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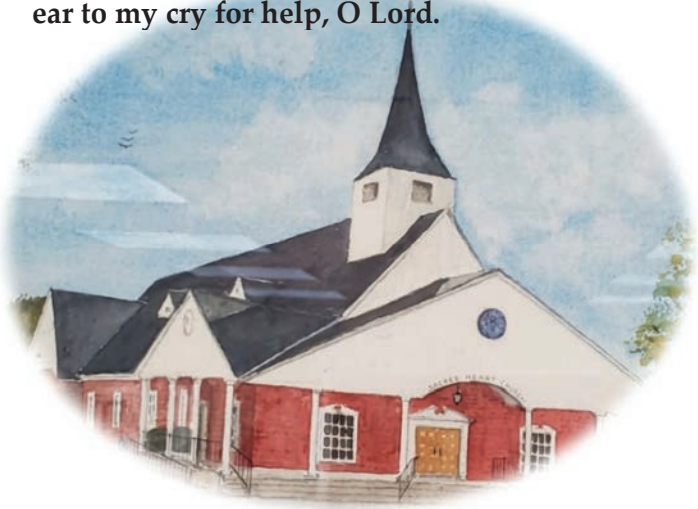
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November 8, 2026

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.



WEEKDAY MASSES (IN ENGLISH)

MONDAY TO FRIDAY AT 7:00 AM / LUNES A VIERNES 7:00 AM

WEEKEND MASSES / MISAS DE FIN DE SEMANA

SATURDAYS: 8:00 AM (English),
4:00 PM (English),
6:00 PM (Spanish),
SUNDAYS: 8:30 AM (English),
10:00 AM (Italian),
11:30 AM (English),
and 1:00 PM (Spanish)

SATURDAY 8:00 PM (NEO-CATECHUMENAL MASS IN THE CHURCH & LOWER CHURCH)

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LITURGY OF THE WORD / (LOWER CHURCH) TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY 8:00 PM

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DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday November 7, 2026
8:00AM Louis Ba. nelli by Wife & Son
4:00PM Elio D'Elia by Gerarda D'Elia & Family
6:00PM (Sp) Fernanda Pina González by Hijos / Misa de San Martin de Porres by La Comunidad de Stamford

Sunday November 8, 2026
8:30AM Joseph & Rose Rainone by Son Joseph Jr.
10:00AM Agreppino & Ottavia by Family
11:30AM Vinnie Coniglio by John Coniglio
1:00PM (Sp) Carlos Alva by Children & Wife / Ramon y Maria Tiburcio/ Adolfo Campos by Family / Jennette Elizabeth Cuji Juela & Flavio Lisandro Lucero Lucero by Elvia Lucero

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 7, 2026
THE LAMP IN MEMORY OF GENEROSO BUZZEO & LUIGI VITTI & DECEASED FAMILY by NUGI & GIA
THE HOST AND WINE POR LA SALUD DE CRISTAL CAMPOS PEDIDO POR TODA SU FAMILY

Monday November 9, 2026
7:00AM Marino Picone by Rev. Alfonso Picone

Tuesday November 10, 2026
7:00AM Elizabeth Passerelle by Marylena Antonelli

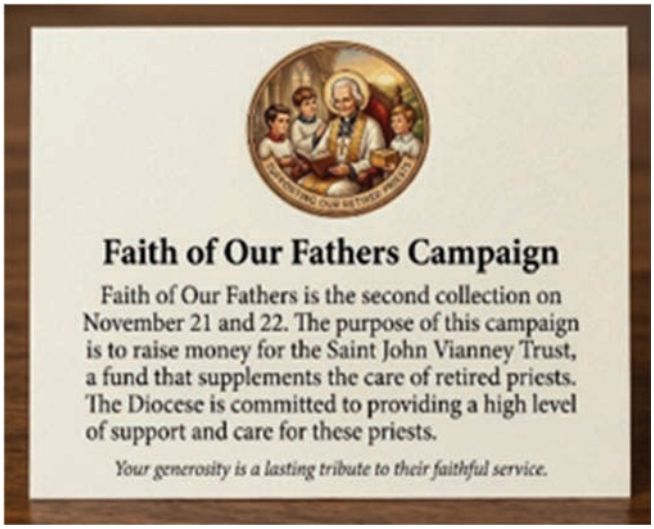
Wednesday November 11, 2026
7:00AM The Millien Family by Anne Marie Samedi

Thursday November 12, 2026
7:00AM For the Intentions of Our Parishioners

Friday November 13, 2026
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Saturday November 14, 2026
8:00AM Rosario D'Elia by Filomena Lamichhane
4:00PM San Teodoro by Gerarda D'Elia
6:00PM (Sp) Francisco Garcia & Petrona Oliva by Family

Sunday November 15, 2026
8:30AM Amerigo Bria by Carmela Bria & Family
10:00AM Giuseppe & Mariana Schinella by Dominic & Stella
11:30AM Messanelli Family, Vodola Family, Bitetto Family by Family
1:00PM (Sp) Sobeida Heras, William, Rosario, Julian Malla by Angelica & Rocio Malla / Adolfo Campos by Family



SUNDAY COLLECTION – Weekend, October 31-November 1-2/ All Saints $643- All Souls $1,109
ILL OF PARISH: We pray for Crystal Campos
FOR THE DECEASED: Ester Castro, Maria Grazia Cataldo, Elizabeth Passarelle, Rosa Filingeri.



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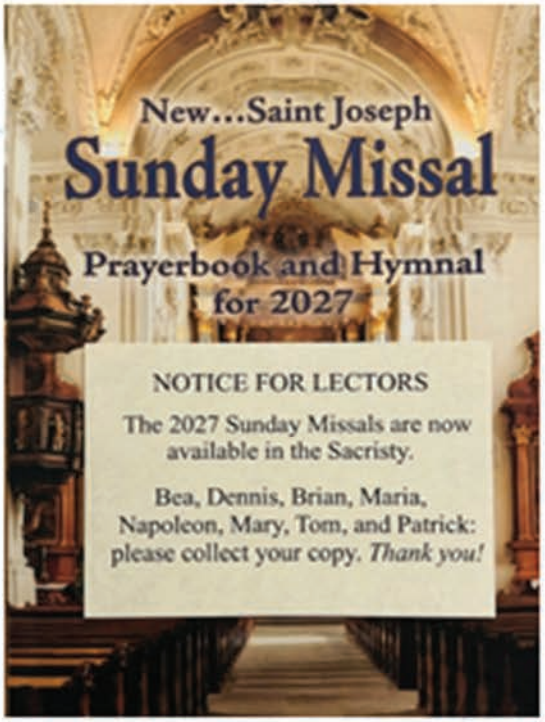
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Inicio: Lunes, 5 de octubre
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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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CELEBRATA DAL VESCOVO FRANK J. CAGGIANO

Tutti i fedeli e l'intera comunità sono cordialmente invitati a partecipare a questa S. Messa bilingue per celebrare la **Festa di Cristo Re**, ricevere la benedizione del Vescovo e condividere un momento di fede e comunione.

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BILINGUAL HOLY MASS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026 - 10:00 AM
SACRED HEART CHURCH, STAMFORD, CT
CELEBRATED BY BISHOP FRANK J. CAGGIANO

All parishioners and the entire community are cordially invited to attend this bilingual Holy Mass to celebrate the **Feast of Christ the King**, receive the Bishop's blessing, and share a moment of faith and fellowship.

THE ENTIRE PARISH IS INVITED

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The Healing Journey

"His heart, his hand, and his purse were always open."
— Mark Twain

St. Charles Borromeo understood grief, and he witnessed death throughout his life.

Born into privilege, he is often depicted with a rope around his neck, his bare feet bloody, and a cross over his shoulder … in memory of the penitential processions the archbishop led through Milan during a plague that ravaged the city in 1576.

When others fled, the saint stayed and used his inheritance to feed starving people. At one point, he even sold his household furniture to buy them food.

Today we celebrate the feast day of this young noble who shunned wealth, died at 46 in sackcloth, clutching a picture of Christ crucified. In less than 25 years, he had become a major reformer of the Church during the Counter Reformation. He established seminaries for the education of poor boys entering the priesthood, initiated Sunday school programs for the laity and founded the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

Saint Charles Borromeo
As a young lawyer, Charles was enlisted by his uncle Pope Pius IV to be a papal diplomat and oversee Vatican affairs. He supervised religious orders and was active during the last years of the Council of Trent, the Church's 19th ecumenical council, which sought to reform the Church and clarify Catholic teaching in light of the Protestant Reformation.

The Council also established a regulation that required each diocese to have a seminary to train priests, particularly poor boys who had no education, with classes in Latin, scripture, liturgy, doctrine and accounting.
During the Council, Charles was ordained a priest and consecrated as archbishop of Milan at 25, and months later made a cardinal.
After the death of his older brother, Charles' family urged him to leave his clerical duties, marry and start a family to carry on the family name, but he chose to remain a cleric. He renounced his inheritance and told his father to give the money to the poor.
The rigors of his work affected his health and in 1584, he became ill and died. Charles Borromeo was canonized by Pope Paul V in 1610.
His life was so inspiring that even author Mark Twain, a strident skeptic of religion, was fascinated by the saint, and in "The Innocents Abroad," Twain recounts his visit to St. Charles' tomb at the Milan Cathedral and says, "His heart, his hand, and his purse were always open."

El viaje de sanación

"Su corazón, su mano y su monedero siempre estuvieron abiertos."
— Mark Twain

San Carlos Borromeo entendía el duelo y fue testigo de la muerte a lo largo de toda su vida.
Nacido en el seno de una familia privilegiada, a menudo se le representa con una cuerda alrededor del cuello, los pies descalzos y ensangrentados, y una cruz sobre el hombro… en memoria de las procesiones penitenciales que el arzobispo encabezó por Milán durante una peste que asoló la ciudad en 1576.
Mientras otros huían, el santo permaneció y utilizó su herencia para alimentar a la población hambrienta. En un momento dado, llegó a vender los muebles de su casa para comprarles comida.
Hoy celebramos la festividad de este joven noble que repudió la riqueza y murió a los 46 años vistiendo un tejido de cilicio y aferrado a una imagen de Cristo crucificado. En menos de 25 años, se convirtió en uno de los grandes reformadores de la Iglesia durante la Contrarreforma. Estableció seminarios para la formación de jóvenes de escasos recursos que ingresaban al sacerdocio, impulsó programas de catequesis dominical para los laicos y fundó la Confraternidad de la Doctrina Cristiana.

San Carlos Borromeo

Como joven abogado, Carlos fue reclutado por su tío, el papa Pío IV, para desempeñarse como diplomático papal y supervisar los asuntos del Vaticano. Supervisó órdenes religiosas y tuvo una participación activa durante los últimos años del Concilio de Trento, el 19.º concilio ecuménico de la Iglesia, cuyo objetivo era reformar la institución y clarificar la doctrina católica frente a la Reforma protestante.
El Concilio también estableció la norma de que cada diócesis debía contar con un seminario para la formación de los sacerdotes, especialmente de jóvenes humildes sin acceso a la educación, ofreciendo clases de latín, sagradas escrituras, liturgia, doctrina y contabilidad.
Durante el Concilio, Carlos fue ordenado sacerdote, consagrado arzobispo de Milán a los 25 años y nombrado cardenal pocos meses después.
Tras la muerte de su hermano mayor, su familia le instó a abandonar sus deberes clericales, casarse y formar una familia para perpetuar el apellido familiar, pero él optó por permanecer al servicio de la Iglesia. Renunció a su herencia y le pidió a su padre que entregara el dinero a los pobres.
El rigor de su entrega afectó su salud y, en 1584, cayó enfermo y falleció. Carlos Borromeo fue canonizado por el papa Paulo V en 1610.
Su vida fue tan inspiradora que incluso el escritor Mark Twain, conocido por su marcado escepticismo religioso, quedó fascinado por el santo. En su obra *Los inocentes en el extranjero*, Twain relata su visita a la tumba de San Carlos en la catedral de Milán y afirma: "Su corazón, su mano y su monedero siempre estuvieron abiertos."

PASTOR'S DESK

Dear parishioners:

In this week's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. This week's reading follows a series of warnings and predictions by Jesus about the coming of the Son of Man. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens-friends and family members of the bride-to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home. As with many of Jesus' parables, several levels of interpretation are possible. In last week's Gospel

we heard Jesus warn against following the example of the Pharisees and scribes. If read in the context of early Christianity's struggle to define itself against Pharisaic Judaism, this parable is a continuing critique of Judaism. It suggests that the Jewish leaders were like the foolish virgins, unprepared to meet Jesus, the bridegroom of Israel.

In the chapter preceding this parable, however, Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. This interpretation is supported by the reference to the delay of the bridegroom. The Christian community for whom Matthew wrote this Gospel was coming to terms with the realization that the promise of Jesus' return would not be fulfilled within their lifetimes. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

God bless you and your families!!

Fr. Alfonso Picone, Pastor



En el Evangelio de esta semana, Jesús habla sobre lo que significa estar preparado para recibir el Reino de los Cielos. La lectura de esta semana sigue a una serie de advertencias y predicciones de Jesús sobre la llegada del Hijo del Hombre. Jesús quiere que sus discípulos comprendan que no se pueden predecir el día y la hora exactos. Él les enseña a los discípulos que deben permanecer vigilantes para que no los sorprenda desprevenidos.

Al pensar en la parábola de las vírgenes prudentes y necias, es importante considerar las tradiciones matrimoniales de Palestina del primer siglo. Los eruditos nos dicen que era costumbre de la época que las jóvenes —amigas y familiares de la novia— salieran al encuentro del novio cuando este venía a llevar a su novia a su nuevo hogar. Como ocurre con muchas de las parábolas de Jesús, son posibles varios niveles de interpretación.

En el Evangelio de la semana pasada escuchamos a Jesús advertir que no se siguiera el ejemplo de los fariseos y los escribas. Si se lee en el contexto de la lucha del cristianismo primitivo por definirse frente al judaísmo farisaico, esta parábola es una crítica continua al judaísmo. Sugiere que los líderes judíos eran como las vírgenes necias, impreparados para encontrarse con Jesús, el novio de Israel.

Sin embargo, en el capítulo que precede a esta parábola, Jesús advierte sobre la destrucción de Jerusalén, la tribulación del tiempo del fin y la venida del Hijo del Hombre. Cuando se lee en este contexto, la parábola de hoy es una advertencia a la comunidad cristiana para que permanezca vigilante y preparada para recibir a Jesús, el Hijo del Hombre, que regresará al final de los tiempos. Esta interpretación está respaldada por la referencia a la tardanza del novio. La comunidad cristiana para la cual Mateo escribió este Evangelio estaba aceptando la realidad de que la promesa del regreso de Jesús no se cumpliría durante sus vidas. La pregunta que nos queda por hacernos es: ¿Estamos listos para recibir a Jesús? ¿Estaremos preparados para recibirlo?

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