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SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

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PARISH MASS/CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 PM
Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM (Bi-Lingual Italian/English)
10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon
Weekday Mass: 7:00 AM
Saturday Morning & Legal Holidays 8:00 AM
Confessions: Saturday 11:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM & 4:00 PM or
anytime by appointment; please call the Rectory Office.

ADORATION

Every Saturday morning from 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Tuesday Evenings: 6:00 PM
Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with Novena
Prayers to St. Rocco, St. Anthony and St. Jude.

LEGION OF MARY

Wednesday Evenings: 6:00 PM Rectory Office Conference Room

SICK PARISHONERS

Please notify the Rectory when a parishioner or family member is
confined at home, hospitalized or in a nursing home.

BAPTISMS

10:00 AM on the 1st Sunday of the month by previous appoint-
ment only. Sponsor certificates and birth certificates are required
before date is set for a Baptism. Parental attendance at Parish Bap-
tism Preparation Program is also required.

WEDDINGS Contact Rectory Office at least 1 year before.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

The Vigil of the Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm ~ Jeanett & Albert Suter (Memorial)
by brothers Anthony & Gerald
Theodore L. Giorgi (Memorial)
by wife & children

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am ~ Deceased members of the Manzi Family (Memorial)
by Sal & Ann Manzi
Elvio Esposito (Memorial)
by sister
10:00 am ~ Domenic, Mary, Robert & Michael Mastronardi
(Memorial) by Diane & the girls
Norman & Gilda Charpentier & Stephanie
Greenhalgh (Memorial) by family
12:00 pm ~ Marine Gny. SGT. Andrew Clermont (Memorial)
by family
Antonio Conte (Memorial)
by wife & family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

St. Pius of Pierelcina
7:00 am ~ Parishioners of St. Rocco

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Weekday
7:00 am ~ Emily Famiano (Memorial) by Barbara & Bob
6:00 pm ~ Novena

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Weekday
7:00 am ~ A special intention (Memorial) by Anthony Sauro

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Weekday/Sts. Cosmas & Damian
7:00 am ~ Antonio Tartaglia (Memorial) by daughter Lucille

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul
7:00 am ~ Nicola Leonardo (Memorial) by sister Maria Mariano

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Weekday/Sts. Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
8:00 am ~ Maria & Antonio Vivieiros (Memorial)

8:30 ~ 12:00 pm Adoration

Vigil of the Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm ~ Esther Rainone (Memorial)
by Carol

Albert & Evelyn DiCicco & Albert DiCicco Jr.
(Memorial) by Rudy & Sandra

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

The Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am ~ Raffaele, Concetta & Vincenza DeFusco (Memorial)
by son
Deceased members of the DeFusco Family
(Memorial) by family
10:00 am ~ Pasquale & Josephine Corsinetti (Memorial)
by family
Vincent Tudino & Edward & Jo-Ann DiLorenzo
(Memorial) by family
12:00 pm ~ Giovannina Carlino (Memorial)
by children
Hacop Gashian (Memorial)
by wife

From the Pastor's Desk:

**Four Tips for Happy Holiness
with St. Philip Neri**

St. Philip Neri is known as the patron saint of joy. He always had a cheerful and positive attitude, even in adversity. He brought that holy happiness to the hearts of the people he encountered every day. This pious and holy priest was joyful even in sickness. When he was dying, his doctor said to him, "I've never seen you so happy." He replied, quoting Scripture: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'"

GOD IS EVERYTHING

St. Philip's joy and happiness are born of a strong love for Christ, for He is the source of inexhaustible life, and therefore also of joy. Many people ask themselves why the Saints were joyful even in adversity. And the answer is given by St. Philip: "Joy is the sign of a heart that sincerely loves God." He delighted daily in God's eternal love, and constantly praised Him and thanked Him for every situation and person He put in his path. If you want to begin to see things with enthusiasm, and above all to live with true Christian joy, entrust every situation and every day to God.

FRIENDSHIPS

St. Philip was always surrounded by people. He recommended having good friendships because they lead you to Heaven. In this way he was able to establish good relationships and make the most of them, sharing with them and transmitting to them the faith and love of Christ.

SERVICE AND CHARITY

It's true there's more happiness in giving than in possessing. St. Philip never forgot this. He carried out works of charity and also organized other people to visit the sick or the needy. He dedicated his time to each person who needed it, and didn't think twice about it, because he found joy in helping others.

THE POWER OF LAUGHTER AND HUMOR

According to medical science, when we laugh our body releases endorphins, dopamine and adrenaline, so laughter helps to combat stress and anxiety; in other words, laughter is your best ally in maintaining a positive attitude. St. Philip Neri was the life of the party; wherever he went he was surrounded by people who appreciated his wonderful sense of humor. Being around him was pleasant and made people happy.

In short, St. Philip Neri teaches us that holiness and joy can go hand in hand, and that a Christian life lived with love and good humor can be a powerful force that attracts other people to the faith. His example and advice remain relevant and can inspire us to live with more joy and gratitude in our daily lives.

God Bless, *Fr. Carusi*

**September 15, 2024
Weekly Collection**

First Collection
Envelopes and Loose Collection
Total = \$5304.00
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Parish Beautification/Sr. Priest Retirement  
Total = \$7.00/\$933.00  
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Parish Outreach
Total = \$10.00
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Online Giving  
Total = \$1504.50  
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Other Donations/Collections
\$341.00
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**Total number of  
envelopes used this week:**  
**1st collection 230 2nd collection 55**

**MEMORIALS**

**September 23rd-29th**

*Altar Bread & Wine ~ Altar Candles  
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**St. Rocco Church Polenta Dinner**

Friday, October 11th 6:30 PM  
Santa Maria di Prata Hall

Choice of Entrée: Polenta or Cavatti's  
\$25.00 per person

Tickets will be sold in the Rectory office and at all the Masses on September 21st & 28th.

**Deadline is October 1st.**

**No tickets will be sold at the door!!**

For more information call:  
Alex Paliotta: 301-1912  
Or  
Deacon Bob: 944-0483



## 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ~ LITTLE FLOWER HOME

Everyone is invited to celebrate on Sunday, September 29 at the Shrine of St. Therese of The Little Flower, 35 Dion Drive, Nasonville, RI. We will provide food, drink and activities beginning at 1:00 PM. This is a family celebration so please bring your children and grandchildren. You are welcome to stay for the St. Theresa Parish Mass at 5:00 PM. For the past 40 years we have provided a room for pregnant women who are homeless. We welcome these moms into a temporary loving home and help them as they search for a permanent residence. Please visit [littleflowerhome.org](http://littleflowerhome.org) for more information on our mission. Please text or call Diane Santaniello, (401) 263-5245 or JoAnn Donahue, (401) 419-4980 or [jdonahue.contact@gmail.com](mailto:jdonahue.contact@gmail.com) to let us know if you will be joining us. RSVP is required for providing refreshments.

### **Calling all Women of St. Rocco's Parish Community!**

You are invited to a Coffee Hour on Wednesday September 25, 2024 at 10:00 AM at the St. Bernard Parish Center, 275 Tower Hill Rd, No. Kingstown for fellowship and to provide Information regarding the 2024 Weekend Retreat at Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center in Farmington. The theme of this year's retreat is: ***"I Have Called You My Friends"*** for more information please visit <https://www.ourladyofcalvary.net/i-have-called-you-friends/>

You are encouraged to bring a friend!

### **Senior Priest Retirement Fund Collection**



Last week's second collection was for the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. If you did not donate and would like to support this effort, providing critical resources for priests in their retirement years, please visit [www.srpriestri.com](http://www.srpriestri.com) to make an online donation using a secure server or mail your offering to Sr. Priest Retirement Fund, Office of Stewardship & Development, 1 Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903. Thank you for your support of this critical effort to provide for senior priests in their retirement years-years that many priests continue to spend active in ministry. **Thank you for your support of this worthy endeavor.**



The Providence Lions Club is coordinating a "Soft Goods" Drive on Saturday, October 5th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the St. Rocco's Convent parking lot.

The purpose is to raise funds for various charitable causes in our community. Soft goods include gently used clothes, shoes, pocketbooks, bedding, belts, hats, mittens, coats, etc.

Items may also be dropped off inside the church entrance anytime between now and October 5th.



### **St. Rocco's Church Religious Education Program**

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#### Levels 1- 5

**Sunday Mornings:**

**10:45 AM SHARP ~ 11:50 PM**

#### Levels 6 - 8 & RCIA

**Mondays Evenings: 6:30 PM SHARP ~ 7:50 PM**

#### Confirmation News

**Rehearsal for sponsors & candidates**

**Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:00 PM in Church**

**Confirmation Mass**

**Sunday, October 6th at 4:00 PM**



### **Parish Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Lectors**

There will be a **important mandatory meeting on Tuesday, October 15th** immediately following our weekly 6:00 PM Novena Service for all St. Rocco's Parish Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. We will discuss current practices, update Liturgical Norms, and be re-commissioned for these Ministries here in the Parish. The updates and re-commissioning are mandated by the Diocese.

We are also looking for more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors to assist at our Masses. If you are interested please call the Rectory and plan on attending this important meeting. Thank you for your service to our Parish!

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## **Classroom News.. Mrs. Brenda Tavares PK 4 A**

The Pre- K 4 students have had a great start to a new school year. I am happy to have Miss Kathy and Sister Eva as my assistants. I am looking forward to collaborating closely with them this year.



The Pre-School students have successfully transitioned into our new daily routine. They are managing to take off and put on their coats by themselves, unpack their backpacks and put all their possessions away. The children are working at the learning centers where they are learning to take turns, build strong structures, and write words. The children have already begun their Alphabet program. This year we are making characters out of the letters, for letter "Aa" the class made an alien and an apple, then they practiced writing the letters all by themselves! We had RED day where the students wrote the word "RED" then they made a red bird, the students also finger-painted apples red! In October, the children will make a class book based on "Go Away Big Green Monster," where they will write the color word that matches their monster's face color. During circle time we learn a new pattern each month, at the end of the month the students have to build the pattern from memory by themselves.



We are also beginning our Religion program this week; the students are learning that God created everything and that everything that God created is good. They are also learning that Jesus loves all of us all the time. They are beginning to learn how to make the Sign of the Cross, and to say prayer before we eat snack and lunch. We are saying the morning offering during the morning announcements and the Act of Contrition at the end of the day.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year filled with fun and learning with all my new friends and their families.

### **St. Rocco School Mission Statement**

*Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ is the foundation of the St. Rocco School Community. We are dedicated to creating a safe environment that instills Catholic values and nourishes the development and growth of the whole person. We are committed to excellence in academic standards that prepare students to reach their full potential and meet the global challenges of the world.*

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