Esprit de Jésus pour nous aider à vivre chaque jour de notre vie selon sa volonté. Cette semaine nous sommes en prière pour recevoir les dons de l'Esprit Saint à la Pentecôte. C'est déjà notre manière de regarder le ciel, d'où viendra notre secours.

Que l'Esprit du Seigneur descende sur nous avec tous ses dons afin que nous puissions vivre notre vocation chrétienne avec amour et passion. Loué soit Jésus Christ ! A jamais !

Père Andrew Berinyuy

COMMUNIQUE

- Tous les paroissiens de l'expression française sont invités à une importante réunion dimanche le **9 juin 2019 à 16h** précises ici même à l'église. L'objectif principal de la réunion sera de décider sur la célébration des messes en français ici à St. Helena.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every **Thursday from 9AM-12PM** and on **First Friday, from 1-7PM**. First Friday this month is on **Friday, June 7**.

Next weekend, the Second Collection is for repairing the air conditioning in the church which was put in 1965.

How Mary Protects Us from Evil

The Virgin Mary is a very powerful spiritual mother. She is fully united with her Son in Heaven and seeks to use all of her power to protect her children, who are invited to turn to her in their time of need. St. Louis de Montfort says Mary is like a hen who gathers her brood under her wings, saving them from outside enemies. This she does out of the pure love she has for us, especially those who are daily devoted to her. Famed exorcist Fr. Gabriele Amorth discovered this reality in his dialogues with the devil, where the devil said to him, "I am more afraid when you say the Madonna's name, because I am more humiliated by being beaten by a simple creature, than by Him." Pope Francis related similar words, "Where the Madonna is at home the devil does not enter; where there is the Mother, disturbance does not prevail, and fear does not win."

D-day 75th Anniversary

The Battle of Normandy resulted in the Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany's control. Codenamed Operation Overlord, the battle began on June 6, 1944, also known as D-Day, when some 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region. The invasion was one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history and required extensive planning. Prior to D-Day, the Allies conducted a large-scale deception campaign designed to mislead the Germans about the intended invasion target. By late August 1944, all of northern France had been liberated, and by the following spring the Allies had defeated the Germans. The Normandy landings have been called the beginning of the end of war in Europe.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **50/50-The May winner is #18 @ \$232.** Special pink envelopes are available at the two Church entrances or in your packet. The next drawing will be on **Mon., July 1**. This is a good way to support the church and its many ministries.
- **REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION AND RCIA** for the Fall of 2019 will begin on **Aug. 17-18**.
- **SPANISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meets every **Monday** from 7-9PM in the Church. Spanish Mass on **Monday, June 3** at 7PM.
- **ENGLISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meets every **Saturday** from 1PM to 3PM, in the Green Building.
- **ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY CLASS**-Our Bible Study meets every **Tuesday**, at 1PM or 7:30PM and on **Sundays**, at 11:30AM in the Green Building. Today, we will study the minor prophets, Micah, Amos and Nahum.
- **THE RELIGIOUS GOODS ROOM** will remain open until **Father's Day, June 16**. It will close for the summer.
- **YOUTH GROUP** every **Friday** from 7-8:30PM in the gym.
- **NEXT BAPTISM PREP CLASSES** will be held at 7PM on **Thursday, June 6** in English and **June 13** in Spanish. **Prior arrangements must be made at the Rectory to take the Baptismal Class.** Anyone wishing to have a child baptized must fill out a registration form to take a 1-hr. Baptismal Preparation Class. Registration for the Baptismal class will take place in the rectory only on **Tuesdays** from 1-4PM and on **Thursdays** from 1-8PM. 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, **or** if a godparent is married, bring a copy of their Catholic Marriage Certificate. These must all be brought to the Baptism Prep class.

- **PARISH SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE**-The archdiocese now requires every parish to have a Safety and Security Committee, and with the planned opening of the single men's homeless shelter, forming this committee becomes even more urgent. We are looking for parishioners who would be interested in serving on this committee, especially those with a security or law enforcement background. Please call the rectory and give us your name and contact information if you would like to be a member.



- **CARNIVAL NEWS**-The Annual Parish Carnival will take place from **June 12-16**. We are looking for **donations** of cans of soda and 16-oz bottles of water as well as cash donations. There is a special box at the back of the church for your donations. We are also looking for people who would like to donate time to volunteer to work at the Carnival during any of the five days. If you are interested, call our volunteer coordinator Galo at **646-373-0660**. We have one more Carnival meeting: **June 6** at 7PM in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- **CARNIVAL RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS NEEDED** We are looking for carnival prize donations of either cash or physical prizes. You may bring your donations to the rectory. Prizes large and small are needed.
- **CARNIVAL PRE-SALE-ALL YOU CAN RIDE** daily wristband tickets are now available in the back of the church after Mass and in the rectory. Wristbands are \$20 presale and \$25 at the Carnival. Carnival hours are: **Wed., Thurs., and Fri., June 12, 13 and 14, 5-11PM. Sat., June 15, 3-12PM and Sun., June 16, 3-11PM.**
- **SPECIAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS**-Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary. St. Helena will recognize all couples celebrating these milestone anniversaries at a special Mass today **Sunday, June 2**, in English at the **10:30AM** Family Mass and in Spanish at the **NOON** Mass. We will give a special certificate.
- **HEALING THE FAMILY TREE MASS** will take place on **Saturday, June 22** at 12:15PM at St. Helena's. There will also be anointing at the Mass. The celebrant is Fr. Richard Bretone from Brooklyn, a priest who has this special ministry. The Mass is sponsored by the English Prayer Group and everyone is welcome.
- **PILGRIMAGE TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ROSA MYSTICA** at Our Lady of Rosa Mystica House of Prayer, Edmeston, NY on **Saturday, July 13**. There will be Adoration, Multilingual Rosary, Confession, Procession, and the Feast Day Mass celebrated by Bishop Edward Scharfenberger. The bus trip is \$40, and

WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday, May 26	\$4,592.18
St. Helena Elementary School	\$1,425.00

Our new weekly budget, (Nuestro presupuesto semanal es) \$5,192.31. Thank you all for your generosity and support and for all that you do. 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.

the bus leaves at **7AM sharp**. Please register in the Rectory. For more info, call **718-924-6657**.

- **ST. HELENA PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE AND PUEBLA** from **July 13-18**. The cost is \$1,590 for a single room. For more info, call Ricardo Avalos at **646-500-4719**.
- **FREE RESOURCES ON FORMED**-Not on FORMED? Go to churchofstheleina.formed.org. Friday was the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Study: *Symbolon: Knowing the Faith. Mary and the Saints, The Bible and the Virgin Mary*, or *Ark of the Covenant*. Watch: *Ready Reasons: Was the Immaculate Conception Necessary?* or listen to: *The Virgin Mary Revealed Through Scripture*.
- **BABY BOTTLE DRIVE**-Please support Expectant Mother Care. By Fathers' Day, please return the bottle filled with donations for EMC. Expectant Mother Care empowers girls and women in the NYC area to courageously choose motherhood, and by helping support her and her unborn child, we honor the sanctity of every human life. At their offices they offer pregnancy testing and sonograms so that the mother can confirm her pregnancy and see her child with her own eyes. They offer counseling so she can become educated in the reality of abortion and provide her help with adoption should she choose this avenue for life. They are the only fully nurse staffed center in the area with licensed RNs and LPNs. They are also the only pregnancy center in the NYC area that offers sexually transmitted infection testing and abortion pill reversal. To donate directly, please visit: emcfrontline.org. Please make out your checks to Expectant Mother Care. If you would rather mail your checks, the mailing address is 344 East 49th St. Bronx. NY 10451. Please call **212-213-4690** for more info. Your generosity saves lives. Thank you for your support.
- **SHOP AMAZONSMILE AND DONATE TO ST. HELENA** Many of you are already using Amazon Smile. This is a great opportunity to donate to St. Helena by doing your regular shopping. Just shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/13-1740343 and AmazonSmile will donate to St. Helena's.
- **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.

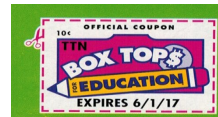
SCHOOL NEWS

- **SCHOOL BAND SPRING CONCERT** at **5:30PM** on **Tuesday, June 4**.
- **EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION MASS** on **Thursday, June 6** at **6PM**.
- **ST. HELENA SCHOOL** will graduate 34 students at **10AM** on **Saturday, June 8** in the church.

CLASS OF 2019 SCHOLARSHIPS

Eric Cordero-\$2,000 to St. Raymond's HS for Boys
 \$1,500 to Mt. St. Michael
 Johnaidy Cruz-\$1,500 to St. Raymond Academy for Girls
 Angel Flores Gonzalez-1/2 to Msgr. Scanlan HS
 Royce Gopaul-\$1,500 to Mt. St. Michael
 Alexa Jones-Full to Msgr. Scanlan HS
 1/2 to St. Raymond Academy for Girls
 Brandon Lopez-1/2 to All Hallows
 1/2 to Mt. St. Michael
 \$800 from Dorothy Vail Scholarship
 Rachel Peris-\$2,000 to St. Jean Baptiste
 \$1,500 to St. Raymond Academy for Girls
 Dana Rivera-Full to St. Jean Baptiste
 1/2 to Cathedral
 Nicholas Singh-\$4,000 to All Hallows

- **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 **BTFE.com**.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THE POOR KEEP INCREASING IN AFRICA'S MOST POPULOUS COUNTRY**-"The ranks of the poor are swelling by the day, hopeless and helpless," says Nigeria's cardinal primate. The nation of 204 million is the most populous in Africa, and it has sub-Saharan Africa's largest economy, as this year its GDP jumped by 89%. Nigeria is 50% Muslim, 40% Christian, and 10% retaining indigenous beliefs. Pope St. John Paul II visited there in 1998.
- **BELGIAN NORBERTINES RESURRECT BREWERY AFTER TWO-CENTURY BREAK**-Grimbergen Abbey had been brewing beer since the 13th century until the abbey was ransacked and the brewery smashed in 1795 by French troops. Researchers recently discovered the monk's old beer-making recipe, and the Norbertines have decided to rebuild the brewery within the abbey walls and produce a limited supply. Appropriately, the abbey's emblem, which will be used on their beer, is a phoenix with the Latin motto: "Burned, but not destroyed."
- **FLAG RAISING CEREMONY**, part of the Juneteenth Jubilee Freedom Celebration will take place on **Mon., June 3** at **NOON** at Parkchester's Virginia Playground, across from St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- **JUNETEENTH JUBILEE FREEDOM CELEBRATION**, commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the arrival of the first African slave ship, will take place on **Saturday, June 22** from **3-9PM** at the Bronx YMCA, 2 Castle Hill Ave. Admission \$20/adults, \$10/seniors, \$5/children under 12.
- **OPPORTUNITY FOR PRO-LIFE TEENS AT CAMP ESTHER**-Camp Esther is held at the Good News Center in Utica, NY on **August 2-4**. It is an intensive, weekend-long pro-life "boot camp" that trains teenage students to be effective advocates for Life. Call 518-434-1293 to reserve your spot today. Hosted by the New York State Right to Life. <http://nysrighttolife.org/camp-esther>
- **PART-TIME JOB AS A NANNY** for a little boy and a little girl in Manhattan. If you have experience in child care and are looking for part-time work and you have very flexible hours, then this might be the job for you. For more info, call **646-467-3503**.

LA SEMILLA DE LA SEMANA

Hola querida familia de Santa Helena. Durante esta semana hemos leído en el Evangelio de San Juan a Jesús dando a los apóstoles las últimas instrucciones antes de su partida final. Es bueno recordar que Jesús "*se fue temporalmente*" al entregarse a la muerte en la cruz por nuestra salvación. Digo temporalmente porque Él sabía que el Padre, *su* Padre nunca lo abandonaría. Esta muerte en la cruz es todo un acto de fe en el Padre, un acto de fe que nosotros los discípulos estamos invitados a imitar. La segunda despedida, la definitiva, la hace desde su cuerpo ya glorificado después de la resurrección y después de haber dejado saber a los discípulos que Él no había muerto, que Él estaba vivo para no volver a morir jamás.

Qué cosas les dijo antes de su partida definitiva? Bueno, su discurso de despedida lo encontramos en los capítulos 14 al 17 del Evangelio de San Juan. Pero algunos de esos consejos son: Él nos enviará, de parte del Padre, el Consolador, el Paráclito. **Qué significa aquello de "consolar"?** No se trata simplemente de

aliviarnos del dolor, lo cual es cierto, sino de llenarnos de alegría. Por qué nos llena de alegría? Porque el Espíritu procede del Padre y está en el hijo, quien nos lo deja como su don más preciado cuando asciende al cielo. El Espíritu llena nuestras almas con alegría y santidad, porque Él da testimonio ante nosotros del Padre y del Hijo. Este Espíritu es el que hace posible que los apóstoles hayan sido los testigos que fueron y que hayan dado el testimonio de fe que dieron. De la misma manera, guiados y animados por el Espíritu, nosotros estamos llamados a dar testimonio del Padre y del Hijo con nuestra vida, con nuestras obras y con nuestra alegría.

Otra advertencia que Jesús deja a sus discípulos es que habrá persecución. El camino no es fácil para el creyente porque el mundo está ciego al mensaje de amor de Dios. Al mismo tiempo nos recuerda que aquellos que persiguen a los discípulos del Señor también persiguen al Señor. La razón de esa persecución es que aún no conocen al Padre ni lo conocen a Él. Sin embargo, nunca debemos olvidar que el Hijo también sufrió persecución por venir a traer el mensaje del Padre. No debería extrañarnos experimentar algún tipo de rechazo en nuestro camino de fe, al fin y al cabo tanto Jesús como sus discípulos también lo experimentaron.

Pero nos podemos preguntar, se trata simplemente de sufrir por sufrir? No, por supuesto que no. De lo que se trata antes que nada es de tener en nuestra vida la experiencia de Jesús, así como Él tuvo la experiencia del Padre. Una vez se tiene esa experiencia se conoce la verdad, y una vez se conoce la verdad que llena de alegría, esperanza y sentido la vida, somos libres para compartir esa experiencia a otros. Inclusive si eso significa aceptar algún tipo de rechazo por lo que creemos. Todo cristiano a través de la historia ha vivido la misma experiencia y lo único que nos ayuda a superar el miedo, es la convicción que dentro de nosotros habita la Verdad que el mundo necesita.

También Jesús dijo a sus discípulos que Él *se iría de regreso al que lo envió*. Quién lo envió? Sin duda alguna el Padre, el mismo que quiso que el Hijo se encarnara para venir a enseñarnos la verdad del Padre: que somos sus hijos amados y que Él nos quiere para siempre en la gloria de la eternidad. Es interesante que en esta ocasión ninguno de los discípulos le preguntó adónde se iba, como Pedro lo había hecho antes. En aquella ocasión Jesús le respondió que a dónde Él iba no podían ir ellos todavía, pero que lo harían más tarde. Esta respuesta fue dicha porque en ese momento ellos no podían comprender y menos imitar el misterio de su pasión y su muerte. Ahora ellos no hacen ninguna pregunta porque ya comienzan a comprender, cada vez con más claridad, que el destino del Maestro es también el destino del discípulo.

Lo que experimentan los discípulos con la partida del Maestro es una gran tristeza, pero Jesús les recuerda que Él se va pero no los deja solos, porque el Espíritu Santo vendrá en su

auxilio. Es más, la única manera de darnos su Espíritu es después de su partida. Es por eso que en lugar de tristeza ellos deberían sentir alegría por su partida. Pero en definitiva, para nosotros los seres humanos la partida siempre es momento de dolor. Todavía hay mucho por aprender. Lo cierto es que si Él no se hubiera ido de regreso al Padre los discípulos se habrían acostumbrado a verlo siempre y en el proceso *no habrían podido crecer en el camino de la fe*. Es que el camino del perdón de los pecados y de la santidad sólo es posible mediante el don de la fe, mediante el crecimiento espiritual. Por eso era necesario que Él se fuera. Todo el actuar de Dios es siempre pensando en nuestro bien, tanto temporal como eterno, aunque en ocasiones no lo comprendamos en el momento.

Además, el camino de la fe es el que nos permite participar de su gloria y de su divinidad. El Espíritu es el que nos da el don de *participar* en el misterio de la Trinidad. Por eso el don del Espíritu es el más grande don que Jesús nos dejó, porque a través de Él podemos recibir los demás dones. Es más, Jesús les deja saber a los discípulos que el poder del Espíritu es tan grande, que sin Él los discípulos no pueden ni recibir ni comprender lo que Jesús les enseñó con su vida, sus palabras y sus obras. Sólo con la venida del Espíritu Santo ellos fueron iluminados sobre la naturaleza de la Trinidad y con esa comprensión fueron capaces de ser testimonio para nosotros por todos los tiempos. Este testimonio se hace realidad en las Sagradas Escrituras, en donde iluminados por la sabiduría del Espíritu, los discípulos dejan por escrito la vida y obra del Mesías en la tierra, palabras que transforman la mente y el corazón del creyente ávido del amor y la plenitud de Dios.

Es que el Espíritu Santo es el que penetra las profundidades del misterio de Dios y nos las enseña desde la profundidad de nuestro corazón. Es el movimiento de Dios enseñándonos el misterio de Dios. Sólo Dios nos puede enseñar acerca de Dios. El Espíritu que habita en nuestros corazones viene del Hijo y el Hijo viene del Padre. Es la plenitud de la vida y el amor de la Trinidad en nosotros, una plenitud que debemos descubrir, poco a poco, con mucha dificultad, a través de nuestra vida. Pero no estamos solos, Él nunca nos abandona, por eso podemos decir con plena confianza: *“Guíame en tus caminos, Señor, y yo caminaré en tu verdad.”* Bendiciones. *Fr. Nelson*

ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL FORMACION ESPIRITUAL CONTINUA

- **“LA SEMILLA DEL DIA”:** Deseas recibir *cada día* la reflexión sobre la *Palabra de Dios* por el P. Nelson? **Inscríbete** al grupo de WhatsApp *“La Semilla del Día”*. Sólo tienes que *enviar un e-mail* a: inelsonh55@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”. *Conocer la Palabra de Dios es conocer a Dios.*

The Back Pew – Jeff Larson



and the Lord after speaking to them was taken up into Heaven to the Father.. to which one of the disciples in a nervous outburst shouted words not uttered again until Buzz LightYear. **Mk 16:19, Lk 24:50**

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

Joanne Frances Bernadette Sanabria, Carmelle and Nicole Antoine, Indrowdi Sadu, Rosa Pena, Luzvina Vega, Augustine Ayala, Joyce Hoyt, Leena Shaji, Florence Churchill, 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, Jose Vargas, Pat Callahan, Sabina Acosta, Isham, Ruben Mercado, Margarita Torres, Thomas Darrigo, Ralphie Lugo, Ofelia Torres, Lydia Sffreda, Roseanne and Joseph Pane, Rosa Maria Santos, Mary Brennan, David Sheehan, Jr., Mary Charlotte, Jenny Mauro, Ana Espinosa, Stella Caballero, Montseratte Rivera, Pylar Pagan, Peggy Ward, Myrna Perez, Gina Fay, Maria Teresa Roque, Nicole Cancel, James Leung, Gabrielle Tingue, Millie Morales, Josefina Gonzalez and Maritza Gonzalez

Please Pray for the Deceased and their Grieving Families:

Raymond Jiggetts, Deacon Wallace Zambrana, Jose Negroni, Ramona Medina, Norma Leguizamón, Joann Lozado, Fidencia Ujaque, Maria de Jesus

- **“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. Encontrarás allí la reflexión 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	7.15-9.15pm	ENCUENTRO CON CRISTO- cafetería
MIERC.	10 am	Grupo Santa Madre Teresa de Calcuta: Visita a pacientes de Rebeka <i>Misa en Rebeka: segundos lunes de mes a las 10:30am</i>
	7 - 9 pm	Coronilla de la <i>Divina Misericordia</i> , Adoración, <i>Eucaristía</i>
VIERNES	7 - 8 pm	<i>Legión de María.</i> 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.
SABADO	9.30 am	Grupo Derrumbando Muros y Creando Comunidad. Desayuno y planeación de trabajo. Cafetería.

SANTA HELENA “TU LUGAR DE ENCUENTRO”

Junio 13 Ju Clase de Bautismo. 7 pm en la Iglesia. Traer los documentos requeridos. Traer el Certificado de Nacimiento del niño/a. Si los padrinos son casados deben traer el *Certificado de Matrimonio de la Iglesia*. Si el padrino o madrina son solteros deben traer su Certificado de confirmación.

Inscripciones para Bautismo: Martes de 1 a 4 pm.

Jueves de 1 a 8 pm.

Julio 28 D Retiro de parejas. Este retiro está especialmente dirigido a las parejas que el P. Nelson ha casado aquí en Santa Helena. Sin embargo, si alguna otra pareja está interesada puede asistir. **Informes** en la rectoría o directamente con el P. Nelson. Será de **9 am a 5 pm.**

INFORMACION Y EVENTOS

NOTICIAS DEL CARNAVAL DE SANTA HELENA: Este año el carnaval se realizará del 12 al 16 de junio. Se necesitan **donaciones de soda y agua** de 16 onzas. Hay una caja en la parte de atrás de la Iglesia donde puede depositar sus donaciones. También se buscan **voluntarios** para trabajar durante algún tiempo durante el carnaval. Se puede hablar con Galo al 646-373-0660.

Próxima reunión: 6 de junio en la *cafetería* a las **7 pm.**
Se necesitan donaciones para los premios de la rifa en el carnaval. Gracias por tu generosidad.

CAMPAÑA RENOVAR Y CONSTRUIR: Si deseas contribuir con las campañas de Cardenal para el beneficio de diferentes obras a través de la Arquidiócesis, puedes acercarte a la rectoría y pedir la tarjeta para hacer tu compromiso o puedes hacerlo online:

www.cardinalsappeal.org. Recuerda que el compromiso se puede hacer donando una cantidad mensual. Gracias por tu generosidad con los servicios de asistencia social de la Iglesia.

Sala de artículos religiosos. Está abierta los domingos de **8 am a 1.30 pm.** Han llegado nuevas Biblias. No te quedes sin la tuya.

Se busca basement para 2 personas o habitación para 1 persona sola: Informes a Erasto al teléfono 1-347-634-3640

DESFILE DEL DIA DE PUERTO RICO: Hay dos tickets disponibles en la rectoría para quien desee ver el desfile desde las gradas de la Catedral de San Patricio.

ESCUELA SANTA HELENA: Concierto de Primavera. Banda de la Escuela. Martes, Junio 4, a las 5.30 pm

Misa de Graduación de Octavo Grado, Jueves, Junio 6 a las 6 pm.
Graduación. Sábado, Junio 8 a las 10 am en la Iglesia.

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, June 2, 2019-Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30	David Ganci
9:00	Divine Assistance and Protection-Therese Diallo
10:30	Esther de Jesus Flores; <i>Gregory Santiago, RIP; Gerardo Jabinal, Jr.</i>
12:00	Luis Tiofilo Calle; Ramona Salgado; William Ortiz
1:30	Allison Garcia
5:00	Katherine Callaghan; <i>Michelle Collado</i>

MONDAY, June 3, 2019-St. Charles Lwanga & Companions

6:50	David Ganci
8:30	Catherine Carolan
12:15	David Sheehan, Sr.
7:00	Alina Hernandez

TUESDAY, June 4, 2019-St. Francis Caracciolo

6:50	Joseph and Matilda Carty
8:30	David Ganci
12:15	Sophie Gay

WEDNESDAY, June 5, 2019-St. Boniface

6:50	Fr. Richard Wyzkiewicz, Sch.P. for Blessings and in Thanksgiving on Father's 48th Anniversary of Holy Ordination-Parents and Family
8:30	David Ganci
12:15	Eduardo Bruno and Fr. Charles Szivos
7:00	Parishioners of St. Helena's Church

THURSDAY, June 6, 2019-St. Norbert

6:50	Intentions for Joanne Savino
8:30	David Ganci
12:15	Intentions and In Thanksgiving Carmen Tapia
6:00	8th Grade Graduation Mass

FRIDAY, June 7, 2019-St. Antony Gianelli

6:50	David Ganci
8:30	Iris Garcia
12:15	Fr. David Powers, Sch.P. for Blessings and Intentions on Father's Birthday and for Parents Catherine and Joseph

SATURDAY, June 8, 2019-St. William

6:50	In Thanksgiving for Favors
8:30	David Ganci
10:00	St. Helena's 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony
12:15	Sick of St. Helena's Parish
5:30	Wilfred D. Mootoo

SUNDAY, June 9, 2019-Pentecost Sunday

7:30	Constance Warneke
9:00	Catherine Carolan
10:30	Victor
12:00	Martina Capellan, Francisco, Eulagro & Pedro Galvez; Ramona Salgado-Descance in Paz
1:30	Ramona Valdis
5:00	Iris Garcia

Readings for the week of June 2, 2019

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53; **7th Sunday of Easter:** Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26; **Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33; **Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a; **Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19; **Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26; **Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19; **Saturday:** Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25; **Next Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.; **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [12]/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39.; **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26