



Parish Community of Saint Helen

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Welcome

We're glad you're here!

Sunday, July 17, 2022

(908) 232-1214

www.SaintHelen.org

Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday | 9:00am*

Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday | 5:30pm

Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am*, 12:00pm & 6:30pm

Reconciliation Available Saturday 4:30pm

*Livestream via Youtube & Facebook

**Please see inside for September new Schedule

New? Register Today!



Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions for July 16 / July 17

5:30 pm	Pasqualine Arena
8:00 am	Paul V., Sr. & Paul V., Jr. Biss
10:00 am	Quintin McDonald
12:00 pm	Kenneth P. DiAmico
6:30 pm	Jeanne Rogers

Sanctuary Candle for the Week of July 18

Karen Cancellieri

9:00 a.m. Mass Intentions for the upcoming week

Monday, July 18	Mary Lou Matassino
Tuesday, July 19	Vincent Serrao
Wednesday, July 20	Vilma Federowski
Thursday, July 21	Isaura Ferreira
Friday, July 22	People of the Parish
Saturday, July 23	Kenneth & Teresa Gessner

Weekly Mass Association for the upcoming week

Michael Brinker
Catherine Schifando
Carmela Socie
Marjorie Magnanti
Peter Laskaris
Linda Reynolds
Joseph O'Donnell

Mission Sunday

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Paul Sandi, a West African missionary priest from the country of Sierra Leone, who will preach at all our Masses about the missionary efforts of the Amen Foundation in Africa. We are happy to welcome him and offer him our prayers and support.

Upcoming Events

Religious Education Registration for 2022-2023

Religious Education Registration for 2022-2023 grades 1-10 is open! Please go to our website, www.sainthelen.org for further information on how to register your child!

Turning Point Encounter Jesus

Join us for a nine week small group experience starting July 3rd. Details and registration at SaintHelen.org/Small-Groups. There are opportunities to participate in person, over zoom or with your existing small group.

Prizes Needed for Sr Pat's Kids Camp Carnival

Collecting prizes for SR Pats Kids Camp Carnival Night. Needed any new, unused toys/prizes for kids age 7-14. Also \$5 or \$10 gift cards are great for the older kids. Please drop off at the parish center or at: Barb Sullivan
513 Clifton St Westfield, NJ 07090
908-246-9390

Looking to Become Catholic? Join our OCIA Program!

It is a journey of transformation

- to encounter the saving love of Jesus
- to become part of the community of believers
- to receive the grace of the sacraments.

The Order of Christian Initiations of adults (OCIA) is a powerful witness of the workings of the Holy Spirit in a person's life. It is journey oriented to adults who have not yet received Baptism, who want to be part of the Catholic Church, or who want to receive confirmation and the Eucharist. Please pray for OCIA ministry and extend the invitation to those you want to have an encounter with our Lord.

Do you want to become Catholic?



New Mass Schedule

You will recall our “pre-pandemic” Mass Schedule. We had a 5:30 PM on Saturday, and an 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM and 6:30 PM Sunday. Saint Helen certainly needed those Masses to accommodate all that participated. During the pandemic we did one Mass at 9:00AM that was livestreamed solely. As we began to come out of the pandemic, we went to our current Mass Schedule, 5:30 PM on Saturday and an 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM and 6:30 PM. The focus has always been on enabling as many who are ready and able, and encouraging a return to celebrating as a community of faith in person.

Based on our analysis of Mass attendance and evaluating the participation rate over time, it has become apparent that an adjusted Mass Schedule will enable greater participation in what is the “source and summit” of our lives as Catholics, the celebration of the Eucharist. After consultation with the staff, the Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, I am announcing the following adjusted Mass Schedule:

- The current **5:30 PM Mass on Saturday will be moved to 5:00 PM** (with the Sacrament of Reconciliation offered from 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM)
- The current **6:30 PM Mass on Sunday will be moved to 6:00 PM.**
- The current Sunday Morning Schedule, 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM will remain the same.

While the change only involves two Masses (Saturday and Sunday evening) and moves them only by a half hour, I believe this will not only be more convenient but, more importantly, allow all to engage in our celebration of the Eucharist more fully at those times.

Throughout the summer, I will be sending reminders of the Mass Schedule change, which will not commence until the weekend after Labor Day, September 10/11, 2022, so that all will be prepared for the change.

Msgr. Tom

Giving

Total Offertory for the week of July 10, 2022 **\$25,600.00**

Fiscal Year To Date (YTD) Offertory July 1, 2022 - July 10, 2022

Budgeted YTD Offertory **\$ 54,000.00**

Actual YTD

Mass Collections \$17,173.00

Gifts Mailed \$6,630.00

Online Giving \$26,061.00

Text 2 Give \$1,309.00

Total YTD Offertory **\$ 51,173.00**

Surplus (Deficit) **(\$ 2,827.00)**

5% Outreach **\$ 2,559.00**

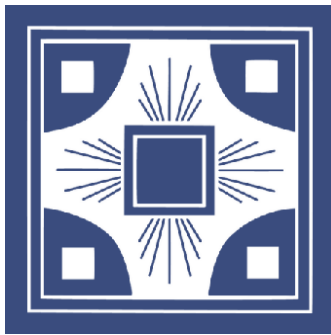
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Give Online
www.SaintHelen.org/give



Text to Give
Text GIVE to (908) 274-1121 and follow the prompts

Mail
Mail your contribution Envelopes to:
St. Helen Church 1600 Rahway Ave Westfield, NJ 07090



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