

From Our Pastor

There are so many things for which I am grateful. Having the honor of presiding during Holy Week, the Paschal Triduum and Easter Mass, and every Mass, inspires incredible gratitude for me, especially with so many of us celebrating together.

Thank you for joining us this last week. Whether you were in the main church, our Chapel, in the Meaney Parish Center or on-line, I was thrilled to celebrate Easter with you! I believe we had people join us. I enjoyed meeting many of your friends and relatives and hope they felt and will always feel welcome.

I must also take some time here to recognize all who played a role in making the Triduum and Easter Sunday so special. A huge thank to the many Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Lectors and Hospitality Ministers that were needed for our large Masses. Thank you to our Media Ministry as well. So many increased assistance and resources were needed due to the larger than normal Masses and locations.

Thank you to Adrian Soltys, our Director of Worship, and our Music Ministry: our cantors, our Band, and our Choir, for bringing incredible music to each of our liturgies. Thank you to Jessica Nicolosi and her team for the appointments and decorations that required numerous changes throughout the Triduum and Easter Sunday. Thank you to our young parishioners for their presentation of

the Passion on Palm Sunday, at all five of our Masses, under the leadership of Patti Gardner and George Ennesser. You did a great job.

Thank you to all involved with our worship ministry and our staff who led or helped lead so many facets of our Holy Week. It truly takes “an army” to coordinate all the moving parts and roles that are needed. Thank you all for making Holy Week such a spiritually meaningful and beautiful experience.

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy, to celebrate and experience the love and mercy of Jesus. Devotions for this Sunday of Divine Mercy will begin at 2:45 PM in the Chapel. There will be the Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy followed by a video, The Face of Mercy, produced by the Knights of Columbus and ending with open sharing/witnessing for those who desire to share how they came to know/love the devotion at 4:00 PM.

Following Christ begins this Tuesday, April 9, 2024, with a light supper at 7:00PM. This is the second part of the ChristLife program for those who have completed Discovering Christ. It is designed to help one delve deeper into our faith and its practice. The program runs every Tuesday evening for 6 weeks and a Saturday Retreat.

Once again, a heartfelt thank you to all of you and your great witness of faith.

God bless you.
Msgr. Tom



Parish Community of Saint Helen

Thanks for joining us today!

BECOMING WITNESSES

RESURRECTION RESPONSES

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday | 9am

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday | 5pm

Sunday 8am | 10am* | 12pm | 6pm


*Livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook

Reconciliation Saturday 4pm

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New? Welcome!

We're so glad you are visiting us today! Text CONNECT to 908-860-8444 to get a virtual connect card and learn more about our parish community!

Have Kids?

We have amazing programs for kids at Saint Helen during our 10am Sunday Mass most weekends! Check out Kids Corner in Meaney Hall across the parking lot for ages 2 through Kindergarten. For Grades 1-4, we have Children's Liturgy of the Word at our 10am Sunday Mass most weekends.

Next Steps

Want to learn more? Visit sainthelen.org/more to learn more about our events and programs!

What's Happening

Vacation Bible School

Join us this summer for Vacation Bible School! Children entering grades K-5th will have a "splash"-making new friends, participating in service, doing crafts, playing games, and eating yummy snacks! VBS runs from 9am-12pm on June 24th-28th. Come join in on the fun! You can register at sainthelen.org/vbs or email Tracey at tsowa@sainthelen.org with any questions. We can't wait to see you at VBS!

Children's Book Drive & Sale

Sun, Apr 21 | 11am-2pm in the Gym
We are collecting children's books only. Donations can be dropped off on Fri, April 19 from 3-6pm and Sat, April 20 from 11am-5pm in the gym. Proceeds will benefit the Catholic Relief Services. Gently used or new books are welcome. Families of grades 1-4 - Please sign up with your family to help us set up for the sale for an hour on Sat. April 20 at sainthelen.org/books

Sister Pat's Pickleball Tournament

Saturday, May 18, 2024 | 9:00am
Gear up for a day of pickleball with a purpose at Tamaques Park in Westfield, NJ. With all proceeds going to Sister Pat's Kids camp. Learn more and sign up at sainthelen.org/pickleball

Garden Ministry

Help Needed We are in need of volunteers to help plant vegetables, maintain the garden, and harvest vegetables. The vegetables will go to local food pantries and soup kitchens for our neighbors in need. Contact Jean Maier at jeanmaier5@gmail.com or text 908-507-0002.

The Cameo's Concert

Saturday, May 11, 2024 | 7:00pm in Meaney Hall
Saint Helen presents New Jersey's premier 50's-60's doo-wop group "The Cameo's". Tickets are \$30 per person and available online at sainthelen.org/comeos, or in-person at the parish office front desk. Join us for this exciting and memorable concert event.

Mass Intentions

Weekend of April 6/7
6:00pm - Dorothea, Russ & Paul Fiedler
8:00am - Terry Vinanskie
10:00am - Patrick McGlynn
12:00pm - Elizabeth Bryan
6:00pm - John Macko

Daily Mass Intentions
April 1 - Caitlin & Jimmy Nelson
April 2 - Thomas Tweedie
April 3 - Bill & Kathy Himchak
April 4 - Mary E. Keefe
April 5 - Nicholas Gismondi
April 6 - People of the Parish

Weekly Mass Association:
Transito R. de Nino
Marcella Freisen
Lenox Romeo
George Belle-Oudry
Dominick Ciriaco
Austin Toole
Thomas Tweedie

Sanctuary Candle:
Luis Docabo

Service Auction
April 13, 2024 | 6:00pm in Meaney Hall
Join us for to support The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless! We invite parish families to contribute to making this auction the most successful yet! Donate or purchase tickets at: sainthelen.org/auction

Baptism Families Fellowship
Sunday, April 28 | 1:00-2:30pm
join us for a class with Pediatric Physical Therapist, Dr. Kayla Paro, on current gross motor milestones as well as, fun and creative ways to work toward these milestones! Email Tracey at tsowa@sainthelen.org to register

Our New App

Enhance your spiritual journey with the comprehensive Saint Helen mobile app, available across a wide range of devices: iPhone, iPad, Apple TV, Android phones, Android tablets, the Amazon App Store, and the Roku Channel Store.

This cross-platform availability ensures that no matter your device of choice, you can stay deeply connected to our parish life, from anywhere at any time.

Our newly launched app is your gateway to a more connected and spiritually enriched life, offering not just daily Mass readings and the parish calendar, but also the ability to view our weekly bulletin and follow along with both daily and Sunday Mass readings right from your device.

Plus, enjoy engaging content like inspiring blogs, livestreams, and an extensive media library featuring past streams, podcasts, and exclusive access to watch Season 1 of "The Chosen."

But that's not all—stay excited for the road ahead! We're continuously working to add new functionalities and updates to bring you even closer to the heart of Saint Helen.

From staying up-to-date with ministries and events to exploring new ways of worship and community engagement, our app is here to support every step of your spiritual journey.

Ready to explore all that the Saint Helen app has to offer?

Visit sainthelen.org/app to download now and start experiencing the richness of our parish community across all your devices.

Together, let's embrace the beauty of faith, technology, and community, making every day a step closer to God.

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Text the keyword to 908-860-8444 :

- CONNECT - Connect card for guests
- FAMILY - CFC Family Ministry updates
- HELEN - General parish updates
- KIDS - Kids corner updates
- SERIES - Message series updates
- GIVE - Give to Saint Helen
- YASH - Young Adult event updates

Ways To Give

- Online at sainthelen.org/give
- Text GIVE to 908-860-8444
- Venmo @sainthelennj
- Mail your contribution to:
1600 Rahway Avenue
Westfield, NJ 07090

