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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday/ Sábado, Oct. 19, 5:00 pm**

† **Mary Lou Ross 4th Anniv.**

**R/B Bob & Joan Kenefick**

**Sunday/Domingo, Oct. 20,**

**9:00 am Mass (English):**

**12:00 pm Mass (Spanish):**

† **Melquiades Quiñones, 23th Anniv.,**

**R/B Wife and Family**

**Monday/Lunes, Oct. 21, NO MASS**

**Tuesday/Martes, Oct. 22, 5:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday/Miércoles, Oct. 23, 5:00pm**

**Thursday/ Jueves, Oct. 24, 5:00 pm**

**Friday/Viernes, Oct. 25, NO MASS**

**Saturday/ Sábado Oct. 26, 5:00 pm**

† **Louis V. Annino, R/B Family**

† **John D'Antonio, R/B Family**

**Sunday/Domingo, Oct. 27,**

**9:00 am Mass (English):**

**12:00 pm Mass (Spanish):**

**Aida Clarisa Pérez, Porla Salud, R/B  
Familia**

**Second Collection: Fuel**



### 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Render a just decision for me against my adversary.”* Today’s Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? *“Because the widow keeps bothering me.”* Jesus’ recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We’ve all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something “fair,” which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in *our* image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will *“secure the rights of his chosen ones.”* Sometimes, He may well seem *“slow to answer them.”*

In the face of these very real questions, it’s important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God’s thoughts *“are not [our] thoughts.”* His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God’s better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to *“faith on earth.”*



### COMPARTIENDO LA PALABRA

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, el evangelio de este domingo termina diciendo: “ cuando venga el hijo del hombre, encontrará fe en la tierra?”... y esta respuesta la puedes personalizar y respondértela a ti mismo.

La fe es un don y una tarea, se nos ha dado a través del bautismo, es un regalo de Dios; pero ql igual que una plantita, hay que cuidar, regar y alimentar esta semilla de la fe.

En el evangelio del domingo antepasado se nos decía, que si tuviéramos fe como un granito de mostaza, podríamos hacer grandes cosas.

La fe se vive y se celebra, es contacto con Dios y con los hermanos. Si Jesús viniera hoy, encontraría tu corazón henchido de fe?

Te invito a alimentar esa semilla de la fe con: la oración diaria, la eucaristía, el sacramento de la reconciliación, la lectura asidua de la Palabra de Dios, con las buenas obras, con el amor y la compasión hacia los hermanos; de esta manera tu fe se incrementara cada día y será contagiosa y alcanzaras lo que tu corazón necesita.

Dios te bendiga.

Ed & Anamarie Cook



Noviembre 16 será la Feria De Los Angeles, los hispanos estaremos responsables de la cocina, de preparar y vender la comida; necesitamos manos generosas.



**RECUERDE ORAR POR:**

Rick Csuhta, Jack Romegiali, Norma Ramirez, Faith LeBoeuf, Edward James Rosado, Carmelita Rivera, Frank & Sandy Magnoli, Tatiana Johnson, Ron Sirles, , Collen Watrous, Guaroa Peralta, David Monte, Allyson Matteo, Mary Birdsey, Dorothy Kunze, Jack Conklin, David Lachance, Lois Lerette, Lois Smith, Wilma Atanasoff and John Czuba, Mike Mandaville, Daniel Coyle, Howard Lamica

**ATTENDANCE Oct. 12/13/2019**

Sat. 5:00 pm = 75  
 Sun. 9:00a.m = 66  
 Sun. 12:00 p.m. = 160  
**TOTAL = 301**

**Cereal Donations- 101 lbs****Ofrenda Semanal**

Weekly offertory  
 10/12/13/19 = \$ 3,684.00  
 YTD. '19- '20: \$ 55,054.35

Weekly offertory  
 10/13/14/18= \$ 3,712.00  
 YTD. 2018-2019: \$ 52,365.77

**Hinka's:**

Our pantry will be open October 24th from 1 to 4 p.m.  
 If anyone is interested in volunteering that day, please contact Nettie at 860-301-5035.

Does anyone have access to plastic or paper bags? We can use some to bag our produce.

**Hinka's:**

Nuestra despensa estará abierta el 24 de octubre de 1 a 4 p.m. Si alguien está interesado en ser voluntario ese día, comuníquese con Nettie al 860-301-5035. ¿Alguien tiene acceso a bolsas de plástico o papel? Podemos usar algunas para empacar nuestros productos.

**Confirmation Enrollment**

**Confirmation enrollment** will continue until Thursday, Oct. 24th. **Classes** will begin Oct. 26th from 5-7:30 pm. For more information please contact: Deacon Octavio Flores or Iolani Peterson at 860-462-0306 or iolanipeterson@gmail.com

**Sacramento de Confirmación**

**(Para jóvenes de 14 años en Adelante)**  
**Las inscripciones continuarán hasta el jueves 24 de Oct. El catesismo se ofrecera cada tercer domingo del mes comenzando el día 26 de Octubre de 5:00 PM-7:30 PM. Para más información comuníquese con Dácono Octavio Flores ó Iolani Peterson: 860-464-0306 or iolanipeterson@gmail.com**

**REMINDERS****HOLIDAY BUS TRIP****"IT HAPPENED ONE CHRISTMAS EVE"**

(Seats still available for the **Thursday, December 12** bus trip to the Westchester Broadway Theatre. Cost; \$117; **\$25 deposit due now**, final \$92 payment due by November 4, 2019.)

**PUERTO VALLARTA FUNDRAISER**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2019**  
**11:00 AM - 10:30 PM**

**SPEAKER ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019**  
**6:30 P.M. - FOX PARISH CENTER**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2019**  
**6:30 P.M. - FOX PARISH CENTER**

**COFFEE SOCIAL**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019**  
**10 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. - FOX PARISH CTR.**

**ANGEL FAIR**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019**  
**9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**  
**AT FOX PARISH CENTER**



**On Nov. 3rd** after the noon mass during the Coffee Social, the Hispanic Committee will be selling hamburgers. Join us for a wonderful afternoon of yummy food and fellowship!

**El 3 de noviembre** después de la misa del mediodía durante el Café Social, el Comité Hispano venderá hamburguesas. ¡Únase a nosotros para una tarde maravillosa .



**A Flood Of Ideas: A Symposium on Noah, the Great Flood, and Climate Change - November 3**

Join the Federation for Jewish Philanthropy and the Congregation for Humanistic Judaism of Fairfield County on Sunday, November 3 from 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm for a symposium that examines climate change through the lens of the Noah story.

This enlightening and provocative program, featuring interfaith clergy and esteemed scientists, will illuminate the commonalities and contrasts of the Noah story in various faith traditions and consider the evidence for a Biblical flood, the factors affecting whether such a great flood is possible in the future, and what we can do to prevent it from happening. Explore our common stories, our common challenges, and our common responsibilities.

**Moderated by:** Rev. Stephanie M. Johnson, Rector and Eco-Minister, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Riverside, CT and David Weisberg, CEO, Federation for Jewish Philanthropy

**Scheduled Panelists include:**

Imam Gazmend Aga, Albanian American Muslim Community  
 A. Karim Ahmed, Ph.D., National Council for Science and the Environment  
 Father Anthony Ciorra, Sacred Heart University  
 Rabbi Marcelo Kormis, Congregation Beth El Fairfield  
 William B. F. Ryan, Ph.D., Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University  
 Mary Evelyn Tucker, Ph.D., Forum on Religion and Ecology, Yale University  
 Space is limited. To reserve your seats, visit [shalomct.org/noah](http://shalomct.org/noah)

**Location:** Sacred Heart University, East Building Auditorium  
 West Campus, 3135 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield

**Una inundación de ideas: un simposio sobre Noé, la gran inundación y el cambio climático - 3 de noviembre**

Únase a la Federación para la Filantropía Judía y la Congregación para el Judíasmo Humanista del Condado de Fairfield el domingo 3 de noviembre de 3:30 pm a 6:30 pm para un simposio que examina el cambio climático a través del lente de la historia de Noah. Este programa esclarecedor y provocativo, con clérigos interreligiosos y científicos estimados, iluminará los puntos en común y los contrastes de la historia de Noé en varias tradiciones religiosas y considerará la evidencia de una inundación bíblica, los factores que afectan si una inundación tan grande es posible en el futuro, y qué podemos hacer para evitar que suceda. Explore nuestras historias comunes, nuestros desafíos comunes y nuestras responsabilidades comunes. Moderado por: Rev. Stephanie M. Johnson, Rectora y Ecoministra, Iglesia Episcopal de San Pablo, Riverside, CT y David Weisberg, CEO, Federación para la Filantropía Judía Los panelistas programados incluyen: Imam Gazmend Aga, comunidad musulmana albanesa-estadounidense A. Karim Ahmed, Ph.D., Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Medio Ambiente Padre Anthony Ciorra, Universidad del Sagrado Corazón Rabino Marcelo Kormis, Congregación Beth El Fairfield William B. F. Ryan, Ph.D., Observatorio de la Tierra Lamont-Doherty, Universidad de Columbia Mary Evelyn Tucker, Ph.D., Foro sobre Religión y Ecología, Universidad de Yale El espacio es limitado. Para reservar sus asientos, visite [shalomct.org/noah](http://shalomct.org/noah) Lugar: Universidad del Sagrado Corazón, Auditorio del Edificio Este West Campus, 3135 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield



**DEFENDAMOS LA VIDA, UNAMONOS A LA CAMPAÑA PRO-LIFE.**

**El jueves 24 de Octubre a las 3pm la Iglesia hará presencia orando el rosario por el cese del aborto. Te esperamos.**



**WE DEFEND LIFE, JOIN THE PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN.**

On Thursday, October 24 at 3pm the Church will be present praying the rosary for the cessation of abortion. We look forward to seeing you.

**Desde la dirección del Apostolado Hispano se invita a participar en los talleres para padres activos. Todos son bienvenidos. Las fechas son:**

**Octubre 27 y Noviembre 3,10,24 a las 10:30 am. Los temas que se tratarán serán de mucha ayuda para los padres en la educación de sus hijos.**

From the direction of the Hispanic Apostolate you are invited to participate in workshops for active parents. Everyone is welcome.

The dates are: October 27 and November 3,10,24 at 10:30 am. The topics that will be discussed will be very helpful for parents in the education of their children.

**PROXIMAS ACTIVIDADES. APROVECHALAS Y PARTICIPA**

[A partir del mes de octubre, todos los lunes a las 7pm, estaremos llevando la Palabra de Dios a tu casa. Si quieres ofrecer tu casa para orar la Palabra, déjalo saber a Sr. Gloria.](#)

P Los segundos jueves de cada mes todos los retiristas de Juan XXIII están invitados a reunirse a las 7pm. No dejes que esa experiencia se olvide, ven y renovémosla juntos.

⇒PEREGRINACION DE LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA. Nos vamos a Roma!!! Si estas interesado en participar en la Peregrinación a Italia, visitando varios lugares entre ellos Roma del 22 de junio al 2 de julio de 2020 \$ 3350 pide información con Sr. Gloria

RECUERDA: Si eres adulto y aun no has recibido los sacramentos, ven y prepárate y forma parte de nuestra comunidad de San Francisco.



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