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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:

Heaven is brimming with mothers who have some wisdom for all of us. In honor of Mother's Day, here's a look at a few life lessons from holy women whose glorious titles include "mom" as well as "saint."

God's Plans Are Perfect: St. Zélie Martin desired religious life, but the Superior of the local convent of St. Vincent de Paul told her, "*It was not the will of God.*" God had other plans; her five daughters would be given the vocation she had not received. But God knew what He was about, her devotion to her domestic church helped shape the now-famous "*Little Way*" of her saint-daughter St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Thérèse's "*way of confidence and love*" was rooted in her childhood, which held happy memories of her mother even though Zélie died when the "*Little Flower*" was 4 years old. The desires of Zélie's heart, submitted to the Lord, bore better fruit. God always knows best.

Persistence Pays Off: St. Monica is the patroness of suffering mothers who plead for wayward children. This 4th-century mom knew how to pray long and well. Although her son, Augustine of Hippo, would become one of the Church's greatest saints, he once rejected morality and Christianity for mistresses and error. His loose living was a tremendous cross for his devout mother. But she didn't give up. A local bishop reassured her: "*God's time will come.*" She was so persistent he finally had to send her away: "*Go now, I beg you. It is not possible that the son of so many tears should perish.*" She followed her son to Rome and then Milan, fasting and praying as only a mother can. Monica's prayerful persistence paid off: Augustine embraced the faith and was baptized on Easter in 387. It was what she had prayed for so long.

Love Is in the Little Things: St. Gianna Molla, a wife and pediatrician, is known for her self-giving love. When she was pregnant with her fourth child, doctors discovered a tumor in her uterus, she rejected a hysterectomy and opted to have surgery to remove the tumor, insistent the baby's life come before her own. Gianna's daughter was born healthy on April 21, 1962, via cesarean section. Gianna contracted an infection, and after much suffering, she died on April 28, which is now her feast day. Gianna's sacrifice was the culmination of a life lived entirely for God and those he sent her way. "*Jesus, I promise to submit to everything that you allow to happen to me. Only help me to know your will,*" she wrote in her high-school journal. And submit she did, upon the deaths of her parents, amid the sorrows of World War II and through the struggles of medical school, she married and welcomed three children. Her days were rooted in visits to the Blessed Sacrament, that gave her the strength for all she was called to do. Her whole life was a prayer of praise and a symphony of smaller sacrifices. Her life shows us that our readiness for the bigger sacrifices of life is made possible by our acceptance of every little one God gives us.

May these holy women pray for us and all of the mothers in our lives, and may we learn from their powerful lessons in life and love.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, MAY 10

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter
 5:00 pm ~ Vincent R. Boissy (3rd Anniversary Memorial) by wife & children
 Edmund Pezzullo & Paula Lucia (Memorial) by wife & mother

SUNDAY, MAY 11

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 am ~ Virginia & Peter Tanzi Sr. (Birthday Remembrance) by daughter & son in law
 Giovanni Caparco (Memorial) by daughter
 10:00 am ~ Filomena Presciutti (Birthday Remembrance) by children
 Amalia Nardolillo (Anniversary Memorial) by husband & family
 12:00 pm ~ Members of the St. Rocco Memorial Shrine

MONDAY, MAY 12

Easter Weekday/Sts. Nereus, Achileus & Pancras
 7:00 am ~ Parishioners of St. Rocco

TUESDAY, MAY 13

Easter Weekday/Our Lady of Fatima
 7:00 am ~ In honor of Consecration of Russia IHM by Walter & Donna
 6:00 pm ~ Novena

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

St. Matthias
 7:00 am ~ Maria & Antonio Viveiros (Memorial)

THURSDAY, MAY 15

Easter Weekday/St. Isidore
 7:00 am ~ Antonio Mariano (Birthday Remembrance) by wife & family

FRIDAY, MAY 16

Easter Weekday
 7:00 am ~ Veronica Barone (Memorial) by daughter in law Lucille

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Easter Weekday
 8:00 am ~ Alice & Thomas & Paul Curran (Memorial) by Tom
 8:30 am~ 12:00 noon Adoration
 Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter
 5:00 pm ~ John Montella (Birthday Remembrance) by Richard & Anna Montella
 Angelo & Steven Acciaro (Birthday Remembrance) by family



Congratulations to our Newly Baptized
 Evie Elizabeth Barone
 Leo Giuseppe Choiniere
 Stella Susan Choiniere

SUNDAY, MAY 18

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 am ~ Geraldine Cerra (Anniversary Memorial) by husband
 Deceased members of the Cerra Family (Memorial) by John Cerra
 10:00 am ~ Edward Stravato Sr. (Memorial) by wife & son
 Vito DiPaola (Birthday Remembrance) by wife & family
 12:00 pm ~ Joseph A. Borgia (5th Anniversary Memorial & Birthday Remembrance) by wife & family
 Raffaele Stanzone (Memorial) by wife & family



MEMORIALS

May 12th-18th

*Altar Bread & Wine ~ Altar Candles
 ~Sanctuary Lamps~*

Joseph A. Borgia



Women's Guild News

On **June 1st** the Annual Guild Breakfast will take place following the 8:00 AM mass at Fresco Restaurant. The cost is \$40 and anyone who is interested may contact the Rectory for more information. Guest speaker will be our School Principal, Mrs. Melissa D'Amico.

The next Guild meeting will be on **May 14th** at 6:30 PM in the School Music Room.



Holy Name News

The Holy Name Society will hold their meeting May 14th at 6:00 PM at the Bocce Courts (depending on the weather) or in the Church Hall. All members are encouraged to attend. The Society is open to all gentlemen 18 years of age and older.

May 4, 2025
Weekly Collection

Envelopes and Loose Collection

Total = \$7141.00

Parish Beautification

Total: \$152.00

Parish Outreach

Total = \$289.00

Online Giving/Mother's Day

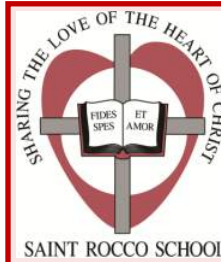
Total = \$1799.50/\$472.00

Other Donations / Collections

\$335.00

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

1st collection 248 2nd collection 45



**St. Rocco School Walk A Thon
 Sponsors Needed!!**

Anyone who would like to donate to or sponsor a Student for the Walk-a-Thon can fill out a Sponsor Form which can be found in the Church Vestibule.

Thank you for your support!



**Sr. Sheeba Celebrates
 30 Years of Profession**

Join us for Mass on May 18th at 12:00 pm as we celebrate Sr. Sheeba's 30th Anniversary of Profession as a Daughter of Our Lady of the Garden.

Let us celebrate with Joy and Thanksgiving the gift of Religious Vocation.

*We congratulate Religious Jubilarians celebrating anniversaries
 in 2025 of 80, 75, 70, 65, 60, 55, 50, 45, 40, 35, 30 and 25 years of religious life.*

They will be honored at a



**JUBILARIAN CELEBRATION
 SUNDAY, MAY 18**

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All are invited to attend. Let us join together in prayer for our Jubilarians on this special occasion!



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MASS OF INSTALLATION



OF BISHOP BRUCE A.
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THE 10TH BISHOP OF PROVIDENCE

May 20 | 2 p.m.

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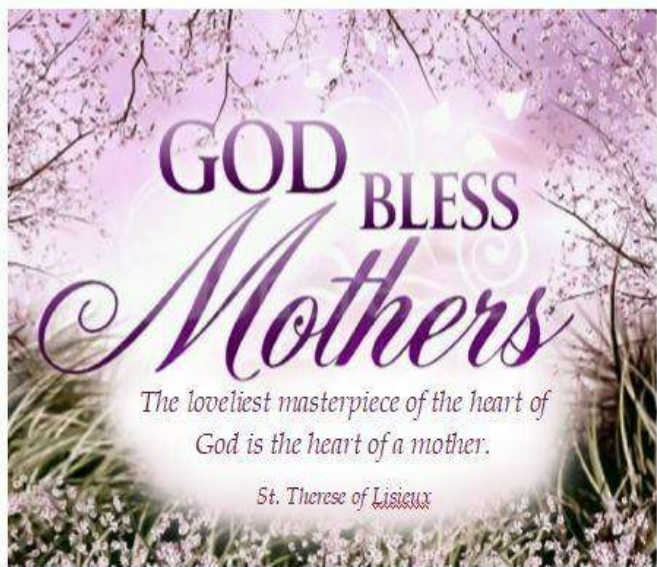


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THE 10TH BISHOP OF PROVIDENCE

May 20 | 4 to 6 p.m.

OMNI PROVIDENCE HOTEL



St. Rocco's Church
Religious Education

Classes for Grades 1-5
are on Sunday, May
11th and May 18th .

Classes for Grade 6-8th
are on Monday, May 12th.

All Grades report on Monday, May 19th at
6:30 PM for our End of the Year Prayer
Service in the Church.



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Classroom News.. Mrs. Lisa Ciunci Grade 4



Fourth grade continues to be both busy and exciting! During the Lenten season, the fourth graders presented a moving reenactment of the Living Stations of the Cross. This portrayal of Jesus' journey to Calvary, as seen through Mary's eyes, served as a beautiful and solemn reminder of His final days on earth. The students followed his path with reverence and did a wonderful job bringing this powerful story to life.

In addition to Religion, the fourth graders have continued to excel in all areas. In Reading, we are exploring a variety of genres through our textbook while practicing important comprehension and literacy skills. During Reading Week students will have daily Drop Everything and Read time as well as many fun activities and surprise guest readers! In Math, students are strengthening their computation skills daily. They dove into measurement, graphing, and probability. We have also worked on adding and subtracting fractions and are looking forward to beginning our unit on decimals soon.



In Science our focus is on matter, and we will soon be moving into force and motion – complete with fun and engaging experiments. In Social Studies, the students are hard at work on their state fair projects. Each student has selected a U.S. state to research, and they are creating projects that include facts about the state, its climate, coat of arms, a recipe, and a famous person from the state. They've written to Chambers of Commerce requesting information, and the mail is rolling in! Students are also creating a slide show presentation using their chrome books. They have learned how to add text, pictures, backgrounds, animation and transitions. They will share their finished projects with parents and the school community later this month.

It's hard to believe we are already in the third trimester. I am so proud of each fourth grader and the hard work they have put in. I am excited to see what they will accomplish in the coming months!

St. Rocco School is Accepting Applications for the 2025-2026 School Year Grades PK 3 to 8th



We welcome you visit us for a tour and see why everyone is impressed with St. Rocco School! If you are interested in having your child or know of a family interested in attending St. Rocco School, please have them contact our School Office at 944.2993 to schedule a personal tour. Tours are available Monday thru Friday after 3:00 PM and also on Saturday.

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