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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.

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, APRIL 13

The Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter
5:00 pm ~ Vittorio & Clara Ricci & Robert, Joan, Lynn Marie &
Toni Jean Ricci (Memorial) by family
John & Mafalda Quaranta & Gaetano & Palma
Zampini (Memorial) by family

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

The Third Sunday of Easter
8:00 am ~ Virginia Tanzi (Memorial)
by daughter & son in law
Elizabeth L. Ricci (Month's Mind)
by daughter & family
10:00 am ~ Pasquale Russo & Domenico Girardi (Memorial)
by wife & family
Angelina DeFilippo (Memorial)
by family
12:00 pm ~ St. Rocco Memorial Shrine

MONDAY, APRIL 15

Easter Weekday
7:00 am ~ Parishioners of St. Rocco

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Easter Weekday
7:00 am ~ Nicholas Iannone (Memorial) by family
6:00 pm ~ Novena

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

Easter Weekday
7:00 am ~ Maria & Antonio Viveiros (Memorial)

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Easter Weekday
7:00 am ~ Salvatore & Mary Tanzi Sr. (Memorial) by family

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Easter Weekday
7:00 am ~ Mayor William R. Macera (Memorial) by family

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

Easter Weekday
8:00 am ~ Shelia A. Carnevale (Memorial)
by Frances Zanni & James Conti
8:30 ~ 12:00 pm Adoration
Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter
5:00 pm ~ Fausto LaManna (Memorial)
by wife & family
Anthony, Flora & Americo Corsinetti Sr. (Memorial)
by family

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00 am ~ Erasmo Macera (Memorial)
by family
Eduarda Macera (Memorial)
by family
10:00 am ~ Emilia & Vincenzo DeVincenzis (Memorial)
by daughter
Yolanda Petrolino (Memorial)
by Connie & Angelo Castelli
12:00 pm ~ Keith E. Moore Jr. (Birthday Remembrance)
by family
Deceased members of the DeFilippo Family
(Memorial) by family
2:00pm ~ Wedding of Fernando Taveras &
Alexandra DeLa Zerda

From the Pastor's Desk:

3rd Sunday of Easter

Being a sophomore in school puts us somewhere in the middle. We've gotten through our freshman year. We've settled down into the school's routine, we know our way around, which teachers we like and don't like, we're certain, being a junior next year will be better. Senior year is far away, a distant goal to dream about. The word "sophomore" comes from two Greek words, *sophia*, meaning wisdom; and *moron*, meaning ignorance. A good description; sophomores already have gained much wisdom, but still remain ignorant about many things.

As Christians, we can be like sophomores. We may know quite a bit about our Faith but at the same time we can be ignorant of so much. It's easy to come up with a list of what we know about our Faith. We know Jesus rose from the dead; He appeared to His disciples several times. The day of His Resurrection He walked the road to Emmaus with two of His disciples, later, when the two disciples were telling others, suddenly Jesus was there in the upper room and said: "Peace be with you." Some doubters said Jesus was merely an image, He might have the appearance of a person, but He wasn't a real person. Not so, Jesus proves He's there in the flesh. Touch me, He says, feel my hands and my feet. "A ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have."

How about some things we don't know? St. Luke tells us Jesus stood among the disciples. How did He get there? Luke doesn't say. He didn't come through the door, it was locked. We use the word "mystery" to describe what we don't understand about God. How did Jesus get into that room? It's a mystery. Our Faith has many mysteries. How are Father, Son and Holy Spirit one God? It's a mystery. What will our glorified bodies be like in Heaven? It's a mystery. But it's a mystery in such a way that we can't understand it completely here on earth because of our imperfect human nature, however, God willing, when we are in Heaven, then we'll understand everything.

Repentance, not study, is the cure for spiritual ignorance. Recall the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles we hear the words: "Repent and be converted." I'm sure all of us have a list of sins, sins we do time and again: anger, stealing from work, not coming to Mass every Sunday, useless arguments, lying. Each one of us has our own list of sins.

Repentance comes from our *busyness* which is the plague of modern life. There's work, maybe even two jobs; husband and wife both working; almost never a family meal together.

April 7, 2024
Weekly Collection

First Collection
Envelopes and Loose Collection
Total = \$7749.00



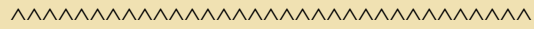
Parish Beautification
Total = \$195.00



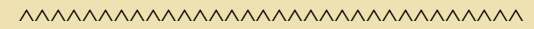
Parish Outreach
Total = \$240.00



Easter Collection
Total = \$263.00



Online Giving
Total = \$1564.50



Other Donations/Collections
\$336.50



Total number of envelopes used this week:
1st collection 225 2nd collection 55



MEMORIALS
April 15th-21st

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Eternal Rest be given to:

Bessie E. DiSumma ~ April 4th

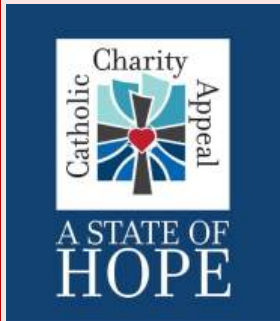
Children have their schedules: homework, a part-time job, band or a sport practice, school play rehearsal, Religious Education. Repent and be converted. Set up a routine, time for work and play, time for rest and recreation, time for prayer and with family. Repent and be converted. Get less busy. Life is too noisy. Shut off the noise. Only with quiet can we hear God who can speak to us in the whisper of a gentle breeze.

As we continue our Easter Season, we celebrate Jesus' wiping away our sins; we celebrate God's forgiveness. We celebrate our repentance and our conversion.
God Bless, Fr. Carusi



Easter Flowers Envelopes

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



2024 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Your gift to the 2024 Appeal reaches out to countless people in need throughout our diocese. No matter which way you turn, you will find someone who will benefit from your kindness.

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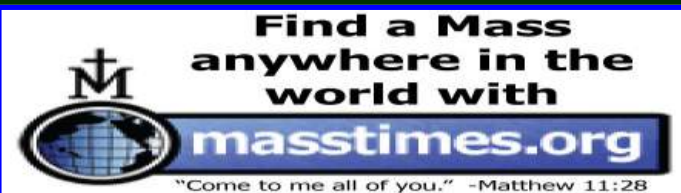


Women's Guild News

The Women's Guild will be having a Bake Sale the weekend of April 13th & 14th. Thank you for your support.

2023 Tax Letters

The 2023 Tax Letters are ready. Please call the Rectory office if you would like your 2023 tax letter. It can be picked up in the Rectory office or put in the mail if you are unable to pick it up. If you have any questions please feel free to call 401-942-5203. Thank you.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

1 John 2:1-3 "My children, I am writing this to you so you may not commit sin. But, if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. That we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments." As we get to know Jesus more and obey his commandments, he will open our minds to understand the scriptures. Jesus will also open your heart to love and forgive one another. Take a leap of faith, and trust God to nourish your relationship. Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and you will learn the tools to transform your marriage. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are: June 7-June 9, 2024 in Upton,, MA

June 21-June 23, 2024 in Huntington, NY, August 2-4, 2024 in Portland, CT. 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 Joe & Ginny Vatable at 978-870-5646 or <https://wwmema.org/>.

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Rectory Office News

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MASS BOOK FOR 2024

The Mass Book for 2024 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 2024 will have double intentions.

SAVE THE DATE

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL

60TH
ANNIVERSARY

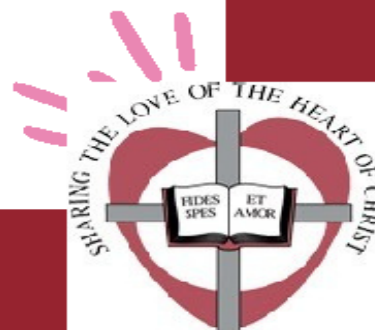
CELEBRATION!

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

MASS 5 PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

CAFE ROCCO



**St. Rocco School Calling For 8th
Grade Class Photos!!**

We are looking for the following class years: 1963 ~ 1978 and 1994 ~ 2005. If you still have your 8th grade class photo, the SRS Office is looking to make a copy for our St. Rocco School 60th Anniversary Mass and Celebration on May 4th. For more information, please call the office at 401-944-2993 and they will arrange to have a copy made of your class picture.

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

**April Vacation
April 14th ~ 21st**

There are NO CCD CLASSES for grades 1-5 on April 14th and April 21st.

There ARE CCD CLASSES for Grades 6th ~ 8th on April 22nd.

There will be a First Communion Craft Night on Thursday, May 2nd from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. A light dinner will be served. Please plan on attending with your child.

First Communion will be at St. Rocco's Church on Saturday, May 11th at 12:30 PM.

Save the Date: Monday, May 20th Prayer Service for all students and parents at 6:30 PM. in St. Rocco Church.



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ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Classroom News.. . Mrs. Marcia Montecalvo.. Science 5-8

Students have been experiencing a great deal in Science and they should be pleased with their efforts. They are creating and enhancing their organizational skills with their interactive Science composition notebooks. We are in the third trimester and are hypothesizing and learning new topics.

Fifth Grade has learned about ecology, energy pyramids, food chains, and adaptations. They have moved on to studying matter and learning about elements, density, volume and buoyancy. The Solar System will be discussed next and the Fifth Grade students are excited to learn all about the planets, moon, asteroids, and meteors.

Sixth Grade has learned about cells and the organelles found in them. They created 3-D cell models using styrofoam, clay, playdough, pipe cleaners, boxes and many other unique items. They learned about passive and active transport, photosynthesis, and organic compounds. Force and motion are being discussed and you can ask any Sixth Grade student about converting units of measure or the speed triangle!

Seventh Grade has finished their Invention Convention Projects and should be very proud of their work. They were judged by four judges and made quite an impression with their knowledge. The Seventh Grade students are learning about sound and waves. Mechanical waves, transverse waves, and longitudinal waves are being discussed. Students are practicing their Math skills by calculating frequency and the speed of waves.

Eighth Grade is studying chemical reactions. We have discussed subscripts, coefficients, physical change, chemical change, and chemical equations. Conservation of mass is being tested each time they balance a chemical equation. It is amazing that we are in the third trimester. All the students should be proud of all their accomplishments and progress.

Classroom News.. Mr. James Tully..Math 6-8

Middle School Math students will have to reign in their spring fever to ensure that they maintain their focus on the topics covered in this final trimester. Here's a look at what they will be doing.

Sixth Grade – students have already delved into the process of converting decimals to fractions and fractions to decimals. Their first assessment also included the study of terminating and repeating-repeating-repeating decimals. The next challenge blends fractional operations with the properties of mathematics that help to prepare students for important concepts that will be introduced as they begin to study the foundations of algebra. The curriculum then shifts to geometry for introductory concepts including the study of lines, angles, and two-dimensional shapes. As we move into the second half of the trimester they will study ratios, proportion, and percentages; and finally, a consideration of data and statistics (so they can keep track of their batting averages during the summer).

Seventh Grade – students began the trimester with the study of, and an assessment on, the topics of perimeter, squares and square roots, and irrational numbers. Next on the agenda is the Pythagorean Theorem (it's to a study of circles including their components, circumference, and diameter. Before moving on from this topic of two-dimensional geometry we'll look at symmetry and tessellations and finish with a consideration of data analysis and probability. Who says not as scary as it sounds) and it will come in handy as we change the focus to the area of triangles and parallelograms. We then shift math isn't fun?

Eighth Grade – students are coming down the home stretch to graduation, but they've got a lot of work to do first. Geometry is the priority for this trimester as they wrap up their preparation for ninth grade math. Students will work with triangles, quadrilaterals, and a range of other polygons. They will also deepen their understanding of angles, perimeters, and areas. The trimester will conclude with Data Analysis, Statistics, Probability and Logic.

New Program: This spring we began supplemental programs for both 7th and 8th graders with former St. Rocco Middle School Math teacher Mrs. Colozzi. Students meet with Mrs. Colozzi on a bi-weekly basis and explore topics with an increased level of difficulty from the regular curriculum. Grade 7 students started with geometric construction of lines, angles, and triangles. Next, they will revisit problem solving strategies. Grade 8 has completed factoring quadratic polynomials and will continue with linear inequalities and systems of linear inequalities.

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