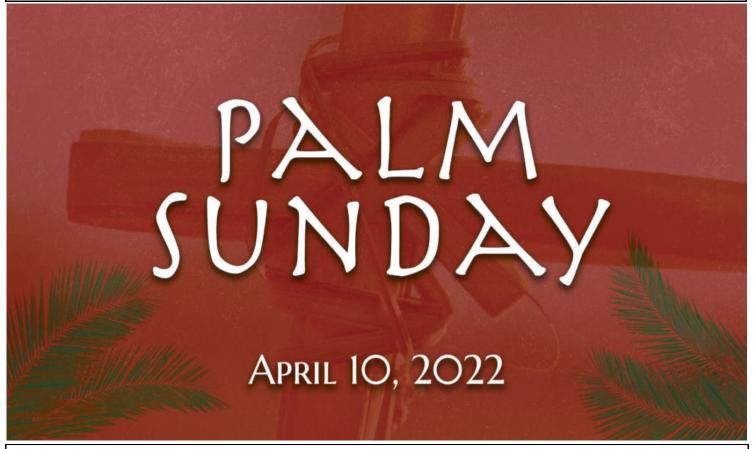
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MASSES:

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 or email: mcullinan@sthelenaedison.org

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 or email: mcullinan@sthelenaedison.org

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.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS/MINISTRIES

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

A. Allen

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Dir. of Religious Ed Dr. Mary Kay Cullinan

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Legion of Mary:
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T. Fiedorowicz
J. DiPaola
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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.



SUNDAY - April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

8:00 AM Peter Cochran r/o Maria Cochran 10:30 AM Maria & Peter Kaniszczak r/o

A.S. Dzioba

12:15 PM John Mazzuca r/o Tony Ferraro

MONDAY - April 11, 2022-Monday of Holy Week

8:30 AM Dina, Louis & Louis, J. Talamo r/o

Ernie & Vicki Pisani

TUESDAY - April 12, 2022-Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30 AM Philip Charles Taglianetti, Sr. r/o John

& Susan Aramini

WEDNESDAY – April 13, 2022-

Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 AM Robert F. Dandola, Sr. r/o Jennie

Dandola & Family

THURSDAY – April 14, 2022 Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper

8:30 AM No Morning Mass

7:00 PM Mass of The Lord's Supper

Visit to Repository Until 9:00 PM

FRIDAY - April 15, 2022

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

3:00 PM The Passion of The Lord

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY - April 16, 2022

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

11:00 AM Blessing of the Food

8:00 PM Parishioners of St. Helena-

Living & Deceased

SUNDAY - April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord

6:30 AM Parishioners of St. Helena-

Living & Deceased

8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Helena-

Living & Deceased

10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Helena-

Living & Deceased

12:15 PM Parishioners of St. Helena-

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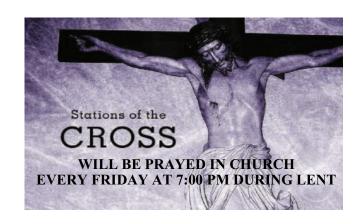


The Palm for Palm Sunday has been

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Dear Parishioners,

Passion Sunday reminds us that Christ's blood is flowing over us, to cleanse us, to wash us, to heal us. One of the men suffering on a cross next to Jesus, a man whom we call Dismis, realized the power of the blood of the Holy One. Dismis proclaimed his faith in Jesus even as Jesus was dying. He then became the first person assured that on that very day he would be with Jesus in Paradise.

The Blood of Christ saved him. The Blood of Christ saves us. The devil has lost his hold on humanity, all of us and each of us. Death has been defeated by death. Eternal death has been defeated by the death on the Cross. The fruit of disobedience has been destroyed by the fruit of obedience. Pride has been defeated by humility. Hate has been defeated by love. And we are participants in all this, we are participants in the Victory of the Cross. For, like Dismis, we accept the death of Christ as our pathway to heaven. Remember us Lord when you come into your Kingdom.

So, I invite you to join me and your parish family on Holy Thursday at 7 PM to celebrate the beautiful Mass of the Lord's Supper. Pray for a deeper understanding of the Blood of the Covenant which Jesus said would be shed for us. Join me and your parish family on Good Friday at 3 PM for the Liturgy of the Veneration of the Cross. This simple yet solemn service culminates in our reverencing the Cross, our saying "Thank You" to the one who died for us. Join me and your parish family for the beautiful solemn Easter Vigil at 8 PM on Holy Saturday, and for Easter Mass at our 6:30 AM Sunrise Service, (outside weather permitting and don't forget your chair) or one of our other celebrations at 8 & 10:30 AM and 12:15 PM. Come and proclaim that by the death of the Lord we have been saved.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



PLEASE NOTE:

The parish office will be closed on April 14th to April 18th. We will re-open on April 19th at 9 AM. The Staff wishes you all a very holy Holy Week and a Happy Easter!

TITHING - GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

The tithing information for April 3 and April 10 will be in the April 24th bulletin.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. Please be as generous as your means allows.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All book work for Religious Education is due by April 27th. Grades 1, 3, 4, & 5 must submit all Interactive Chapter Reviews ONLINE by this date. Grades 6 & 7 must return workbooks by this date with ALL work completed. Grade 8 must return completed Chapter Reviews, Saint Reports, and sponsor information by this date. Also, Grades 2 & 8 must submit copies of their Baptismal certificates (if they have not already done so) by this date. Any student with incomplete work will not progress to the next grade level. The Director of Religious Education, Dr. Mary Kay Cullinan, will be available to collect any work on April 27th from 7-9PM in the gym of the

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 PM - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER **VISITS TO REPOSITORY UNTIL 9:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION** 8:30 AM - MORNING PRAYER 3:00 PM - THE LORD'S PASSION 7:00 PM - STATIONS OF THE CROSS **HOLY SATURDAY NO CONFESSIONS ON HOLY SATURDAY** 8:30 AM - MORNING PRAYER 11:00 AM - BLESSING OF THE FOOD 8:00 PM - EASTER VIGIL **EASTER SUNDAY** THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD **SUNRISE MASS - 6:30 AM** (OUTSIDE, WEATHER PERMITTING OR IN CHURCH) MASSES: 8:00 & 10:30 AM AND 12:15 PM

A CELEBRATION OF THE
40TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR DIOCESE
In celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop
James F. Checchio is inviting us all to make a
commitment to doing 40 works of mercy. This
same commitment will help us to serve one
another with the same love and mercy bestowed
on us by the Father and to witness to His great
love in the four beautiful counties of the Diocese
of Metuchen. Visit diometuchen.org/
worksofmercy to learn how your everyday acts
can make an impact and to sign the commitment

Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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

Luke 10:2

CHRISM MASS

form.

On Tuesday, April 12, 2022, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom – which we now call the Chrism Mass – in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly **Service.** All are strongly encouraged to join in-person or via Livestream in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 PM.

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.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, conscious of our sinfulness, but aware that we gather in your name. Come to us, remain with us, and enlighten our hearts. Give us light and strength to know your will, to make it our own, and to live it in our lives. Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power, for you are God, sharing the glory of Father and Son. You desire justice for all: enable us to uphold the rights of others; do not allow us to be misled by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favor. Unite us to yourself in the bond of love and keep us faithful to all that is true. As we gather in your name may we temper justice with love, so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you, and earn the reward promised to good and faithful servants. You live and reign with the Father and the Son, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

For more information about the Synod visit: https://www.diometuchen.org/synod2023

ST. HELENA SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Helena School is dedicated to providing a well-rounded education for students in grades prekindergarten through eighth. Gospel values are instilled by creating an environment of stewardship and by encouraging respect and tolerance. Strong academic skills are achieved through a challenging curriculum enriched by the study of fine arts, technology, and physical education.









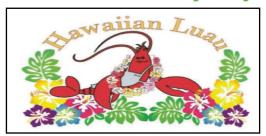


Eighty-seven girls competed in Mount Saint Mary Academy's annual Math Competition last weekend. Saint Helena's Girls' Math Team placed 4th with an Outstanding Achievement Award. Individual students also received Outstanding Achievement Plaques. CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!!!

St. Helena School HSA Proudly Presents

Our Annual Tricky Tray







April 29, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Admission Price is \$25 Per Person for tickets on the link is below

https://sthelenaedison.weshareonline.org/TrickyTray2022

Or See Our Website

includes (1) sheet of "Aloha" level tickets and (1) Door Prize

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For questions please call 908-456-0812 or sthelena950@gmail.com



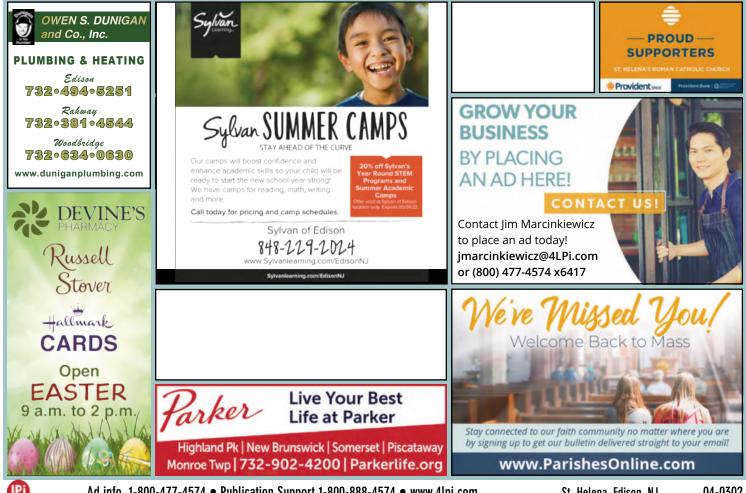
The St. Helena HSA will be selling 50/50 raffles after all Masses on the following weekends: 4/9, 4/10, 4/23, 4/24. Tickets are \$10.00 and there will be three winners. The drawing will be held at our Virtual Tricky tray on April 29th. The HSA would like to thank all parishioners for their continued support.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & INFIRM

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

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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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