

Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, January 8, 2011

4:00PM (SH) Florence Ricotta—Joe & Angela
George Mautner—John & Ann Roden & Family
5:45PM (HF) Margaret Golowski—Husband, Chester

SUNDAY, January 9, 2011 Baptism of the Lord

8:45AM (HF) Deceased Members of The Zebly Family—
John McCouloff
10:30AM (SH) Deacon Jerry Pittman—The Junglen Family
George Sylves—Dave & Marg Hawthorne & Family

MONDAY, January 10, 2011

9:00AM (HF) Deceased Members of the Durant Family—
John McCouloff

TUESDAY, January 11, 2011

8:00AM (SH) Yvette Tourville—Doug & Barb Shue

WEDNESDAY, January 12, 2011

8:00AM (SH) Bernie Gagen—Don Tourville

THURSDAY, January 13, 2011 St. Hilary

NO MASS

FRIDAY, January 14, 2011

9:00AM (HF) Deceased Members of The Lust Family—John
McCouloff

SATURDAY, January 15, 2011

4:00PM (SH) Leo Rafte—Jerry & Mary Lee Brown & Jean
Charland
5:45PM (HF) Deceased Members of The Bierworth Family—
John McCouloff

SUNDAY, January 16, 2011

8:45AM (HF) John J. Williams—Andrea Brown
10:30AM (SH) Dr. Donald Ritcher—The Sansoucy Family



NEXT WEEKS MINISTERS

ST. HELENA'S

Saturday, January 15, 4:00PM

(L) John Barron; (EM) B. VanValkenburg, Mary Lou Drake, Pat Walpole; (AS) Emily Nelson & Allison Holmes

Sunday, January 16, 10:30AM

(L) Nancy Pitman; (EM) Diane & Kelly Crumb, Linda Lowry; (AS) Dane Carlson & Morgan Hawthorne

Children's Lector—Patricia English, **Chaperone**—Katie Snyder

HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, January 15, 5:45PM

(L) Jennifer Sharkey; (EM) Christine Gadz & Michael Masi; (AS) Mollie Gilmer & Nick Metzger

Sunday, January 16, 8:45AM

(L) Duncan Clark; (EM) Joy Osborne & Liza Walker; (AS) Megan Emmerich & Bronson Bosley

Children's Lector—Amanda Emmerich, **Assistant**—Elizabeth Reilly



Weekly Offering

ST. HELENA'S— Dec. 26, 2010

Jan. 2, 2011

Envelopes.....	\$2,249.00.....	\$2,689.00
No Envelopes.....	\$174.00.....	\$1,421.00
TOTAL	\$2,423.00.....	\$4,110.00

Christmas Collection -12/25/10.....\$8,000.00

HOLY FAMILY— Dec. 26, 2010

Jan. 2, 2011

Envelopes.....	\$1,164.00.....	\$1,795.00
No Envelopes.....	\$407.00.....	\$500.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,509.00.....	\$2,295.00
Debt Reduction....	\$50.00.....	\$117.00

Christmas Collection -12/25/10.....\$3,852.00

Readings for the Week of January 9, 2011

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



Pray for the Sick



OF ST. HELENA'S: Ed Vanderwall, Bill Joslin, Bill Vaughn, Preston Bonelli, Andrea Zebly, Steve Huml, Vicki Stevens, Peg Stack, Russell Herzog, Millie Yeman, Russ Pennise, Jan Nelson, Audrey DeBritz, Cindy Finley, Braden Morrissey, Vickey VanNortwick, Nora Falks, Bishop J. Moynihan, Michelle Barford, Connie MacDonald, Carol Hartquist, Theresa Szczyt, Don Iram, Bertha Sweirat, Anne Osborne, Carol Bartorillo, Rich Wojdyla, Mary Smith, Tarrin Canty, Flora Woodcock, Tom Zerrahn, Pam Dutchick, Richie King, Joann Ladds, Dominic Rice, Evelyn Iles, Nora Gambitta, Barb Doran, Ethel Thomas, Norma Harrison, Bud Oudekerk, Gordon Gladden, Scott & Maryanne Debbold, Peggy Munroe

OF HOLY FAMILY: Madeline Cline, Herb LaGoy, Johanna Belton, Lena Ianuzzi, Sam Peters, Gordy Waugh, Carlo Masi, Ray LaManque, Bill Geary, Theresa Bantel, Linda Richards, Grace Jones, Paul Snizek, Pauline Drobicka, Vickie Lagoy Cahill, Barbara Durose, Lee Jolin, Barbara Anderson, Kim Dunlap, Russell Herzog, Dakota Minckler, Jane Bartell LaClair, Gennaro Rucci, Jr., Esther Rucci Ragusa, Kyle Roache, Diann & Mary Gluasrude, Jordon Badger, Jeff Topi, Bob & Mary Anne Baker, Emma Caster, John Calatano, Sr., Patricia Fleming, Robert Tyler, Jr., Grace & Bill Daly, Frank Morrissey, Shirley Tyrell, Estella Hartwell, Sally Wright, Steffie Maltese, Helen Lentocho, Dale Russ, Gabriel Bell, Maggie Boice, Amy Pole, Carolyn Rowan, Helen & Ed Frank, Diane Pfeiffer, David Tyrell, Ted Willson, John McCouloff, Joyce Perkins, Mary Corbett, Patricia Brewer, Jamie Hubbard, Richard Lawless, Dorothy Jennings, Patricia Perkins & Family, Gwen Lallier

FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN: Michael Rafte, Scott Kennett, Robert Lather, MD, Martin Kelly, Chris Niles, Adam Silvis, Aaron & Lukas Colclough, Jessica Dinkens, Ethan Osborne, Michael J. Dam, Tom Grogan, Ryan Enslow, Brian Carney, Brendon, Kevin & Tim Fitzgerald, Chris Olmstead, Jessie Wenhem, Michael Colme, Brian Buckwalter, Chris, Brandon & Justin Loboda, "RJ" Mumford, Adam Weisbrod, John Stanford

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

ST. HELENA'S

Sunday (Jan. 9)

- 9:00AM—First Communion Session—Parents only.
- 11:30AM—RCIA meets in Parish Hall.
- 6:30-8:00PM—Faith Formation Grades 7 & 8.
- 6:30-8:30PM—Block Session C—High School.

Tuesday (Jan. 11)

-8:00-8:50AM—Faith Formation Grades 1-3.

Wednesday (Jan. 12)

-8:00-8:50AM—Faith Formation Grades 4-6.

Saturday (Jan. 15)

-Generation 4.12 Youth Group meeting—Parish Hall.

Sunday (Jan. 16)

-11:30AM—RCIA meets in Parish Hall.

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday (Jan. 9)

-9:45AM— "Social Hour" after 8:45AM Mass—Floyd E. Booth Parish Center. All are welcome!

Tuesday (Jan. 11)

-1:55-2:55PM—Faith Formation Grades 1-3.

Wednesday (Jan. 12)

-1:55-2:55PM—Faith Formation Grades 4-6.

-3:00PM—Prayer Group meets.

Thursday (Jan. 13)

-6:00PM—24 Hour Adoration.

Saturday (Jan. 15)

-10:00AM-12:00Noon—First Reconciliation Prep.



ADORERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY:

For the 11:00AM-12Noon or 3:00-4:00PM Friday time slots. If you can not do every Friday it could be shared or split if more than

1 person would volunteer ie: once a month, or twice a month. Prayerfully consider and call Judy @ 829-3791 of Anne @829-2737.

HOLY FAMILY PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES from the October 4th, 2010 meeting are posted in the vestibule.



ALTAR CARE: Diane Walker's Band #1 is in charge of Altar Care for the month of January at St. Helena's. Diane Henry is in charge of Altar Care this week at Holy Family.

FAMILIES FAVORITE RECIPES

St. Helena's would like to create a cookbook of our parish members' favorite recipes. The proceeds from our sales will go towards renovations to our Parish Hall kitchen.



If you would like to join our cookbook team, please contact Pam Musacchio @761-6586. The team will need help gathering ads, collecting recipes, organizing cookbook events, and with the editing process. This will be a fun event for the whole parish family.



HOLY FAMILY "THANK YOU'S"

We would like to thank all who assisted in making our Christmas celebration so beautiful, joyous and meaningful.

To Deb Cook, Joy Twiss, Rita Seamon, Sandy Vermulen & helpers who beautifully decorated our sanctuary. We sadly missed Johanna Belton's hands-on advice but we appreciated and gladly followed her phone directions.

To both choirs under the direction of Liz LaGoy & Bonnie Sliker, who helped lift our voices in praise & thanksgiving

To our Carolers, especially Cathy Gadz, Yvonne Gilmer, Terry Wittman-Fox, Cindy Nell, Ann O'Brien, our teens and children who spread good cheer to the shut-ins with joyful voices

To our Pageant children for their enacting of our Savior's Nativity story

To Gary & Sue Craft's family and their helpers who organized the Giving Tree Project

To the parishioners who purchased and wrapped the gifts—your generosity for all the families struggling to enjoy Christmas was overwhelming

To Duffy Geary and her numerous volunteers who unselfishly helped with the multiple Food Distributions to help put a Christmas meal on the table for these families

To the following people & organizations who contributed in some way to the Outreach: The Vernon United Methodist Church, Vernon American Legion, Harness Horse Assn. of CNY, Wettel Elementary students & Mr. Feola, Bill Magee Assemblyman, Utica Rome Speedway

To Santa, with Dr. Lather's assistance, who took time out of his busy schedule to remind us about the true reason for our celebration

"Thank You" to all for keeping the true spirit of Christmas alive in our Parish!

TWO CATECHISTS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY at

Holy Family for Grade 3 Faith Formation class. If interested in helping out the program please contact Mary LaForest @829-3295.



DONATIONS FOR COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES are

being accepted now at the exits of St. Helena's Church. Needed: hot cocoa packets, ramen noodles, mac & cheese, pudding packs, gum, snak size chips & cookies, granola bars, individually wrapped cupcakes, ho-ho's, fruit snacks, etc.



To the Parishioners of St. Helena's & Holy Family Churches,

We would like to say "Thank You" for all the beautiful cards, gifts and well wishes that we received during this holy season!



Deacon El & Jill Niles



MEMORIAL DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS
FLOWERS FOR ST. HELENA'S WAS MADE IN
MEMORY OF: (continued)

Kelly Ann Moher
By: Her Family

FOR HOLY FAMILY

James Brown

By: Mom

Deborah Forsythe

By: William & Gertrude Mahady

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREP at Holy Family will be held on the following Saturdays from 10:00AM-12Noon:

January 15th, 22nd, 29th

There will also be a Parent & child meeting on **Saturday, January 22nd beginning at 4:30PM.**



Dear Parishioners of St. Helena's,

Thank you so very much for the wonderful gifts of clothing in support of the Stockbridge Area Community Christmas coordinated by St. Therese Church. The gifts of food were also appreciated. With your help over 50 area families had a bright Christmas.

God Bless you all!

Peace, The Committee

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: **GENERATION 4.12 YOUTH GROUP:** **Youth Group News** :
: The next Youth Group meetings will be :
: held Saturdays, Jan. 15th & 29th. The :
: Youth Group is in need of ADULT helpers! We need: :
: Adults to attend each meeting and help out where needed :
: Adults to act as chaperones during the lock-in and/or Steu- :
: benville trip :
: Adults to donate a snack and/or meal to the youth meetings :
: Adults who will pray for the Youth of St. Helena & Holy :
: Family :
: Adults who have other talents that they wish to share with :
: our youth. :
: Please contact Tricia Pennise @361-1566 if you're interested :
: or for more information :
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GOING GREEN! Holy Family Parish will be converting the Parish Center side of our building to a new energy efficient lighting system. The decision to change the lights will save on our long term utility bills (about \$800 a year) for our parish and on energy used by us. The total cost of the lighting project will be \$3,260.12 but we will receive \$1,655.00 incentive rebate from National Grid. Additionally, these conservation measures should benefit us within 2 years and be realized. Volunteers will be needed to help with this project. If you can help call Mary LaForest @829-3295.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

How blessed I am to be able to share Christmas joy with you for the ninth time at St. Helena and for the third time at Holy Family.

Believe me, each handshake, each hug, each kiss, each warm smiling face was a Christmas gift. It doesn't get any better than this. **Thank You!** And, thank you to so many who sent Christmas greetings and Christmas gifts. They were much appreciated.

I hope to do all in my power this coming year to share with you a joy filled spirit. To know you, to serve you as best I can is made possible because I am so thankful to be your pastor.

Father Mesmer

And he continues- - -

Last weekend, I began my homily with a sung rendition of "The Twelve Days of Christmas". There was "polite" applause after each attempt. Applause was really not in my homily text. But, thanks for being your usual polite selves. And, on Monday, I came across this little diddy! I doubt my seminary scripture professor would give me a higher mark but in those days I'd try anything!

The Twelve Days of Christmas

- 1 Jesus, the Christ** =God's gift to our world
- 2 Turtle Doves**=The Old and New Testaments
- 3 French Hens**=Faith, Hope, and Charity
- 4 Calling Birds**=The Four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John)
- 5 Golden Rings**=The first five books of the Old Testament, The "Pentateuch" (which give the history of our creation and formation as God's people)
- 6 Geese A-Laying**=The six days of creation
- 7 Swans A-Swimming**=The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit
- 8 Maids A-Milking**=The eight Beatitudes
- 9 Ladies dancing**=The nine Fruits of the Spirit
- 10 Lords A Leaping**=The Ten Commandments
- 11 Pipers Piping**=The eleven Faithful Apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming**=The twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed



KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS: Once again, St. Helena's will be sending "College Care Pkgs" to students who are away at college. If you have a loved one in college and would like them to receive a Care Pkg, sometime in February complete the form below and return ASAP.

Students Name: _____

College Address: _____

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