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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, OCTOBER 12

The Vigil of the Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm ~ Albino DiPaola (4th Anniversary Memorial)
by wife & family
Danny & Jenny Branca (Memorial)
by The Branca Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

The Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am ~ Michael Marandola (Memorial)
by Arlene & Richard Siravo
Geraldine Cerra (57th Wedding Anniversary
Memorial) by husband
10:00 am ~ Antoinetta Passaretti (Birthday Remembrance)
by family
Rocco Passaretti (Memorial)
by family
12:00 pm ~ St. Rocco Memorial Shrine

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

Weekday/St. Callistus I
7:00 am ~ Parishioners of St. Rocco

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

St. Teresa of Jesus
7:00 am ~ Teresa Sauro (Memorial) by Anthony Sauro
6:00 pm ~ Novena

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Weekday/Sts. Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque
7:00 am ~ Maria & Antonio Viveiros Memorial)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

St. Ignatius
7:00 am ~ Bertrand Beaumier (Memorial) by the Sisters

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

St. Luke
7:00 am ~ Mark Young (Memorial) by Gina Hand
2:00 pm~ Wedding of Andrew Bechard & Victoria Branca

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions
8:00 am ~ Joseph, Teresa & Archie Pezzullo (Memorial)
by Mary Pezzullo
8:30 ~ 12:00 pm Adoration

2:00 pm ~ Wedding of Robert Pepper & Cherizar Bourget

Vigil of the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm ~ Jennie & Anthony Miele (Memorial)
by sons Anthony & Gerald

Robert & Alice Knois (Wedding Anniversary
Memorial) by Sheila & Robert Konis Jr.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

The Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am ~ Marie DiRaimo (Memorial)
by Arlene & Richard Siravo

Carol Tufts & Joseph & Josephine Colafrancesco
(Memorial) by Joseph & Carol

10:00 am ~ Rey Linsao (Memorial)
by wife & family

Vincent & Angelina DeFilippo (Memorial)
by daughter

12:00 pm ~ Joseph A. Borgia (Memorial)
by wife & family

Hacop Gashian (Memorial)
by wife

From the Pastor's Desk:

Five Easy Ways to Spread Kindness Every Day

Incorporating kind gestures into our daily lives doesn't require significant sacrifices. Instead, they cultivate a spirit of love and service. In a world that often feels hurried and disconnected, simple acts of kindness can bridge the gaps between us. As Catholics, we are called to imitate Christ in our daily interactions, even in small, "secret," almost unnoticed gestures. Here are five practical, simple, "little" ways to help our neighbors and strangers without necessarily going out of our way.

OFFER A WARM SMILE OR GREETING: We all know a friendly smile or a simple "hello" can brighten someone's day. When you see a neighbor outside or pass someone on the street, take a moment to connect. This small gesture can foster a sense of community and make others feel valued by showing them they are not invisible or alone.

GIVE A COMPLIMENT: Take the time to acknowledge something positive about someone; a compliment about their garden, their work, their parenting. Compliments are quick and effortless, yet can significantly boost someone's mood and confidence, nurturing an atmosphere of positivity and encouragement.

PRACTICE ACTIVE LISTENING: When interacting with others, give them your full attention. Put down your phone, make eye contact, and listen to what they have to say. This shows that you value their thoughts and feelings, which can have a profound effect on their sense of self-worth. Sometimes all someone needs is a listening ear to share their struggles or joys.

SHARE RESOURCES: If you have items you no longer need, consider giving them to someone who could use them. Whether clothes, books, or extra produce from your garden, sharing these resources can relieve a burden on others and promote generosity. This helps others and can also bring you a sense of fulfillment and joy.

PRACTICE PATIENCE AND KINDNESS IN PUBLIC PLACES: In busy environments, such as grocery stores or public transportation, showing patience and kindness can make a significant difference. Allow someone to go ahead of you in line, help someone carry their groceries, or at least be polite; it's really not *that* hard.

Incorporating these simple gestures into our daily lives doesn't require grand gestures or significant sacrifices. Instead, they invite us to cultivate a spirit of love and service in our own communities. By making kindness a priority, we not only uplift those around us, but also enrich our own hearts and spirits. In doing so, we fulfill our call as Christians to be the light in the world, even in the smallest of ways. Remember that "one who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much." (Lk, 16:10).

October 6, 2024 Weekly Collection

First Collection
Envelopes and Loose Collection
Total = \$6621.00

Parish Beautification/Seminary Education
Total = \$140.00/\$442.00

Parish Outreach/Sr. Priest Retirement
Total = \$143.00/\$90.00

Online Giving
Total = \$1748.50

Other Donations/Collections
\$261.50

**Total number of
envelopes used this week:**

1st collection 260 2nd collection 75

MEMORIALS

October 7th~ 13th

Altar Candles~ Deceased members of the
Ripa, Lancelotta & Insana Family
Sanctuary Lamps~ Veronica Ann Lewis



MEMORIALS

October 14th ~ 20th

Altar Bread & Wine ~
Altar Candles ~ Sanctuary Lamps

Joseph A. Borgia



Eternal Rest be given to:

Donna Guilemette ~ October 3rd
Anna Maria Bruzzese ~ October 4th
Dennis McDonnell ~ October 4th
Sarah Rea ~ October 4th

Rectory Office News

The Rectory office will be closed Thursday, October 17th. The Rectory office will reopen on Monday, October 21st at 9:00am.

St. Rocco's Confirmation

Congratulations to our young men and women who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, October 6th from Bishop Robert Evans.

Congratulations to their Sponsors and Families as well. May God continue to Bless them in all they do for His Greater Glory!



Alaina Almonte
Alessandro Cassisi-Wood
Scott Creighton
Ava Crowell
Cesin Curi
Dante DeAngelis
Devin DiLanna
Leilani Delgado
Alessandro Fava
Nathan Henao
Adrianna Insana
Austin Martins
Leah Newbury
William Quattrucci
Michael Ramos
Michaela Rivard
Elena Sampson
Nicholas Scotti
Dante Tortolani
Aurora Trainor

St. Rocco Feast Follow-up Meeting



Please join us on Wednesday evening October 16th at 6:00 PM in Café Rocco, as we come together and celebrate our 84rd Annual Feast. We have so much to be thankful for and would like to share our gratitude for everyone's support. All are welcome, especially the youth our of parish and school, that have helped in so many ways. Refreshments and Light Fare will be served.

Memorial Opportunities

St. Rocco's Church

St. Rocco Memorial Shrine

Renewals and New Enrollments for the St. Rocco Memorial Shrine are now being accepted. The deadline for all enrollments is Thursday, January 2nd. As in the past, the Memorial Shrine enrollments are \$30.00 for the year and Mass is celebrated for the members once a month. Each member has a name plate on the plaque in the church vestibule.

Engraved Bricks in the St. Francis Garden

In celebration of our 100th Anniversary, the St. Rocco Holy Name Society renovated the St. Francis Garden which is located to the right of the St. Rocco's Rectory. This Garden has been preserved as a Sacred Space with benches for meditating. The walkway consists of engraved bricks. Parishioners are invited to purchase a brick either in memory of a loved one or as a gift. They are available in two sizes: 4" x 8" for \$50.00 or 8" x 8" for \$75.00. Order forms are available on our website. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Rectory office during regular office hours. Thank you.

Community Masses

The Community Mass is celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month. Each name is \$5.00 per month. Each name is read at the Mass. Masses could be said as often as you like.



**Mother of Life
Pregnancy
Center**

**Rose Sale to
Support New
Moms**

Long-stem roses will be available on Saturday & Sunday, **Oct**

19 & 20 after each mass. Buy a rose for your loved one and support the Mother of Life Pregnancy Center on Atwells Ave (MotherOfLife.org). The Center provides many free services and baby supplied for mothers in need. The suggested donation is \$3 per rose.

Thanks for your ongoing support of these moms and their unborn children!



**October
The Month of the Rosary**

Here at St. Rocco's the Rosary is prayed before Daily Mass Monday thru Saturday & before the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses on Sunday's.

The Rosary is also Prayed every Tuesday evening at our weekly Novena Service at 6:00 PM.

Join us as we pray for Our Lady's intercession for our Parish, our Families and our World.

**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 ~ Miss Ava Gallone KA



The beginning of the year for Kindergarten A has been filled with exciting activities and meaningful experiences that have enriched our students' learning journey. We've had the pleasure of attending Church and participating in the Rosary, where the children learned about the importance of prayer and being part of a supportive community. These moments have helped instill a sense of togetherness and spirituality in our little ones, reinforcing values that are essential as they grow.

Our science explorations have also been a highlight! The children had a blast carving pumpkins to discover the insides, which sparked curiosity about nature and seasonal changes. We've also focused on the beauty of fall, learning about apples and leaves, and how they transition with the seasons. These hands-on activities have allowed the children to engage with their environment and foster a love for learning through play and exploration. Of course, our academic progress has been exciting as well. We've been diving into phonics, rhyming, and numbers, and laying the foundation for early reading skills.

The kids have shown great enthusiasm while learning, and their friendships have blossomed during playtime, especially as we enjoy the lovely fall weather outdoors. A special shoutout to our wonderful teaching assistant, Miss Carol, whose support and encouragement have made our classroom a warm and inviting place to learn and grow together!

I am truly grateful for the opportunity to join this vibrant community and to work with such amazing students in Kindergarten A. Every day has been filled with joy and laughter, and I have had so much fun getting to know each child. I am eager and excited for all the wonderful activities we have planned for the rest of the year, and I look forward to making even more cherished memories together!



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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