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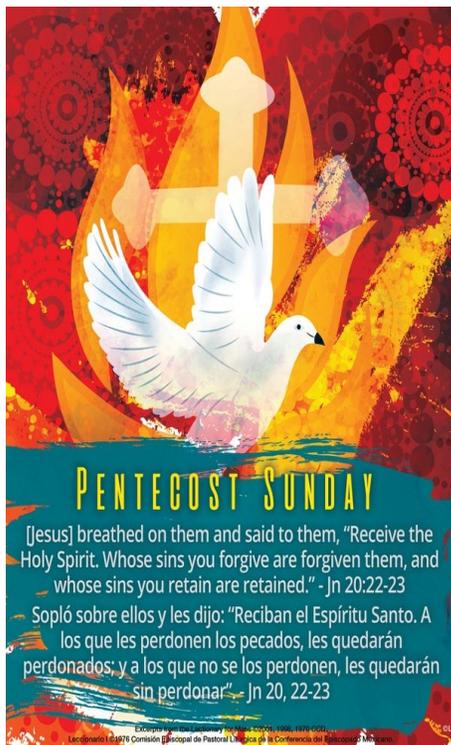
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Mass Schedule (Horario de Misas)

Holy Days: 8:30AM, 12:15 PM, 8:00PM

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

Morning Prayer: Daily 8:30AM

Spanish Mass: Sunday, 12:00 Noon

Monday Thru Friday-7:00 PM

French Mass: Sunday, 6:30 PM

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: AM

PM

8:00 12:00 (Español)

10:00 (Family) 5:00

6:30 (Français)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS-Fridays during Lent-
1PM-Eng, 6PM French & 7PM Spanish

Confessions: Saturday — 4 to 5:30

Sick Or Emergency Calls:

Call the Rectory at 718-892-3232

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
- First Friday: 1 to 6:30PM
- Sacred Heart Novena: Thursday, Noon
- English Bible Study: Tuesday, 1PM & 7:30PM
and Sunday 11:15AM
- 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.

Registro Parroquial Todos los católicos que viven dentro de los límites de la parroquia deben llegar una tarjeta de registro en la rectoría



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CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a joyous American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2022 will occur on Monday, May 30. It was originally known as Decoration Day, and it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season. It is unclear where exactly the family tradition of decorating fallen soldiers' tombstones with flowers and flags originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. And some records show that one of the earliest Memorial Day events were organized by a group of formerly enslaved people in Charleston, South Carolina a little less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, NY, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo—which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags. On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. "May 30, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. That date was chosen because it wasn't the actual anniversary of any particular battle. Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I, the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars. For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30 (the day on which it falls this year), the date General Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday. The National Moment of Remembrance Act of 2000 asks every citizen to pause at 3PM to remember those who died in service to our nation.

At St. Helena, we will honor at all Masses on May 30 all St. Helena parishioners and alumni who died while serving their country. We know of the following men, but if anyone knows of others, please contact the rectory and give us their name, rank, branch of service, and date of death:

1st Lt. William David Bridge '61
PFC John Montague Mansfield '60
PFC Gerald Lawrence Fox '60
PFC John Patrick Gordan, Jr.
SGT James Francis Mc Goey
Sgt. Farrel Carew

PELOSI OPPOSES THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Last Friday, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco said with a calm but firm announcement that despite "sincere and diligent efforts at dialogue and persuasion," the Speaker of the House, who is a member of his archdiocesan flock, has refused to alter her public stand in favor of unrestricted legal abortion, and that therefore "I have determined that the point has come in which I must make a public declaration that she is not to be admitted to Holy Communion unless and until she publicly repudiates her full support for abortion 'rights' and confesses and receives absolution for her cooperation in this evil in the sacrament of Penance." No one who actually reads the archbishop's statement (as opposed to the caricatured media accounts) could fail to recognize his obvious pastoral concern for her spiritual welfare, his willingness to give her every benefit of the doubt, and his reluctance to take this extreme disciplinary action. He then explained that he had admonished the



Speaker repeatedly, and sought—unsuccessfully—to meet with her privately before finally issuing the disciplinary decision. Yet her "position on abortion has become only more extreme over the years. "But more recently, her advocacy for codifying the Roe decision into federal law—it's becoming more and more extreme and more and more aggressive. And I've been trying to speak with her about this. I've done a lot of prayer and fasting. So I've been struggling with this for a long time."

No reasonable observer can say that the archbishop's action was precipitous. A bit more than a year ago, he released a pastoral letter on "the human dignity of the unborn, Holy Communion, and Catholics in public life." In it, he made his position very clear.

Archbishop Cordileone has repeatedly underlined the arguments for Eucharistic coherence. More important, he has made public the case for taking that crucial next step, and now let us hope and pray that Speaker Pelosi and her colleagues will recognize the force of these arguments. Let us hope that ordinary Catholics can now be persuaded that they cannot flout the moral law without facing severe consequences—both now and in the next life.

We know that today, with abortion now being an accepted part of American culture, Archbishop Cordileone's action has required exceptional courage. While his conscience will be at peace, the archbishop is aware that he will live in the eye of a public storm for the foreseeable future. Rabid advocates of abortion will insult and threaten and seek to intimidate him and many editorial writers will denounce him. However, the archbishop will be buoyed up and his peace of conscience ensured, by the prayerful thanks of countless thousands of devout lay Catholics.

A handful of American bishops have already made several public statements of their support for the Archbishop's action and others no doubt will follow. Archbishop Robert Vasa of Santa Rosa, California, was quick to announce that Speaker Pelosi would also be barred from Communion in his diocese, where she owns a vacation home. But all eyes will now shift toward Washington, DC, where Pelosi spends most of her time (and does most of her evil abortion advocacy), and where Cardinal Wilton Gregory has also indicated that he would not withhold Communion from pro-abortion politicians. Archbishop Cordileone's disciplinary action will force Cardinal Gregory to decide whether or not he will also uphold his brother bishop's ban.

A critical question here—one on which canon lawyers disagree—is whether the ban travels with the Speaker. Archbishop Cordileone is her pastor, and he has determined that she is not qualified to receive the Eucharist. But does that determination apply only within the geographical limits of his own archdiocese? When she is in Washington, can Cardinal Gregory (who is not her pastor) make a different judgment? If one pastor gives Communion to Pelosi in violation of the ban, that "sympathetic pastor" could face severe sanctions himself. A new provision (1379§4) of the Church's canon law, signed into force by Pope Francis just last year, stipulates: "A person who deliberately administers a sacrament to those who are prohibited from receiving it is to be punished with suspension." So again the issue hinges on the question of whether the ban imposed by Archbishop Cordileone is in force in other dioceses. The Vatican, which handles canonical debates at a leisurely pace, is very likely to not resolve that question any time soon. And Pope Francis has avoided taking a clear stand on the issue, one way or the other. While it is true that the Pope has said he never denied the Eucharist to anyone, it is also true that he said that Catholics who support abortion are "outside the community" and therefore should not receive Communion.

Yet beyond the questions of canonical jurisdiction and Vatican authority, there is a question of conscience, which Archbishop Cordileone addressed in his last pastoral letter. He explained that he could not, in conscience, remain silent while many prominent Catholics joined in public campaigns for abortion. "I tremble," he wrote, "that if I do not forthrightly challenge Catholics under my pastoral care who advocate for abortion, both they and I have to answer to God for innocent blood." The same logic that prompted Archbishop Cordileone to act—the same demand of conscience—should prompt every other American prelate to support him.

St. Joan of Arc - May 30

She is the patron saint of France. In her day, the English were allied with the Burgundians in a war against the rest of France. Joan was compelled by the voices of her favorite saints to take up arms in defense of her country. Dressed in a suit of white armor, she led the French in battle against the English, who retreated, believing that she was in league with the devil. She continued to battle against the English, with dwindling support, until she was eventually captured and tried as a witch. She was found guilty and at the scaffold, she pleaded guilty in exchange for a pardon from the Church. However, since the English had no intention of ever releasing her from prison, she quickly renounced her confession and resumed wearing men's clothing. For this, they did publicly burn her at the stake for witchcraft and heresy. The Church later reversed its decision in 1455, and she was canonized in 1920.

St. Dymphna - May 30

She was the daughter of a pagan Celtic chieftain and a Christian. She fled from her home after the death of her mother to escape the incestuous interest of her father and went to Antwerp accompanied by her confessor, St. Gerebernus, and two companions. They then built an oratory at Gheel where they lived as hermits. Tracked down by Dymphna's father, the two companions and the priest were murdered by his men, and Dymphna was beheaded by her father when she refused to return with him.

Feast of the Visitation - May 31

This feast recalls the following great truths and events: The visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth after the Annunciation; the cleansing of John the Baptist from original sin in the womb of his mother at the words of Our Lady's greeting; Elizabeth's proclaiming of Mary—under the inspiration of the most Holy Ghost—as Mother of God and "blessed among women"; Mary's holy singing of the sublime hymn, *Magnificat* ("My soul doth magnify the Lord") which has become a part of the daily official prayer of the Church. The Visitation is frequently depicted in art and was the central mystery of St. Francis de Sales' holy devotions. It is also remembered during the rosary.



For three months Mary and Elizabeth rejoiced in each other's company and gave thanks to God for all the wonderful mercy He had bestowed on them – one, the mother of the Herald of God, the other, the Mother of God Himself. Yet these months saw nothing outwardly extraordinary; it was just the quiet outwardly ordinary daily round, such as might be seen in any family. The Mass on that day salutes her who in her womb bore the King of heaven and earth, the Creator of the world, the Son of the Eternal Father, the Sun of Justice. It narrates the cleansing of John from Original Sin in his mother's womb. Hearing herself addressed by the loftiest title of "Mother of the Lord" and realizing what grace her visit had conferred on John, Mary broke out in that sublime canticle of praise proclaiming prophetically that henceforth she would be venerated down through the centuries: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. Because he that is mighty, hath done great things to me, and holy is His name" (Lk. 1:46). Mary's visit was a mission of charity.

This feast is of medieval origin, it was kept by the Franciscan Order before 1263, and soon its observance spread throughout the entire Church. This Feast was instituted by Urban IV, in the year 1385, and confirmed by Boniface IX, in the year 1389. It previously was celebrated on July 2. Now it is celebrated between the solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and the birth of St. John the Baptist, in conformity with the Gospel accounts. Some places appropriately observe a celebration of the reality and sanctity of human life in the womb. The liturgical color of the Mass is white.

St. Justin - June 1

He was an apologist and martyr and one of the most important Christian writers of the second century. He himself tells how his study of all the schools of philosophy led him to Christianity, and how he dedicated his life to the defense of the Christian faith as "the one certain and profitable philosophy." St. Justin is particularly celebrated for the two *Apologies* that he was courageous enough to address in succession to the persecuting emperors Antoninus and Marcus Aurelius. One of them contains a description of the rites of baptism and the ceremonies of Mass, thus constituting the most valuable evidence that we possess on the Roman liturgy of his day. Through these *Apologies* and his vigorous disputations in

defense of the faith, he obtained a public edict from the Roman government to stay the slaughter of the Christians. But Justin himself did not escape. He condemned the wicked life led by Crescens the Cynic, who caused him to be accused and later arrested. He was brought before Rusticus, the Prefect of Rome, and questioned concerning the doctrine of the Christian Church. Whereupon he made this good confession in the presence of many witnesses: "The right doctrine which we Christian men do keep with godliness is this: that we believe that there is one God, the maker and creator of all things, both those which are seen and those which bodily eyes do not see; and that we confess the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was of old foretold by the holy Prophets, and who is to come to judge all mankind." He was then beheaded in Rome in 165. Saint Justin is also referred to as "the Philosopher."

St. Marcellinus and St. Peter - June 2

St. Peter, an exorcist, was cast into prison at Rome, under the emperor Diocletian, by the judge Serenus, for confessing the Christian faith. He there set free Paulina, the daughter of Artemius, the keeper of the prison, from an evil spirit that tormented her. Upon this, Artemius and his wife and all their house, with their neighbors who had run together to see the strange thing, were converted to Jesus Christ. St. Peter, therefore, brought them to Marcellinus the priest, who baptized them all. When Serenus heard of it, he called Peter and Marcellinus before him, and he sharply rebuked them, adding to his bitter words threats and terrors, unless they would deny Christ. Marcellinus answered him with Christian boldness, whereupon he caused him to be buffeted, separated him from Peter, and shut him up naked, in a prison strewn with broken glass, without either food or light. He also confined Peter, but when both of them were found to increase in faith and courage in their bonds, they were beheaded, unshaken in their testimony, and confessing Jesus Christ gloriously by their blood.

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions - June 3

Charles was one of twenty-two Ugandan martyrs who converted from paganism. He was baptized in November 1885, a year before his death, and became a moral leader. He was the chief of the royal pages and was considered the strongest athlete in the court. He was also known as "the most handsome man of the Kingdom of the Uganda." He instructed his friends in the Catholic Faith and he personally baptized boy pages. He inspired and encouraged his companions to remain chaste and faithful. He protected his many companions, ages 13-30, from the immoral acts and homosexual demands of the Babandan ruler, Mwanga. Mwanga was an evil superstitious pagan king who originally was tolerant of Catholicism. However, his chief assistant, Katikiro, slowly convinced him that Christians were a threat to his rule. The premise was if these Christians would not bow to him, nor make sacrifices to their pagan god, nor pillage, nor massacre, nor make war, what would happen if his whole kingdom converted to Catholicism? When Charles was sentenced to death, he seemed very peaceful, one might even say, cheerful. He was to be executed by being burned to death. While the fire pyre was being prepared, he asked to be untied so that he could arrange the sticks. He then lay down upon them. When the executioner said that Charles would be burned slowly to death, Charles replied by saying that he was very glad to be dying for the True Faith. He made no cry of pain, but he just twisted and moaned, "Katonda! (O my God!)." He was burned to death by Mwanga's order on June 3, 1886. Pope Paul VI canonized Charles Lwanga and his companions on June 22, 1964. We now celebrate his memorial on June 3rd on the Roman Calendar. He is also the Patron of the African Youth of Catholic Action.

St. Clotilde - June 3

St. Clotilde was Queen of the Franks, and born in Lyons France, probably around the year 470. In 492 or 493, she married Clovis, king of the Franks, converting him to Christianity on Christmas Day. When Clovis died in 511, Clotilde had to deal with feuds and murders conducted by her three sons: Clodomir, king of Orleans; Childebert I, king of Paris; and Clotaire, king of Soissons and the Franks. When Clotaire killed two of his nephews, who were the brothers of St. Clodoald (Cloud), Clotilde left Paris and resided thereafter in Tours.

St. Francis of Caracciolo - June 4

There are three things that made him stand out from his wealthy Neapolitan friends: he was powerfully drawn to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, he fasted every Saturday in honor of the Virgin Mary, and he had a generous love for the poor. When he

was seriously ill at the age of twenty-two, he vowed that if he were cured he would devote himself to the service of God and his fellow men. He became a priest and in 1588 joined the order of Minor Clerks Regular. In the course of time, he became known as "Venerable Father, the Preacher of the Love of God," a title he merited for promoting devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and introducing perpetual nocturnal adoration in his community. He had a childlike love for the Blessed Virgin; his greatest joy was to be of service to his neighbor. God endowed him with the gift of prophecy and the discernment of spirits.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION with Most Rev. Edmund Whalen on **Sunday, June 19**. Tri-lingual (French, English, and Spanish) Mass at **6:30PM**. Music by the African Choir. Corpus Christi procession following the Mass. All are welcome.

CARDINAL'S APPEAL-If you missed the collection for the Cardinal's Appeal, you can put your donation in an envelope and write your name and address, and put it in any upcoming second collection. We thank you for your gift.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND-Contact the rectory at **718-892-3232** if you would like the Holy Eucharist brought to your home. You may bring a pyx to Mass for it.

RELIGIOUS GOODS ROOM is now open every **Sunday** from **9:30AM - 1:30PM** in the narthex. Browse our new selections.

BIBLE STUDY on St. Luke takes place every **Tuesday at 1PM** and **7:30PM** and **Sunday at 11:15AM** in the Green Building.

ENGLISH PRAYER GROUP will now meet every **Saturday at 1:30PM** in the Green Bldg either in-person or virtual. You can join virtually on your computer at: www.zoom.us, **Meeting ID: 521 709 4814, Passcode: 333 777**.

SPANISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meets on every **Monday at 7:30PM** in the church following the **7PM** Mass..

LEGION OF MARY meets every **Sat at 1PM** in the Rectory.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET is also prayed in English every **Saturday at 1:30PM** in the Green Building and every **Monday** in Spanish in the church at **7:30PM**.

ST. HELENA FOOD PANTRY is open every **Wednesday at 12PM** at the Westchester Ave entrance to the Green Building.

FOOD NEEDED for Pentecost Sunday Cooked Food Sale and Flea Market from **11AM-3PM** in the parking lot. If you will cook something for that day, call Elba at **646-667-5365**.

THE ROSARY AND A PRAYER FOR PEACE is now being prayed virtually every evening at **7PM**. To join, either phone in at **929-205-6099** or zoom in at www.zoom.us, meeting # **521 709 4814**, password **333777**. The Rosary is prayed in person in both English and Spanish after the daily **12:15PM** Mass.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE-Take home a baby bottle and make a donation to help expectant mothers and return it by Father's Day.

CARING FOR THE SICK AND INFIRM IS IMPORTANT-During this time of the pandemic, as COVID cases are slightly on the rise, many people find themselves caring for sick and infirm loved ones. Pope Francis encourages this by saying their service to the sick and to the weak and elderly seems to combine well two essential dimensions of the Christian life: on the one hand the desire for an outgoing and tangible witness to others and on the other the need to understand oneself and our need to love one another. "I, therefore, invite you to draw ever anew from the lifeblood of the Beatitudes, to take, with meekness and simplicity, the good news to the poor and least of today's people."

ST HELENA SCHOOL has seats open for September 2022 enrollment of Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4. Please go to mySchools.nyc for more info and to sign up. The St. Helena code is **XADQ**.

ROSA MYSTICA PILGRIMAGE to Edmeston, NY on **Saturday, July 16** from **6:45AM-5PM** by roundtrip motor coach. The cost is \$65. This is a 4-hour trip and the bus will leave from in

front of the church and returns at **9PM**. Please bring payment to the rectory. There will be Eucharistic Adoration, and Confessions. There will be Rosary and Mass followed by a procession and the blessing of items. You can buy lunch or bring a bag lunch. For more info, please call Meera at **718-924-6657**.

ST. HELENA HOLY LAND TOUR-Fr. David will lead an 11-day pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan from **October 21-31, 2022**. Renew your own wedding vows in Cana, the town of Jesus' first miracle. We will all renew our own Baptismal vows at the sacred Jordan River, and of course, we will have daily Mass. We will also visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Nazareth, Capernaum, Petra, Mt. Tabor, Mt. Carmel, Qumran, Tiberias, the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee, and so much more. We will stay at five different four-star hotels. The cost is \$4,300 per person from JFK. This is the opportunity of a lifetime. A \$500 deposit is required. Call the rectory at **718-892-3232** for a brochure and to reserve your spot. Also, invite all your friends because the trip is open to people from outside the parish.



VIEW ON FORMED-Good, solid Catholic Information is so very important. Everyone here at St. Helena's has a free parish subscription at www.formed.org. Just click the icon and join as a parishioner. Today Watch Paul VI: *The Pope in the Tempest or The Misunderstood Pope*. Tomorrow is Memorial Day. Please remember and honor our Deceased Veterans. Tuesday is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Study: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Session 9: *Mary and the Saints* or The Bible and the Virgin Mary: Session 5: *Ark of the New Covenant*. Watch: Ready Reasons: *Was the Immaculate Conception Necessary?* or listen to: *The Virgin Mary Revealed Through Scripture or The World's First Love: Mary, Mother of God*.

POPE SAYS GIRLS MUST BE EDUCATED-Joined by the Irish singer Bono, Pope Francis launched the papal educational foundation Scholas Occurrentes as an international movement and emphasized girls' education and the implementation of *Laudato si*, his 2015 encyclical on care for our common home. The pope said that "women know more about harmony than we men do. And Scholas, organized in this way, with this fraternity between you, has the capacity to create poetry and to bring about change." "We usually speak of 'Mother Earth,' not 'Father Earth,'" and the Pope added, "from the moment of the apple in the Garden of Eden, women became in charge."

FREE HEALTHY FOOD given out every **Tuesday at 1PM** at 1990 McGraw Ave. Text Essen to 726879 to pre-register.

ANNUAL TRILINGUAL MEMORIAL DAY MASS at Saint Raymond's Cemetery on the New Cemetery Grounds on **Monday, May 30 at 11AM**. The celebrant will be Fr. James Cruz.

ST. CATHERINE ACADEMY-2250 Williamsbridge Rd, Bx-The Higher Achievement Program at SCA is an immersive program targeted at preparing girls entering 6th, 7th, & 8th grades for the TACHS test for Catholic High Schools. Students will be exposed to the testing format, test-taking strategies, and area-specific content in English Language Arts & Mathematics. Students will also be introduced to the high school environment, SCA's STEM Lab and Robotics program, and a variety of Sports. The fee is \$500 which includes a T-Shirt and course materials. The program runs from **July 5 through July 22 from 9:30AM-2PM**. For additional info or to register, visit: www.scahs.org/hap/.

WANTED-An apartment to share in the Parkchester area. Call Sosthene at **347-623-9204**.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA) meet every **Saturday at 11AM** in the Calasanz Room. Peer support is so important.

VIRTUAL AL-ANON MEETINGS-meet every **Saturday at 9AM**. Call in at **712-770-5372**, and the access code is: **178602**.

AA BIG BOOK in-person meetings have resumed at **7PM** in the Green Building on **Saturdays**. The virtual Zoom Meeting Code is **84360210329** and the password is **dasolution**.

LA PAZ QUE OS DEJO-"La paz que os dejo". Estas palabras expresan el afecto y la serenidad de Jesús, a pesar de que el momento es todo menos sereno, ya que Judas partió para traicionarlo, Pedro está a punto de negarlo y casi los demás lo abandonarían, sin embargo el Señor permanece tranquilo y amable hasta el final. Estas últimas horas de la vida de Jesús resumen la esencia de toda su vida, y aunque siente miedo y dolor, no da paso a la amargura ni a la ira; está en paz, una paz que proviene de su corazón manso y acostumbrado a la confianza. No se puede dejar paz a los demás si no se tiene paz en el interior.

"Jesús demuestra que la mansedumbre es posible. La encarnó específicamente en el momento más difícil, y quiere que nosotros también nos comportemos así, ya que somos herederos de su paz." Jesús nos pide que seamos mansos, abiertos y disponibles para escuchar a los demás, para desactivar las tensiones y construir la armonía, y lo que más cuenta es nuestro comportamiento, que vale más que muchas palabras o sermones. Como discípulos de Jesús, tratamos de aliviar las tensiones, desactivar los conflictos y reaccionar ante las situaciones sin ira pero con amabilidad... Todos estos son grandes desafíos para nosotros.

"Mi paz os doy". La segunda frase de Jesús puede ayudarnos en nuestra propia lucha por ser pacificadores. La paz "es ante todo un don de Dios" Recordemos cómo dijo Jesús: "Mi paz os la doy. No os la doy como la da el mundo". Esta paz que el mundo no conoce y que el Señor nos da es el Espíritu Santo, el mismo Espíritu de Jesús. La presencia de Dios en nosotros, es el "poder de la paz" de Dios, que "desarma el corazón y lo llena de serenidad". La paz que el Señor nos da nos recuerda que somos hermanos y no adversarios, y es el Señor quien nos ayuda a perdonar y a empezar de nuevo para convertirnos en hombres y mujeres de paz.

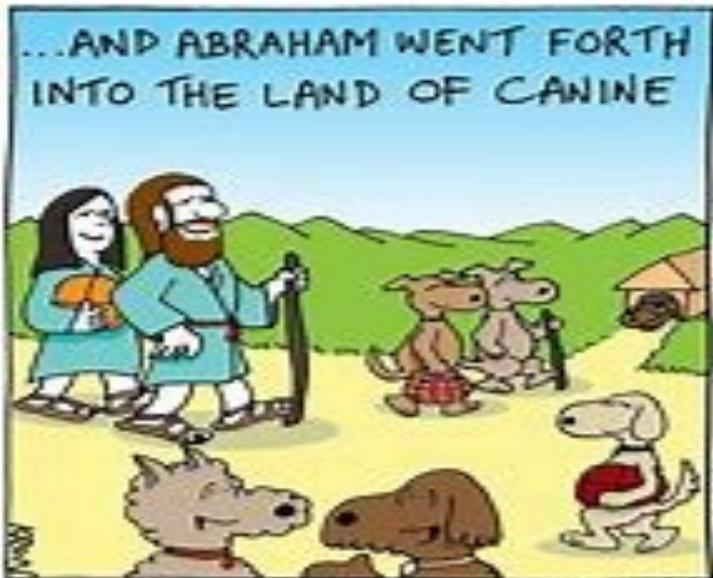
Pedir el don de la paz. Debemos pedir continuamente el don de la paz al Espíritu Santo, sobre todo cuando nuestro corazón está alterado, impaciente o enfadado, "cuanto más necesitamos pedir al Señor el Espíritu de paz". Aprendamos a decir cada día "Señor, dame tu paz, dame tu Espíritu Santo". Y pidámoslo también por los que viven a nuestro lado, por los que encontramos cada día y por los dirigentes de las naciones. Que la Virgen nos ayude a acoger al Espíritu Santo para ser artífices de la paz.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: May 22 — \$3,913.58

St. Helena Elementary School—\$1,596.00

Masses Live-Streamed from St. Helena take place **Mon-Sat at 8:30AM** and **Sun at 10AM in English** and **12PM in Spanish**
www.facebook.com/St.HelenaBronx.

Our Parish YouTube Channel is **St. Helena Film Ministry**.



Mass Intentions

May 29 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 +Dolores O'Leary

10:00 S Vincent McDonnell-Intentions; +*Aurora Muearcel*

12:00 (Sp) +Beverly Guity; +Jacqueline French; +Maria del Carmen Valladares; +Dolores Hernandez, Dimas Gonzalez, Nancy Gonzales, Rosemary Gonzalez and Evelyn Dellorey; +Francisca Ledesma

2:30 (Fr) +Margaret Bongyii and Raphael Mbinkar

5:00 +Madeline Donovan; +*Regina Bevacqua*;

NO 6:30PM MASS TODAY

May 30 – Monday— St. Joan of Arc and St. Dymphna

6:30* +Shirley Jean Radcliffe Dolan

8:30 S +Luis Vega-3rd Anniversary

12:15 +Artimo and Grace Biolzi

May 31 – Tuesday—Feast of the Visitation

6:30* +Frank Pedicone

8:30 S +Rita Shine (From Yonkers Public School District)

12:15 +Hector Ramos and Gregory Ramos

7:00 (Sp) +Kevin Ross, Loretta Bozzone and Guiseppe and Maria Biolzi

June 1 – Wednesday— St. Justin

6:30 Mother of Annette Bushway, +Marie Courtemanche

8:30 S In Thanksgiving-Lena Fannon

12:15 +Gladys Schneider

7:00 (Sp) (Vigil) +Mayra Martinez, Josefina Martinez, Fabian Martinez and Digna Amaro

June 2 – Thursday—St. Marcellinus and St. Peter

6:30 Divine Justice for Putin's Bombing of Hospitals and Countless Damage and Harm in Ukraine

+Shamus Quinn

8:30 +John Wnek, Sr. and Guillermina Martinez

June 3 – Friday— St. Charles Lwanga and Companions

6:30 In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted to Ukraine

8:30 S +Catherine Carolan

12:15 Deceased Members of the Retutas & Corciega Families

June 4 – Saturday— St. Francis Caracciolo

6:30 Divine Justice for Putin's bombing of Hospitals and Countless Damage and Harm in Ukraine

8:30 S Deceased Members of Torrens and Gramlich Families

12:15 +Sophie Gay

1:30 Memorial Mass- +Vince Cuevas

5:30 Michael J. Collins-Intentions; Florine Suphal-Intentions

June 5 – Pentecost Sunday

8:00 +Constance Warneke

10:00 S +Eduardo, Paulina, Rafael, Gladys and Felix Bruno

12:00 (Sp) +Bertha Mero and Lenin Mero; +Jacqueline French;

+Maria del Carmen Valladares; Maria de Jesus Alejo, Maria Pena, Maria De Jesus Adriana, Almida Pena and Melania Pena; For Salud: martha Martinez, Clara Varo, Roberta Varo and Irene Arroyo

5:00 Fr. Richard Wyzkiewics, Sch.P. for Blessings and in

Thanksgiving on Father's 51st Anniversary of Holy

Ordination and His Parents and Family; +*Gwendolyn Rodriguez*

6:30(Fr) +Margaret Bongyii and Raphael Mbinkar

Names only said in Prayer of the Faithful are in Italics

**not a public Mass; +=deceased; S=Mass is live-streamed*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PICTURES

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Readings for the week of May 22, 2022

Sun: 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 Seventh 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; **Mon:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33; **Tues:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56; **Wed:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19; **Thurs:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26; **Fri:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19; **Sat:** Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25; **Next Sun:** 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/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39; **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26