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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, FEBRUARY 15

Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm ~ Anthony J. Bucci Jr. (30th Anniversary Memorial)
by Stephen & Marianne & family
Lisa Hawkins Ferro (Memorial)
by The Martini Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am ~ Maria Maggiacomo & Claudia Ruscito (Memorial)
by Linda & Donna Folcarelli
Rocco & Maria & Vitangelo Meglio (Memorial)
by Anna Maria Pelosi & family
10:00 am ~ Anthony Perfetto Jr. (Memorial)
by family
Ricardo Mata (Birthday Remembrance)
by family
12:00 pm ~ Philip Seabolt & Filomena, Frederick &
Rocco Altieri (Memorial) by Carol
Celia Perrotti (Memorial)
by daughter Denise

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Weekday/The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
8:00 am ~ Parishioners of St. Rocco

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Weekday
7:00 am ~ Maria & Antonio Viveiros (Memorial)
6:00 pm ~ Novena

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Weekday
7:00 am ~ Paula Lucia (Memorial) by Karen Parrillo

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Weekday
7:00 am ~ Sr. Maria Silva Capolino (Memorial) by The Sisters

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Weekday/St. Peter Damian
7:00 am ~ Dr. David DeRuosi & Jonathon Galli (Memorial)
by Elaine Ricci

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
8:00 am ~ A special intention for the Davey Family Members
by Christine Davey
8:30 ~ 12:00 pm ~ Adoration
1:00 pm ~ Wedding of Aaron Jefferies & Christa Lopes
Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:00 pm ~ Matilda & Frank Corrente (Memorial)
by family

Jeanette & Joseph Carboni & Theresa Araujo
(Memorial) by family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

The Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:00 am ~ Angela Manni (Month's Mind)
by family
Open for intentions
10:00 am ~ Vincent & Angelina DeFilippo (Memorial)
by daughters
Dennis D'Ercole (Memorial)
by wife, family & friends
12:00 pm ~ Anthony & Ann Altrui & Elmerinda Altrui &
Michael & Louisa Scungio (Memorial)
by John & Carole Altrui
Carmine & Olga D'Uva & Ada Mollica
(Memorial) by John & Carole Altrui

From the Pastor's Desk:

There are 150 Psalms in the Book of Psalms. At every Mass we recite or sing one of those Psalms after the First Reading. The Psalm for this weekend is the very first Psalm, which sets the tone for the other 149. The first word of the first Psalm is "*Blessed*" which means "*happy*." God wants us all of us to be happy. The Responsorial Psalm this weekend declares to be blessed is to be like a *tree planted near running water, which yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade*. I think we can identify with this beautiful imagery because it speaks to us of great strength and vitality. Perhaps we think of our own gardens we cultivate in the spring and summer. Think of how well everything grows when cared for in the right way.

We will be happy with God's strength and vitality if we follow the way God points out to us. We can look to the prophet Jeremiah in our First Reading to help us understand what the way of God is. He writes: "*Blessed* (that is, happy) *is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord.*" He continues in the imagery of the first Psalm to say a person who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is in the Lord, is like a tree planted beside running water. We all know water is necessary for all living things. After a refreshing spring rain vegetation turns green with life. But in a dry spell during the summer heat that same lush vegetation can turn brown. It's no wonder the Sacrament of Baptism uses water as we are washed clean of Original Sin and begin to share in God's happiness.

But without that continuous flow of God's life-giving water, our lives can turn brown and barren. Without God's grace we become very unhappy. Our chief source of God's refreshing grace is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. During Mass we hear the Word of God in the Scriptures and we receive the Eucharist. God's Word is the nourishment of our Faith and the Eucharist is the nourishment for God's life within us. **Nothing can substitute for God's Word and the Eucharist.** The two go together hand in hand. As the Word enriches our faith, so the Eucharist gives us the strength we need to live in accord with our faith.

Perhaps we think we know what happiness is, but its actuality can be very elusive. Sometimes we might think our condition here on earth is far from one which brings about happiness for us. But God has a different way of looking at things. This is why Jesus gave us the Beatitudes in today's Gospel.

The Beatitudes can be, for us, a way of life. A *director's manual* on how to live our lives loving God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves. The Beatitudes are paradoxical as well. We tend to think the opposite of what they say is true. But make no mistake, Jesus insists: "*Blessed are you poor. Blessed are you who hunger. Blessed are you who are weeping.*" We can be happy when we are poor if it makes us turn to God and trust in Him above all else....

February 9, 2025

Weekly Collection

Envelopes and Loose Collection

Total = \$3961.00

Parish Beautification

Total: \$40.00

Parish Outreach

Total = \$100.00

Online Giving

Total = \$1526.50

Other Donations/Collections

\$244.00

**Total number of
envelopes used this week:**
1st collection 148 2nd collection 23



MEMORIALS

February 17th-23rd

Altar Bread & Wine ~ Altar Candles

Sanctuary Lamps

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Eternal Rest be given to:

Mario Pitocco ~ February 8th

Gloria Solitro ~ February 9th



MASS BOOK FOR 2025

The Mass Book for 2025 is available during office hours Monday to Thursday (9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.)

Please note that all the weekend Masses for 2025 will have double intentions.

.....We can be happy when we are hungry if we allow our hunger to make us yearn to have God fill the emptiness of our hearts and not only our stomachs. We can be happy when we are weeping, if our sorrow centers on our failure to do God's will in all things.

God wants us to be happy. Embracing God and following His way of life is the only way to be blessed and to be truly happy.

God Bless, *Fr. Carusi*



St. Rocco's Church Religious Education Program

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No Classes on Sunday,
February 16th & Monday, February 17th.

Classes resume on Sunday, February 23rd
and Monday, February 24th.

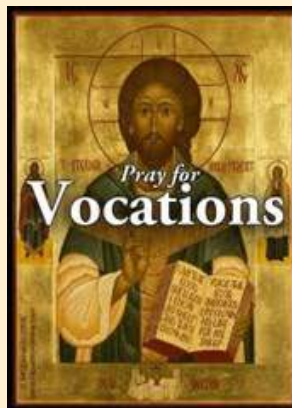
First Communion Parents Meeting
March 6th at 6:30 PM
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Holy Name News

Annual Game Dinner

All are invited to attend on
Sunday, March 2nd at
1:00PM in the Church Hall.
Our 7 course meal will once
again be prepared by Ralph's Catering. Tickets
for the dinner are \$40 per person and seating is
limited, so purchase your tickets early. For
more information, please contact Alex Paliotta
at 301-1912 or the Parish Rectory at 942-5203.



Prayer for Vocations

*O God our provident
Father through your Son
you revealed to us the mys-
teries of the Kingdom; you
will that all men and women
be saved and come to the
knowledge of your Truth.
Send workers into your
great harvest, grant that
more men will serve your
Church as priests for the
Diocese of Providence, that the Gospel may be
preached to every creature and your people,
strengthened by the word of life and the sacraments
may advance in the way of salvation and love.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen*



St. Francis Brick Garden

Please take a walk through our St.
Francis Garden. In celebration of the
100th Anniversary of the Parish, St. Roc-
co's Holy Name Society renovated the St.
Francis Garden. This Garden has been
preserved as a Sacred Space with benches
for meditating and a brick walkway. The walkway con-
sists of engraved bricks and parishioners are invited to
purchase a brick either in memory of a loved one or as a
gift. If you are interested in purchasing a brick please
contact the Rectory office or go to our website at
churchofsaintrocco.org.



Save the Date!

*St. Joseph's Day
Celebration & Dinner*

Sunday, March 16, 2025
6:00 PM ~ Prata Society Hall
Tickets: \$45.00

Dinner Menu
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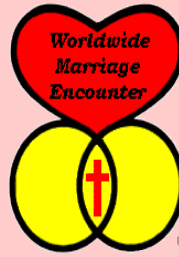
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13 Seminarians

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Jeremiah 17:7: "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord." Luke 6:20-26: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are hungry, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you and insult you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day. Behold, your reward will be great in heaven." You can have a rewarding marriage. You can rejoice and leap for joy as you learn to listen and communicate better with your spouse. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME.org). It can help you in your communication, teach you many skills, and also help you to grow in intimacy and in faith with one another. Some of the dates to sign up are: March 21-23, 2025 in Burlington, VT, April 25-27, 2025 in East Sandwich, MA. Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Matt & Julie King at 978-870-5646 or <https://wwwmema.org/>.



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2024 Tax Letters

The 2024 tax letters are available in the Rectory office. Please call the Rectory during office hours if you would like your 2024 tax letter. It can be picked up at the Rectory during office hours or can be mailed to you. Please call 401-942-5203 to make arrangements or if you have any questions. Thank you.



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Classroom News.. Mrs. Megan Reitz..Middle School Social Studies



Hello from Middle School Social Studies. As we continue to learn history in our classes, we are also learning to think like historians. What can we learn from our past that will help us in the future? It turns out, quite a lot in Middle School!

In Sixth Grade Social Studies, we are focused on ancient civilizations. The study of ancient civilizations refers specifically to the first settlements and communities that will become the basis for later states, nations and empires. So far, we have studied Mesopotamia and the Fertile Crescent, the ancient city of Sumer, and ancient Egypt. Next we will begin our study of ancient India. It is a vast and wonderful world to introduce to the students! They enjoy learning about each culture, each form of writing and language (or lack thereof!) each religion and all their amazing discoveries. From fire to the wheel to the domestication of plants and animals, each civilization advanced their society in different ways.



Seventh grade is a continuation of United States history. We begin with reviewing the early explorers and settlements and move directly into the early years of the colonists and their unhappiness with King George III and his continued rule over them. We watch as this unhappiness turns into protest and, ultimately, rebellion in the form of the Revolutionary War. We study our young country and the Declaration of Independence. It was an exciting but scary time in our history. As we move along, we will end the year with studying the Civil War, and the many challenges that all Americans faced with this turmoil within

our own country.

In eighth grade, we have finished the Civil War and will be moving onto the late 1800's and early 1900's. This was a huge time of change for our country. The Transcontinental Railroad changed the way we traveled, the assembly line changed the way we worked and immigration changed the face of our nation. Each new change brought both blessings and hardships with them which we delve into further. We move into the development of new laws to make sure that our country can sustain itself with big business.

It has been a great year so far with all students bringing their curiosity and enthusiasm to each class!



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