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March 15, 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent



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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

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY AFTERNOON: 3:30 TO 4:30 PM

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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 Chaplet of Divine Mercy, private prayer and the Rosary of Our Blessed Mother at 10:30 AM for the Intention of Respect for Life.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS/MINISTRIES

Director of Music: Paul Bergin

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

A. Allen

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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.

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SUNDAY - March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Christine Walton r/o The Beleski

Family

10:30 AM Peter & Susie Falvo r/o Fr. Anthony

12 Noon Barbara Gomez r/o Juan & Jocelyne

Castro

5:00 PM Joe Capellupo r/o Family

MONDAY - March 16, 2020

8:30 AM Ella & Jim Serpe r/o Family

TUESDAY - March 17, 2020 - St. Patrick

8:30 AM Helen & Charles Burt r/o Family

WEDNESDAY - March 18, 2020

8:30 AM Dec. Members of the Arcuni, Pelosi &

Vodola Families r/o Family

THURSDAY – March 19, 2020

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM Mimi Pellicano r/o Rita & Emery

Fisher

FRIDAY - March 20, 2020

8:30 AM Xavier Rivera r/o Sylvia Hicks &

Sandy Percoskie

SATURDAY - March 21, 2020

8:30 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

March 2020

Joe Dunne r/o Eileen Dunne John Ellvinger r/o Mary Adamski

John Sabine r/o Mary & Marian Emilio Cesareo r/o Susan Aramini

Barbara Gomez r/o Joan Wilson

Ed Zdanowicz r/o Olivia Zdanowicz

Michael Maldony r/o Michael & Michele

Kenneth Patrusevich r/o Rita & Emery Fisher

Christine Drebych r/o John Kalynovych & Famly

Dorothy Aratico r/o Family

Charles A. Burt r/o Barbara & Roger Buck Mary Wilmeth r/o The Gochuico Family

Charles Burt r/o Mary Adamski

Kevin Malonev r/o Fred & Jackie Huber

Babette Sellino Lipnick

r/o Carrie & Frank Viglianti and Family

Deceased Relatives of the Arcuni,

Pelosi & Vodola Families r/o Family

Raymond Wienckoski r/o

Sisters Donna, Cynthia & Rebecca

SATURDAY - March 21, 2020 (Continued)

5:00 PM Joaquim Fernandes r/o The Dias

Family

SUNDAY - March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Teresa Castellano r/o Rita & Emery

Fisher

10:30 AM Dorothy Aratico r/o Joann Toth

12 Noon Eve Nartowicz r/o St. Helena Legion of

Mary

5:00 PM Barbara Gomez r/o Virgina & Jaime

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THE SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will be lit this week
In Memory of Veronica Fullen
r/o Kathleen Healey



"24 HOURS FOR THE LORD" "YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN" LK 7:48

In response to Pope Francis' universal call, St. Cecelia, Church, Iselin, will host "24 Hours for the Lord," March 20 from 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Immediately following Mass, Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament will be in the Chapel until 5:30 PM. At 9:15 AM Mass wil be held in the Main Church followed by Confession from 10:00 AM – 6:30 PM followed by Mass, Stations of the Cross and Benediction. All are invited to deepen their friendship and spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Penance, as they take a more intentional and serious walk with Him during this holy season of Lent.

To view the full schedule of times and locations for "24 Hours for the Lord," please visit: www.diometuchen.org/24HoursForTheLord For more information about individual events at each location, please contact the parish directly.

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Dear Parishioners,

The Samaritan Woman that Jesus met at the well was quite intelligent. She engaged Jesus in discussion about Jews and Samaritans. She asked Him, "Why do you bother talking to me? Jews don't speak to Samaritans."

She was also a hard worker, She was at that well probably to get the water she needed to care for her livestock, clean her home, and, perhaps, prepare the afternoon meal. She had gone through five husbands and now was living with a man she had not married. No one respected her. She did not respect herself. She had learned to live with the emptiness that comes from accepting sin in her life. She was thirsty. She was dry. Internally and spiritually, she was thirsty. She had led a sinful life but had refused to acknowledge her sins and seek forgiveness.

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink." John 7:37

A thirsty Jesus goes to the same well. He sees the woman and thirsts even more. He also is dry, but he is not empty. He thirsts for the people who need Him. At the well, Jesus simply tells the woman that she will remain dry unless she confronts her past and changes her life. These are the words she needed to hear. She submits to the Love of God. From that moment on she is absolved, transformed. Her thirst is quenched. Now she has a spring of water within her, a reservoir really. She is overflowing with the Love of Jesus the Christ.

She goes into the town. Her joy is on her face. The townspeople experience her peace and want this for themselves. So they go out to the well to meet Jesus. They go to investigate. They experience God.

Today's Gospel calls us to remember the Source of our Joy. It reminds us that we do not have to settle with putting up with life. Jesus has given us mercy and compassion. Jesus has transformed our lives. Jesus transformed the woman at the well because He was concerned about her. He is concerned about us. If we drink the water that He gives us, we will thirst no more.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Conthony

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Our Campaign Prayer

God, our refuge and our strength,
be with us in our labors,
for we remember if the Lord does
not build this house,
in vain do its builders labor.
Assist the community of St. Helena
to renew our commitment to
Jesus, Your Son,
and to improve Your Parish.
Bless, O Lord the work of our hands.
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

2019 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you would like a contribution statement for your taxes, please complete/return this form to the Parish Office or place in the collection basket, or mail to: St. Helena Church, 950 Grove Ave., Edison, NJ 08820

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE OFFICE

DAY PHONE #:	Env. #
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NAME:	



The Youth Group will be hosting Hospitality Sunday on March 15 after the 8 and 10:30 AM Masses.

Come on out and get your day started with us after you attend Mass. See you then!

ST. HELENA SCHOOL

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020 - 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM www.sthelenaedison.org - 732-549-6234













We had an amazing day on Thursday, March 5! It started off with the 3rd graders beautiful Mass and continued with a special assembly given by a former alumnus whose profession is an OPERA SINGER. His name is James Valenti.



11TH ANNUAL ALUMNI CHARITY BASKETBALL GAME

St Helena's Athletic Association would like to invite alumni, as well as, our parish family and friends to the 11th

Annual Charity Basketball Game on Monday, March 16th from 7-9 PM in our school gym. All tickets are \$5.00. The proceeds will be donated to Robert Wood Johnson AIDS Program for Children & St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. If you bring a canned good, you will receive a raffle ticket at the door. Our kitchen will be open! If you would like more information, please contact our Athletic Director, Elena Richards @ elena.rich242gmail.com or 732-887-4296.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2020-2021 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at https://online.factsmgt.com/aid. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2020. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.



ST. HELENA SPRING FAMILY BLOOD DRIVE

Our Spring Blood Drive will be held on Saturday, March 21, 8 AM -2 PM in the Parish Hall. We will be working with the New Jersey Blood services. As always, regular donations and Double Red Cell machines will be available at our drive. Please bring identification with you. This is our Parish Family Blood Drive and we need everyone's help to make this a success. You can call ahead at 800-933-2566 or online at http://tinyurl.com/gvebloodnjbs to

schedule your appointment ahead of time o just walk-in.

Although there are no signs of the coronavirus in our area, we would like to advise everyone of the precautions that the blood bank is taking to assure everyone's safety. It's important to know that donating blood is safe. NJ/NYBC staff are trained in universal precautions to help prevent the risk of spreading infectious agents. They are also regularly cleaning public surfaces. As always, people are not eligible to donate if they're experiencing a cold, sore throat, respiratory infection or flu-like symptoms. Donors are encouraged to refrain from donating, or attending a blood drive, if they have traveled to areas with COVID-19 outbreaks, as defined by CDC.



Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church every Friday evening at 7:30 PM during Lent



Please join us for Adoration & Confession on Tuesday, March 24, at 7:00 PM in the church.

"THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING... NOW IS THE TIME FOR MERCY"

In keeping with the penitential spirit of the Lenten Season we are reminded that our world, our Church, our nation is in need of God's mercy. The message of Divine Mercy s not something new. It is the message of the Gospel, the message of the Church throughout the ages, the message of St. John Paul II, the message of Our Lord through Saint Faustina, "Be merciful as your heavenly Father is Merciful." (Luke 6:36).

During Lent we at St. Helena Parish will continue to pray The Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Tuesday mornings after Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and also on the Fridays of Lent after the 8:30 AM Mass. We hope that everyone will join us in this prayer at church or at home, if you are not able to attend. Jesus also said to Saint Faustina, "Mankind will have no peace until it turns with trust in My Mercy." (Diary 300)

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF DIVINE

MERCY St. John Vianney Secular Franciscan Order and the SJV Filipino American Community invites you to join us on a Day of Spiritual Journey to Eden Hill, Stockbridge, MA, April 19, 2020. The cost is \$45/person, reservations provided on a first come first serve basis. For further info contact Amorfinia L. Muhi at 732-735-9464 or Dolores Jules at 732-910-0360.

LENTEN OBLIGATIONS

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. 2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. 3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger. 4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE		
ALTAR SERVERS		
3/21	5:00 PM	Team 4
3/22	8:00 AM	Team 5
	10:30 AM	Team 1
	12:00 PM	Team 2
	5:00 PM	Team 3
<u>READERS</u>		
	5:00 PM	A. Poggioli
3/22	8:00 AM	M. Tan
	10:30 AM	JC Barrado
	12:00 PM	M. Garcia
	5:00 PM	A. Toth-Ingram
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		
3/21	5:00 PM	*J. Carrocino, S. Aramini
		S. Aramin
3/22	8:00 AM	*R. Fisher, C. white,
		A. D'Amico
	10:30 AM	*C. Dzioba, D. Donovan,
		C. Ojeda
	12:00 PM	*C. Tecson-Gandhi, R. Samonte
	5:00 PM	*V. Quintong, E. Schmitd
EM's - PRECIOUS BLOOD		
3/21		*J. Radler, K. Healey
3/15	8:00 AM	*E. Fisher, V. Romero
	10:30 AM	*K. Waldron, M. Ojeda
	12:00 PM	*C. Lopez, J. Kattan
	5:00 PM	*A. Toth-Ingram, P. Murphy

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few."

Luke 10:2

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & INFIRM

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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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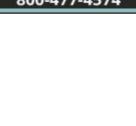
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