

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2011- THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**SUNDAY -September 4, 2011**

**The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Petitt & Cavanaugh Families r/o Pat Cavanaugh  
 10:30 AM Gerado Natale r/o The Natale Family  
 12 Noon Danielle D'Orsi Caynor r/o Mary, Candice, Ellie & Peggy  
 5:00 PM Grace Giattino r/o Maria Ferreira

**MONDAY - September 5, 2011**

8:30 AM Eleanor Conroy r/o Paula Eaton

**TUESDAY -September 6, 2011**

8:30 AM Robert Burdick r/o Matt Wilmott

**WEDNESDAY -September 7, 2011**

8:30 AM Alfred Cosci r/o Ron & Patricia Paliseno

**THURSDAY -September 8, 2011**

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 AM John Mahon r/o Elizabeth Carlino

**FRIDAY -September 9, 2011**

**St. Peter Claver**

8:30 AM Mary Stetts r/o Betty Thomas & Rosemarie Buren

**SATURDAY - September 10, 2011**

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

**September 2011-September 2012**

**Alex Nemeth r/o Richard & Virginia Comito  
 Ann & Frank Giordano r/o Adele, Dave & Ryan Franklin  
 Michael DiAntonio & Anthony DiAntonio r/o Family  
 Marianne Castellano r/o Husband  
 Frank Imbriacco, Jr. r/o The Quintong Family  
 Madeline Helen Carotenuto r/o Mary & Ray Volker  
 Chester Wolenski r/o The Williamson Family  
 Helen Burt r/o Husband, Charles  
 Jean Zanatta r/o The Modica Family  
 Michael Garze r/o Janet & Rod Jones**

5:00 PM Thomas Finnigan r/o Arlene Dudas

**SUNDAY -September 11, 2011**

**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Michael Lacko r/o The Milek Family  
 10:30 AM Maria Gaetana Zitola r/o The Vitagliano Family  
 12 Noon Kathleen O'Neill r/o Lucille Williamson  
 5:00 PM Diamantino Lameiras r/o Maria Ferreira



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week **In Memory of Albano Ferreira** r/o Martha Merra

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE**

Sept. 10 5:00 PM A. Wu, M. Hobler, K. Joseph  
 Sept. 11 8:00 AM M. Lacko, K. Casem, M. Mendonca, J. Manuel  
 10:30 AM A. Walsh, T. Gerkens  
 12 Noon P. Dario, M. Mercer, R. Mercer  
 5:00 PM F. Rodrigo, C. Miller, R. George

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**READER SCHEDULE**

Sept. 10 5:00 PM M. & J. Maldony  
 Sept. 11 8:00 AM J. Fernandes  
 10:30 AM See Schedule in Sacristy  
 12 Noon G. Monteleone, Jr./C. Lopez  
 5:00 PM M. White

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**EM's - EUCHARIST**

Sept. 10 - 5:00 PM \*K. Healey, L Radler  
 Sept. 11 - 8:00 AM \*F. Klinga, C. Bustria  
 10:30 AM \* See Schedule in Sacristy  
 12 Noon \*F. Perlin, G. Monteleone, Jr., P. Monteleone  
 5:00 PM \*C.Y. Fan, J. DiBella, M. Mistretta

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**EM's - PRECIOUS BLOOD**

Sept. 10 5:00 PM \*F. Milek, R. Milton, T. Clark, J. Maldony  
 Sept. 11 8:00 AM \*P. Fernandes, K. McCrystal  
 10:30 AM \* See Schedule in Sacristy  
 12 Noon \*T. Chan, C. Lopez  
 5:00 PM \*P. Fan, E. Schmidt

***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, Brenna Logue, Jeremy Osma, Kathleen Grasso, Eddie & Erica Breitenfelder, Dorothy Purzynski, Rose Pepe, Terry Shanahan, Baby Peyton, Michael Pugliese, Jean Hillyer, Alan Patrusевич, 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 **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.**

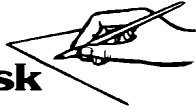


*Eucharistic Adoration -*

*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.*

**From the  
Pastor's Desk**



Dear Parishioners,

Today's gospel ends with the quote, "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." When we pray the Lord is with us. Jesus established his church community and he calls us to unite as one person in one Body in Christ. He is present when we gather at mass to hear the word and share the Eucharist; but more importantly, he is present in each of us. Jesus tells us how people relate to each other and how they get along. We cannot survive in a vacuum because we depend on each other for support and for help. When we do not get along it affects not only the individuals, but also the community, which is the church. We are called to deal with the hurt and conflict, first only with the person who caused the hurt. If it is not resolved then we are called to involve other people and then the church. Jesus is always with us when we are doing things for the greater glory of God. As a Catholic community, we bring so many wonderful gifts and talents to our parish and each of us are unique in our own way. Allow the gospel to be the way to start this fall season when we can recommit ourselves to our God and to the church and being able to do good for those in our family and our parish family.

This past weekend I looked forward to greeting all of you after being away for two weeks in Ghana with members of the International Healthcare Volunteers. But hurricane Irene had other ideas! It is wonderful to be home. My trip was a very humbling experience reminding me of just how lucky I am to live in the US. Over the next few weeks I look forward to sharing excerpts of my trip from my journal.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Father Anthony*

**8/28/11 Collection: 8 / 2 9 / 1 0**

**Collection:  
(HURRICANE IRENE W/E)**

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| Regular  | \$7,481 | \$ 10,535 |
| R&R      | \$2,348 | \$ 3,690  |
| Campaign | \$ 505  | \$ 1,247  |

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| <b>8/21/11 Collection:</b> | <b>8/22/10 Collection:</b> |
| Regular \$11,867           | \$ 9,121                   |
| R&R \$ 4,096               | \$ 3,242                   |
| Campaign \$ 357            | \$ 1,615                   |

With each contribution, show a cheerful countenance, and give with a spirit of joy.- Sirach 35:8

**PLEASE NOTE**

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2011 for the Labor Day Holiday. The parish office will reopen on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 9:00 AM.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Walk For Life! Benefitting Life Choices Resource Center, Saturday, October 15, 2011, 9 AM - 12 PM (rain or shine), Merrill Park, Iselin

**I AM TRULY HUMBLLED BY  
YOUR GENEROSITY**

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.

*Father Anthony*

**PRAYER OF DISCERNMENT**

Dear Loving Lord,  
Please be at my side  
when I am making decisions.  
Teach me to open my mind  
And to see with my heart.  
Help me, dear Lord,  
To discern the path -  
Even if it seems strange -  
That will lead me to You.

By F.K. Forbes

**JOIN FATHER ANTHONY AS  
ST. HELENA'S PRESENTS THE SHRINES OF ITALY**

April 9 - 19, 2012, Per Person Rates: 11 Days - 15 Meals: 9 Breakfasts - 6 Dinners; **Double \$2,999**; Single \$3,399; Triple \$2,969. Includes: Land/Air/Taxes/Fuel Surcharges (Subject to Increase until Paid in Full) DOES NOT INCLUDE \$200.00 Insurance. **HIGHLIGHTS:** Rome, Vatican City, Papal Audience (dependent upon Pope's Travel Schedule), St. Peter's Basilica, St. Paul Outside the Walls, Christian Rome City Tour, Saint Mary Major, St. John in Lateran, Madonna del Rosario Abbey of Santissima Trinita, San Giovanni Rotondo, Tomb of Padre Pio. For further information please call the parish office at 732-494-3399, ext. 11.



**Pre-K will begin on Tuesday,  
September 6, 2011 at 8 AM. September 6,  
2011 is a full day of school for everyone.**

**CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION (CFF)**

CFF classes begin on Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 -7:15 PM. All students will gather in the Hall. Parents should pick up their children in the Hall at dismissal. Packets were sent out to all registered students families.

Remember, there is a class for those in Kindergarten. If you have not registered, please call the office at 732-549-4660. You may download a registration form from the St. Helena Church Web site [www.sthenaedison.org](http://www.sthenaedison.org). (Click on Church and organizations -CFF).

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### ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

Our Monthly Food Collection for St. Vincent de Paul Society is September 10th and 11th. Please leave your non-perishable food items in the church breezeway. We thank you in the name of the needy.

### VENDORS WANTED!

The St. Helena HSA will be running a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 9 AM to 3 PM in the school hall. Last year's event was a big success. There were crafts, toys, gifts, jewelry and fun stuff! The HSA will be selling food. If you would like to sell your merchandise at the bazaar, please contact Kathy Penevolpe at [201-390-5053](tel:201-390-5053) or [jakpen@gmail.com](mailto:jakpen@gmail.com).



If you would like to join a parish choir, now's your chance! Rehearsals (in the church choir loft) begin THIS Wednesday: Jr. Choir (Gr. 3-8) from 4 to 5:30 PM; Sr. Choir from 7 to 9 PM. September is Open Enrollment month; the next enrollment opportunity will be in January, 2012. So, if you want to sing with the Christmas choir (including Lessons and Carols), NOW is the time to join us!



### ☆ YLF REFRESHED FOR A NEW 2011-2012 YEAR! ☆

Hello YLF-ers hope you all are having a wonderful and safe summer! It's time for another year with the YLF. Our new E-Board is thrilled and excited for a brand new year with many new things being added to the agenda! From volunteering activities, social gatherings in parish, to helping our young 8<sup>th</sup> graders grow in their faith, we do it all! Our **FIRST OFFICIAL** meeting will be on **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. We will be meeting in the **school gym** at **1 PM**. This will be YLF's **FIRST OFFICIAL** meeting of the 2011-2012 year! We hope to see you and your friends there! We are excited to help grown our parish family, strengthen our faith in God and help our community! Come and join our amazing parish youth group!! If you have any questions regarding YLF or the meetings contact us at [SHPYOUTHGROUP@hotmail.com](mailto:SHPYOUTHGROUP@hotmail.com).

### THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

**RCIA** - If you have been baptized and did not receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation or you were never baptized or not baptized Catholic and you would like to learn about becoming a Catholic then the St. Helena RCIA program is what you need. If interested, please call 732-549-4660 to set up an appointment. Lynne Soltys, RCIA Team Leader.

**WANTED: CATHOLICS WHO WANT TO BE ON THE RCIA TEAM** If you would like to share your faith-life experiences, Break Open the Word (explain the readings), and help those who are interested in coming into the Catholic faith or those who need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation and can meet one hour on Sunday mornings, then perhaps the Holy Spirit is calling you. Sound interesting? Please call Lynne Soltys at 732-549-4660 (days) or 732-738-6792 (evenings). We're hoping to hear from you!

### SAVE THE DATE

Last year, the priests of the Diocese came together to discuss the New Roman Missal. Change is always good. To know that we are going back to the original text from **VATICAN II** is exciting to me. In order to make the transition as smooth as possible for you, my parishioners, I would like you to **SAVE THE DATE** for a series of three talks on the New Roman Missal here at St. Helena's.

The first presentation will be given by Msgr. Sam A. Sirianni, Director of Worship for the Trenton Diocese and Pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Freehold, NJ, on Tuesday, September 27 at 7:30 PM in the Church. The second and third presentations will be given by Father Peter Wells, Pastor of St. Clare's Church in Clifton, NJ on Tuesday, October 4th & 18th at 7:30 PM in the Church.

RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL  
CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Remember when your parents took you to see the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall? Why not continue or start a Family Christmas Tradition? Join Fr. Anthony and St. Helena Parish on a Christmas Bus Trip to New York City Featuring the Brand New Christmas Spectacular featuring the Rockettes. In addition to the Living Nativity, The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers & New York City at Christmas, a **Brand New Radio City Christmas Spectacular features six new scenes including new Rockette numbers and adventures in which the Rockettes save Christmas from an Evil Adversary!**

Our trip will take place on **Saturday, December 10, 2011**. **Bus leaves St. Helena parking lot at 9 AM, show at 2 PM which leaves plenty of time to see the sights of New York City at Christmas time on your own.** Tickets are \$130 ea. and includes the bus. For tickets and further info call Carrie at the Parish Office at 732-494-3399, ext. 10. **IT'S NOT TOO EARLY. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW AND START A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS FAMILY TRADITION.**

### ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Joseph High School, Metuchen, NJ will be hosting its Open House on Sunday, October 16, 2011 from 11:30AM until 2:00 PM. We invite all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys and their families to attend. Our Open House will feature tours led by our talented faculty and National Honor Society students; information sessions with St. Joe's administration and our Club, Activity, and Athletics Showcase in our gymnasium. Do not miss out on the opportunity to see St. Joseph High School firsthand...Come Join Our Success!

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**“CEO AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST: UPCOMING EVENTS”** Bishop Bootkoski has invited Legatus, the international organization of Catholic business leaders and spouses, to develop a local chapter in the Diocese of Metuchen. If you are, or were a CEO, President, Business Owner, Managing Director, or Managing Partner, Legatus of Central NJ invites you and your spouse to these upcoming dinners featuring national speakers. Please also check out our website ([www.Legatus.org](http://www.Legatus.org)) for membership requirements and more information about Legatus.

September 27, 2011: Mike McCartney “Leading with F.I.R.E.”

October 25, 2011: Joe Brinck “Bringing Christ into the Workplace”

Please contact Nicole Sutton at (908) 227-0916 or [LegatusCNJ@gmail.com](mailto:LegatusCNJ@gmail.com) for more information about either of these events.

**BUS TRIP FOR DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE** The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC is Saturday, November 19th. Charter bus transportation from our parish/immediate area is being investigated and knowing how many would participate will help us in the planning process. The estimated cost (without meals) should not exceed \$40 per person. If interested, please call Carrie Viglianti at ext. 10 in the parish office and leave your name, phone number, and the number of persons in your party.

**SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows and receive a personalized certificate from Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski at a special evening Prayer Service\* in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 AT 4:00 PM.** Application forms may be secured by contacting the parish office or by logging on to <http://www.diometuchen.org/deptsministries/family-life/marriage-enrichment>. **Forms must be signed by the pastor and returned to the Family Life Office by the parish office.** Application forms will be accepted by the Family Life Office until Saturday, October 1st. A confirmation letter will be sent once your application has been processed. Formal invitations and seating tickets will be mailed approximately two weeks prior to the celebration. Tickets are not required for guests. Everyone is welcome to attend this joyous event. To ensure your reservation please fill out an application as soon as possible. **\*Please note: the prayer service does not fulfill your Sunday obligation.** For additional information call the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen (732) 562-1990, ext. 1624.