

**DECEMBER 4, 2011- SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**SUNDAY December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM George Kaffenberg, Jr. r/o Edward Horvath  
 10:30 AM Piedad Castro, Cathy Morera & Dora Delgado  
 r/o The Sanchez Family  
 12 Noon Michael Lacko r/o Pat Mangandlo  
 5:00 PM Adriano Carvalho r/o Family

**MONDAY -December 5, 2011**

8:30 AM Maria Ngo Thi Khiem & Theresa Dinh Thi  
 Ngo r/o Family

**TUESDAY - December 6, 2011**

8:30 AM Elizabeth Pisani r/o Sister, Anna

**WEDNESDAY - December 7, 2011**

8:30 AM John & Laura Patursevich r/o Family  
 7:30 PM Abraham Mathew r/o Family

**THURSDAY -December 8, 2011**

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 AM Special Intentions r/o The Sanchez Family  
 7:30 PM Cynthia Betz r/o The Betz Family

**FRIDAY - December 9, 2011**

8:30 AM Jon Sabine r/o Family

**SATURDAY - December 10, 2011**

**8:30 AM FOR THE MEMBERS OF ST. HELENA**

**PURGATORIAL SOCIETY**

**December 2011- December 2012**

**John Sabine r/o Family**

**John & Rose Bacha r/o Family**

**Michael & Anthony DiAntonio**

**Joan Duffy r/o Family**

**Chester Wolenski r/o The Williamson Family**

**Matthew Wang r/o The Ambrosio & The Mier Families**

**Anna Aloe r/o Vito S. DeGironimo, Jr.**

**Thomas & Catherine Adamski r/o Daughter, Mary Adamski**

**Louise Blonna r/o Gloria Kowalski**

**Eva Keller r/o Fr. Anthony M. Sirianni**

**Robert Malinconico r/o Pudgy & Judy**

5:00 PM William & Eva Lynch r/o Eileen Mikusi

**SUNDAY December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM Naomi Candace & Albyn G. Beleski r/o Al  
 Beleski  
 10:30 AM Davis D. Cherick r/o Wife, Marion  
 12 Noon Mildred Spadora r/o St. Helena ARS  
 5:00 PM Mildred & John O'Connell r/o Mary & Fred  
 Milek

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Dec. 7 7:30 PM Villanueva, Dias, Quaglieri  
 Dec. 8 7:30 PM Decker, Decker, Montilus  
 Dec. 10 5:00 PM Hobler, Wu, Joseph, Iarrapino  
 Dec. 11 8:00 AM Lacko, Mendonca, Gaskins  
 10:30 AM Whitaker, Penevolpe, Penevolpe  
 12 PM Casem, Miller, Glennon  
 5:00 PM Mercer, Mercer, Zavalla

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**READER SCHEDULE**

Dec. 7 7:30PM R. Yunker  
 Dec. 8 7:30 PM L. Brandi  
 Dec. 10 5:00 PM L. Radler  
 Dec. 11 8:00 AM R. Yunker  
 10:30 AM J. Gibson  
 12 Noon G. Monteleone  
 5:00 PM C. Dias

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**EM's - EUCHARIST**

Dec. 7 7:30PM \*M. Capellupo, T. Clark, C. Lopez  
 Dec. 8 7:30 PM \*M. Garcia, L. Brandi, J. Gibson  
 Dec. 10 5:00 PM \*F. Milek, K. Healey, A. Camardella  
 Dec. 11 - 8:00 AM \*J. Fernandes, E. Donofri, T. Cerami  
 10:30 AM \*P. Gosselin, J. Gibson  
 12 Noon \*P. Monteleone, T. Chan  
 5:00 PM \*J. DiBella, C.Y. Fan, M. Mistretta

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**EM's - PRECIOUS BLOOD**

Dec. 7 7:30PM \*T. Chan, F. Milek  
 Dec. 8 7:30 PM \*F. Milek, B. Gibson  
 Dec. 10 5:00 PM \*T. Clark, R. D'Arco, L. Radler, R. Milton  
 Dec. 11 8:00 AM \*R. Manahan, J. Toth  
 10:30 AM \*C. White, P. Yorke  
 12 Noon \*G. Monteleone, Jr., J. Korsu  
 5:00 PM \*E. Schmidt, M. White

*Eucharistic Adoration -  
 Tuesday - 9 AM- 5 PM  
 Rosary of Our Blessed Mother at  
 4:00 PM  
 for the Intention of Respect for Life  
 JESUS is waiting for YOU! Come  
 Tuesday to visit Him. He longs to see you  
 and embrace you with His love.*

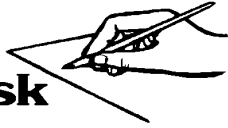


**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALIZATION**

In addition to the Christmas Flower envelopes you will find in your packet, we have Christmas flower envelopes in the vestibule of the church. If you would like to make a donation toward Christmas flowers in memory of someone, please put the name(s) in the space provided (please print clearly.) Donations must be received by December 14th in order to place your memorial in the bulletin.

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From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we light the second candle on the advent wreath. Isaiah reminds us to "prepare the way of the Lord" foreshadowing the gospel of John about John the Baptist who baptized people in the Jordan saying "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals." The readings remind us that we should always be prepared for the coming of Christ, not only at Christmas. We are reminded to reflect on our relationship with him and he should be able to know and call us by name.

A few years ago there was an Ikea commercial about parents visiting their daughter's new apartment for the first time. The mother complains about everything until her daughter opens the door and she sees the table set for Christmas. Then she is able to see all of the good things her daughter learned from her. We have been given so many true gifts through the Holy Spirit and we called to use these gifts for others. At this time of the year we are bombarded by ads to buy the perfect material gift. Yet the perfect gift may be as simple as bringing the Lord to others through our actions. Sometimes all we need to do is embrace a child and we see Christ at His best or do something for an elderly person, and to see that smile that is truly the smile of Christ. Advent is a time for us to reflect on our relationship with our family and our friends and with our Lord who should know us and be able to call us by name. It is a time to remember those special people who are enjoying this time in the presence of our heavenly father. As you light the advent candle remember that it is not too late. There are still two more weeks of Advent left to give the perfect spiritual gift on Christmas morning.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

TITHING

Table with 4 columns: Date, Collection Name, Amount, and Total. Rows include 11/27/11, 11/28/10, 11/20/11, and 11/21/10 collections with sub-categories like Regular, R&R, Campaign, School Support, and Thanksgiving.

THANK YOU I want to thank all the parishioners who have decided to make tithing a part of their lives. Being someone who tithes myself, I understand the sacrifices you are making. I am truly blessed to be a part of St. Helena Parish and to be a part of your lives. God Bless you and your families.

2011 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In Faith, With Hope

Did you know that there's more than one way to give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal? You can:

- Make a pledge and spread out your payments.
• Donate on-line by going to the Diocesan website: www.diometuchen.org.
• Have your donation matched by your company with a Corporate Matching Gift.
• Make a one-time gift.
• Give a gift of appreciated stocks or securities

No matter which way you choose, we thank you. Every gift is appreciated and every gift is important.

To date, the Development Department has received pledges totaling \$77,849.65 and payments totaling \$68,702.94 from 275 parishioners. This represents 89.2% of your \$87,300.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, December 10 & 11 we will have a second collection to support elderly religious. Show your support for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have made a positive difference in so many lives. Please Share in the Care and give generously to next week's second collection.

TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON AND A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN" ...A TIME TO BE HEALED"

PRAY FOR THE SICK DAILY Edith Dellapietro, Cheryl Pandolfo, Anita Mitchell, Michael Giovanniello, Guy Gebler, Sal Medina, George Cote, Jack Ford, Jeremy Osma, Kathleen Grasso, Eddie & Erica Breitenfelder, Dorothy Purzynski, Rose Pepe, Terry Shanahan, Baby Peyton, Michael Pugliese, Jean Hillyer, Alan Patrusevich, Siobhan McGovern, Shannon McGovern, Pauline Gillick, Karen Staggard, Barbara Menge, Catherine Yascur, Kathleen Grasso, Laurie Battison, Hubert Scheuers, Trevor Calise, Matthew McGrath, Peter Lukawski, Lenora Klopchin, Bill Hillyer, Joanna O'Connor, Raymond Lynch, Cathy Gaynor, Pauline Lechner, Virginia Comito, Star Adams, Frank Viglianti, Rita Montalto, Sister Clare Greco, Lisa Olsen, Jaimie Falstrault, Leticia Klatt, John Hoffer, Jean Christian

All powerful and ever living God, the lasting health of all who believe in you, hear us as we ask your loving help for the sick; restore their health that they may again offer joyful thanks in your church. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns in you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

THANK YOU

I am grateful to you and your fellow parishioners for your kindness on World Mission Sunday. St. Helena Church's offering of \$2,112 will be used to help the church's missionaries be the heart, hands and the voice of Christ to the suffering poor during 2012. May our Lord give to you, your families, and your parish as you have given to others so that his good news may be offered worldwide. Msgr. Behl

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### FROM THE CARMELITE SISTERS

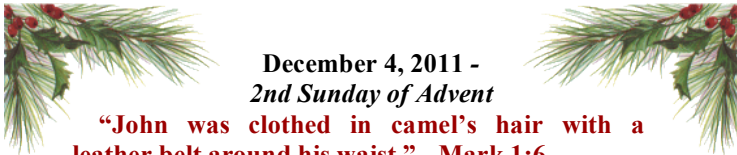
Dear Friends at St. Helena's,

God bless you many times over for your marvelous delivery of groceries for Thanksgiving! We ask Our Lord to repay your loving generosity by granting you and your families an abundance of His grace and peace. You always have a place of honor in our prayers.

Mother Anne, O.C.D.

### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Thursday, December 8th and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass Schedule is as follows: December 7th at 7:30 PM and December 8th at 8:30 AM & 7:30 PM.



December 4, 2011 -  
2nd Sunday of Advent

**“John was clothed in camel’s hair with a  
leather belt around his waist.” - Mark 1:6**

St. John the Baptist’s Advent message is, “Prepare, Prepare, Prepare.” This is very different from the media’s Christmas message of “Buy, Buy, Buy.” At this time of the year the good steward is most definitely challenged to embrace the simplicity of St. John the Baptist more than the commercialism of the season.

### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday - 3:30 - 4:30 PM

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Wednesday, December 21st  
7 PM until as needed

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO  
CONFESSIONS AFTER DEC. 21ST**

### BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS TREE

Lord God,

Let your blessing come upon us  
as we illumine this tree.

May the light and cheer it gives  
be a sign of the joy that fills our heart.

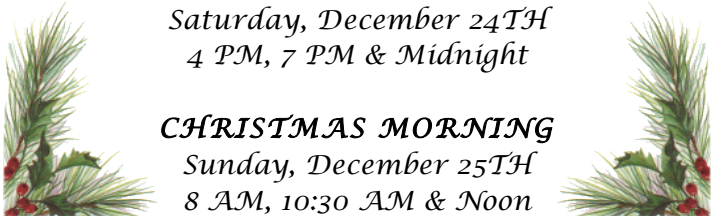
May all who delight in this tree  
Come to the knowledge and joy of salvation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24<sup>TH</sup>  
4 PM, 7 PM & Midnight

### CHRISTMAS MORNING

Sunday, December 25<sup>TH</sup>  
8 AM, 10:30 AM & Noon



### THANK YOU

I am very pleased that many of you took the time to come to meet me after Mass. Your community, Fr. Anthony Sirianni & Fr. Antony made me feel welcome and appreciated. Your kindness to this cause is very humbling. I know if enough of us become aware of this issue, a solution will be at hand quickly. Thank you for purchasing the religious articles that were available. Many Christian Palestinian will soon be hard at work replenishing what you have purchased and more. Now that you know we exist, and realize our natural role in the family of Christ, please do pray, and ask others to pray as well. I pray our Prince of Peace will always protect our Christian character of the Holy Land for generations to come. Please visit our website and drop me a note. I read them all.

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### ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS:

Please join us, this Sunday, December 4, at 2 PM for Advent Lessons and Carols. Come enjoy Scripture readings by our Youth Group and music performed by the St. Helena School Handbell Choir, our joint choirs, and YOU! (There will be a number of “sing-along” pieces, so start practicing!) The service will include lighting of the Advent wreath and a talk by Fr. Anthony. A freewill offering will be taken for the benefit of the music program.



### BOY SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Boy Scout Troop 66 will be selling beautifully decorated Christmas Wreaths after all Masses this weekend. The freshly-made wreaths are 20 inches in diameter and are adorned with numerous pine cones and a beautiful ten-loop decorative bow. The wreaths are reasonably priced at \$17.00 and will be available before and after all Masses while supplies last. Thank you for supporting Boy Scout Troop 66!



### BIBLE STUDY

St. Helena’s will be starting Psalms: The School of Prayer Bible Study on January 10th. Registration will be held December 3-4 & 10-11 after Masses or on-line. Psalms reveal Israel's response to God's covenant offer and serve as a model for our response to Him. Our communication with God is enhanced by a deeper understanding of the book of Psalms and of the individual psalms that reside in each of our hearts.



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**ST. HELENA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

Women and men facing unplanned pregnancies need help – and **Life Choices Resource Center** is there for them. **St. Helena's Respect Life Group** is partnering with **Life Choices** to give parishioners the opportunity to play a part, **no matter how large or small**, in this life-saving ministry. Life Choices is a pro-life pregnancy help center founded on the Catholic principles that human life is sacred from the moment of conception. **All are invited to help; men, women and teens! Will you take a moment to reflect on how you can lend a hand in protecting God's unborn children? Volunteering is not a commitment; it's simply an openness to become involved.** There are no time commitments; you can volunteer once a month or once a year in any capacity; either office work or hands-on as a counselor. The Lord calls us all if you can answer, we'd love to have you. Please consider joining our team. **The more people involved, the more lives we can save and the more hearts we can change. Here are some ways you can help:** Offer Your Private Prayers For Babies & Clients, Join Us In Prayer At The Office (Rosary Tuesdays & Thursdays), Filing, Scanning Records, Community Liaison, Annual Banquet, Annual Walk, Accounting, Processing Baby Bottles, Spanish Interpreter, Light Cleaning, Community Events/Local Fairs, Bulk Mailings (*Folding, Stuffing, Labeling*), College Liaison, Counselor, Post Abortion Counselor, Help With Baby Shower, Knitting Or Crocheting Hats, Blankets, Booties & Pray Shawls, Licensed RN, Marketing/Communications, Ultrasound Technician, **As you can see, the need is great, so please feel free to help whenever or however you can.** Men and Women of All Ages **ARE INVITED TO HELP!** Will you please take a minute to reflect on how you can lend a hand in protecting God's unborn children? Volunteering is not a commitment; it's simply an openness to become involved at your convenience. AND, Yes, **Community Service Hours are Given!** If you are able to help please fill out the tear out below and return to Father Anthony at the rectory or place in the collection basket. Thank you.

**TEAR OFF**-----

PLEASE PRINT: I CAN HELP BY (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please call, visit or email us: Life Choices Resource Center, 503 Main St. Metuchen, NJ,(732)-516-0911 [lifecoices@optonline.net](mailto:lifecoices@optonline.net)  
"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace..." Peter 4:10