

# The Piarist Fathers



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## July-August 2022

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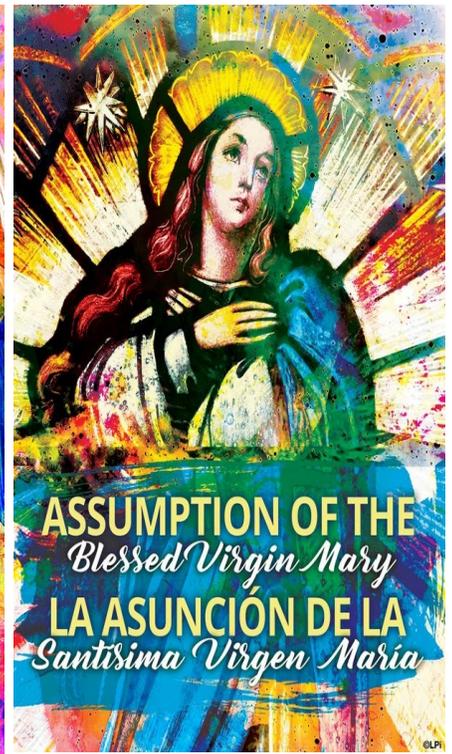
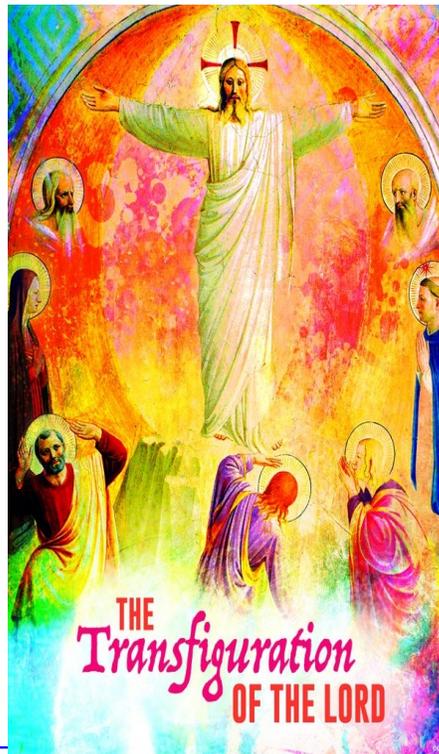
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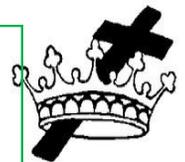
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## Mass Schedule (Horario de Misas)

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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**St. Joseph Calasanz—August 25**

The Founder of the Piarist Fathers is Saint Joseph Calasanz (1557-1648). There is a plenary indulgence attached to attending Mass at St. Helena on that day because the parish is staffed by the Piarist Fathers. He was a holy priest and the founder of both the world's first Christian public school and later the Order of the Pious Schools (known today as the Piarist Fathers,) and he devoted his whole life to the education of poor children.

He was born in Spain on September 11, 1557, in a little village in Aragon called Peralta de la Sal. Joseph the youngest of five children born to Don Pedro Calasanz and Donna Maria Gastonia. His mother and brother died while he was still in school. He studied at Estadilla, Valencia, and Alcala de Henares. His father wanted him to become a soldier, to marry, and to continue the family line, but a near-fatal illness in 1582 caused him to seriously examine his life, and he realized that he was called to the religious life. He was ordained as a diocesan priest on December 17, 1583, after receiving a doctorate in both canon law and theology from the University of Lereda. Calasanz served as a parish priest at Albarracin and was later given high ecclesiastical positions. He did his work well, serving as both secretary and confessor to his bishop, synodal examiner, and procurator. He helped revive religious zeal among the laity and discipline among the clergy in his small section of the Pyrenees. He also served as Vicar-general of Trempe, Spain. Both his father and his bishop died in 1587, and following a vision, he gave away much of his inheritance and renounced most of the rest.

In 1592, just nine years after his ordination, he traveled to Rome, where it seemed he would have a promising career. He worked in the household of Cardinal Ascanio Colonna as a theological advisor for the cardinal and as a tutor to the cardinal's nephew. Yet, he felt that God was calling him to do something more. He was shocked by the ignorance and the poor morals of the common people, especially the youth he encountered in the Trastevere, one of the poorest suburbs of the city. He joined the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, and his heart was filled with pity for all of the orphans and homeless children he saw everywhere. They were ignorant and neglected. He was convinced that the best way he could help the people was to make sure that ALL of the children had a good education. It seems that God wanted Calasanz to be a mediator so that he could enrich the Church with a new charismatic gift.

Being unable to interest any of the city's other religious orders and institutes in the education of poor children, he undertook this task himself. He began to gather them together to teach them both all the regular secular subjects, and especially their religion. Soon, other priests joined him, and in 1597, in the Church of St. Dorothy, he and two fellow priests opened the very first free public school in Europe. So overwhelming was the response of the people that Fr. Calasanz and his companions received, that there was a constant need for larger and larger facilities to house their free school. In 1602, they moved to larger quarters and reorganized the teaching priests into a community. In 1612, they moved to the Torres palace to have even more room. Soon thereafter, Pope Clement VIII gave support to the school, and this financial aid continued under Pope Paul V. Soon other schools were opened and more men attracted to their work joined them.

On March 25, 1617, he and his fourteen assistants formed the Poor Clerics Regular of the Mother of God of the Pious Schools. They were the very first priests to have as their primary ministry teaching in elementary schools. Emphasizing love, not fear, Saint Joseph wrote, "if from the very earliest years, a child is instructed in both religion and letters, it can be reasonably hoped that his life will be happy." While residing in Rome, Joseph endeavored to visit the seven principal churches of that city almost every evening, and also to honor the graves of the Roman martyrs. During one of the city's repeated plagues, a holy rivalry existed between him and St. Camillus in assisting the sick and in personally carrying away for burial the bodies of those who had been stricken. On account of his heroic patience and his fortitude in the midst of trouble and persecution, he was called a marvel of Christian courage, and a second Job.

This is the context in which his vocation originated. He heard the voice of God calling him: "Joseph, give yourself for the poor. Teach these children and take care of them." Soon Calasanz became the superior of the new religious order, but he never let his duties as



founder and superior stop him from teaching his beloved children. He would even sweep the classrooms himself. He often led the little ones to their homes after school was over. At the insistence of Calasanz, Jewish children were admitted to the Pious Schools, and he ensured that they were treated as equals. Many textbooks were written in vernacular languages rather than Latin, and the study of mathematics and science was a priority. In 1621, Father Joseph Calasanz's "Free Schools" received Papal recognition as a religious order under solemn canonical vows called "Le Sciole Pie" (the Religious Schools), which in English became the Piarists.

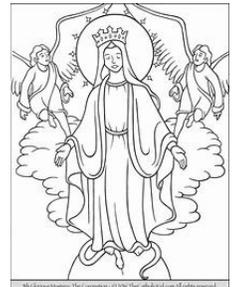
However, Joseph encountered many difficulties, including his friendships with the controversial astronomer Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) and the Italian Dominican friar and philosopher Tommaso Campanella (1558-1639), who sought to reconcile Renaissance humanism with Roman Catholic theology. As a result, he was investigated by papal commissioners. Some members of the ruling class objected that educating the poor would cause social unrest. Other Religious Orders that worked with the poor were afraid they would be absorbed by the Piarists. But the group continued to have papal support and to do good work. He also had much to suffer from people who wanted to take over his order, and he also suffered through the rebellion of one of his subordinates in the order. Once, he was even led through the streets like a criminal, and he was almost put in jail, although he had done nothing wrong. Also, there were still those who felt that the poor shouldn't be educated, as this would only make them dissatisfied with their lot in life. A papal commission charged with examining the Order acquitted Joseph of all accusations, and in 1645, returned him to superior of the Order, but internal dissent continued, and the following year Pope Innocent X dissolved the Order, placing the priests under control of their local bishops. St. Joseph was removed from office, and his order was suppressed in every country save Poland, but he, like the wise Old Testament figure Job, remained humble and obedient. Despite this suffering, Joseph only said: "The Lord has given, and the Lord has taken away."

St. Joseph Calasanz died a calm and peaceful death on August 25, 1648, and soon after, his Order was fully restored by Pope Clement IX. He was proclaimed a saint by Pope Clement XIII in 1767. In 1948, Pope Pius XII declared him to be the "Heavenly Patron Saint of all Christian Public Schools." He shares his holy Feast Day on August 25 with St. Louis IX of France and St. Genesius, the patron of actors.

**Queenship of Mary - August 22**

The faithful, under the guidance of an unerring Catholic instinct, have always recognized the queenly dignity of the Mother of "The King of kings and Lord of lords": the Fathers, the Doctors of the Church, Popes, down through the centuries, have given authoritative expression to this truth and the crowning testimony to this common belief is to be found clearly expressed in the wonders of art and in the profound teaching of the liturgy. In their turn theologians have shown the fitting nature of this title of Queen as applied to the Mother of God, since she was so closely associated with the redemptive work of her Son and is the Mediatrix of all graces. Pius XII, by his encyclical letter of October 11, 1954, granted the unanimous desire of the faithful and their pastors and instituted the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary, giving sanction thus to a devotion that was already paid by the faithful throughout the world to Mary, the sovereign Mother of heaven and earth. With the certainty of faith, we know that Jesus Christ is king in the full, literal, and absolute sense of the word; for He is true God and man. This does not, however, prevent Mary from sharing His royal prerogatives, though in a much limited and analogous manner; for she was the Mother of Christ, and Christ is God; and she shared in the work of the divine Redeemer, in His struggles against His enemies and in the triumph that He won over them all. From this union with Christ the King she assuredly obtains so eminent a status that she stands high above all created things; and upon this same union with Christ is based that royal privilege enabling her to distribute the treasures of the kingdom of the divine Redeemer. And lastly, this same union with Christ is the fountain of the inexhaustible efficacy of her motherly intercession in the presence of the Son and of the Father.

At the time of Jesus, the queen was not the wife of the king, but rather, the mother of the king because a king could have many



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wives but only one mother. St. Helena, as the mother of Emperor Constantine, was the Augusta, and she had her own court and served as an intercessor for the people with her son. So too, Mary, the Mother of Jesus, serves as a powerful intercessor for all of us. Without doubt, then, does our holy Virgin possess a dignity that far transcends all other creatures. In the eyes of her Son, she takes precedence over everyone else. In order to help us understand the preeminence that the Mother of God enjoys over all creation, it would help to remember that from the very first moment of her conception the holy Virgin was filled with such a plenitude of grace as to surpass the graces enhancing all the saints. Recall what our predecessor Pius IX, of blessed memory, wrote in his Bull *Ineffabilis Deus*: "More than all the angels and all the saints has God ineffable freely endowed Mary with the fullness of the heavenly gifts that abound in the divine treasury; and she, preserving herself ever immaculately clean from the slightest taint of sin, she attained a fullness of innocence and holiness so great as to be unthinkable apart from God Himself, a fullness that no one other than God will ever possess." Spurred on by piety and faith, may we glory in being subject to the rule of the Virgin Mother of God; she bears the royal scepter in her hand, while her heart is ever aflame with a mother's love.

### **St. Rose of Lima - August 23**

The first canonized saint of the Western Hemisphere, St. Rose of Lima (1586-1617) might also be considered a type of the special vocation of contemplative-in-the-world. Inspired by the example of St. Catherine of Siena, Rose became a Dominican lay tertiary and devoted herself to works of active charity while living a life of extreme austerity. She longed to evangelize the Indians, not at all discouraged by the thought that they would probably kill her. St. Martin de Porres and St. John Masias were among her friends. She died at the age of 31, praying, "Lord, increase my sufferings, and with them increase your love in my heart."

### **St. Bartholomew - August 24**

In St. John's Gospel, Bartholomew is known by the first name Nathaniel. He hailed from Cana in Galilee and was one of the first disciples called by the Lord. On that initial meeting, Jesus uttered the glorious compliment: "Behold, an Israelite indeed in whom there is no guile!" After the Resurrection he was favored by also becoming one of the few apostles who witnessed the appearance of the risen Savior on the sea of Galilee. Following the Ascension, he is said to have preached in Greater Armenia and to have been martyred there. While still alive, his skin was torn from his body. The Armenians honor him as the apostle of their nation.

Concerning the fate of his relics, the *Martyrology* says: "His holy body was first taken to the island of Lipari (north of Sicily), then to Benevento, and finally to Rome on an island in the Tiber where it is honored by the faithful with pious devotion." The Church of Armenia has a national tradition that St. Jude Thaddeus and St. Bartholomew visited the Armenians early in the first century and introduced Christianity among the worshippers of the god Ahura Mazda. The new faith spread throughout the land, and in 302 A.D., St. Gregory the Illuminator baptized the king of Armenia, Dertad the Great, along with several of his followers. Since Dertad was probably the first ruler to embrace Christianity for his nation, the Armenians proudly claim they were the first Christian State.

### **St. Louis IX - August 25**

Saint Louis became King of France at the age of twelve, had been religiously brought up by his mother, Blanche of Castile. Throughout his life, he remained deeply devout and as a king, his conduct was that of a real saint. He devoted himself to the affairs of his kingdom and to those of Christendom and was a great peacemaker — kings and princes constantly sought his aid in settling disputes. He was humble and upright, helpful to the needy, and in-person nursed lepers and the sick. Saint Louis gave to all the example of a life overflowing with charity and sovereign justice. He was a tertiary of the Order of the Holy Trinity and Captives and a strong supporter of the Franciscan Orders and other mendicant orders as well. A full decade before he died in Tunis, in honor of the King's support and Catholic manner of life, St. Bonaventure even proposed to the Franciscans' General Chapter that suffrages be prayed for the King annually (essentially a feast day, as for those already sainted!), the Chapter approved the proposal three years later. Immediately after Louis IX's death, the Franciscans began an active campaign for his canonization, and he was even venerated by the Secular Franciscan Order and the Third Order Regular as protector and advocate as soon as he was canonized. He died near Tunis in 1270,

lying on a bed of ashes, during a crusade for the deliverance of the Holy Land.

### **St. Genesius - August 25**

Genesius was an actor in the third century. He was performing in Rome on the stage in front of Diocletian who was an emperor known for hating Christians. He was portraying a catechumen that was about to be baptized in the play, which was satirizing the sacrament. During the ceremony, it was said that he suddenly converted to Christianity. He declared this to the Emperor and with rage, Diocletian turned him over to the Plautian and they tortured him, trying to force him to sacrifice to the pagan Gods. Genesius clung to his Christian faith and when they realized they would not be able to change his mind, he was beheaded. Saint Genesius is the patron saint of actors, and he is also commonly portrayed with a string instrument in his hand.

### **Our Lady of Czestochowa - August 26**

According to tradition, the icon of Jasna Góra was painted by Luke the Evangelist on a tabletop built by Jesus himself, and the icon was discovered by St. Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine and a collector of Christian relics in the Holy Land. The icon was then enshrined in the imperial city of Constantinople, according to the legend, where it remained for the next 500 years. The image was brought to Poland in 1382 by Ladislaus of Opole who rescued the painting from Belz while escaping an attack by the Tartars who had damaged the painting with an arrow. On his way to Silesia, Ladislaus stopped to rest in the town of Czestochowa near the church on Jasna Góra (Bright Hill). He believed that it was Our Lady's desire for her image to remain in Czestochowa, so he left the image at the church and, he invited the Pauline monks from Hungary to be its guardians. Pope John Paul II visited the image of Our Lady of Czestochowa four times during his pontificate. Our Lady's intercession is credited with the liberation of Poland from Communist rule.

### **St. Monica - August 27**

She was born in 333 in Tagaste, northern Africa and died in Ostia, near Rome. Monica was a Christian, but her husband Patricius was a pagan and a man of loose morals. Monica's virtues and prayers, however, converted him, and he was baptized a year before his death. When her son, Augustine, joined the Manichean sect and went astray in faith and morals, Monica's tears and prayers for her son were incessant. She followed him to Milan, where Augustine went to teach, and there continued to storm heaven with her prayers for her son. Finally, she had the joy of witnessing Saint Ambrose baptize Augustine in 387. She died in Ostia, as she and her son gazed at the sea and discoursed about the joys of the blessed.

**THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST. HELENA** extends its deepest sympathy to Rev. Pedro Rivas, Sch.P. and his family upon the passing of his mother Benigna Rivas in El Salvador. She had been married for 50 years and she will be deeply missed.

**FLEA MARKET ITEMS NEEDED** for the upcoming Parish Carnival, which will end today **August 21**. We will have our usual raffle of 30 items. First prize is a 65-inch flat-screen TV. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the rectory. The drawing will be **August 28**.

**THIS WEEKEND, THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA.** Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more about this specific collection, visit: [www.usccb.org/africa](http://www.usccb.org/africa).

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & OCIA REGISTRATION** begins this weekend, **August 20-21** through **September 17-18**. You must register your child again with Father Richard, even if they were in our Religious Education program last year. You may register at the table in the back of the church or on weekdays you may register in the rectory. We are also accepting applications from any non-Catholic adult who is interested in learning more about our faith or any adult who is missing sacraments.

**DO YOU WANT TO BE A CATECHIST THIS YEAR?** See Fr. Richard for more information on how you can teach or help teach religious education classes.

**FALL ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM**-The new Archdiocesan Adult Confirmation Program is designed for any practicing adult (18+) Catholics seeking the holy sacrament of Confirmation, who have been baptized, have received their first Holy Communion, and have been educated in the Catholic faith through Catholic Schools or religious education programs. You can contact the rectory for more information.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES POP-UP FOOD PANTRY** will take place in the St. Helena parking lot on **Friday, Aug. 26**, beginning at **10AM**. We will distribute fresh produce that day.

**NEW MISSALETTES** which began on **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.

**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.

**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](http://mySchools.nyc) for more info and to sign up. The St. Helena code is **XADQ**.

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM**-Thank you for praying for me. I am 8 months old now. I've got long fingernails and I'm busy getting ready for my birthday. I can't wait to see my Mom and Dad. Thanks to you and your prayers, I'll see them soon.

**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](http://www.formed.org). Just click the icon and join as a parishioner. Tomorrow is The Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Study: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, session 9: *Mary and the Saints*; The Bible and the Virgin Mary, lesson 7: *The Promised Mother*, or lesson 8: *Mother Crowned in Glory*; *Footprints of God: Mary*; or *33 Days to Morning Glory*. Listen to: *Mary, the Indispensable Mother of God* or *The World's First Love*.

**VATICAN STOPS CAUSE FOR BEATIFICATION OF ALL AMERICAN MARINE CHAPLAIN**-The Vatican has put a temporary hold on the cause for beatification of Father Vincent Capodanno, the Marine chaplain who won the Medal of Honor for his bravery in service under fire in Vietnam. The Congregation for the Causes of Saints had already found that Father Capodanno—revered by Marines as the “Grunt Padre”—had lived a life of heroic virtue. But a panel of theologians recommended against proceeding with his cause because of his military involvement. One theological consultant explained: “With ongoing military actions in the world today (think Ukraine), raising someone from the military for veneration may not be appropriate for our Church.”

**VATICAN REACHES DIPLOMATIC ACCORD WITH SAO TOME**-The Vatican signed a diplomatic agreement on August 15 with the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, recognizing the legal status of the Church in the little island nation off the western coast of central Africa.

**JUDGE BLOCKS BIDEN ADMINISTRATION PLAN TO EXCLUDE NFP FUNDING**-A federal judge has ruled that the Biden administration cannot deny health-care funding to programs that use natural family planning (NFP). The administration had sought to eliminate support for NFP counseling under the recent Affordable Care Act. In a Texas federal court, Judge Jeremy Kernodie found that the administration “likely violated the law” in doing so.

**BIDEN ADMINISTRATION WILL NOT FORCE GENDER MANDATE ON RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS**-The current Biden administration has announced that a plan to require all schools to provide facilities for “transgender” students will not apply to any private religious schools. Previously, the administration had ruled that any school which does not accommodate transgender students will not qualify for the National School Lunch program.

**CAMEROON'S BISHOPS OBJECT TO A NEW LAW ALLOWING FOR ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION**-Cameroon is a Central African nation of 28.5 million people with a total population that is 61% Christian (and 29% Catholic), 20% Muslim, and 18% ethnic religionist. Catholic social teaching on artificial reproduction is discussed in *Donum Vitae* (1987) and *Dignitas Personae* (2008), two documents of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

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**WORLD YOUTH DAY** on **Sun, July 30–Monday, August 7, 2023**. Join the Archdiocese of New York for our World Youth Day 2023 9-Day Pilgrimage in Lisbon! Meet Catholic young adults from around the world to pray together, learn together, and celebrate together! Must be 18+ to attend. For more info and to register, visit [www.petersway.com/9893.html](http://www.petersway.com/9893.html). The tour brochure is also available for download at the same link. For questions, email [Kaitlyn.Colgan@archny.org](mailto:Kaitlyn.Colgan@archny.org). Youth must register by **Monday, August 15**.

**RETROUVAILLE** is a weekend marriage-saving program, **Sept. 9-11**. It is different, a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage. To

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register or for more information, call **800-470-2230**. Remember that St. Helena is the Patron Saint of difficult marriages.

**WIDOWER'S BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP-** A Widower's bereavement support group will be held at the Saint Kateri Catholic Center (24 Sloan Rd., Newburgh) on consecutive **Tuesdays: September 13, 20, 27, and Oct 4, and 11** - from **5:30 – 7:30 pm**. Please note that this group is open to men who have survived the death of a spouse. Space is limited. For more information and to register, please call Vinny DaSilva from the Family Life Office at **646-794-3168**.

**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.

**ONLINE DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES IN THEOLOGY THROUGH SAINT JOSEPH'S SEMINARY**-Take classes In-person or online and expand your understanding of the Catholic Faith; Affordable tuition; Faithful to the Magisterium; More info: [www.dunwoodie.edu](http://www.dunwoodie.edu). Contact: [sjsacademics@dunwoodie.edu](mailto:sjsacademics@dunwoodie.edu)

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

**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 **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**.

**SAN JOSÉ DE CALASANZ - AUGUST 25**-San José de Calasanz nació el 11 de septiembre de 1556 en el castillo de Calasanz, cerca de Peralta de la Sal, Aragón, España. Hijo del gobernador de la región, Pedro Calasanza y de María Gastonia. Cursó estudios en la escuela de Peralta y tras sus estudios clásicos en Estadilla, estudió filosofía y leyes en Lérida, recibiendo el doctorado en leyes. Posteriormente, completó con honores cursos de teología en Valencia y Alcalá de Henares (España). Sufrió una enfermedad en 1582 que lo llevó al borde de la muerte y prometió que si Dios le concedía la curación, se dedicaría a trabajar por la salvación de las almas. Tras curarse fue ordenado sacerdote el 17 de diciembre de 1583, por Hugo Ambrosio de Moncada, obispo de Urgel. Inicia su ministerio sacerdotal en la Diócesis de Albarracín, donde el obispo de la Figuera lo envió a una región montañosa. El obispo de Urgel lo nombró su teólogo y confesor y vicario general. Cuando el obispo fue transferido a Lérida lo acompañó. Posteriormente fue vicario-general del distrito de Trempe.

Renunció a sus cargos, y repartiendo entre los pobres las grandes riquezas que había heredado de sus padres, se dirigió a pie a Roma en 1592, donde el Cardenal Marcantonio Colonna, lo escogió como su teólogo e instructor para su sobrino. Entró en la Cofradía de la Doctrina Cristiana que se dedicaba a enseñar catecismo a los niños.

En noviembre de 1597, abrió la primera escuela pública gratuita en Europa. En poco tiempo, tenía mil niños bajo su cuidado. En 1602 alquiló una casa en San Andrea della Valle y comenzó la vida comunitaria con sus asistentes. A sus institutos educativos los llamó "Escuelas Pías" y los padres que acompañaban al padre Calasanz se llamaron Escolapios. Fue llevado a los tribunales y le quitaran el cargo de Superior General, la Santa Sede determinó acabar con la congregación que había fundado. Le fueron restituidos sus cargos y la Comunidad volvió a ser aprobada. San José de Calasanz falleció en Roma el 25 de agosto del año 1648, a la edad de 92 años. Fue beatificado el 7 de agosto de 1748, y canonizado por Clemente XIII, el 16 de julio del 1767.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION: August 14—\$3,560.15**  
**Emergency Fund — \$1,097.00**

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](http://www.facebook.com/St.HelenaBronx).

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

## Mass Intentions

### August 21 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00** For Alessandra Savino's Utmost Facility Achieving Salvation and for a Close and Loving Relationship with her Paternal Grandmother

**10:00 S** +Rosario Figueroa Guevara

**12:00 (Sp)** +Maria y Abelino Cazho; +Jose Antonio Oqendo and Enriguillo Sanchez; Deceased Members of the Callado Family and Deceased Members of the Cordies and Azuidiaz Families; +Milton Rivera Bastian and James Glann Hernandez; +Gregoria Antonia Paredes de la Cruz

**5:00** +Sara Echevarria; +Rosa Pena

**6:30 (Fr)** Grace & Ruth-Intentions for Them to Restore Their Faith; +Margaret Bongyii & Raphael Mbinkar

### August 22 – Monday — Queenship of Mary

**6:30\*** +Alberto Brinz

**8:30 S** +Rita Spano in Honor of Padre Pio

+Luis M. Capellan

**7:00 (Sp)** +Gregoria Antonia Paredes de la Cruz

### August 23 – Tuesday — St. Rose of Lima

**6:30\*** +Jim Price

**8:30 S** In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted A. Savino and Her Paternal Grandmother

**12:15** Souls in Purgatory

**7:00 (Sp)** +Gregoria Antonia Paredes de la Cruz

### August 24 – Wednesday— St. Bartholomew

**6:30** St. Helena Prayer Guild

**8:30 S** Fr. Paul-Birthday Intention; +Carolyn Nelson Gonzales

**12:15** A Mother's Intention for David Savino

**7:00 (Sp)** +Gregoria Antonia Paredes de la Cruz

### August 25 – Thursday — SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH CALASANZ

**6:30** +Catherine Little

**8:30** Brenda and Scott Van de Weghe: That They Understand the Spiritual Need to be Reconciled to God and Practice Their Faith

**12:15** Michael Soto-Torrellas-Birthday Intention

**7:00 (Sp)** +Gregoria Antonia Paredes de la Cruz

### August 26 – Friday — Our Lady of Czestochowa

**6:30** In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted to the Van de Weghes

**8:30 S** +Bernard M. Farley

**12:15** In Thanksgiving for Favors Received by D. Savino & His Mother

### August 27 – Saturday — St. Monica

**6:30** A Mother's Intention for David Savino

**8:30 S** Joanne Savino's Intentions

**12:15** +Altagracia, Carmen, Manuel and José Capellán

**5:30** Suzanne Piscitelli's Optical Nerves; that They be Thickened and Sufficient Optical Hydration be Restored

### August 28 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00** In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted D. and J. Savino

**10:00 S** +Maya Antonetti

**12:00 (Sp)** +Jesus Cruz, Jr.; +Jose Velez, Jr.;

+Gregoria Antonia Paredes de la Cruz

**5:00** In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted Suzanne Piscitelli

**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 August 21, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30;

**Monday:** 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22;

**Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26;

**Wednesday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51;

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51; **Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13; **Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30; **Next Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14