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THE ITALIAN NATIONAL PARISH

37 SCHUYLER AVENUE • STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT 06902

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

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Holy Mass

Monday - Friday ---------- 7:00 am
Saturday ---------- 8:00 am

Liturgy of the Word *(Lower Church)*

Tuesdays ---------- 8:00 pm
Wednesdays ---------- 8:00 pm

Rosary ---------- Monday, 8:00 pm *(Spanish)*

Prayer Group ---------- Friday, 7:30 - 9:30 pm (Church)

Sunday Masses

Saturday ---------- 4:00 pm *(English)*
Saturday ---------- 6:00 pm (*Spanish*)
Sunday ---------- 8:30 am *(English)*, 10:00 am *(Italian)*
11:30 am *(English)* & 1:00 pm *(Spanish)*

Sacrament of Penance *(Confession)*

Saturday ---------- 2:45 - 3:45 pm

Neo-Cathecumenal Mass

Saturday ---------- 8:00 pm *(English, Lower Church)*
8:00 pm *(Spanish, in Church)*

For the **SACRAMENTS OF MARRIAGE** and **BAPTISMS** please call rectory office.

Office Hours
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DAILY MASS

Saturday April 24, 2021
4:00PM Louis & Florence Tosches by Kevin & Alison Tosches
6:00PM Por el Alma de Francisca Liranzo por Esposo & Hijos
Por el Alma de Amparo Garcia for Hija y Familia

Sunday April 25, 2021
8:30AM In Memory of Joanne M. Fratturo by Christina DeFeo
10:00AM **(Italian)** Salvatore Marena & Giovanni Marena by Teresa Marena
11:30AM Dr. John Centonze by Wife & Family
1:00PM **(Spanish)** Por Las Almas del Purgatorio

The Lamp, Host & Wine for the week of April 25 to May 1 is in Honor or Marino Picone by Adriana Viselli & Maria P. Ramadanovic

Monday April 26, 2021
7:00AM Tony DellaVecchia by M/M P. Ottaviano

Tuesday April 27, 2021
7:00AM V. M. Joseph by Religious Nun

Wednesday April 28, 2021
7:00AM Emilio Giovanna Sibilia by Gerarda D'Elia

Thursday April 29, 2021
7:00AM Repose of the Soul of Anthony Carella by the Mossa Family

Friday April 30, 2021
7:00AM Joseph Burriesci by Family

Saturday May 1, 2021
8:00AM John, Catherine Gesualdi & Angela Gesualdi DiPilato by Pelli, Scalero & Lasalandra Families
4:00PM Rosalia & Benedetto Giacomado by Family, Rosa & Vincenzo Filingeri
6:00PM Lettice Baran by Son & Family
Rosa Castillo by Family & Cando Velasco

Sunday May 2, 2021
8:30AM Rosary Altar Society
10:00AM **(Italian)** Antonio, Anna, Adriano & Pasquale Corrente by Maria Conte
11:30AM Giuseppe Coscarelli by Susan Santagata
1:00PM **(Spanish)** Por Nuestros Feligreses

SUNDAY COLLECTION – The Sunday Collection for the week of April 24 & 25 totaled $4,757.00. Thank you.

FOR THE DECEASED - We ask the Lord to grant Eternal Rest to the deceased of the parish.

THE ILL OF THE PARISH: Please remember in your prayers Merinda Macari, Elaine Bitetto, Gail Piria and all our parishioners who are ill.

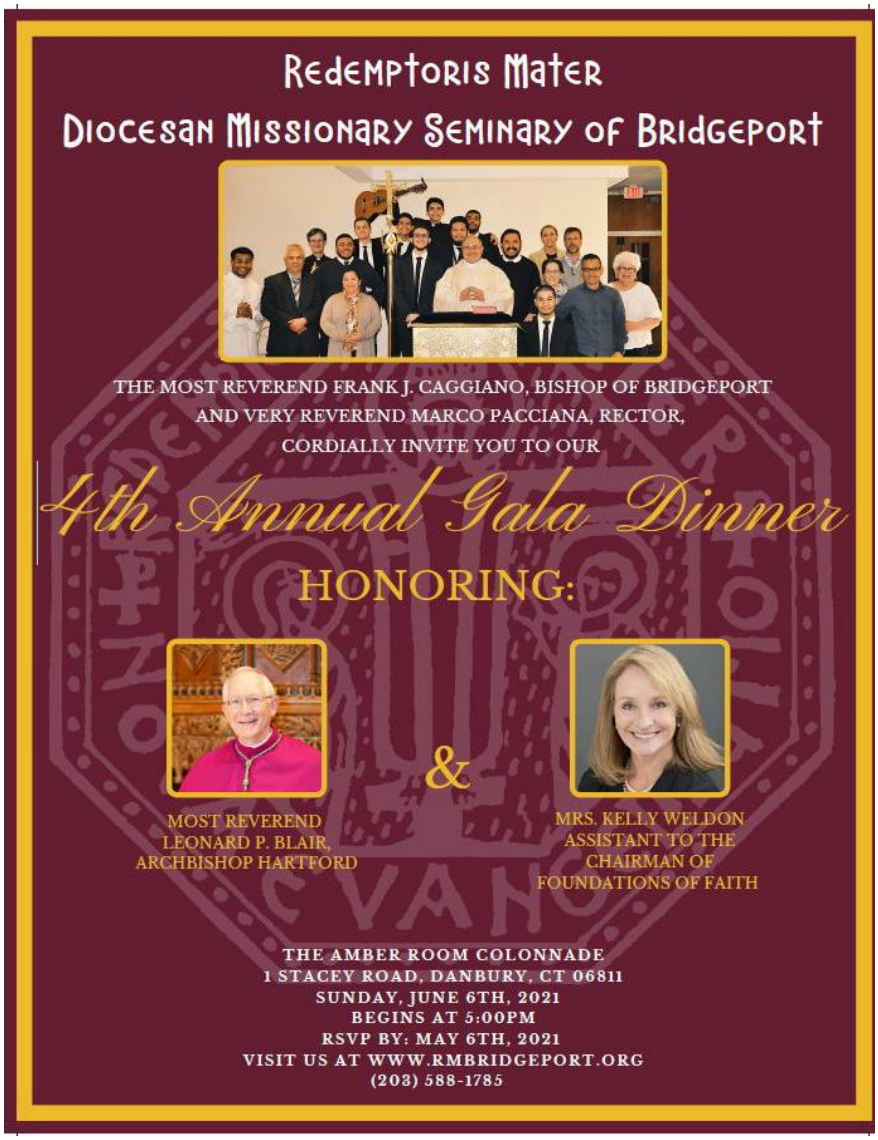
Confessions: **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 12:00-1:00PM in English**

Adoration: **Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 5:30-6:45PM**

Mondays (only) **Adoration with novena of the Miraculous Medal 6:30PM**

MAY: MONTH OF MARY – Rosary will be said before each weekend Mass in Honor of the Blessed Mother

Recently we asked Mr. Carlos Arias/painter/sculptor (who is holding the statue of the baby Jesus in his hands) to take care of the statues of our outdoor nativity, which is placed every year for Advent and kept outside until the weekend of the Baptism of our Lord. The statues seem brand new again, ready for the coming Advent/Christmas 2021



Sacred Heart Church
Rosary Altar Society &
The Holy Name Society

Welcome you to the 2021 Annual Communion Breakfast - May 2, 2021- 8:30AM Mass / breakfast to follow (Lower Church) 9:30AM – Cost $20/per person

Father Nicholas Pavia will be saying Mass and serving as our guest speaker

For reservations, please call Janice Marzano at 203-219-0101

Catholic Academy of Stamford

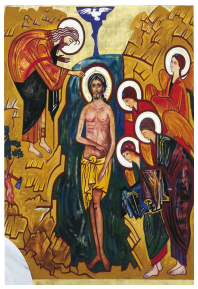
The Catholic Academy of Stamford is a fully accredited Pre-K through 8th grade school.

CAS offers 5 days a week in-person learning. We are now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. There are limited available seats in limited grades.

Prospective families can contact Mary Margarone at info@casct.org or (203) 322-6505. They can also apply online at www.CasCt.org

Las pequeñas obreras del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y María

Nos han pedido de nuevo, a mi, Padre Alfonso y Padre deMayo para ayudar a las hermanas en el convento de Glenbrook celebrar misas de lunes a viernes a las 6pm, los sabados a las 7am y sábados por la noche a las 5:30pm. Estamos muy contentos y honrados de celebrar la misa con las hermanas. Les hemos pedido que los mantengan a todos ustedes en sus oraciones diarias asegurándose de permanecer cerca de Dios y seguir su voluntad diariamente.



Venid a mí vosotros todos
que estáis cansado y agobiados,
que yo os aliviaré

Si sufres y tu vida no tiene sentido,
ven y escucha!

CATEQUESIS PARA ADULTOS Y JOVENES

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CUIDADO DE NIÑOS GRATIS

Catequesis para Adultos y Jovenes

Pongo en conocimiento de ustedes que ha partir del lunes, 19 de abril, se realizará la Catequesis en la planta baja de la Iglesia Sacred Heart.
Días: Lunes y Jueves
Horario: 8:00PM.
Todos tenemos nuestras cruces y problemas. Haga un esfuerzo para compartir esta catequesis, misma que es importante para ayudarnos a enfrentar todo lo bueno y lo malo que viene en nuestro camino.

Habra cuidado de niños y será gratuito

Foundations in Education 2021 Virtual Hybrid Spring Benefit

Foundations in Education invites you to its re-imagined Virtual Hybrid Benefit on Thursday, May 6, 2021. Join Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano to celebrate our Honorees Dr. Julia M. McNamara and Lynn and Frank Mara of the New York Giants and participate in an online auction from the comfort of your home. All to celebrate and support Catholic education! Proceeds support Foundations in Education, whose mission is to provide hundreds of children from low-and middle income families with quality education focused on Christian values character formation. To purchase tickets and sponsorships or for more information, please contact Megan Quinn at 203-416-1671 or mquinn@foundationsineducation.org

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, called Good Shepherd Sunday, we continue to reflect on the meaning of the Resurrection. This is also the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Today, we celebrate the risen Lord as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. The priest in charge of a parish is called pastor because "pastor" means shepherd. As shepherd, he leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects Christ's sheep, the people of the parish. The earliest Christian saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of a Good Shepherd. They also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God's flock.

Rev. Tony Campolo loves to tell the story of a particular census taker who went to the home of a rather poor family in the mountains of West Virginia to gather information. He asked the mother how many dependents she had. She began, "Well, there is Rosie, Billy, Lewella, Susie, Harry and Jeffrey. There's Johnny, and Harvey, and our dog, Willie." It was then that the census taker interrupted her aid said: "No, ma'am, that's not necessary. I only need the humans." "Ah," she said. "Well, there is Rosie, Billy, Lewella, Susie, Harry and Jeffrey. There's Johnny, and Harvey, and…" But there once again, the census taker interrupted her. Slightly exasperated, he said, "No, ma'am, you don't seem to understand. I don't need their names, I just need the numbers." To which the old woman replied, "But I don't know them by numbers. In only know them by name." -- In today's Gospel Jesus, the Good Shepherd, says that He knows His sheep by name.

In today's first reading, Peter asserts unequivocally before the Jewish assembly that there is no salvation except through Christ, the Good Shepherd – the one whom the Jewish leaders have rejected and crucified and in whose name the apostles preach and heal. In the second reading, St. John tells us how Yahweh, the Good Shepherd of the Old Testament, expressed His love for us through His Son Jesus, the Good Shepherd, by making us His children. In today's Gospel, Jesus introduces himself as the "Good Shepherd." Jesus claims that as Good Shepherd He knows His sheep and loves them so much He is ready to die for them. The Gospel text offers us both comfort – Good Shepherd, knows us, provides for us and loves us – and a double challenge: to become *good shepherds* to those entrusted to our care and good sheep in our parish, the sheepfold of Jesus the Good Shepherd.

Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents, health and wealth for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties as shepherds, becoming role models for their children by leading exemplary lives. Let us be good sheeps in the fold of Jesus, our Good Shepherd, by hearing and following the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counseling and advice; by taking the spiritual food given by our pastors through regular and active participation in the Holy Mass and by frequenting the sacraments, prayer services, renewal programs, and missions; by cooperating with our pastors, giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, encouraging them in their ministry by prayer and presence, by offering them praise and thanks for all they are doing for us, and occasionally by making constructive suggestions for changes; by cooperating as good stewards in the activities of various councils, ministries and parish associations. Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life so that we may have more holy and Spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed, and protect the Catholic community. Christ Jesus is the Priest in the full sense because He is the one mediator between God and humanity who offered Himself, a unique sacrifice, on the cross. The universal priesthood of all believers, the sharing of all the baptized in the priesthood of Christ, has received special emphasis since Vatican II. Those who are called to make a lifelong commitment to serve as ordained ministers share the ministerial priesthood of Jesus. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations we are asked to encourage and pray for our young men to respond to God's call to serve His Church in the Ministerial Priesthood.

God bless you and your families.

Fr. Alfonso Picone, Pastor

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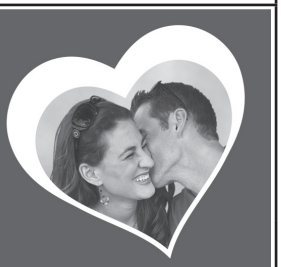
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