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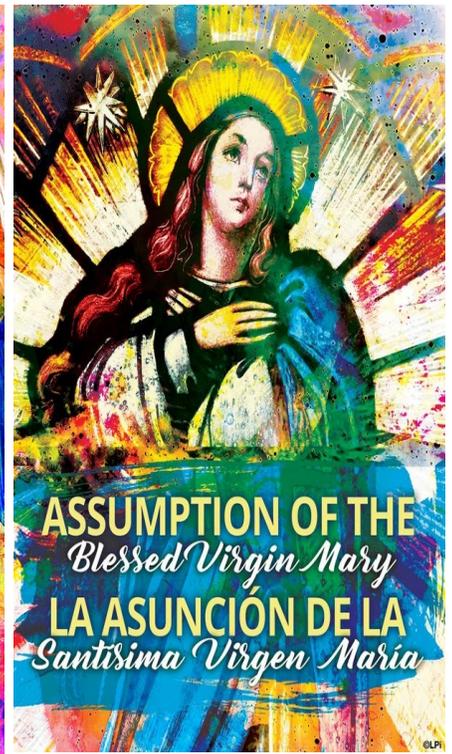
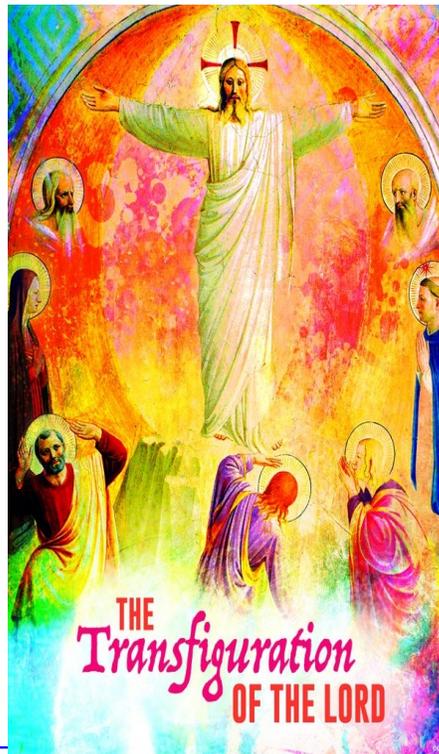
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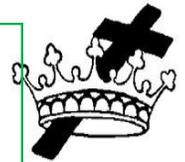
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Mass Schedule (Horario de Misas)

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 (Francais)

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 Santisimo 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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World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly July 24

Even though we do not know a lot about them, we honor Mary's parents as saints, and we celebrate with joy their joint feast. Their love for one another and for Mary is an example to us of how God calls us to live. They also remind us to honor our own grandparents and to thank them for the blessings they have passed down to us in love. On July 25, 2021, the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis said he is worried about how such an individualistic society treats its older members, and he urged young people to give them love and attention. "I worry when I see a society full of people in constant motion, too caught up in their own affairs to have time for a glance, a greeting, or a hug," the Pope said at a Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. "Our grandparents, who nourished our own lives, now hunger for our attention and our love; they long for our closeness. Let us lift up our eyes and see them, even as Jesus sees us." Pope Francis established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to take place annually on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of the grandparents of Jesus. Bless our grandparents with long life, happiness and health.

St. James the Greater - July 25

The taller Saint James was an Apostle and he was known as the Greater, in order to distinguish him from the other Apostle Saint James, who was our Lord's cousin. James was St. John's brother and along with Peter and John, he was one of the witnesses of the Transfiguration, as later he was also of the agony in the garden. He was a son of Zebedee, a fisherman from Galilee. He was later beheaded in Jerusalem in the year 42 or 43 A.D. on the orders of Herod Agrippa. Since the ninth century, Spain has claimed the honor of possessing his relics, The pilgrimage to Saint James of Compostella, Spain (known as *Camino de Santiago*, "the Way of St. James") in the Middle Ages attracted immense crowds; after the pilgrimage to Rome or the Holy Land, it was the most famous and the most frequented pilgrimage in Christendom. The pilgrim paths to Compostella form a network over Europe; they are dotted with pilgrims' hospices and chapels, some of which still exist. Saint James is mentioned in the Roman Canon of the Mass. In Spain, he is called *El Señor Santiago*, the patron saint of horsemen and of soldiers. He is one of those that Jesus called *Boanerges*, "sons of thunder," the other being John the Evangelist.

St. James the Greater and his brother John were apparently close partners with those other two brothers, Peter and Andrew. They lived in Bethsaida, on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee. How and where James first met Jesus, we do not know; but there is an old legend that makes Salome, his mother, a sister of Mary, and if this were the case, he would have known Jesus from childhood. Along with Peter and his brother John, James was part of the inner circle of Jesus, who witnessed certain of His miracles, such as the raising of the daughter of Jairus. Like his brother, he was active in the work of evangelization after the death of Jesus, and one legend has him going to Spain after Jesus' resurrection. His prominence and his presence in Jerusalem must have been well known, for in scarcely a dozen years after the Resurrection, he became involved in the political maneuverings of the day and, he was arrested and executed by King Herod Agrippa. This was followed by the arrest of Peter also, so his death must have been part of a large purge of all Christian leaders by Herod Agrippa, who saw the new Christian movement as a threat to Judaism.

Jesus had foretold this kind of fate when He prophesied that James and his brother John would "drink of the same chalice" of suffering as Himself. The two brothers had asked to be seated at the right of Jesus and at His left in His kingdom, and Jesus told them that they would be with Him in a far different way than they had ever expected. James' death is the only biblical record we have of the death of one of the Apostles, and he was the first of that chosen band to give his life for his Master.

St. Christopher - July 25

We will have the blessing of vehicles on **Mon., July 25** following both the **8:30AM** and **12:15PM** and before the **7PM** Masses. Contrary to the rumors, St. Christopher was not "de-sainted" but merely removed from the General Roman Calendar due to some historical difficulties on the saint. But, the *Roman Martyrology* still commemorates St. Christopher on July 25. He suffered martyrdom in Asia Minor about the year AD 250. This devotion of our fathers, takes its due from his name (Christopher means bearer of Christ), causing them to place colossal statues of the saint bearing the

infant Christ on his shoulders at the entrance to cathedrals. Thus, arose the legend of the giant who carried the child Jesus over a river, which led to the devotion to St. Christopher as the patron of motorists and all forms of transport. He is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. **We will also bless any St. Christopher medals or other St. Christopher devotional items you may bring.**

The Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne - July 26

On July 26, the Roman Catholic Church commemorates the parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anne. The couple's faith and perseverance brought them from the sorrow of childlessness to the joy of conceiving and raising the immaculate and sinless woman who would give birth to Jesus Christ. The New Testament contains no specific information about the lives of the Virgin Mary's parents, but other documents outside of the Biblical canon do provide some details. Although these writings are not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, they outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about Joachim, Anne, and Mary. Information concerning their lives and names is found in the 2nd-century *Protoevangelium of James* ("First Gospel of James") and the 3rd-century *Evangelium de nativitate Mariae* ("Gospel of the Nativity of Mary"). According to these noncanonical sources, Anne (Hebrew: Hannah) was born in Bethlehem in Judaea. She married Joachim, and, although they shared a wealthy and devout life at Nazareth, they eventually lamented their childlessness. They also regarded their inability to conceive a child as a sad, surpassing misfortune, and a sign of deep shame among the tribes of Israel. Joachim was reproached at the Temple for his sterility, and he retreated into the countryside to pray, while Anne, grieved by his disappearance and by her barrenness, solemnly promised God that, if given a child, she would dedicate it to the Lord's service. Both received the vision of an angel, who announced that Anne would conceive and bear a most wondrous child. The angel prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world." The couple rejoiced at the birth of their daughter, whom Anne named Mary. After Mary's birth, Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child. When she was one year old, her father made a great feast, and invited the priests, the scribes, the elders, and all the people of Israel. Later, Joachim brought the child to the priests, and they blessed her, saying: "O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations." So they called their little girl Mary, which means "loved by God," and then they moved to Nazareth, where they educated her, teaching her the law of the Lord. Mary's holy parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God when she was three years old as a Consecrated Virgin. Later she entered into a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

St. Joachim and Saint Anne have been a key part of the Church's liturgical calendar for many centuries. Devotion to their memory is particularly strong in the Eastern Catholic churches, where their intercession is invoked by the priest at the end of each Divine Liturgy. Anne's cult was fervent in the Eastern church as early as the 4th century, and many churches, the first dating from the 6th century, were built in her honor. In the early 8th century, Pope Constantine introduced her devotion to Rome, while Joachim's cult was introduced in the West in the 15th century. St. Anne became extremely popular in the Middle Ages and influenced the theologian Johann Eck.

Let us pray. "God of our fathers and mothers in the faith, you gave Saints Anne and Joachim the privilege of being the parents of Mary, the mother of your incarnate Son. May their prayers help us to attain the salvation you have promised to your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

St. Pantaleon - July 27

Like St. Christopher, he is also one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. He was a physician, who practiced without payment, and who was martyred under Diocletian. According to legend, Pantaleon was the emperor's ordinary physician. He is said to have strayed from the faith because of the voluptuous life at the court, but the zealous priest Hermolaus, pointed out to him the example of his virtuous mother, and this affected such a change that Pantaleon distributed his goods among the poor and devoted his talents for healing to the most wretched and poor among the sick. Because of his holy Christian faith, he was seized by order of Emperor Maximian, tied

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to the rack, and scorched with torches. But in these tortures Christ appeared, granting him further strength. Finally, a stroke of the sword ended his suffering. He is better known in Bithynia, where Emperor Justinian rebuilt his church at Nicomedia. Churches are also dedicated to him in Constantinople and also in Rome at the generalate of the Piarist Fathers. In the East, he is known as a Great Martyr and Wonder Worker. A relic of Pantaleon's blood is kept at Ravello in southern Italy, and it displays the phenomenon of liquefaction on his feast day, similar to that of Saint Januarius. He is the patron saint of physicians

St. Titus Brandsma - July 27

Born in 1881 and executed in 1942, Titus was a Dutch Carmelite priest who was awarded a Ph.D. in Philosophy in 1909 from the Gregorian University in Rome. In 1923, Titus helped found the Catholic University of Nijmegen, and worked there as a lecturer, professor, and administrator. He also served as Rector Magnificus (President) during the academic year 1932-33. Titus also cultivated an interest in journalism and publishing. In late 1935, he became the National Spiritual Adviser to the Union of Catholic Journalists. In this role, he encouraged opposition to the publication of Nazi propaganda in Catholic newspapers and in the Press generally. He was especially critical of its anti-Semitism. Like the more famous Maximilian Kolbe, Brandsma paid for this stance with his life by being injected with carbolic acid in the death camp at Dachau.

St. Victor - July 28

St. Victor, who reigned as the Supreme Pontiff from 189 until 199 AD, was born in Africa. In fact, St. Victor is the first Pope to have been of African origin. It was St. Victor who made Latin the official language of the Roman Catholic Church, and he was the pope who regulated the celebration of Easter always on a Sunday. St. Victor was a favorite of the mistress of Emperor Commodus, and his good relationship with her allowed him to present to her lists of all the imprisoned Christians. Through her power, she was able to secure their releases. St. Victor remained steadfast and stern as he faced great threats to the True Faith from both Gnosticism and also from Monarchianism. In AD 199, St. Victor ultimately suffered martyrdom under Septimus Severus.

Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus - July 29

St. Martha was active, enterprising, careful, and given to exterior things. Our Lord, Who loved her, says Saint John, does not, in the Gospel blame her for what she did for Jesus; He taught her to place those things which directly regard God and eternity above exterior works, and even in active labors, whether of obligation or of supererogation, to avoid anxiety, precipitation and undertaking too much. These things would be detrimental both to interior piety and the good works themselves. Hence these holy words of Jesus, which concern all souls, and will profit them until the end of time: "One thing only is necessary." Martha, like a wise and a prudent virgin, profited by the Divine lesson; holy peace grew in her soul without lessening her zeal. Exiled from Judea, she was thrust on board a ship and was miraculously guided to Provence. She was until the end, a model of the active life, as Mary was a model of the contemplative. Saint Maximin, the Bishop of Aix and a disciple of Our Lord, came to see and console her at her hour of death.

The account of **Lazarus** being raised from the dead by Jesus led to his widespread veneration in Jerusalem, which was witnessed by the Spanish pilgrim Egeria in AD 390. Nothing more is written about him in the New Testament. According to tradition, however, the Jews of Jaffa placed Lazarus and his sisters in a leaky boat in which they somehow sailed safely to Cyprus. He became a bishop on the island and died there peacefully 30 years later.

The great and holy myrrh-bearer **Mary of Bethany** is one of the women disciples of Jesus. Mary was the sister of Martha and of Lazarus of the town of Bethany, which is a few miles away from Jerusalem. At some point in time, Jesus had developed a special friendship with these three siblings and had gone to their house for a visit. During the visit, Mary became engrossed in all Jesus had to say. She sat at his feet, listening attentively, apparently oblivious to her sister, Martha, who scurried about with serving duties. The frustrated Martha complained to Jesus that Mary was not being helpful. Profoundly, Jesus replied that it was Mary who had made the better choice — that spiritual matters have a much higher priority than the household chores. Martha and Mary were believers in Christ even before Jesus Christ raised their brother St. Lazarus from the dead. After the Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the murder of the holy Archdeacon Stephen, a

persecution against the Church of Jerusalem broke out, and the Righteous Lazarus was cast out of Jerusalem. The holy sisters then assisted their brother in the proclaiming of the Gospel in various lands. They then reposed in Cyprus, where their brother became the first Bishop of Kition after his resurrection from the dead. We do not know how they died.

St. Peter Chrysologus - July 30

In the fifth century, Ravenna, not Rome, was the capital of the Roman Empire in the West, and Ravenna itself became a major metropolitan see. Saint Peter Chrysologus was one of the most distinguished archbishops of that see. He was born in Imola about the year 400 and studied under Cornelius, bishop of that city, who ordained him deacon. In AD 433, the archbishop of Ravenna died, and when a successor had been chosen by the clergy and people of Ravenna, they asked Bishop Cornelius to obtain confirmation of their choice from Pope Sixtus III. On his trip to Rome, Cornelius took his deacon, Peter, as his companion; upon seeing Peter, the pope chose him for the see of Ravenna instead of the one selected by the clergy and people of Ravenna. Peter was consecrated and was accepted somewhat grudgingly at first by both the clergy and the people. Peter, however, soon became the favorite of Emperor Valentinian III, who resided at Ravenna and was also very highly regarded by Pope St. Leo the Great, the successor of Pope Sixtus. There were still traces of paganism in Peter's diocese, and his first effort was to establish the Catholic faith everywhere, rooting out abuses and carrying on a campaign of preaching and the special care for the poor. Many of his sermons still survive, and it is on the basis of these that he came to be known as "the golden word." Knowing that his own death was near, Peter returned to his own city of Imola and after urging great care in the choice of his own successor he died at Imola about the year 450 and was buried in the church of St. Cassian. In 1729, Pope Benedict XIII declared him a Doctor of the Church.

Bl. Solanus Casey - July 30

Barney Casey became one of Detroit's best-known priests even though he was not allowed to preach formally or even to hear confessions. Barney came from a very large family in Oak Grove, Wisconsin. At the age of 21, and after he had worked as a logger, a hospital orderly, a streetcar operator, and a prison guard, he entered St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee—where he found the studies difficult. He left there, and in 1896, joined the Capuchins in Detroit, taking the name Solanus. His studies for the priesthood were again arduous. On July 24, 1904, Solanus was ordained, but because his knowledge of theology was judged to be weak, he was not given permission to hear confessions or to preach. A Franciscan Capuchin who knew him well said that this annoying restriction "brought forth in him a greatness and a holiness that might never have been realized in any other way. During his 14 years as porter and sacristan in Yonkers, New York, the people there recognized Solanus as a fine speaker. He would give many inspirational talks, or feverinos, as the Capuchins termed them. Father Solanus served at parishes in Manhattan and Harlem before returning to Detroit, where he was the porter and sacristan for 20 years at St. Bonaventure Monastery. Every Wednesday afternoon he conducted well-attended services for the sick. One co-worker estimates that on an average day 150 to 200 people came to see Father Solanus in the front office. Most of them came to receive his blessing; 40 to 50 came for consultation. Many people also considered him instrumental in cures and other blessings they received. Father Solanus' sense of God's providence inspired many of his visitors. "Blessed be God in all his designs" was one of his favorite expressions.

The many friends of Father Solanus helped the Capuchins begin a soup kitchen during the Depression. Capuchins are still feeding the hungry there today. In failing health, Solanus was transferred to the Capuchin novitiate in Huntington, Indiana, in 1946, where he lived for ten years until needing to be hospitalized in Detroit. Father Solanus died on July 31, 1957. An estimated 20,000 people passed by his wooden coffin before his burial in St. Bonaventure Church in Detroit. In 1960, a Father Solanus Guild was formed in Detroit to aid Capuchin seminarians. Father Solanus Casey was declared Venerable in 1995, and beatified on November 18, 2017.

THE SECOND COLLECTION this weekend is for our Summer Maintenance Fund.

OUR ROOF has been leaking, and we are now repairing it.

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IMPORTANT PARISH CARNIVAL MEETINGS in the Rectory Meeting Room on **Sunday, July 24** after the **Noon** Mass and on **Thursday, July 28** at **7:30PM**.

RAFFLE ITEMS AND FLEA MARKET ITEMS NEEDED for the upcoming Parish Carnival, which will take place **August 11-21**. We will have our usual raffle of many different items, and we are looking for donations of good and new items for it. We will also have a flea market there because there are so many people who attend it. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the rectory and let us know if they are for the raffle or flea market.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL takes place on the weekend of **August 6-7**. The Mission Appeal this year is for the Catholic Diocese of Ondo in Nigeria. We also pray for the 40 parishioners of Saint Francis Xavier Church in Ondo who were murdered by terrorists on Pentecost, and we ask for your kind generosity in the Mission Appeal collection. **Because of the Mission Appeal**, the Church collection envelopes for the Church in Africa can be put in the weekend of **August 20-21**.

GYM FLOOR-We have two solid proposals for a new gym floor and we should soon make a decision and move forward.

NEW MISSALETTES for **August 7** are in and are available for purchase for \$2 in the rectory.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help live-stream the English and Spanish Masses. We will train. Call the rectory for information.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A CATECHIST THIS YEAR? Free catechist training classes this summer. See Fr. Richard for more information on how you can teach religious education classes.

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

ENGLISH PRAYER GROUP meets virtually **Sat.** at **1:30PM**.

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. They will next pray a public rosary in front of the church with music on **Sat., Aug. 27** at **1PM**. Everyone is welcomed to attend.

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

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

CHILD BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES in **English and Spanish** every **Thursday** at **7pm**. You must telephone the rectory for an appointment and bring the necessary documents.

ST. HELENA FOOD PANTRY is open every **Wednesday** at **12PM** at the Westchester Ave entrance to the Green Building. Food donations are always welcome. People are in great need.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION EVENT sponsored by Assembly Member Natalia Fernandez on **Saturday, July 30** from **1-3PM** in our parking lot.

BREAST CANCER SCREENING Mammography Van in front of St. Helena on **Sun., Sept. 25** from **9AM-4:30PM**. Call the rectory now to reserve a slot. Any woman in NYC 49+ can apply.

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**.

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, & 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. Monday is the Feast of St. James, Apostle. Study: *Lectio Evangelization* or watch: *The Way of Saint James*. On the 26th we remember St. Joachim & St. Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Study: *Beloved: Mystery & Meaning of Marriage* or watch: *Sacred Art: Saints Joachim and Anne, or Marriage: God's Design for Life and Love*. Also listen to: *Three to Get Married*. On the 30th Watch: *Solanus Casey: Priest, Porter, Prophet*.

VATICAN PUBLISHES A MANUEL FOR YOUTH- The Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life has released *Keys to Bioethics: A Manuel for Youth*, a **free e-book** prepared by the Jérôme Lejeune Foundation. "With this Manual we wish to offer young people around the world a practical and up-to-date tool to answer some of the questions that clutter their minds when faced with the great challenges generated by scientific and technological progress," said Cardinal Kevin Farrell, the Dicastery's prefect. The Manual states that human life begins at fertilization and that IUDs, RU-486, and the morning-after pill can induce abortions—and that the regular birth control pill can have an abortifacient effect. Other topics covered include the contraceptive mentality, genetic screening, reproductive technology, eugenics, stem-cell research, euthanasia, organ donation, and gender. Discussing gender identity, the Manual states that "in fact, there is no way to change one's sex. To try to do so is to mutilate the body and to create a lie within the human person, who may be altered to look like the other sex but can never truly be the other sex." The Manual is also critical of homosexual parenting: "Recent research has shown that a loving mother and father in a stable relationship are essential to the healthy development of children. The desire of homosexual couples to override the biological constraint on their ability to have children is not a sufficient reason to place children in a same-sex household."

IVANA TRUMP'S MEMORIAL SERVICE took place last Wednesday in Manhattan's historic St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church.

PARKCHESTER FARMER'S MARKET at the intersection of White Plains & Westchester Avenue every **Friday, 8AM-4PM**.

THE BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL I will take place on **September 4**, the Vatican has announced.

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

IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID and are looking for treatment, call **212-268-4319 #9**.

WANTED-An apartment to share in the Parkchester area. Call Sosthene at **347-623-9204** if you know of anything available.

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

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VIRTUAL AL-ANON MEETINGS-meet every **Saturday** at **9AM**. Call in at **667-770-1448**, 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**.

EDUCACIÓN CÍVICA PARA LA ALIMENTACIÓN-Este es un programa para personas de bajos ingresos que viven en el Bronx. En el marco de este programa, una persona asistirá a una hora y media de clase un domingo, a partir de finales de julio. Después de la clase, cada participante recibirá alimentos gratis. Las clases son sesiones informativas de educación cívica diseñadas en la CUNY con el fin de aumentar la comprensión del sistema político estadounidense y aumentar la participación electoral de las personas de bajos ingresos que viven en Nueva York. En cada sesión se inscribirán entre 25 y 50 personas cada tres meses. Para inscribirse en la primera sesión, que comienza a finales de julio aquí en Santa Elena en el Edificio Verde, llame al **347-649-4253** o envíe un correo electrónico a: archerkentbloodcenter@gmail.com

SE NECESITAN TRADUCTORES VOLUNTARIOS-El programa de Educación Cívica para la Alimentación sólo se ofrece en inglés, pero creemos que muchos miembros de la comunidad hispana estarían interesados en el programa. Por lo tanto, estamos buscando voluntarios que traduzcan la parte de la clase al español para ellos. Quizás dos personas podrían traducir durante 45 minutos cada una. Si usted está interesado, por favor llame a la rectoría al **718-892-3232**.

EL PAPA DICE QUE HAY QUE DEDICAR TIEMPO A LA PALABRA DE DIOS-El esfuerzo práctico, aunque necesario, será sólo un "activismo estéril" si no fluye de la escucha de la Palabra de Dios, dijo el Papa Francisco. Refiriéndose a María y Marta, el Papa dijo que mientras Jesús reconoce el esfuerzo de Marta. Quiere hacerle entender que hay un nuevo orden de prioridades, diferente al que ella había seguido hasta entonces. María había intuido que hay una "parte mejor" a la que hay que dar el primer lugar, y que todo lo demás viene después, como una corriente que fluye desde la fuente. Y entonces nos preguntamos: ¿cuál es esa 'parte mejor'? Es escuchar las palabras de Jesús. El Evangelio de Lucas dice que Marta estaba ocupada sirviendo, mientras que María estaba sentada a los pies de Jesús, escuchando sus palabras. Francisco dijo: "Entonces Marta se dirige al Maestro y le pide que le diga a María que la ayude. La queja de Marta no parece fuera de lugar; de hecho, tenderíamos a estar de acuerdo con ella. Sin embargo, Jesús le responde: 'Marta, Marta, estás preocupada y distraída por muchas cosas, pero pocas son necesarias. María ha elegido la mejor parte, que no le será quitada'. Subrayó que la palabra de Jesús no es abstracta; es una enseñanza que toca y modela nuestra vida, la cambia, la libera de la opacidad del mal, la satisface y le infunde una alegría que no pasa. La palabra de Jesús es la mejor parte, la que María había elegido. Por eso, ella le da el primer lugar: se detiene y escucha, y lo demás vendrá después. El Papa Francisco dijo que el esfuerzo práctico tiene valor, pero debe fluir de la escucha de la palabra de Jesús, no precederla. "Debe estar animado por su Espíritu. De lo contrario, se reduce a un alboroto y a una preocupación por muchas cosas, se reduce a un activismo estéril", subrayó.

El Papa también dio un consejo para seguir el ejemplo de María: empezar el día con la escritura. Animó a los católicos a dedicar un tiempo por la mañana a meditar la Palabra de Dios antes de sumergirse en el ajetreo del día. "Si salimos de casa por la mañana teniendo en mente una palabra de Jesús", dijo, "el día adquirirá seguramente un tono marcado por esa palabra, que tiene el poder de orientar nuestras acciones según los deseos del Señor".

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Mass Intentions

July 24 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Joan Millar-Health Intentions
10:00 S +Isabelo Fontanez
12:00 (Sp) +Maria del Carmen Valladares; Por la salud de la familia Lazaro en honor de Austraberta Lazaro; +Jose Bolivar
5:00 For Brenda and Scott Van de Weghe: That They Understand the Need to be Reconciled to God & to Practice Their Faith
6:30 (Fr) +Margaret Bongyii & Raphael Mbinkar

July 25 – Monday — St. James the Greater & St. Christopher

6:30* In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted the Van de Weghes
8:30 S +Belen Acevedo and Rolly Boado; +JC Capistrano
12:15 Loira Yanez-Healing Intention
7:00 (Sp) +Eugenia Santiago, +Hipolito Morales, Sr. and Intentions of Hipolito Morales, Jr.

July 26 – Tuesday —Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne

6:30* +Larry Young and Antonio Brinz
8:30 S For All Saints
9:00 Funeral: +Maria V. Acosta
10:00 Funeral: +Maria Antonia Javier
12:15 +Anna Jimenez

July 27 – Wednesday— St. Titus Brandsma

6:30 +Ronald Higgins
8:30 S Gina Vaccaro's Health and Happiness
12:15 +Mary Falkowska
7:00 (Sp) +Maria Antonia Javier

July 28 – Thursday — St. Victor

6:30 A Mother's Intentions for David Savino
8:30 +Marie Denise Antoine
12:15 Rosemarie Ortiz-Birthday Intention
7:00 (Sp) +Maria Antonia Javier

July 29 – Friday—Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

6:30 In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted To D. Savino & His Mother
8:30 S In thanksgiving for Favors Granted to G. Vaccaro
12:15 +Steve Lezama and Luxmore Jameson
7:00 (Sp) +Maria Antonia Javier

July 30 – Sat— St. Peter Chrysologus and Bl. Solanus Casey

6:30 +John Harnett
8:30 S +Ann Marie Farley
12:15 +Luciana Coronel-Talavera-(Luisa Ramos' Sister);
+Maria Antonia Javier
5:30 Patricia Callaghan-Healing Intention

July 31 – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 In Thanksgiving for Therese Diallo's Birthday
10:00 S +Socoro Hunter; +George Sanchez
12:00 (Sp) +Maria del Carmen Valladares; Accion de Gracias al Divino Niño 15th Aniversario de Difunto-Pablo Mojica;
+Maria Antonia Javier
5:00 +Basil Rebello
6:30(Fr) +Margaret Bongyii & Raphael Mbinkar

*Names only said in Prayer of the Faithful are in Italics
not a public Mass; +=deceased; S=Mass is live-streamed

Readings for the week of July 24, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13; **Monday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28; **Tuesday:** Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43; **Wednesday:** Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46; **Thursday:** Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53; **Friday:** Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42; **Saturday:** Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12; **Next Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21