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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 9, 2021



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MASSES:

WEEKDAYS: 8:30 AM

SATURDAY MORNING MASS: 8:30 AM

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 & 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM

VIGILS OF EVES OF HOLY DAYS: TBA

HOLY DAYS: 8:30 AM & 4:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY MORNING: 9:00AM TO 10:00 AM

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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 pre-marriage.

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.

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.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Join the Knights of Columbus online at KofC.org Pope John Paul 1 Council 6571, Colonia, NJ we meet the first Thursday of each month at the VFW Hall on Inman Ave. in Colonia at 7:30 PM. Contact Charlie at 732-381-3389 for more information. Great Insurance program, and Church and community work.

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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.

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

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 non-perishable 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 - May 9, 2021 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM All Mother's - Living & Deceased 10:30 AM All Mother's - Living & Deceased 12:15 PM All Mother's - Living & Deceased

MONDAY - May 10, 2021

8:30 AM Josephine Wienckoski r/o John & Susan Aramini

TUESDAY - May 11, 2021

8:30 AM Thomas Cassio r/o Rita & Emery Fisher

WEDNESDAY - May 12, 2021

8:30 AM Rodulfo Nilooban r/o The Nilooban Family and Marianne Miranda r/o The Miranda Family

THURSDAY - May 13, 2021

8:30 AM Robert Edward Johnson r/o John & Susan Aramini and Sophie Wnek r/o Diane Bodzioch

FRIDAY - May 14, 2021

8:30 AM Ofracina Castro r/o Juan & Jocelyne Castro

SATURDAY - May 15, 2021

8:30 AM PURGATORIAL SOCIETY May 2021

Helen Kas r/o Family Ed Zdanowicz r/o Olivia Zdanowicz John & Rose Bacha r/o Family **Emilio Frank & Josephine Cesareo** r/o Rita & Emery Fisher Josephine Wienckoski r/o Deacon Bob & Elaine Yunker Marjorie Ellvenger r/o Mary Adamski Henry J. Milton r/o John & Susan Aramini Martha DeJesus Oviedo Acosta r/o The Fiumaro Family Sureka Bathini r/o Rita & Emery Fisher Edgar Cabreira r/o Family Anthony Ceravolo r/o Fr. Anthony Michael Maldony r/o Joan Maldony Giuseppe Parlati r/o The Fiumaro Family Anyea Murray r/o Edison COP Unit

SATURDAY - May 15, 2021 - Continued

4:00 PM Vincent Riccardi r/o Loretta Riccardi

SUNDAY - May 16, 2021 The Ascension of The Lord

8:00 AM
James Zinno, Sr., r/o Mary Adamski
10:30 AM
Concepcion Naluz r/o Family
Steven Gorecki r/o The Fiedorowicz
Family



FLOWERS FOR MARY

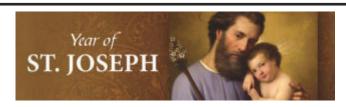
THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF
THE BLESSED MOTHER THIS WEEKEND
ARE FOR OUR MOTHERS
R/O DEB & GENE RAISLEY



THE SANCTUARY LIGHT

Will be lit this week
In Loving Memory of
Ofracina Castro

r/o Juan & Jocelyne Castro



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH, THE PROTECTOR OF THE CHURCH

Father, you entrusted our Savior to the care of Saint Joseph.

By the help of his prayers may Your Church continue to serve its Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. Ith the Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" ("

"With the Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron Saint of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

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Dear Parishioners,

Today's second reading from the First Letter of John, and the Gospel from John 15 both speak about love, Christian love. Christian love is not forced on a person. It doesn't come merely from physical attraction, or any other attraction. Love, true, lasting love, only results from the Love of Christ. And that love becomes a magnet. If a person loves the Lord, that love will attract other people who are seeking the Lord. Perhaps it will attract a person who is looking for someone to make a life with, certainly it will attract many others who are looking for the meaning to life.

Consider St. Teresa of Calcutta. Her work among the poorest of the poor spread throughout the world. Her religious order, the Missionaries of Charity, became the fastest growing religious order in the Church. Why were so many people attracted to Mother Teresa? Certainly they felt called to join her in making Matthew 25 a reality: "...when I was hungry you gave me food to eat, when I was thirsty you gave me drink, etc." But there was even more than this that attracted people to Mother Teresa. They were drawn by Jesus' love within her. Like a magnet, that love flowed through her into them. Then they attracted others to Christ. The love of Christ flowed through her into them. It still does.

We have been attracted by the magnetism of Jesus Christ. We know that saying that we love Him is not enough. We have to live His Love. In the Gospel Jesus uses this phrase: "Remain in my love." He tells us that we remain in His Love if we keep His commandments. But Jesus doesn't give a whole list of commandments. Jesus just gives one commandment: Love one another. If we love each other, truly, in the sacrificial love of the Lord, everything else falls into place.

Jesus Christ is the Elixir of Love. He is the potion that brings happiness. We pray today for the courage to love His Presence so much that His Love will flow through us and attract others to love as He Loves.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

05/02/21 Collection		05/03/20 Collection	
Reg.	\$8,134	Reg.	\$4,172
Reg. Online	\$5,187	Reg. Online	\$4,020
R&R	\$1,785	R&R	\$ 707
R&R Online	\$ 595	R&R Online	\$ 519

FAITH IN OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN AS OF 4/25/21: \$1,549,276.00 FROM 323 FAMILIES

I AM TRULY HUMBLED

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Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$ 75,375.00 and payments totaling \$ 55,412.50 from 223 parishioners. This represents 50.3% of your \$ 150,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts..



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

In a letter received this past week, St. Helena Parish has been notified that the Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, has called Rev. Mr. Timothy Mark Eck II and

Rev. Mr. Gregory Joseph Zannetti, a native son of St. Helena Parish, to the Order of Priesthood. In conformity with Canon Law, we are proud to make this public announcement of this pending ordination to the parishioners of St. Helena:

To Be Ordained to the Priesthood On June 19, 2021 Rev. Mr. Timothy Mark Eck II

Rev. Mr. Gregory Joseph Zannetti

Please keep Tim & Greg in your prayers as they near their ordination.

ST. HELENA SCHOOL

THANK YOU!

The St. Helena HSA would like to say THANK YOU to all our parishioners who helped make our First Virtual Tricky Tray a success! We are grateful for all donors and those that attended our event.

We'd also like to congratulate the three winners of our Super 50/50: First Prize Winner: Irene McGovern - \$1,060.00; Second Prize Winner: Alexis Misseri - \$636.00; Third Prize Winner: Karol Morrison - \$424.00









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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - 2021

























On May 1, 2021 we celebrated the sacrament of First Holy Communion. Congratulations to all of our First Communicants!









On May 2 we wished Jocelyne Castro, who was in charge of our Altar Servers, goodbye and good luck on her move to Florida. Thank you Jocelyne for sharing your time and talent with us!

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COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME! DIOCESAN PENTECOST VIGIL MAY 22, BEGINNING AT 5 PM

Seeking to be renewed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit, the Diocese of Metuchen will again host a Pentecost Vigil, which will be held in person this year on Saturday, May 22 at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. The evening will begin with a 5 p.m. Vigil Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop James F. Checchio. All are invited to attend in person, though the Vigil Mass will also be livestreamed for those unable to be physically present. Following the Mass, all will be invited to remain in the Cathedral for prayer, worship and confession. There will also be an opportunity to hear many talks and witnesses throughout the evening. While the Pentecost Vigil will go from 5 p.m. until midnight, participants are welcome to come and leave at any time or to stay for the entire event. More information and the full schedule can be found by visiting www.lightingheartsonfire.org.

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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

Luke 10:2

STOP YOUR TAX DOLLARS FROM PAYING FOR ABORTIONS

A serious effort is underway in Congress to force all taxpayers to pay for elective abortions. The Hyde Amendment and other similar laws have long protected taxpayers from funding elective abortions. Now, powerful members of Congress want to get rid of these laws, which have been supported by both Democrats and Republicans for 45 years.

Without the Hyde Amendment and related policies, billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion in the United States and throughout the world. Don't let our government make you pay for the taking of innocent human life. Contact Congress and tell them to keep the Hyde Amendment and related policies and to oppose any bill that expands taxpayer funding of abortion.

Visit: https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/home

Jesus told Saint Faustina that "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy." Since the beginning of the pandemic, we here at St. Helena Parish, have been praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy each weekday morning after the 8:30 a.m. Mass for our personal intentions and for those of the Church.

The Feast of Divine Mercy or Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated worldwide on the first Sunday after Easter. To help us as a parish prepare to celebrate this great feast with devotion, we are happy to announce that prayer cards with the Image of Jesus Divine Mercy on the front and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on the back will be available for the taking at the entrances of the church beginning with the Triduum and as long as they last.

We hope that as many of us as possible will take advantage of this great opportunity to obtain the promises that Jesus made to St. Faustina and through her to each one of us.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

The Chaplet is Prayed on a five-decade Rosary

- 1. Make the Sign of the Cross
- 2. Our Father
- 3. Hail Mary
- 4. The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

5. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

6. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

7. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (5) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (6) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

8. **Conclude with Holy God** (Repeat three times) *Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

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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, 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, Timothy McGovern, Siobhan McGovern, Kelly McGovern, Carol Nancy Hall, Bob Jenkins, Mary Partesi, Joseph Fatatis, Kevin Richardson, John Allen, Enrique Curbelo, A.J. Crowder, Dave Springsteen, Yvette Coyle, Terry Briante, Rose Catalon, Dorothy Voza, Alphie Paternostro, Michael Giovanniello, Anthony Service, Joan Gibson, Louis Briante, Jennifer Resil Johnson, Margarete Brandl, Nicholas Baldasarre, Wayne Radice, Anthony Aliberti, Sandy Aliberti, Sandra Lynn Place, 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, Henrietta Stankewicz, Valerie Huber, Christine Capellupo, Kathleen Gebler, Mary Salsbury, Joseph Luistro, Patricia LaRocca, Harry Huber, Mary Maloney, Fe Demaclid, Susan Gerardo, Cy Schoppmann, Janina Langowski, Lynne Soltys, Paula DeSario, Nick Affinito

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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