

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**HOLY MASS**

MONDAY – FRIDAY 7:00AM

SATURDAY 8:00AM

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

(LOWER CHURCH)

Tuesdays - 8:00PM

Wednesdays - 8:00PM

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

(CONFESSION)

Saturday

2:45PM TO 3:45PM

Neo-Catechumenal Mass

Lower Church

Saturday 7:00PM (English)

8:30PM (Spanish)

**SUNDAY MASSES:**

Saturday - 4:00PM (English)

8:30AM (English)

10:00AM (Italian)

11:30AM (English)

1:00PM (Spanish)

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

4:00PM TO 5:00PM

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

Monday 7:00PM - English

**ROSARY**

Monday 8:00PM - Spanish

**PRAYER GROUP**

(LOWER CHURCH)

Friday 7PM-9PM

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## HOLY MASS

### Saturday September 22, 2018

4:00PM Margaret H. & Michael T. Powers by Children

### Sunday September 23, 2018

8:30AM Lillian Colabella by Family

10:00AM Salvatore & Giovanni Marena by Wife & Family

11:30AM Robert Rende by the Lettieri Family

1:00PM Por las Almas del Purgatorio

<b>The Lamp for the week of September 23 – September 29 in memory of Marie Marino by Rosa Iorfino &amp; Family</b>
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### Monday September 24, 2018

7:00AM Salvatore Tripodi by Lina Nardi

### Tuesday September 25, 2018

7:00AM Marie Marino by friends from Our Sunday Visitor

### Wednesday September 26, 2018

7:00AM Marie Apruzzese by Dario & Jerarda Socci

### Thursday September 27, 2018

7:00AM For our Parishioners

### Friday September 28, 2018

7:00AM Maria Raffaella Pelli by Rosario & Bettina Pugliese

### Saturday September 29, 2018

8:00AM Joseph Sorbo by Sorbo and Strazza Family

4:00PM Antonia & Luigi Vitti by Magi & Gia Vitti

### Sunday September 30, 2018

8:30AM Fr. Girolamo Castiglione by Ottavio & Family

10:00AM Giovanni & Michelina Valenzisi by Family

11:30AM Susan & Anthony D'Andrea by Family

1:00PM Raquel Lainez por sus hijos

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** – The Sunday Collection for the weekend of September 15 & 16 totaled \$5667.00. The second collection for maintenance totaled \$1,381.00. Thank you and please be as generous as possible.

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

**THE ILL OF THE PARISH:** Please remember in your prayers: Frank Picciallo, Lynette Lyons, and our parishioners who are ill.

**VENDORS NEEDED – Sacred Heart Holiday Boutique** – November 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>. Please call Rose Curtis at 203-968-1234 for further information.

**THE PARISH COUNCIL** will meet on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Rectory.

**OCTOBER – Month of the Rosary:** The Rosary will be said 15 minutes before each weekend Mass beginning on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM.

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY INSTALLATION MASS** – Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – 8:30AM Mass. Breakfast to follow at Pellicci's Restaurant, \$35/per person. Please call Carol Jenner at 203-324-3849 to make your reservation. Please drop checks off at the Church's office.

***We would like to thank Frank and Ramona Mastrone, Benedetta Cordaro, Darwin Shea and Frank Spitznagel for a wonderful evening of music. A very special thank you to M/M Joseph Sabato and Family. We are glad that you enjoyed the evening.***

***We also want to acknowledge our Sponsors for their Generosity and Support:***

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***Thank you to the Events Committee, all the volunteers who baked for the concert and helped out behind the scenes, but most of all to the many people who supported us by purchasing tickets.***

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING:** Saturday and Sunday, September 22 & 23 after the 4:00PM Mass on Saturday and after the 8:30AM Mass on Sunday.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

- Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, **MOTHER OF THE PARISH** - Congratulations to Maria D'Onofrio who will be our next Mother of the Parish. If anybody would like to join this honoree, the ceremony will take place at St. Bridget Church, 278 Strawberry Hill Ave., Stamford, CT at 7:00PM.
- Saturday, December 8th, **SACRED HEART ITALIAN CHRISTMAS DINNER** – details to follow.

**THAT'S AMORE ITALIAN STREET FESTIVAL** – Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Columbus Day Weekend at Columbus Park - 11:30AM to 6:00PM. FREE ADMISSION. Please join us as UNICO celebrates Stamford's rich Italian heritage. Plenty of Food, Fun and Live Entertainment. **REMEMBER TO COME TO THE ITALIAN MASS FIRST AT 10AM.**

**OPEN HOUSE at Trinity Catholic High School**, Tuesday, October 16, 2018, 5:30-7:30PM. For more information on the OPEN HOUSE and entrance exams, please call Cindy Willette, Director of Admissions at 203-487-8242.

**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 ciascuno.

**THE CHURCH INVITES CATHOLICS TO REDISCOVER GOD'S MERCY IN BAPTISM.**

Here is an opportunity to live the gift and beauty of our Baptism in all its fullness!

- **If sometimes it appears that God is far away and is not listening to you**
  - **If you desire that your Baptism grow to full stature**
  - **If you do not know how to talk about God to your children**

THEN "COME TO ME, ALL OF YOU WHO LABOR AND ARE OVERBURDENED AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST." (Matthew 11:28)

**JESUS CHRIST EXTENDS THIS INVITATION  
TO YOU TODAY!**

**COME AND LISTEN!**

Parish Catechesis

Everyone is invited (*13 year and up*)

**Starts: Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm**

**Location: Parish Hall**

**Continues: MONDAYS and THURSDAYS**

*- Mark your Calendars -*

**HOLY NAME PASTA NIGHT – ALL ARE WELCOME:** Saturday, October 13, after the 4:00PM Mass. For information & reservations, please call Bill Pace at 203-219-0512 or George Ducanic at 203-219-9025. ADULTS - \$20.00 and CHILDREN UNDER 10 - \$10.00.



**GUIDELINES FOR BAPTISMS:** Classes in English will take place on the First Saturday of each month. The next class will be held October 6, 2018 in the church at 1:00PM and then the child can be baptized after that on the second Saturday of each month at 1:00PM

**CLASES PRE-BAUSTISMALES:** En Español se ofrecen el tercer sábado de cada mes, a la 1:00PM en la iglesia. Por favor llamar a la oficina para registrarse 203-324-9544. La próxima clase será el 20 de Octubre. Los bautizos es Español se celebran el cuarto sábado del mes a la 1:00 PM.

## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners:

Summer is over, now after a brief period of time where various activities and meetings stop or slowdown, we have now begun again the year. Various financial, pastoral and other committees and church organizations will begin meeting again in order to improve the spiritual well-being of the church along with improving our financial condition and the church facilities.

The CCD and Confirmation classes began on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. As you may have heard, the CCD classes will be held at 4:30PM in the Charter School on Parish Grounds. This allows the children in CCD to have their own classrooms instead of being crowded together in the lower church. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation classes will continue to meet in the lower church at 7:00PM.

Neo-catechumenal communities and prayer groups continued during the summer months, and they are now continuing with the liturgies, retreats, evangelization and gatherings. During the month of August, Lucas Romero along with a group of volunteers, organized and held a summer camp, so that children could be active during their summer break, through prayers, games and other activities in the lower church hall. Lunch was also provided for the children. Please, remember to join us at our meetings on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00PM in the church hall. Join us and listen to the Good News of Christ's Love for you.

I would like to thank our Event's Committee, Rose & Jeff Curtis, Alan & Fran Bianco, Marie & Yves Loiseau, Joan & Paul Messanelli, Michelle and Jim Sabia, as well as all those who helped out at our recent concert, Bill Valenzano, Walter Lambert, Camille Sileo, Debbie Bouchard, Debi Biggica, Aurora Docimo, Christina Curtis-Horvath, Danielle Pimpinella, Maria & Camillo Imbrogno and numerous others who helped out behind the scenes setting up the altar and the church hall and the after event cleanup.

With regard to Religious Education, I would like to thank Michele Sabia for taking on the duties of Interim DRE, Maria Romero for taking on the duties of Interim Assistant DRE, as well as all the ladies that volunteer to teach the children.

Volunteerism is what keeps us able to provide the religious education classes, the numerous events, such as the concert, the annual Christmas Dinner and others throughout the year. The people who volunteer, **give freely** of their time to put on these events, teach our children, help maintain our church buildings and grounds without thought or desire for remuneration. I personally want to thank all of those who volunteer their time and effort throughout the year.

God Bless you and your families.

Fr. Alfonso Picone  
Pastor



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