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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, DECEMBER 21

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent
5:00 pm ~ Richard Moschetti Sr. (3rd Anniversary Memorial)
by wife & family
Assunta Feole (2nd Anniversary Memorial)
by family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 am ~ Virginia & Peter Tanzi Sr (Memorial)
by daughter & son in law
Helen Folcarelli (10th Anniversary Memorial)
by Linda & Donna Folcarelli
10:00 am ~ Carmela Bonelli Fava (5th Anniversary Memorial)
by sons & family
Deceased members of the Bonelli Family (Memorial)
by family
12:00 pm ~ Rocco & Filomena Altieri & Philip Seabolt (Memorial)
by daughter & wife
Hacop Gashian (Memorial)
by wife

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Late Advent Weekday
7:00 am ~ Parishioners of St. Rocco

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Late Advent Weekday/
7:00 am ~ In Thanksgiving & A special intention

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
5:00 pm ~ Patrick Tallo (Memorial) by family
Deana Cerra Tallo (Memorial) by mom, dad & Casey
12:00 am ~ Robert Campolattano (Memorial) by Jeanne Landry

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

The Nativity of the Lord
8:00 am ~ Fred Torrice & Maria & Carl Belmonte (Memorial)
by wife & daughters
Fred & Mary Torrice (Memorial) by family
11:00 am ~ Joseph E. Golini & Antonia Della Golini (Memorial)
by daughter Rosemary
George Mitchell (Memorial) by family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

St. Stephen
8:00 am ~ Mary & Walter Friel (Memorial) by Donna & Walter

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

St. John
8:00 am ~ Maria & Antonio Viveiros (Memorial)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents
8:00 am ~ Anu Tommy (Memorial) by the Sisters
8:30~ 12:00 pm ~ Adoration
Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
5:00 pm ~ Robert & Arlene Branca (Memorial) by The Branca Family
Donna Branca Cipriano & Deborah Branca Improta
(Memorial) by The Branca Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
8:00 am ~ Sandra M. Zablocki (Memorial) by Lisa DeFusco
Sr. Rose Alfieri (Spiritual Healing) by Maria Marziale & family
10:00 am ~ Robert L. Ricci Sr. (Memorial)
by The Ricci Family
Aliana Ciacciarelli (Memorial)
by Rosalba Zanni & family
12:00 pm ~ Marie DiBiasio (Memorial)
by Linda Courmoyer & Nancy Stravato
Antonio & Aura Giron (Memorial)
by daughter Claudia Giaccarini

From the Pastor's Desk:

It has become fashionable in recent times for people to compose so called *bucket lists*. A *bucket list* is a catalog of things someone wants to accomplish before they *kick the bucket*. These lists often include visiting dream travel locations, risky or even death-defying feats like skydiving, or simply adventures that require a greater exercise of courage or imagination. A survey of published bucket lists reveals, however, that they are decidedly self-indulgent and self-satisfying. Rarely does such a list include helping lepers, feeding the hungry or assisting at a far-off mission.

The Season of Advent is urgent and immediate: the Lord is coming NOW. A bucket list won't do in preparation for this event. Our Lord and St. Paul both warn us to stay awake so that we will be ready to meet the Lord when He comes. Saint Paul tells the Romans what activities would preoccupy us and keep us from being prepared when the Lord comes. Simply put, when Jesus comes back would you want Him to catch you drunk? or caught in jealousy? in sexual promiscuity? Saint Paul invites us to live a transparent life in the light of day. Darkness – especially a darkened soul – provides a hiding place for sin. When Jesus comes He will turn on the light switch. If we're living as we should, then we have nothing to be ashamed of.

So if you knew Jesus was coming for you today, what would you do? This might be a sobering and uncomfortable thought, but it's realistic. What would we use the last moments of our earthly life for if we knew they were the last moments? Now, before you answer that question...remember that Jesus promises eternal life to those who follow Him. When Jesus comes, whether at the moment of our death or at the end of time, it's only the beginning. The problem with the bucket list is that for many people it betrays a belief that we cease to exist the moment we die. If we live life well, generously, honestly, and in friendship with Jesus, then we have nothing to worry about. Our life has meaning because of the kind of person we become, not through a list of accomplishments in an obituary.

The Rector of the Seminary used to tell the seminarians that if they studied diligently and steadily each day then the night before an exam they should go to the movies or something. If we're doing what we're supposed to do every day then there's no reason to cram for a final examination the night before. The "*all-nighter*" approach is foolish. At that point learning doesn't matter, only passing the test. With Jesus we can't just squeak by or squeak into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Today is the day to prepare, not make a list of preparations. Today isn't some monumental day listed on the calendar. Today is the continuation of the life we're living and the material for the life ahead. Our goal is not to have some supernatural encounter or experience of God on a particular day, but to make every day an experience of Jesus' love and friendship. The word *Advent* means *Beginning*; don't wait, *begin* today!

WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT

Due to the need of getting the Bulletin printed for Christmas we will report last weeks Church support in next weeks bulletin.

Rectory Office Hours

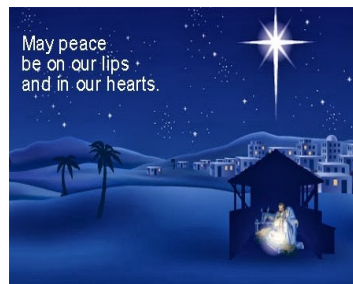
Monday, December 23rd 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
 Tuesday, December 24th 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
 Closed December 25th & 26th
 Friday, December 27th 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
 Closed Monday, December 30th
 Tuesday, December 31st 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
 Closed January 1st
 Reopening on Thursday January 2nd



MEMORIALS

December 23rd-29th

*Altar Bread & Wine ~ Altar Candles
 ~ Sanctuary Lamps ~
 Hacop Gashian & Nidia Ayala*



***Daily Mass from
 December 26th
 To
 January 1st
 will be at 8:00 AM***



**Christmas Flowers
 Envelopes**

The Christmas Flowers Envelope Intentions will be placed in a box on the Sacred Heart Altar and will be remembered at all Masses during the Christmas Season.



Christmas & New Year's Mass

Schedule 2024

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th

4:30 PM Christmas Carols

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

&

11:30 PM Christmas Carols

12:00 AM Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th

8:00 AM Bilingual (Italian/English) Mass

&

10:40 AM Christmas Carols

11:00 AM Mass

New Year's Eve & Day

Tuesday, December 31st

Vigil of the Feast of Mary, Mother of God

5:00 pm

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Merry Christmas to All!

On Wednesday, December 25th, we **BEGIN** the Christmas Season. It didn't start on *Black Friday* or *Cyber Monday*, but rather on Christmas Day with the birth of Our Lord at Bethlehem.

Celebrate the beautiful Season with great joy and peace. Spend time with family and friends; enjoy meals together; be joyful as the Season suggests. And don't forget to spend some time with Our Lord. The Church has given us beautiful Feasts to celebrate. On December 26th we celebrate St. Stephen, Deacon and First Martyr; on December 27th we celebrate St. John, Apostle and Evangelist; on December 28th we celebrate the Holy Innocents and on December 29th we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. All opportunities to thank Almighty God for the great gift He has given us in Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As the Christmas Season continues we celebrate Our Blessed Mother under the title of: "*Mary, Mother of God*" on January 1st. How appropriate to place our New Year in the loving hands of Our Blessed Mother so she can present all our prayers and hopes to God most high. The culmination of the Christmas Season comes with the Feasts of the Epiphany of the Lord on January 5th and the Baptism of the Lord on January 12th.

The Church has given us two weeks of wonderful Feasts to celebrate the great Miracle of the Incarnation of Jesus. Don't let these most eventful days go by without taking notice of our Liturgical Calendar.



Have a holy
Christmas

Our God is so great that He became a small child in order to make us great too. He wanted to be tied with swaddling clothes to liberate us from the chains of death. He descended to earth so that we may ascend to heaven. This is Our God made man!

St Alphonsus Liguori





*Loving
Father,*

help us remember

the **birth of Jesus**

that we may share in

the *song of the angels,*

the gladness of the shepherds

and the *worship of the wise men.*

Close the door of hate and

open the door of love all over the

world. Let kindness come with every gift and

good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from

evil by the *blessing which Christ brings,* and teach us

to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning

make us happy to be *Thy children,* and the Christmas

evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,

forgiving and forgiven,

for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

“As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes” (1 Corinthians 11:26).

So often we think of decisions and plans without truly seeking God’s will. Spending time with Our Lord before the Blessed Sacrament allows us the time to see His will for our lives. Seeking Jesus is an ongoing adventure.

Adoration ~ Saturday’s 8:30 AM ~ 12:00 Noon



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Classroom News.. Miss Tripp.. ELA/Literature Grade 6-8th

We have been having a fantastic year so far in ELA and Literature!

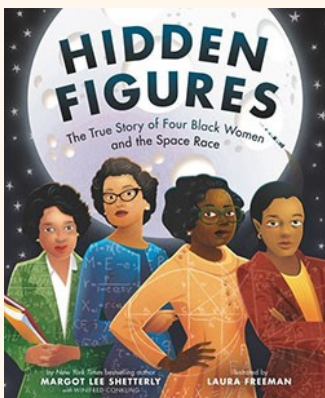
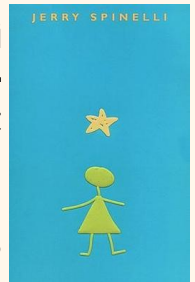
All classes have been working very hard on their grammar units. So far we have covered nouns, pronouns, and some adjectives! We have been working on our writing skills. 8th grade has been completing a research paper on an important figure from the 1940s to the 1960s. 7th grade has been learning how to write a newspaper article as a part of their *Stargirl* unit.

verb
adverb
noun
pronoun
adjective
vowel
consonant



Students in sixth grade have been reading *Refugee* by Alan Gratz. We will be exploring the three different time periods within the novel as well as the hardships and struggles that refugees are faced with when having to flee from their home country.

Seventh grade is currently reading *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli where we are exploring all different types of figurative language, author's craft, extended metaphor poems, and the idea of what the meaning of the word "different" and "normal" really mean.



Eighth grade has just begun reading *Hidden Figures* where they are exploring aeronautics, space, the Cold War, and so much more. Eighth grade has also been busy getting ready for high school! Students have started to apply to high school and acceptances will begin to roll in soon! I am looking forward to seeing all the great things our eighth graders are going to do within their final year at St Rocco's!

We have also been blessed to have Mr. DeFusco, our student teacher from Providence College, with us. He departed in the beginning of December and we wish him nothing but the best as he begins his teaching career!

