

PALM Sunday

March 20, 2016

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HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY

10:00 AM – 3:30 PM

HOLY MASS

MONDAY – FRIDAY 7:00 AM

SATURDAY 8:00 AM

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 4:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM

10:00 AM (ITALIAN), 11:30 AM

1:30 PM (SPANISH)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (CONFESSION)

SATURDAY 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

4:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

MONDAY EVENING AT 7:00 PM IN ENGLISH

At 8:00 PM IN SPANISH

FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF MARRIAGE

AND BAPTISM

Please call Rectory Office

WEB SITE stamfordsacredheart.org

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WE WELCOME ALL PARISHIONERS

Please feel free to contact anyone on our office staff. We ask that all members of the parish be registered. Registration forms should be requested in the rectory office. This registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish.

HOLY MASS

Saturday: March 19, 2016

4:00PM Sylvia & Frank Sileo/Mary & Toddo Ienner by Carol & Jimmy

Sunday: March 20, 2016

8:30AM Giuseppe, Maria & Marianna Tucciarone by V. Tucciarone

10:00AM Antonio, Vincenza & Maria Angela DiLorenzo by G. DiLorenzo

11:30AM Edith & Anthony DeVito by Children

1:30 PM Celia Longobardi by Gladys Neciosup

The Lamp for the week of March 20 through March 26 2016 in Memory of Juanita Feliciano by Iris Rios & Julia Rosa

Monday March 21, 2016

7:00AM Alberico Faugno by Lisa & Mario Musilli

5:30PM Pauline Lodato & Deceased of Lodato Family by Family

Tuesday March 22, 2016

7:00AM Juana Mazariegos by Bianca Reyes

5:30AM Rosina Castiglione by Husband & Children

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

7:00AM Gaetano Vitti by M/M A. Vitti

5:30PM Deceased members of the Tolla Family by Family

Thursday March 24, 2016

7:00PM Holy Thursday (Mass in English)

9:00PM Holy Thursday (Mass in Spanish)

Friday March 25, 2016

3:00PM Good Friday (Mass in English)

5:00PM Good Friday (Mass in Spanish)

7:00PM Stations of the Cross in 3 languages and Procession

Saturday March 26, 2016

7:00PM Holy Saturday (Mass in English)

9:30PM Holy Saturday (Mass in Spanish)

Sunday March 27, 2016

8:30AM For the Intentions of our Parishioners

10:00AM Priests Intentions

11:30AM Priests Intentions

1:30PM Priests Intentions

GOOD FRIDAY DAY OF FAST: Limit one full meatless meal on this day for all who are 18 years old, but not yet 60 years old. Two other meatless meals may be taken, but together should not equal a full meal

SUNDAY COLLECTION The collection for the weekend of March 12 & 13 totaled \$5,161.00 Thank you for your generosity. If you are away from Church, please try to make up your envelopes.

THE ILL OF THE PARISH- Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who are ill: Dr. John Centonze, Guiseppe Pampera, Isabella DiCamillo, Ron Taranto, Emilio Coppola. The thoughtfulness of cards or a phone call would be welcome. Please keep the parish office (203-324-9544) informed of anyone who needs a priestly visit and the Sacrament of the Sick.

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS will be held in English on the first Saturday of every month at 1:00PM in the Church. The next class is to be held April 2, 2016. Please call the Rectory at 203-324-9544 to register for the class. Baptisms in English are held on the second Saturday of each month. The next Baptism class in Spanish will be held April 16, 2016 and thereafter on the third Saturday of each month at 1:00PM. Baptisms in Spanish are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 1:00PM.

FOR THE DECEASED: We ask the Lord to grant Eternal Rest to: Joseph Pareli, Patrick LaMothe, Michele Rahni, Frank Cesario, George Bongiorno, Laura Ortega and the deceased of our Parish.

SAVE THE DATE

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY will be celebrated with Bishop Frank Caggiano at St. Augustine Cathedral at 2:00PM, Sunday April 3rd. It will include the dedication of the Divine Mercy Shrine, Celebration of Mass and a reception at Kolbe Cathedral High School. All are welcome!

HOLY NAME COMMUNION BREAKFAST starting with Mass at 8:30AM on April 10th and then breakfast in the Lower Church. All men of the Parish are invited. John Macari will be the guest speaker. For reservation please call Bill Pace at 203-219-0512 or George Ducanic at 203-219-9025. Price is \$15.00 and children under 12 are free.

ALL COUPLES CELEBRATING 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 AND 50+ YEARS OF MARRIAGE. Please join Bishop Frank Caggiano in the celebration of your Wedding Anniversary Sunday, April 17, 2016 at St. Paul's Parish, 84 Sherwood Ave, Greenwich, CT at 3:00PM. Please call the rectory to register 203-324-9544.

GENEROSITA` Cortesemente cercate di aumentare sia la vostra offerta settimanale sia quella mensile. Un aumento di \$5, \$10, \$15 o piu` sara` molto apprezzato. Se andrete via per la vacanze o se vi e` impossibile partecipare alla messa nella Chiesa del Sacro Cuore, vi chiediamo di fare il meglio possibile per recuperare le settimane in cui siete mancati. Iniziate a utilizzare le buste settimanali della canonica. Grazie per il vostro supporto.

MESSA IN MEMORIA SETTIMANALI Se qualcuno vuole donare l'ostia, il vino per la messa o la lampada del santuario in memoria di una persona cara o come una donazione si prega di contattare l'ufficio 203-324-9544. L'offerta e` di \$25.00 per ciascuna.

INFERMI DELLA NOSTRA PARROCCHIA- Per favore ricordate nelle vostre preghiere i seguenti parrochiani che sono ammalati: Dr. John Centonze, Isabella DiCamilo, Ron Taranto, Emilio Taranto. Se avete in mente di mandare una cartolina o di telefonare ai familiari o direttamente a loro sarebbe un pensiero veramente apprezzato. Per favore informate l'ufficio parrocchiale, se qualcuno ha bisogno della visita di un sacerdote e del sacramento degli infermi. Telefonate ufficio 203-324-9544.

POR LOS ENFERMOS DE NUESTRA PARROQUIA Por favor incluya en sus oraciones a los siguientes feligreses que están enfermos de nuestra parroquia: Dr. John Centonze, Ron Taranto, Isabella DiCamillo, Emilio Coppola.

CLASES PRE-BAUTISMALES: en Español se ofrecen el tercer sabado de cada mes, a la 1:00PM en la Iglesia. Por favor llamar a la oficina para registrarse (203) 324- 9544. Los Bautizos en Español se celebran el cuarto sabado del mes a la 1:00PM.

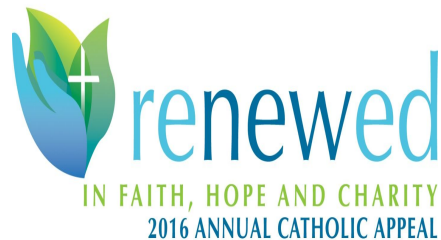
OFRENDAS POR LA SEMANA: Dedique la vela del Santisimo, el Vino y el Pan a un ser querido por una semana. Cada ofrenda es \$25.00.

GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD: por favor trate de incrementar su ofrenda semanal o mensual, un aumento de \$5.00, \$10.00 \$15.00 o más es apreciado. Gracias por su apoyo y participación en nuestra parroquia del Sagrado Corazón. Si se va de vacaciones o está enfermo no se olvide de enviar sus sobres. Nuevamente gracias por su generosidad.

SACRAMENTOS: Estaremos ofreciendo clases de RCIA, para adultos que no han recibido los sacramentos; bautizo, comunión y confirmacion, si esta interesado por favor comunicarse con la oficina para más información.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION will take place on the weekend of April 23/24, 2016. There will be three seats to be filled. We ask that you prayerfully consider running for a seat on the Council. There is much happening at Sacred Heart and we encourage you to join us in helping renew our beloved Sacred Heart Parish. Meetings are held on the Fourth Monday of the month starting in September through June. All who are interested may call Fran Bianco at 203-329-2126 or the rectory at 203-324-9544. Or you may fill out the form that is in the rear of the Church.

SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST A Sacred Cantata by T. Dubois. Today, Sunday, March 20th Palm Sunday, at 7:00PM in the Cathedral of St. Augustine, the Bridgeport Diocesan Choir will again present The Seven Last Words of Christ, under the direction of Dr. David F. McCaffrey III and the chorus of voices represents parishes throughout the diocese. The concert is free and open to the public. There will be an opportunity for a goodwill offering.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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<u>SACRED HEART PARISH GOAL</u>	\$ 45,000.00
<u>CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL</u>	\$ 10,430 .00

If you have not already responded to the 2016 Annual Catholic Appeal, please reflect upon the importance of your support to the ministry and outreach that relies upon the charity of the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenges are immediate and far-reaching, but the solutions are within our reach.

Please consider the following options: Make a one-time donation or pay over the next 5 months, donate online at ACABridgeport.com. Check if your employer will match your gift. Whatever you decide, your gift will be greatly appreciated.

All of our parishioners listed below have already generously contributed to the 2016 Appeal. For these offerings we are very grateful. We are depending upon your charity to enable us to reach our goal and have Sacred Heart Parish participate in a broader Christian Community. God Bless your efforts.

Mr. A. Biggica, M/M S. Biggica, Mrs. C. Cardillo, M/M J. T. Carlsson, M/M N Casinelli, Mrs. M. Conte, M/M E. Coppola, Mrs. I. Deegan, Ms. J. Desrochers, M/M. J. Dongallo, Dr. & Mrs G. D'Onofrio, M/M D. Dunn, M/M/ V. Fanning, Mrs. R. Fedeli, Mr. A. Ferrajina, M/M A. Follo, Ms. M. Lainez, Mr. R. LaRoche, Jr., M/M F. Leone, M/M J. Loglisci, M/M J. Macari, Ms M. P. Malafarina, Mrs. M. A. Marino, M/M T. Moccia, Mrs. G. Nowakowski, M/M T. R. Ottaviano, Mr. P. Pelli, Mrs. T. Piacenza, Mrs. M. Powers, Mrs. R. Rainone, M/M A. Raus, M/M F. Raus, M/M A. Richichi, M/M A. Rizzi, Ms. C. M. Romaniello, M/M J. A. Sabia, Jr., M/M J. B Sabia, Mr. P. L. Sabia, Mrs F. Salvatore, Ms. M. Scime, M/M T. Schmalzl, Ms. R. Tarzia, Mrs. L. T. Terravecchia, M/M M. J. Vaccaro, M/M E. J. Varricchio, Mr. F. Verrastro.

LETTER FROM BISHOP FRANK CAGGIANO

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in every Catholic Church to support the people and places of the Holy Land. Christians of the Holy Land rely heavily on the help that comes to them during this special moment of the year.

The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. Especially in the current situation, care for the Christian Community is critical to maintaining a Christian presence in a land where they are now a minority.

Holy Land Franciscans staff and maintain the Holy places and shrines. This enables those who live in the Holy Land and those who visit to deepen their faith and their spiritual and cultural connection to salvation history.

To assist Christians to remain in the Holy Land, including the poor and young couples, the Custody builds thousands of residential units. Additionally, they build senior care facilities. Medical assistance is provided for the needy.

The Franciscans operate and support schools open to all, regardless of religion or nationality. They provide scholarships for students to prepare them to get jobs and remain in the Holy Land as part of living Catholic communities. Funds are distributed to young men studying to become Franciscan priests or brothers. The Franciscans provide pastoral care in 29 parishes in the Holy Land, offering worship, Christian formation, youth and family programs.

The Holy Land Franciscans are counting on your financial help to assist in providing presence, care and service. Please be as generous as possible in this Good Friday collection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Entering human history as a God-Man and then offering that human life to save our souls, Jesus showed us how infinitely complete His love for us is. To live without God is a rejection of that love, a creature rebellion against the Creator.

Nonbelievers hoist the banner of science to disprove the existence of God. They claim it does not hold up very well in the absence of empirical evidence. God cannot be seen, heard, touched; therefore, they conclude the existence of God fails the test of the senses, proving God does not exist.

Science is not absolute truth. Once mankind believed the Earth was the center of the universe and the sun revolved around it. It took a brave astronomer name Galileo to dispute that premise and prove it a gross cosmic error. Science is not infallible.

God the Father sent His Son into our world so that we can prove His earthly existence via the senses. This same Son was seen and heard preaching to the multitudes. Then, to prove the divinity of that only begotten Son, He sacrificed Him to an horrendous death from which He arose on the third day in His glorious resurrection and forty days later was witnessed ascending upwards into the clouds on His return to the right hand of His Almighty Father.

Nonbelievers, suspend your disbelief and ask God to allow the Holy Spirit to enter your hearts and find refuge in your souls. Ask for grace to believe in God. Do not risk the loss of you souls for any reason, earthly or otherwise.

God Bless you!
Father Alfonso Picone.



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