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December 29, 2019 — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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MASSES:

Weekdays: 8:30 AM

SATURDAY MORNING MASS: 8:30 AM

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY:

8:00 & 10:30 AM, 12:00 NOON & 5:00 PM

VIGILS OF EVES OF HOLY DAYS: 7:30 PM

HOLY DAYS: 8:30 AM & 7:30 PM

RECTORY: 732-494-3399 FAX 732-494-2076

CHURCH OFFICE: 732-494-3399
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SECRETARY Anna Morabito

MISSION STATEMENT

"As a diverse parish, the community of St. Helena's encourages parishioners to be good stewards through the interaction and involvement of all members with respect and dignity to the poor, the sick and those in need, as well as encouraging the youth to participate fully in parish life."

PARISH MEMBERSHIP All parishioners should be registered. Please register at the Rectory when you move into the parish and also notify the Rectory if you are leaving the parish.

SPONSOR LETTERS Church law mandates that a Godparent for Baptism and a Sponsor for Confirmation be an active Confirmed Catholic. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the church, is in a valid Catholic marriage, and publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching. We can only write letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.

BAPTISM Baptism is celebrated every Sunday at 1:30 PM except during Lent. Arrangements must be made in advance. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. If sponsors are from another parish, they are to obtain a sponsor letter from their parish priest indicating that they are practicing Catholics.

MARRIAGE Marriage arrangements should be made at least one year in advance and prior to any social plans. Contact the Parish Office for all premarriage.

MUSIC MINISTRY For information regarding our Adult Choir and Children's Choir, contact the Parish Office at 732-494-3399.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION (CCD) If you are new to the parish and wish to enroll your child in the Religious Education Program, please call our Religious Ed office at 732-549-4660.

RCIA Adults wishing to become Roman Catholic or receive First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, please call our Religious Ed office for information on the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

MASS INTENTIONS Contact the Parish Office to schedule a Mass for our beloved deceased.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday's after the 8:30 AM Mass - 11:00 AM. Please join us for the recitation of the Rosary of Our Blessed Mother at 10:30 AM for the Intention of Respect for Life.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS/MINISTRIES

Director of Music: D. Bucko, Jr.

Readers/EM Co. L. Radler, J. Maldony,

A. Allen

Youth Director: M. Tonzola

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Holy Name Society:
Knights of Columbus:
Legion of Mary:
J. Maldony
T. Fiedorowicz
J. DiPaola
J. Toth
Dr. M. Garcia

Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts Sue Dalton, 732-680-1719

If you wish to get in touch with anyone in these Organizations/Ministries, please call the Rectory Office at 732-494-3399, Ext. 10, unless otherwise noted.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Our Priests and members of the Legion of Mary bring Communion to homebound parishioners or those in local area nursing homes. If you or a family member would like to be put on our homebound list please contact the Parish Office to arrange such visits. To contact a priest in a genuine emergency involving the sick or dying, call the rectory office. After normal business hours dial the regular rectory number, 732-494-3399 and then Ext. 13.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY The St. Vincent de Paul food collection takes place on the second weekend of the month. Please leave your nonperishable food donations on the tables in the breezeway the second weekend of the month.

HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement and/or by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan website: https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse.



SUNDAY - December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 AM Emery & Helen Fisher r/o Rita &

Emery Fisher

10:30 AM Helen & Belen Gonzalez r/o The

Dizon Family

12 Noon In Thanksgiving r/o Vivian & Jovita

Lobo & Family

5:00 PM Alex Scibetta r/o The Nunziata Family

MONDAY - December 30, 2019

8:30 AM David Laing r/o Madelyn Bihler Laing

TUESDAY - December 31, 2019

8:30 AM George Peterson r/o Bill & Mary

Mastroly

5:00 PM Parishioners of St. Helena - Living &

Deceased

<u>WEDNESDAY</u> - January 1, 2020 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Helena - Living &

Deceased

THURSDAY – January 2, 2020 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:30 AM Mary Shwab r/o The Pizzi Family

<u>FRIDAY</u> - January 3, 2020

8:30 AM Andre Arian r/o Family

SATURDAY - January 4, 2020

8:30 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

January 2020

Eddie Yu r/o Family

Lucille Klopf r/o The Zranchev Family

Melecio Aninipot r/o The Zranchev Family
Joe Dunne r/o Eileen Dunne

Eileen Holt r/o Family

Thomas Adamski r/o Daughter, Mary Adamski

John & Rose Bacha r/o Mary & Marian

Stephen & Melvina Urbanski r/o Daughter, Beverly Lukawski

Joseph & Aniela Lukawski r/o Daughter In-Law,

Beverly Lukawski

Peter Lukawski r/o Wife, Beverly &

Son, Daniel Lukawski

Ursula Kowalski r/o Aunt, Beverly & Godson, Daniel Lukawski

SATURDAY - January 4, 2020—Continued

8:30 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

January 2020

Targelia Carmelina Sanmartin Pesantez r/o The

Dawson & Malabanan Families

Barbara Gomez r/o John & Susan Aramini

James J. Mikusi, Jr. r/o Family

Ed Zdanowicz r/o Olivia Zdanowicz

5:00 PM Stanley Piatek r/o Sister Rebecca

SUNDAY - January 5, 2020 The Epiphany of The Lord

8:00 AM Barbara Higgins r/o The Pizzi Family 10:30 AM Elizabeth Cardito r/o Anna Morabito

12 Noon Georgianne Cichy r/o Febe Chua &

Family

5:00 PM James Lunney r/o Joan Lunney



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will be lit this week

Deceased Members of the

Elias & Elsabee Families

r/o May Elias

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few." Luke 10:2

PLANNED GIVING - LEAVING A LEGACY

Thanks to your current ongoing generosity, St. Helena Parish remains a steadfast pillar supporting our Christian Community 50 years after it was established in 1965. Without the vision, service and financial donations of those who came before us, our Parish would not be here. Please consider designating our parish or school as a beneficiary in your will so that, in another 50 years, the parishioners of St. Helena will be celebrating the centennial of this amazing, faith-filled community.



Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. This time of year is usually marked with family celebrations for Christmas and New Year's. Sometimes our celebrations are wonderful, but sometimes our gatherings do not live up to our expectations. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, I cannot help but think that Jesus, Mary and Joseph were probably a lot like us. They certainly were not perfect and I am sure that they had their problems. Joseph was a carpenter who worked hard to care for his family and treated Jesus as his own son. He protected Jesus from Herod and anyone else who wanted to harm his child. He was a man of unfailing faith who said ves when the angel appeared to him and told him to take Mary as his wife, or to flee to Egypt and then to Nazareth. Mary was a young mother whose faith-filled yes changed the world forever. She nurtured Jesus, cared for and worried about him and sacrificed for him even though it was foretold that a sword would pierce her heart. As we reflect on the example of the Holy Family let us pray that God will bless us with patience, love and faith.

On Wednesday we celebrate New Year's Day, the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Most of you know that my favorite prayer is the Hail Mary in which we say Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners. Mary is our spiritual mother who intercedes for us with Jesus. After all, what son could say no to his mother. She was like us, human in all ways, except for original sin. She is the Mother of God. As we begin a New Year let us ask Mary to help us to deepen our faith and to become more Christ-centered.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



PLEASE NOTE:

The parish office will be closed on December 31st and will reopen at 9:00 AM on January 2. The office will be open from 9:00 AM—12:30 PM January 2 & 3. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

CONGRATULATIONS!

St Helena School would like to thank all of those who participated in its recently concluded 50/50 Christmas Raffle. The winning ticket was pulled on Saturday, December 7, 2019 in front of the St Helena Bingo staff and players, a few school families and some members of the HSA Board. The lucky winner was Mr. Vinay Bendre, a school parent, who won \$14,750.00. Congratulations, Mr. Bendre!

THANK YOU!

Boy Scout Troop 66 would like to thank the parishioners of St Helena's for supporting our annual Christmas Wreath Sale. Through your kind generosity and support, the Boy Scouts successfully sold all their Christmas wreaths. The funds generated help to sustain our Scouting endeavors for the coming year. Kindly enjoy the Christmas Eve Luminaria which will be hand-crafted by the Scouts of Troop 66. Merry Christmas!





4th Grade wanted to show off their introduction to sculpture. They created ornaments out of newspaper and used watercolor to wrap!



ST. HELENA SCHOOL











On December 12th we participated in the Consecration Prayer Service for Children. It was a beautiful prayer service lead by Bishop Checchio. Our school choir and some of our students were blessed to have an active role in this filmed event. This film was shown to all the schools in our diocese.



Our Second Graders wanted to show you their reports on the Saints!







1A Coloring using Binary Codes









7A coding with a partner in Technology class.







The 8th grade successfully completed a team building DIGITAL Escape Room. They had to work together to find clues in the classroom and solve problems both on paper and online. What a great day! Thank you Mrs. Intartaglia.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE		
ALTAR SERVERS		
1/4	5:00 PM	Team 6
1/5	8:00 AM	Team 7
	10:30 AM	Team 8
	12:00 PM	Team 9
	5:00 PM	Team 10
<u>READERS</u>		
1/4	5:00 PM	A. Poggioli
1/5	8:00 AM	M. Adamski
	10:30 AM	K. Waldron
	12:00 PM	Youth Mass
	5:00 PM	See Schedule in Sacristy
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		
1/4	5:00 PM	*K. Healey, J. Radler
1/5	8:00 AM	*C. White, A. D'Amico
	10:30 AM	*M. Ojeda, C. Ojeda
	12:00 PM	*J. Levine, M. Garcia J. Granata
	5.00 DM	*I DiDalla C Fan D Fan
		*J. DiBella, C. Fan, P. Fan
1 /4	5:00 PM	*S Volo S Aromini
1/4		*S. Vale, S. Aramini
1/3	10:30 AM	*E. Fisher, B. Urbanik
	10:30 AM 12:00 PM	
		, I
	5:00 PM	*E. Schmidt, J. Jasina

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE!

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. UPCOM-ING WEEKEND: February 21-23, 2020. For Information and to Register: Call Rich Colasuonno: 732-236-0671 Or Annette Colasuonno: 732-672-0748 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org

NJ INDEPENDENT VICTIM COMPENSATION

PROGRAM The Diocese of Metuchen – along with the four other Roman Catholic Dioceses in New Jersey – established an Independent Victim Compensation Program (IVCP) to compensate those who, as children or young adults, were sexually abused by a priest or deacon of the Diocese. The IVCP opened to claims on June 15 and will conclude on December 31, 2019. All individual claims must be submitted during this period. The IVCP operates independently of the Diocese or any church-affiliated institution and the administrators of the IVCP have complete autonomy to determine the eligibility of a claim with the guidelines of the established Protocol. The amount of compensation for those who make a claim will be independently determined by the IVCP administrators. All victims – no matter when the abuse occurred – are eligible to participate, and all matters will be handled confidentially. Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to www.njdiocesesivcp.com and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim. Anyone who has been the victim of sexual abuse by a priest of the Diocese is encouraged to participate in the IVCP.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM -ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE, OLD BRIDGE

A bereavement support program of five meetings will begin on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM at St Thomas the Apostle in Old Bridge (parish room in the Parish Hall). The meetings will continue on Tuesdays, January 21, February 11 and 25, and March 10. The program is offered as a support for all persons who have recently lost a loved one and are struggling with the mourning process. Registration is required. No walk-ins. For more information, please call Deacon Pat at 732-251-4000 ext. 8218

BUS TRIP TO THE RALLY FOR LIFE IN TRENTON

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30 AM. The Rally at the State House begins at 11:00 AM and ends at 1:00 PM. Passengers will attend a small reception afterwards. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center around 3:00 PM. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-6 562-1543.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & INFIRM

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, YOU ARE THE EVERLASTING HEALTH OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN YOU...HEAR US FOR:

John W. Dambrauskas, Sue Ann Catalon, Lisa Pelli, Shujat Hussain, Jean Hillyer, Michael O'Connor, Carmella Hillyer, Victor Sabeh, Nick Delmonaco, Julianna Severini, Bill Hillyer, Marion Pimonte, Mary Caprio, Sue Nemer, Mary Ellen DeAngelo, Alice Wolsky, Nat Minucci, Debbie Perryman, Lonnie Perryman, Fran Perlin, John Welgos, Jr., Lauren Fonseca, Linda Fonseca, Rose Corbisiero, Robert Jordan, Antonia Toscano, Timothy McGovern, Siobhan McGovern, Kelly McGovern, Carol Nancy Hall, Bob Jenkins, Mary Partesi, O.V. Kuruvilla, Joseph Fatatis, Frances Jugon, Kevin Richardson, John Allen, Enrique Curbelo, A.J. Crowder, Dave Springsteen, Yvette Coyle, Terry Briante, Rose Catalon, Dorothy Voza, Mary Lynne Milek, Alphie Paternostro, Michael Giovanniello, Anthony Service, Joan Gibson, Pierre Viglianti, Louis Briante, Jennifer Resil Johnson, Margarete Brandl, Nicholas Baldasarre, Wayne Radice, Joanne Cordes, Anthony Aliberti, Sandy Aliberti, Sandra Lynn Place, Babette Lipnick, Sondra Albert, Margherita Fatatis, Werner Brandl, Marie Alexander, Sandy Buck, Eugenia Rzegocki, Reynaldo Manahan, John Ciani, Marie Rossi, Anna Vulpi, Mary Annichearico, Michael Roppo, Ronald Spata, Mel Vaticano, Albert Kuchinskas, Rob Colonnello

... YOUR ILL SERVANTS FOR WHOM WE IMPLORE THE AID OF YOUR TENDER MERCY, THAT BEING RESTORED TO BODILY HEALTH, THEY MAY GIVE THANKS TO YOU IN YOUR CHURCH. THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.



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