SACRED HEART CHURCH THE ITALIAN NATIONAL PARISH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024



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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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Confession)

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

NEO-CATHECUMENAL MASS

Saturday -----8:00 pm (In Church &, Lower Church)

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DAILY MASS

Saturday	April 27, 2024
8:00AM	Gorgonio Escabarte Ong by Brenda Cataylo, Friends and Family
4:00PM	Emilio & Giovanna Sibilia by Gerarda D'Elia
6:00PM	Por los miembros difuntos de las Familias Fernandez, Mendoza & Barragán
Sunday	April 28, 2024
8:30AM	Gemma Llamas by Parents
10:00AM	Filomena, Luigi, Alfonso, Antoniette Ottaviano by Filomena D'Elia
11:30AM	Lucille Iasillo by Cousin
1:00PM	(Spanish) Mike DeLouise by Brendan Smyth, Rigoberto Contreras by Family y por
salud de Croce Picone by Maria Zapata.	
Monday	April 29, 2024
7:00 AM	Domenico Iorfino by Pelli, Scalero and Lasalandra Families.
Tuesday	
7:00AM	Joseph Burriesci by Daughter
Wednesday May 1, 2024	
7:00AM	Mr & Mrs Angelo J. Verrastro by Family
<u>Thursday</u>	May 2, 2024
7:00AM	Loraine Rubino by James Rubino
Friday	May 3, 2024
7:00AM	Marianna Sette Schinella by Pelli, Scalero and Lasalandra Families
<u>Saturday</u>	
8:00AM	Angel Lebron by Leslie Bourdoney
4:00PM	Carmine & Annette Lovallo by Family
6:00PM	Por los miembros difuntos de las Familias Fernandez, Mendoza & Barragán by
	Florencio and Alberto Batancur
<u>Sunday</u>	May 5, 2024
8:30AM	Rosary Altar Society
10:00AM	Pietro, Guiseppi, Amelia Belmonte & Rosaria & Alfredo Bilota by Family
11:30AM	Charles Burriesci by Sister
1:00PM	(Spanish)Julio Valdez by Wife, Gloria Garcia & Silvia Cartagena by Maria Roca

SUNDAY COLLECTION – The Sunday Collection for the week of April 20-21,2024 was \$4,714.00 Thanks for your generosity.

FOR THE DECEASED: Anthony Cogliandro, Mario Sparagna & Juanita T. Buzzeo **THE ILL OF THE PARISH**: Frances Morrell

ADORATION:

SACRED HEART CHRUCH Monday 5:45 -6:45 pm

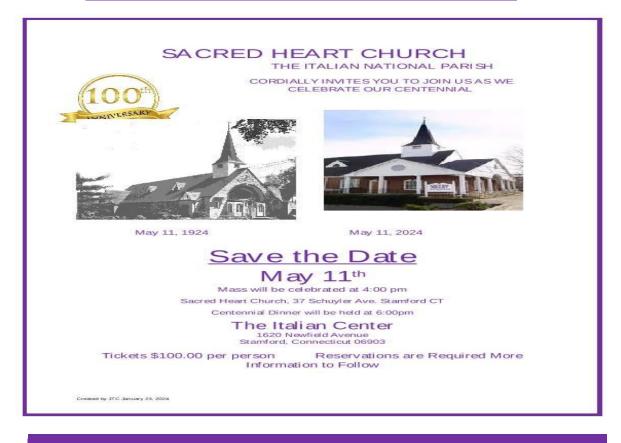
Adoration with Novena of the Miraculous Medal 6:30pm



"Yo soy el Pan de vida, el que viene a mi no tendra hambre"

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger"

SACRED HEART CHURCH CENTENNIAL



CENTENNIAL HEADS UP / AVISO DEL CENTENARIO

CENTENNIAL DINNER 2024

Thank you for your responses to the Centennial celebration on May 11, 2024. We are pleased to inform you that the Italian Center is filled capacity and no more reservations will be accepted.

CENA CELEBRACION DEL CENTENARIO 2024

Agradecemos su respuesta a la invitación de la Cena de Celebración del Centenario en Mayo 11, 2024. Nos place informarle que El Centro Italiano ya está completamente lleno y no se aceptarán más reservaciones.



"It is critical to foster not only a generation of believers, but a generation of believers who know WHY and WHAT they believe. Catholic 203 achieves this through their outreach and events. It is the relationships that are fostered at these events that will develop faithful and resilient Catholics for the next generation of the Church."

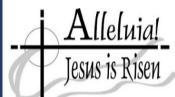
- Lilliana Delmonico



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Sacred Heart Church in Stamford raised **117 gifts worth \$21,126.00 from 108 donors** bringing the parish to 57.88% od its \$36,500 goal. \$16,670 has been collected in cash which is 45.67% of goal.







Mi estancia con Mamá Croce: Pude pasar un tiempo con mi madre en Italia. Los dias pasaron tan rápidamente entre celebraciones de misas y tratar de pasar tiempo en casa junto a mi madre. Durante mi estadia acá, tuvimos que llevarla dos veces al hospital por sus problemas del corazón y su díficil respiración. Estaré en contacto con ella. Por otra parte, estoy encantado de estar de regreso en la Parroquia con muchas más cosas por hacer en el ministerio pastoral. P. Alfonso.

Recent Update for Mamma Croce: I was able to spend some time with my mother in Italy. The days went by so quickly between celebrating masses and trying to be close at home to mom. During my stay we had to bring her twice to the hospital related to heart problems and heavy breathing. I will keep in touch with her. I'm so glad to be back in the Parish with so many more things to bring forward regarding pastoral ministry. Fr. Alfonso.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Todays' reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

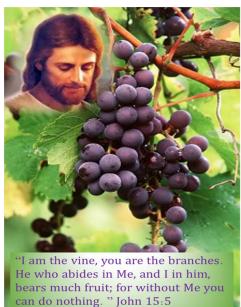
In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enable us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

God bless you and your families!!

Fr. Alfonso Picone, Pastor





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