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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 appointment only. Sponsor certificates and birth certificates are required before date is set for a Baptism. Parental attendance at Parish Baptism Preparation Program is also required.

WEDDINGS Contact Rectory Office at least 1 year before.

From the Pastor's Desk:

You hear people talk about their favorite season. It's a special gift to be able to find the beauty and unique goodness of each season; to really have a wonder for the procession of months in a year. Each season has a magnificence of its own. With Autumn, the glory is on display for all to see.

In the Northern Hemisphere, those of us less inclined to heat and humidity find the cooler days of Fall both life-giving and refreshing. A chill that necessitates a sweater or light blanket nestles us back into the womb of Nature's love. Holidays unfold each month and seasonal decorations, punctuated by pumpkins and cornstalks, bring joy to the heart. Foods are expected. Halloween candy, pumpkin everything, and Thanksgiving turkey are the oxygen of the season. The sights, smells, tastes, and experiences of Autumn take us back to the land of cherished memories and fill us with energetic determination to create memories for future generations. It might not be the "*most wonderful time of the year*", but it's a close second.

Now comes the odd part. Everything about Autumn is about dying. The calendar year, plants in gardens and fields, daylight, warmth, and even the leaves on the trees are dying. Fall is that long farewell before the funeral of Winter happens. But what a farewell! We appreciate trees all Summer long and work hard to have a beautiful lawn. The trees, whose presence we take for granted in warm weather, practically scream their presence with a display of red, orange, and yellow leaves. Before dying, fields give up bountiful pumpkins. Earth is at its most spectacular just before going dormant and dead for another Winter season.

This is a great lesson for us. As life advances, perhaps our best and most beautiful is yet to come. Not as captivating as the youth of Spring and Summer, Autumn bears witness to surviving and, at a proper time, displaying all the achievement that long life brings. Our world is fascinated with youth and all we associate with being young. Youth, however, must give way to something if one lives long enough. Like a tree in full color, we look at parents and grandparents who have become everything we aspire to be. We look up to them. We want to make them proud. We admire the person who's been at the same career for four or five decades and see the bounty of their experience and success. A wedding plants seeds in the Spring of a relationship, but by the Autumn of life, the full harvest of that family fills the cornucopia of every table we gather around.

God is eternal. He is ageless and timeless; forever ancient and forever new. While we might lament our brittle branches, the loss of productivity, and the dried leaves of ability as we age, we must never act as if our best days are behind us. In dying, we are born to Eternal Life. At the End, we want to stand before the Triune God with our barns filled with holiness and our hands as stained glass with the colors of all our prayers. Autumn is something to aspire to. Look around and imitate this season.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Vigil of the Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm ~ Mary Bucci (2nd Anniversary Memorial)
by family
Philip Hayden (Memorial)
by wife & children

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

The Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am ~ Michael Marandola (Memorial)
by Arlene & Richard Siravo

Geraldine Cerra (Wedding Anniversary
Remembrance) by husband

10:00 am ~ Antonietta Passaretti (Birthday
Remembrance) by family

Rocco Passaretti (Memorial)
by family

12:00 pm ~ Members of the St. Rocco Memorial Shrine

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

Weekday/Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day
8:00 am ~ Parishioners of St. Rocco

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Weekday/St. Callistus I
7:00 am ~ Oreste DiRocco (Memorial)
by the Sisters

6:00 pm ~ Novena

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

St. Teresa of Jesus
7:00 am ~ Maria & Antonio Viveiros (Memorial)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Weekday/Sts. Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque
7:00 am ~ Teresa Sauro (Memorial)
by husband Anthony Sauro Sr.

Rocco Cambio & Joanne Casimiro
(Memorial) by family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch
7:00 am ~ In thanksgiving to St. Faustina & For the Holy
Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

St. Luke
8:00 am ~ Joseph & Teresa & Archie Pezzullo
(Memorial) by Mary Pezzullo

8:30 am ~ 12:00 Noon ~ Adoration

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

Diane Angell (Memorial)
by friends

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

The Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am ~ Thomas Folcarelli (Memorial)
by Linda & Donna Folcarelli

Marie DiRaimo (Memorial)
by Arlene & Richard Siravo

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

Michael & Giovannina Carlino (Memorial)
by children & family

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

Josephine Carrier & Joan DeRosa
(Memorial) by Brenda Carrier



MEMORIALS
October 13th-19th

Altar Bread & Wine ~ Joseph A. Borgia
Altar Candles ~ Joseph A. Borgia
Sanctuary Lamps ~ Joseph A. Borgia

MASS BOOK FOR 2026

The Mass Book for 2026 is available during office hours Monday to Thursday (8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.) **Please note that all the weekend Masses for 2026 will have double intentions.**



Memorials Available

In memory of a deceased loved one we have the Sanctuary Lamps, Altar Candles and Altar Bread and Wine. They are \$15.00 each for the week. Please call the Rectory office or stop by the office Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Bishop Hendricken Open House

Bishop Hendricken High School will be hosting an Open House on **Sunday, October 26th** from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm and an Information Night on November 12th at 6:00 pm. These events will give families the opportunity to tour our facilities and receive information on our academic, admission procedures, financial aid, student life, transportation and college placement. For more information please contact the Admissions office at 401-889-5425.



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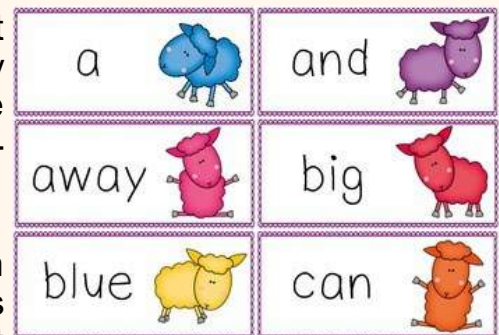


Happy October! Kindergarten A has been very busy and we're so happy the weather has been beautiful, giving us more outside time! We are learning the rules of Kindergarten and garnering some privileges when we do what we're supposed to do.

Tying autumn together with God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit has been a major focus in our classroom. We used apples to understand the three-in-one nature of God: the apple peel represents God the Father, the inside of the apple, the "flesh, represents Jesus, and the seeds are the Holy Spirit, from which our faith grows.

KA expanded our Fall lessons to include the growth cycle of apples, as well as beans, gourds and pumpkins. We cut into them and handled the seeds, and when we cut our apple across, we found that God put a star inside, with five points to remind us of the five wounds of Jesus!

The children are making great strides with their Sight Words and we can already read some rudimentary sentences using those words! Before long, we will be using our primary books to learn the rhythm and cadence of words and sentences.



As well, the children are excelling at Kindergarten Math. They are working on more complicated shapes like hexagons and parallelograms, and figuring out grouping and the many different ways to make shapes using other shapes.

Together, we are really making an effort to grow into Kindergarteners. In fact, we have already learned to pray at the end of lunch, instead of going back to class early while the older grades say prayer! Getting along with each other, problem solving with peers and not shouting out are skills that we're mastering.

Keep an eye on us, because we are growing in leaps and strides!

Happy Month of the Holy Rosary!



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