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EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 4, 2021

Noli me tangere. With these words, "Don't hold on to me" or "Don't touch me" the Risen Lord instructed Mary when she first recognized him after the Resurrection (John 20:17). The original Greek may be better translated as "cease holding on to me" or "stop clinging to me". The rest of the Lord's sentence is, "…for I have not yet ascended to the Father." For John, and other New Testament writers, the Resurrection and Ascension are one theological event. Acts 1:1 describes the Ascension as having taken place 40 days after the Resurrection. From this point of view the Ascension would mark the end of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances in His raised and glorified body, i.e. in a sense, He has already "gone" to the Father. The Lord seems to be trying to tell Mary Magdalene that she will not be able to be with Him in in the world the same way she was before His death and Resurrection.

MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULES

Monday/Friday:
8:00AM (Latin)
12:10 Noon (English)

Saturday:
4:00PM (English)
7:00PM (Spanish)

Sunday:
8:00AM (English)
9:30AM (Latin)
11:15AM (MissaCantata)
1:00PM (Spanish)

CONFESSIONS:
Monday/Friday
11:30AM-12:00Noon
Saturday:
3:00PM to 3:45PM

ADORATION
WEDNESDAY
1:00PM TO 4:00PM
FIRST FRIDAYS
9:00AM TO 11:30AM

"LIGHT A CANDLE FOR SOMEONE"

*The Main Church Sanctuary candle will be burning from April 5 to April 11 for the intentions of **ARMELLE PENTA**.

*The Mary Altar candle will be burning from April 5 to April 11 for the intentions of **SUSAN GOODMAN**

***The Chapel Sanctuary candle** will be burning from April 5 to April 11 for the intentions of the **GOODMAN FAMILY**

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"ENCIENDE UNA VELA POR ALGUIEN"

La vela del Santuario de la Iglesia Principal estará ardiendo del 5 al 11 de Abril por las intenciones de **ARMELLE PENTA.**

La Vela de la Virgen María estará ardiendo desde el 5 al 11 de abril por las intenciones del **SUSAN GOODMAN**

La Vela de la Capilla estará ardiendo desde 5 al 11 de abril por las intenciones de la **FAMILIA GOODMAN.**

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THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FIRST FRIDAYS ONLY, NOT EVERY FRIDAY

As of Friday, May 7 the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed ONLY FIRST FRIDAYS OF THE MONTH from 9AM to 11:30AM and NOT every Friday.

The Schedule for Wednesdays is the same: 1PM to 4PM.

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EXPOSICIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO

SOLO LOS PRIMEROS VIERNES DEL MES Y NO TODOS LOS VIERNES

A partir del viernes 7 de mayo, el Santísimo Sacramento estará expuesto SOLO LOS PRIMEROS VIERNES DE 9AM A 11:30AM Y NO TODOS LOS VIERNES. Los miércoles el horario sigue igual de 1PM a 4PM

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"Faith in the Resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered."
(Pope Benedict XVI)

"The Cross had asked the questions; the Resurrection had answered them...The Cross had asked: "Why does God permit evil and sin to nail Justice to a tree?" The Resurrection answered: "That sin, having done its worst, might exhaust itself and this be overcome by Love that is stronger than either sin or death."
(Archbishop Fulton Sheen)

MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. 4/3/21 ST. HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL
7:00PM Great Vigil of Easter
Sun. 4/4/21 EASTER SUNDAY
8:00 +Camilo Cerrato
9:30 Extraordinary Form Mass
Intentions of the People of the Parish
11:15 Fr. Ringley's Intentions
1:00 +Maria Teresa & Gaspar ZhuZhingo
Mon. 4/5/21 SAINT VINCENT FERRER/CONFESSOR
8:00AM Intentions of Willington R. Rondon
12:10 Noon Intentions of Michael Kraus
Tue. 4/6/21
8:00AM Mary Joy Spies
12:10 Noon Intentions of Cecilia Alzate Zapata
Wed. 4/7/21
8:00AM Intentions of Rosa Alzate Zapata
12:10 Noon For the Papacy
Thurs. 4/8/21
8:00AM Intentions of Jorge Humberto Gabarrete
12:10:Noon Souls in Purgatory
Fri. 4/9/21
8:00AM Intentions of Galeano/Serrano Families
12:10Noon +Frisco Joy One
Sat. 4/10/21
4:00PM Intentions of Galeano/Arcila Families
7:00PM +Carmen Martinez & Rodrigo Ortiz
Sun. 4/11/21 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
8:00AM Intentions of the People of the Parish
9:30AM Intentons of the People of the Parish
11:15AM Fr. Ringley's Intentions
1:00PM People of the Parish

LET US PRAY FOR:

Elizabeth Dignan, Sarah Martinez, Julia do Nacimiento, Brandâo Filho, Joe Iannacone, Roula Lee, Ayden Vion Maranan, Olivia Nunziato, David Podejko, Brian Rodriguez, Glenn Snyder and Janet Torres

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Weekly 3/23/21……...$5,369.00
On-Line Giving…….. $2,078.00
TOTAL……$7,465.00

"O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages."
(St. John Chrysostom).

Holy * Week * Schedule * 2021*

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~ Palm Sunday ~ (March 28)

8:00 AM: English Sung Mass.

9:30 AM: Solemn Traditional Latin Mass
(with Blessing and Procession – No 11:15 Mass)

1:00 PM: Spanish Sung Mass.

~ Holy Monday ~ (March 29)

8:00 AM: Traditional Latin Mass.

11:30 AM: Confessions at St. Mary.

12:10 PM: English Mass.

3:00-9:00 PM: 'Reconciliation Monday'

Confessions will be heard at the following parishes:

St. ALOYSIUS - St. MATTHEW - St. THOMAS MORE
New Canaan *Norwalk* *Darien*

and also

7:00-9:00 PM: Confessions at St. Mary.

~ Holy Tuesday ~ (March 30)

8:00 AM: Traditional Latin Mass.

11:30 AM: Confessions at St. Mary.

12:10 PM: English Mass.

6:00-7:00 PM: Confessions at St. Mary.

~ Spy Wednesday ~ (March 31)

8:00 AM: Traditional Latin Mass.

11:30 AM: Confessions at St. Mary.

12:10 PM: English Mass.

7:00 PM: Tenebræ of Maundy Thursday.

~ Maundy Thursay ~ (April 1)

7:00 PM: Solemn Mass *in Cena Domini.*

9:00 PM: Vespers and Stripping of the Altars.

9:30 PM: Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament.

(at the Altar of Repose in the Upper Church)

~ Good Friday ~ (April 2)

12:30 PM: Stations of the Cross.
(Latin, English, and Spanish)

3:00 PM: The Mass of the Presanctified.

7:00 PM: Tenebræ of Holy Saturday and the Burial of the Body of Christ.

~ Holy Saturday ~ (April 3)

12:30 PM: Blessing of Easter Food. *(gym)*

7:00 PM: The Great Vigil of Easter.

11:30 PM: Festive Reception.

~ Easter Sunday ~ (April 4)

8:00 AM: English Sung Mass.

9:30 AM: Solemn Traditional Latin Mass.

11:15 AM: Traditional Latin Mass.
(Missa Cantata)

1:00 PM: Spanish Sung Mass.

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Easter

The central mystery of the Christian faith is, without doubt, the Resurrection of Our Lord. Either Jesus Christ rose from the dead, and is who He says he is, or He did not raise from the dead, and the Christian faith is based on a falsehood.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is either a truth or a falsehood. It cannot be both. As St. Paul writes to the Christian community in Corinth, Greece in about the year 56 A.D., "if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is void of content, and your faith is empty, too" (1Cor 15:14).

With this in mind, the Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us, "[T]he Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ, a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal [Easter] mystery along with the Cross…."

If we consider that a "mystery" may be defined as "something for which we do not have an explanation", and not "something for which there is no explanation", we can accept the fact that Christ rose from the dead even though we cannot completely explain it.

If Jesus Christ did not really rise from the dead, other explanations may account for the establishment of the Christian Church. For example, the apostles and the "women at the tomb" were suffering from mass hallucination or hysteria. Or perhaps the apostles set out to create an elaborate conspiracy to deceive the local Jewish authorities, but to their surprise, ended by deceiving a rather large part of the world. Maybe Jesus did not really die, but fell into some sort of swoon, escaped from the hands of his enemies, and disappeared into hiding. He and His followers masterminded the creation of a myth, and a cult of worship which portray Him as God who had come into the world as a man.

All of these theories are possible, but unlikely. What did the followers of Jesus have to gain? If Jesus did not rise from the dead, but His followers created the "Jesus myth" for their own ends, history shows us that they gained only one thing for their elaborate efforts: persecution, suffering, and death.

"It is at this point that awe and trembling fall upon us as we read the records. If the story is false, it is at least a much stranger story than we expected, something for which "philosophical" religion, psychical research, and popular superstition have all alike failed to prepare us. If the story is true, then a whole new mode of being has arisen in the universe" (C.S. Lewis, Miracles, Chapter 16).

(Sources: CCC 638-644. Kreeft and Tacelli: Handbook of Christian Apologetics, pp. 178-198).

Pascua de Resurrección

El misterio central de la fe cristiana es, sin duda, la Resurrección de Nuestro Señor. O Jesucristo resucitó de entre los muertos y es quien dice ser, o no resucitó de entre los muertos, y la fe cristiana se basa en una falsedad.

La resurrección de Jesucristo de entre los muertos es una verdad o una falsedad. No pueden ser ambas. Como escribe San Pablo a la comunidad cristiana de Corinto, Grecia, alrededor del año 56 d.C., "si Cristo no ha resucitado, nuestra predicación carece de contenido y vuestra fe también está vacía" (1Cor 15:14).

Con esto en mente, el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos dice: "[L] a resurrección de Jesús es la verdad suprema de nuestra fe en Cristo, una fe verdadera y vivida como la verdad central de la primera comunidad cristiana; transmitida como parte fundamental por la Tradición; y establecida por los documentos del Nuevo Testamento; y predicada como parte esencial del misterio pascual [Pascua] junto con la Cruz… ".

Si consideramos que un "misterio" puede definirse como "algo para lo cual no tenemos explicación", y no "algo para lo cual no hay explicación", podemos aceptar el hecho de que Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos aunque nosotros no podemos explicarlo completamente.

Si Jesucristo no resucitó realmente de entre los muertos, otras versiones pueden explicar el establecimiento de la Iglesia cristiana. Por ejemplo, los apóstoles y las mujeres en la tumba sufrían de alucinaciones o histeria en masa. O quizás los apóstoles se propusieron crear una elaborada conspiración para engañar a las autoridades judías locales, pero para su sorpresa, terminaron por engañar a una gran parte del mundo. Quizás Jesús no murió realmente, sino que cayó en una especie de desmayo, escapó de las manos de sus enemigos y desapareció para esconderse. Él y sus seguidores planearon la creación de un mito y un culto de adoración que lo retrata como Dios que había venido al mundo como un hombre.

Todas estas teorías son posibles, pero poco probables. ¿Qué tenían que ganar los seguidores de Jesús? Si Jesús no resucitó de entre los muertos, pero sus seguidores crearon el "mito de Jesús" para sus propios fines, la historia nos muestra que éstos solo ganaron una cosa por sus elaborados esfuerzos: persecución, sufrimiento y muerte.

"Es en este punto que el asombro y el temblor caen sobre nosotros mientras leemos los registros. Si la historia es falsa, es al menos una historia mucho más extraña de lo que esperábamos, algo para lo que ni la religión "filosófica", ni la investigación psíquica y ni la superstición popular no nos han preparado. Pero si la historia es cierta, entonces ha surgido en el universo un modo de ser completamente nuevo "
(C.S. Lewis, Miracles, Capítulo 16).

(Fuentes: CCC 638-644. Kreeft y Tacelli: Handbook of Christian Apologetics, págs. 178-198)

Thesauri Ecclesiae
(The Treasures of the Church)

Although candles are always used in the liturgy, we may not often stop to ponder why we use them. Before the advent of electric lighting candles provided illumination for the celebration of the sacred mysteries. Today candles are not needed for lighting, but we continue to use them for very important symbolic reasons. Candles represent Christ who is the "light of the world", and the "light from light" (Nicene Creed); the one who "came to light a fire on the earth" (Luke 12). For mystical reasons candles made from beeswax are properly used in the liturgy. Wax, collected from flowers, is the "work of the bees", and as we shall see, the wax which constitutes the candle symbolizes the humanity of Christ.

In the Easter proclamation (the "*Exsultet*") sung by the deacon at the beginning of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, we hear the following verses: *"Therefore, in the grace of this night, receive, O Holy Father, the evening sacrifice of this praise, which the most holy Church returns to you through the hands of ministers, in the solemn oblation of this candle, made from the labors of bees. Already we have recognized the proclamation of this column, the flickering flame of which burns in honor of God. Which fire, though it be divided into parts, suffers no loss from the communication of its light, for it is fed by the melting waxes which the mother bee has drawn out for the substance of this precious light"* (i.e. Christ). The "mother bee" is a symbol of Mary; the candle, a symbol of Christ Himself.

As the bees provide the wax for the substance of the candle which will illuminate the darkness, so the blessed Mother has provided the substance of the humanity of Christ who will become the light of the world. For this reason bees often are used to symbolize the Blessed Virgin in art, and one will still find Easter candle stands decorated with a "bee motif". The "proclamation of the Column already recognized" probably refers to the column of fire by which the Israelites were led by the Lord through the desert to the Promised Land. "The Lord preceded them in the daytime by means of a column of cloud to show them the way, and at night by means of a column of fire to give them light" (Exodus 13:21ff).

The Column is a "type" or "pre-figuration" of the Messiah who will lead His people from the darkness of sin to the light of the divine life of grace. This same symbolism holds true for all candles used for liturgical purposes. The flame of the candle represents the light of Christ. As that light is shed to the world the candle is consumed as Christ was "consumed" shedding his light to the world.

Our Christian vocation is to allow the light of Christ to shine through us such that we are "consumed" in his service. Some suggest that the burning candle may also signify the soul having been purified and enlightened by the light of divine grace. Similar symbolic language is found in the prayers and blessings of the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas).

(Sources: Wapelhorst, *Compendium Sacrae Liturgiae*, Benzinger Bros. 1904, pp. 217ff; Liber Usualis, Feb. 2, Feast of the Presentation; Abbe Alexander Mazzinelli, Holy Week, 1913, pp. 445ff; NAB; Gregorian Missal p. 327).

Thesauri Ecclesiae
(Los Tesoros de la Iglesia)

Aunque las velas siempre se usan en la liturgia, es posible que no nos detengamos a reflexionar sobre por qué las usamos.

Antes de la llegada de la iluminación eléctrica, las velas iluminaban la celebración de los misterios sagrados. Hoy las velas no son necesarias para la iluminación, pero las seguimos utilizando por motivos simbólicos muy importantes. Las velas representan a Cristo que es la "luz del mundo" y la "luz de la luz" (Credo de Nicea); el que "vino a encender fuego en la tierra" (Lucas 12). Por razones místicas, las velas hechas de cera de abejas se utilizan en la liturgia. La cera, recogida de las flores, es "obra de las abejas" y, como veremos, la cera que constituye la vela simboliza la humanidad de Cristo.

En el anuncio pascual (el "Exsultet") cantado por el diácono al comienzo de la Vigilia Pascual en la noche del Sábado Santo, escuchamos los siguientes versos:
"Por tanto, en la gracia de esta noche, recibe, oh Santo Padre, durante esta velada, el sacrificio de esta alabanza, que la Santísima Iglesia os devuelve por las manos de los ministros, en la solemne oblación de este cirio, hecho con el trabajo de las abejas. Ya hemos reconocido el anuncio de esta columna, cuya llama parpadeante arde en honor de Dios. Dicho fuego, aunque esté dividido en partes, no sufre pérdida por la comunicación de su luz, porque es alimentado por las ceras fundidas que la abeja madre ha extraído para obtener la sustancia de esta luz preciosa "(es decir, Cristo)".

La "abeja madre" es un símbolo de María; la vela, símbolo de Cristo mismo. Así como las abejas proporcionan la cera para la sustancia de la vela que iluminará la oscuridad, así la bendita Madre ha proporcionado la sustancia de la humanidad de Cristo que se convertirá en la luz del mundo.

Por esta razón, las abejas se utilizan a menudo para simbolizar a la Santísima Virgen en el arte, y todavía se pueden encontrar candelabros de Pascua decorados con un "motivo de abeja". La "proclamación de la Columna ya reconocida" probablemente se refiere a la columna de fuego por la cual el Señor condujo a los israelitas a través del desierto hasta La Tierra Prometida. "El Señor los precedió de día con una columna de nube para indicarles el camino, y de noche con una columna de fuego para alumbrarlos" (Éxodo 13: 21ss).

La Columna es un "tipo" o "prefiguración" del Mesías que guiará a Su pueblo de las tinieblas del pecado a la luz de la vida divina de la gracia. Este mismo simbolismo es válido para todas las velas utilizadas con fines litúrgicos. La llama de la vela representa la luz de Cristo. A medida que esa luz se derrama al mundo, la vela se consume como Cristo fue "consumido" al derramar su luz al mundo.

Nuestra vocación cristiana es permitir que la luz de Cristo brille a través de nosotros de tal manera que seamos "consumidos" en su servicio. Algunos sugieren que la vela encendida también puede significar que el alma ha sido purificada e iluminada por la luz de la gracia divina.

Un lenguaje simbólico similar se encuentra en las oraciones y bendiciones de la Fiesta de la Presentación (Candelaria).

(Fuentes: Wapelhorst, Compendium Sacrae Liturgiae, Benzinger Bros.1904, págs. 217 y siguientes; Liber Usualis, 2 de febrero, Fiesta de la Presentación; Abate Alexander Mazzinelli, Semana Santa, 1913, págs. 445 y siguientes; NAB; Misal Gregoriano pág. 327).

The Silence of the Tomb

My Catholic Life

They took the body of Jesus and bound it with burial cloths along with the spices, according to the Jewish burial custom. Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had yet been buried. So they laid Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation day; for the tomb was close by. John 19:40-42

From an earthly perspective, all was lost, all was over. Jesus' life had come to an end. His body lay in the tomb, the stone covered the entrance and His followers were scattered. Where was our Blessed Mother through all of this?

Though Scripture does not reveal her physical location, we can be certain that our Blessed Mother kept vigil from Good Friday until Easter Sunday. She kept vigil, first and foremost, in her heart. Throughout her life she continually pondered the mystery of her Son. She pondered His conception, His birth, the flight into Egypt, His childhood, and every moment of His public ministry.

Over the past week she had pondered His suffering and His brutal death. But through all of this pondering, her Immaculate Heart was alive with confidence and perfect trust. Her mind perceived the wisdom of the Father's plan and her heart gave it her full assent. She knew, without any shadow of a doubt, that the will of the Father was unfolding perfectly.

As our Blessed Mother prayerfully pondered the life and death of her Son that Holy Saturday, her heart would have been filled with a peaceful excitement and joy. She may not have known exactly how His Resurrection would unfold, but she knew with conviction that He would soon return to her. She did not allow despair to enter her Immaculate Heart for even a moment. Instead, she kept a prayerful vigil for her Son and awaited the fulfillment of His promise that He would rise on the third day. She had heard Him say this and she knew it was true. Her only duty now was to wait in vigilant prayer and expectation.

Hope is a supernatural gift from God. It's not just wishful thinking or optimism. Hope is a gift by which God makes an interior promise to each one of us. The promises He makes are the perfect revelation of His divine will. As we hear Him speak His promises, we must respond with faith.

Reflect, today, upon this most sacred scene of Holy Saturday. While many were filled with despair and confusion, our Blessed Mother continued her vigil of hope. She knew, without any doubt, that glorious things were still to come. She knew that her Son had completed His mission of salvation and was on the verge of restoring new life to all who would turn to Him in their need.

Reflect upon your own hope in the promise of God in your life. Allow the example of our Blessed Mother to inspire you. Allow her prayers to transform you. Do not doubt for a moment that God has great things in mind for you. For those who believe, the Resurrection is always but a moment away.

El silencio de la tumba

Tomaron el cuerpo de Jesús y lo envolvieron con paños de sepultura junto con las especias, según la costumbre judía. En el lugar donde lo habían crucificado había un huerto, y en el huerto un sepulcro nuevo, en el que todavía no había sido sepultado nadie. Así que pusieron a Jesús allí debido al día de preparación judío; porque la tumba estaba cerca. Juan 19: 40-42

Desde una perspectiva terrenal, todo estaba perdido, todo había terminado. La vida de Jesús había llegado a su fin. Su cuerpo yacía en la tumba, la piedra cubría la entrada y sus seguidores estaban esparcidos. ¿Dónde estuvo nuestra Santísima Madre a través de todo esto?

Aunque las Escrituras no revelan su ubicación física, podemos estar seguros de que nuestra Santísima Madre estuvo en vigilia desde el Viernes Santo hasta el Domingo de Pascua. Mantuvo la vigilia, ante todo, en su corazón. A lo largo de su vida reflexionó continuamente sobre el misterio de su Hijo. Reflexionó sobre Su concepción, Su nacimiento, la huida a Egipto, Su infancia y cada momento de Su ministerio público. Durante la semana pasada, había reflexionado sobre Su sufrimiento y Su brutal muerte. Pero a través de toda esta reflexión, su Inmaculado Corazón estaba vivo y la absoluta confianza de que su Hijo resucitaría. Su mente percibió la sabiduría del plan del Padre y su corazón le dio su total asentimiento. Sabía, sin lugar a dudas, que la voluntad del Padre se estaba desarrollando a la perfección.

Mientras nuestra Santísima Madre meditaba en oración sobre la vida y muerte de su Hijo ese Sábado Santo, su corazón se habría llenado de una serena emoción y alegría. Puede que no supiera exactamente cómo se desarrollaría Su resurrección, pero sabía con convicción que pronto regresaría a ella. Ella no permitió que la desesperación entrara en su Inmaculado Corazón ni por un momento. En cambio, mantuvo una vigilia de oración por su Hijo y esperó el cumplimiento de Su promesa de que resucitaría al tercer día. Ella lo había escuchado decir esto y sabía que era verdad. Su único deber ahora era esperar en oración vigilante y expectativa.

La esperanza es un regalo sobrenatural de Dios. No se trata solo de ilusiones u optimismo. La esperanza es un don mediante el cual Dios nos hace una promesa interior a cada uno de nosotros. Las promesas que hace son la revelación perfecta de su voluntad divina. Al escucharle hablar Sus promesas, debemos responder con fe.

Reflexione hoy sobre esta sagrada escena del Sábado Santo. Mientras muchos estaban llenos de desesperación y confusión, nuestra Santísima Madre continuó su vigilia de esperanza. Sabía, sin ninguna duda, que aún estaban por venir cosas gloriosas. Ella sabía que su Hijo había completado Su misión de salvación y estaba a punto de restaurar una nueva vida a todos los que acudieran a Él en su necesidad.

Reflexione sobre su propia esperanza en la promesa de Dios en su vida. Deje que el ejemplo de nuestra Santísima Madre le inspire. Deja que sus oraciones le transformen. No dude ni por un momento que Dios tiene grandes cosas en mente para usted. Para aquellos que creen, la resurrección siempre está como dicen: “a la vuelta de la esquina”.

SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO

Nuestra iglesia Santa María recibe con brazos abiertos a miembros inscritos, y a católicos que residan dentro del perímetro de la iglesia, y que deseen bautizar a sus niños. Pedimos a los padres que se pongan en contacto con nuestras oficinas durante su embarazo. Los bautizos se celebran en ingles y español.

Para bautizos favor contactar la Rectoría al 203-866-5546.

REQUISITOS:

1. Los padres deberán ser miembros de la iglesia,

2. Los padrinos, deberán tener todos los sacramentos (bautismo, primera comunión, confirmación, y si son pareja, estar casados por la iglesia católica).

3. Si pertenecen a otra iglesia, traer carta de la iglesia a que pertenecen, indicando que son miembros, que cumplen con los requisitos para ser padrinos, y que asisten a la Santa Misa semanalmente.

SACRAMENTO DE MATRIMONIO

Las parejas que deseen contraer matrimonio, deberán asistir a la Santa Misa semanalmente, y vivir en residencias separadas. Deberán hacerse arreglos por lo menos con 6 meses de anticipación, y no podrá reservarse una fecha de matrimonio sin antes haber hecho arreglos con el sacerdote o el diacono.

ESPECIALISTAS CERTIFICADOS DEL MÉTODO DE PLANIFICACIÓN NATURAL DE LA FAMILIA

Paul and Alexandra McLaughlin - 354-2771

SI SE ENCUENTRA HOSPITALIZADO O NO PUEDE SALIR DE SU CASA

Por favor llamar a La Rectoría al 203-866-5546

ESCUELA DE RELIGIÓN

Coordinador para niños y adultos:
Dn. Steve Genovese 203-866-7429
Secretaria: Sue Genovese

ESCUELA CATÓLICA "ALL SAINTS"

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NUEVOS MIEMBROS – ¡BIENVENIDOS!

Por favor inscríbase en la Rectoría

INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE SOBRE EL USO DE SOBRES DE LA IGLESIA

El uso de los sobres, además de servir para sus donaciones, son también una forma de saber si usted está asistiendo a la iglesia. Cada 6 meses revisamos las listas y si usted no ha hecho uso de sus sobres, significa que está inactivo en la parroquia. Si desea mantenerse activo, llame a la Oficina de Educación Religiosa al 203-866-7429 ext. 111 para reincorporarlo a nuestra lista. Es importante ser miembro activo para solicitar cartas de elegibilidad para apadrinar, para solicitar una carta de referencia, etc. Recuerde que la única forma de comprobar que está asistiendo a Misa todos los domingos es por medio de los sobres. Gracias por su colaboración.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

St. Mary Church warmly welcomes registered parishioners and Catholics who live within the parish territory to have their children baptized.

We ask parents to contact the parish office during pregnancy. Baptism is celebrated in English, Spanish and Latin

For Baptism in English and Spanish please contact the rectory at 203-866-5546.

GODPARENTS/SPONSORS

Please contact the parish office in order to be a Godparent or Sponsor. One needs to have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion; be a registered member of a Catholic Church, and attending weekly Mass. If married, or living as such, the person must be married according to the laws of the Catholic Church.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples who come to receive this Sacrament should be attending weekly Mass, and living in separate residences. Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance, and dates cannot be reserved until they have first met with the priest or deacon.

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SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Please call the Parish Office if a member of your family is sick

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Please call the Parish Office at 203-866-5546

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Coordinator: Dn. Steve Genovese
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203-866-7429
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203- 847-3881 Mrs. Linda Dunn, Principal

NEW PARISHIONERS – WELCOME !

Please register at the Parish Office

Registered Parishioners & Envelopes

If you have not used your envelopes for the last six months, you are in inactive status. If you would like to stay an active parishioner, but are not receiving envelopes, please contact Sue Genovese in the Religious Education office. Call @ (203) 866-7429 ext. 111 or visit the office after the Masses on Sunday.

In order to obtain a Sponsorship Certificate from the pastor you need to be an active member of the Church, and have all your sacraments. Remember that if the pastor does not know you, the only way to prove you attend Mass each week, is to use your envelopes. Thank you for your help.

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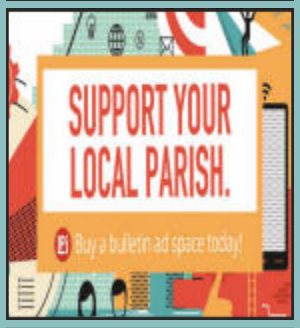

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