



# Parish Community of Saint Helen

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## Welcome

We're glad you're here!

Sunday, July 24, 2022

(908) 232-1214

[www.SaintHelen.org](http://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

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## Mass Intentions for July 23 / July 24

5:30 pm Kenneth P. DiAmico  
8:00 am Czeslaw Krajewski  
10:00 am Karen Cancellieri  
12:00 pm Laracy Family  
6:30 pm Jack Hannon

## Sanctuary Candle for the Week of July 25

Kathy Fusco

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

Monday, July 25 John Walsh  
Tuesday, July 26 Dennis P. Forker  
Wednesday, July 27 Thomas J. O'Connor  
Thursday, July 28 Antonietta Dello Russo  
Friday, July 29 Nicoletta Del Re  
Saturday, July 30 People of the Parish

## Weekly Mass Association for the upcoming week

Catherine Schifando  
Peter Laskaris  
Richard Flaherty  
Merilee Wohlberg  
Stephen Arvay  
Patricia Fullman  
Timothy Poskay

# Upcoming Events

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## Saint Helen Fest

Sunday, September 18

Not your average parish picnic, details to follow!

## Comedy Night at Saint Helen

Saturday, October 15

Details to follow!

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## Religious Education Registration for 2022-2023 (early fees ending soon)

Registration for Religious Education opened on June 13, 2022, and **will remain open until September 13, 2022**. We encourage all to register as soon as possible to take advantage of the early registration discount. **Regular fees will take effect on August 1, 2022**. Please register your children as soon as possible as it will permit the needed time for proper planning. Volunteers are still needed for grades 1-4. [www.sainthelen.org/religious-education](http://www.sainthelen.org/religious-education)

## Summer Music Ministry

We are still actively welcoming and accepting singers and instrumentalists to “drop in” with our Sunday Evening Worship Team. We rehearse every Sunday evening at 5:30pm and stay through and sing at the 6:30pm mass. This casual group is open to all 8th graders and older. Email Adrian at [asoltys@sainthelen.org](mailto:asoltys@sainthelen.org) or chat with him after mass.

## Saint Helen Service Auction:

### Volunteers Needed

Saturday, November 12

The Service Auction is returning after a nearly five-year hiatus. We need donations of auction prizes. Prizes have included sports tickets, show tickets, timeshares and merchandise of all sorts. Service prizes have ranged from landscaping, home décor to golf lessons and gourmet dinners. Volunteers for all roles are also urgently needed.

Visit [www.sainthelen.org/auction](http://www.sainthelen.org/auction) to get involved.

# New Mass Schedule

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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

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**Total Offertory for the week of July 17, 2022** **\$23,226.00**

## Fiscal Year To Date (YTD) Offertory July 1, 2022 - July 17, 2022

**Budgeted YTD Offertory** **\$ 81,000.00**

### Actual YTD

Mass Collections \$24,854.00

Gifts Mailed \$9,100.00

Online Giving \$38,653.00

Text 2 Give \$1,792.00

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**Total YTD Offertory** **\$ 74,399.00**

**Surplus (Deficit)** **(\$ 6,601.00)**

**5% Outreach** **\$ 3,720.00**

### Ways to Give

#### Give Online

[www.SaintHelen.org/give](http://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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