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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Contribution

Collection for April 17th – \$4,228.08

Your faithful stewardship helps us meet our Fiscal needs.

“His Mercy Endures Forever - Psalm 136

“We are called upon to focus on the heart to see how much generosity everyone is capable of.”

Pope Francis

The Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) helps all of us fulfill Christ's mission here on earth by supporting those programs and services that cannot be accomplished by one parish alone. **Paid so far \$7,402.00 with 52 families.**

Please help us reach our goal of \$25,000.00 with your participation.

PRAY FOR/Ruega Por Ellos:

Rogelio Calvillo, Liz Fernandez Strickland, Ignacio Damian Sr, Eddie Virgil, Gabriel Gallegos, Will Windham, Melissa Garcia, Angelica Silva, Edward Coufal, Maria Cerda, Gary W. Callaway, Mary Valdez, Joyce Hargrove, Tim Kolafa, Joan Horr, Leon Quintanilla, Chano Lopez, Margie Perry, Linda Melnar, Bill Schultz, Alvin Blanchard, Francis Emily Cyr, Roy Martinez, Justin Salazar, Sherrie James, Craig Cameron, Jennifer Hermosillo, Lou Roberts, Bridgett West, Robert Gonzales, Jesse Chavez Sr., Josephina Chavez, Marcia Meeks, Leong Mendoza, Joe Tyner, Margaret Martinez, Chris Martinez, Alberto Garcia Sr, Graciela Garcia, Dolly Gallardo, Levi Damian, Nadia Mendoza, Lupe Mendoza, Noberto Gonzales, Elena Nieto, Emilo, Helen Montiel.

And for all those whose names that have not been made known to us.

Altar Wine

You may sponsor the Altar wine for one month at \$75 in memory of or in honor of a family member or members. If anyone is interested in sponsoring, please call the parish office at 979-233-5271.

April – In loving memory +Felipe Garcia and +Fernando Salinas requested by Margaret Garcia and Family

Sponsor of the Week

[Juliet's Boutique]

Scripture Readings for the Week

Lecturas de la Semana

Mass Intentions

April 25 – May 1



1 Peter 5:5b - 14 Mark 16:15-20
NO MASS

Monday/Lunes

Acts 14:19-28 John 14:27-31a
8:30 am – +Deacon Alan Neff requested by his wife Dolly and children

Tuesday/Martes

Acts 15:1-6 John 15:1-8
6:30 pm – **NO MASS INTENTION**

Wednesday/Miercoles

Acts 15:7-21 John 15:9-11
6:15 pm – **NO MASS INTENTION**

Thursday/Jueves

Acts 15:22-31 John 15:12-17
8:30 am – **NO MASS INTENTION**

Friday/Viernes

Acts 16:1-10 John 15:18-21
5:30 pm – +Michael White Sr. requested by Mrs. John Girouard

Saturday/Sabado

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 John 14:23-29
9:00 a.m. – +Deacon Alan Neff requested by his wife Dolly and children
11:00 a.m. – +Gizelle Marie Garcia requested by parents and family
5:00 p.m. – **NO MASS INTENTION**

Sunday/Domingo

**Preparing to Celebrate the Sacraments
Preparativos para celebrar los Sacramentos**

Sacrament of Confirmation

Anyone interested in celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation (9th grade and above) please call the Faith Formation office, 233-5271.

Sacramento de la Confirmación

Cualquier persona interesada en la celebración del sacramento de la Confirmación (novenno grado en adelante) por favor llame a la oficina de Formación de Fe, 233-5271.

1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist

Anyone interested in celebrating Reconciliation or Eucharist for the first time, please contact the Faith Formation office at 233-5271.

Primera Reconciliación y la primera Eucaristía

Cualquier persona interesados en la celebración de la Reconciliación o la Eucaristía por primera vez, favor de contactar la oficina de Formación de la Fe al 233-5271.

Baptism Preparation

Through Infant Baptism, parents “transmit to their children their faith and the grace of the Sacraments which allow them to enter the people of God, the Church” (Pope Francis).

Parents wanting to have their children baptized must come by the parish office to register their child, attend preparatory classes and follow our policy for celebrating the Sacrament. The next sets of classes will be May 9th and 12th, 2016.

Preparación Para Bautismo

Por medio del Bautismo de Niños, los Padres “trasmiten a sus hijos su fe y la gracia del Sacramento que les permite entrar, formar parte del pueblo de Dios, la Iglesia” (Papa Francisco).

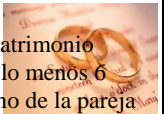
Los Padres que quieran que sus niños sean bautizados, deberán venir a la oficina a registrar a su niño y asistir a las clases de preparación y seguir el reglamento para la celebración del sacramento. Las próximas clases serán el 7 de Mayo de 2016.

Sacrament of Marriage

A couple desiring to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage must contact the Pastor or Deacon at least 6 months before their desired wedding date. At least one of the couple must be an active member of the Parish and a practicing Catholic. Please call the parish office to reserve the date.

Sacramento de Matrimonio

Las parejas que desean celebrar el sacramento de matrimonio necesitan comunicarse con el Pastor o Diácono por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de casarse. Por lo menos uno de la pareja debe ser miembro de la parroquia y estar viviendo la fe católica. Favor de llamar la oficina para reservar la fecha de su boda.



Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the Parish Office if you or a loved one is in the hospital or homebound and desire to receive the Sacrament.

Sacramento de los Enfermos

Por favor llame a la oficina si usted o algún ser querido está en el hospital o confinado en casa y desea recibir el sacramento.



Rite of Christian Initiation

Anyone interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church or interested in becoming a Catholic, please call the Parish office. Anyone interested in sponsoring someone, please call the office at 233-5271.

Rito de la Iniciación Cristiana

Cualquiera que esté interesado en saber más acerca de la Iglesia Católica o interesado en convertirse en un católica, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial. Cualquier persona interesada en patrocinar a alguien, por favor llame a la oficina al 233-5271.

Deadline: to publish information in the bulletin is 3:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997), founder of the Missionary Sisters of Charity
A Simple Path (©1995)

"As I have loved you, so you also should love one another"

I always say that love starts at home: family first, and then your own town or city. It is easy to love people who are far away but it is not always so easy to love those who live with us or right next to us. I do not agree with the big way of doing things-love needs to start with an individual. To get to love a person, you must contact that person, become close. Everyone needs love. All must know that they're wanted and that they are important to God.

Christ said, "Love one another as I have loved you." He also said, "Whatever you did to the least of my brethren, you did it to me," (Mt 25,40) so we love Him in the poor – and every human being in the world is poor in something or other. He said, "I was hungry and you fed me ... I was naked and you clothed me" (Mt 25,35). I always remind the Sisters and Brothers that our day is made up of twenty-four hours with Jesus.

Beata Teresa de Calcuta (1910-1997), fundadora de las Hermanas Misioneras de la Caridad
Un camino simple (A simple path)

"Amaos los unos a los otros, como yo os he amado."

Yo digo siempre que el amor comienza en la propia casa. Primero está vuestra familia, luego vuestra ciudad. Es fácil pretender amar a la gente que está muy lejos, pero mucho menos fácil, amar a los que conviven con nosotros muy estrechamente. Desconfío de los grandes proyectos impersonales, porque lo que cuenta realmente es cada persona. Para llegar a amar a alguien de verdad, uno se tiene que acercar de veras. Todo el mundo tiene necesidad de amor. Cada uno de nosotros necesita saber que significa algo para los demás y que tiene un valor inestimable a los ojos de Dios.

Cristo dijo: "Amaos los unos a los otros, como yo os he amado." (Jn 15,12) También ha dicho: "...cuando lo hicisteis con uno de estos mis hermanos más pequeños, conmigo lo hicisteis." (Mt 25,40) Amamos a Cristo en cada pobre, y cada ser humano en el mundo es pobre en algún aspecto. Dijo: "Tuve hambre, y me disteis de comer... estaba desnudo y me vestisteis." (Mt 25,35) Siempre recuerdo a mis hermanas y a nuestros hermanos que nuestra jornada está hecha de veinticuatro horas con Jesús.

Youth Confirmation Session

**May 1, 2016 - HW
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

FIRST COMMUNION/PRIMERA COMMUNION

A group of our young children will be celebrating their 1st Communion on April 30th with a 10:30 am Mass.

Un grupo de nuestros niños estara celebrando su Primera Communion el 30 de Abril en una misa a las 10:30 am.

Quinceñeara Help/Ayuda

St. Mary's needs someone to help with Quinceñeara practices and to be there the day of the event. The office will take care of all paperwork.

Santa María necesita de alguien que ayude con las prácticas de quinceañeras y estar presente el día del evento. La oficina se ocupara del papeleo.

Steubenville Trip/Viaje de Steubenville

Any youth going to Steubenville on June 24 – 26 needs to make payments toward the remainder of their balance. Deadline for full payment due by May 31,2016.

Atodos los Jovenes inscritos para el viaje a Steubenville en Junio 24-26 se require sigan pagando para liquidar su balance. Fecha final para pagar en su totalidad es el 31 de Mayo 2016.



GRADUATION MASS/ MISA DE GRADUACION

All our Graduating Seniors from our Area High Schools are invited to the 5:00 pm Mass on May 1st. A special dinner for the seniors and their immediate families will follow in the Parish hall. You must call the Parish office (233-5271) by April 25th if you and your family will be attending.

A todos los Jovenes de la Comunidad que estan para graduarse se les hace la cordial invitacion a una Misa celebrada el 1ro de Mayo alas 5:00pm terminando la misa se hara una cena en el Salon Parroquial en honor alos graduados y su familia. Llame ala oficina de la parroquia para hacer reservacion al 979-233-5271.

St. Anthony's Bazaar

St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Danbury, will be having their Annual Picnic – Bazaar, Sunday, May 1, 2016 at Skrabanek Park in Danbury. BBQ Brisket/Sausage for \$10/plate starting at 11:30 am until 2:00 pm. Live & Silent Auction, Raffle, games and prizes. Bring the family and enjoy the day. Everyone welcome!!

This Week in the Our Parish

April 25:
NO MASS
April 26:
8:30 a.m. – English Mass
9:30 am - LOM – (English) – HW Classroom #5
5:00 pm – LOM (Spanish) - HW#5
7:00 pm – Spanish Choir Practice – (C)
8 pm - Alcohol Anonymous Meeting – Rms. #9 & #10
April 27:
5:30 – 7:00 pm – Faith Formation – PK – 5th – RE Building/HW
5:45 – 6:15 pm - Confessions
6:00 pm – Peace Rosary – (C)
6:30 pm - English Mass
7:00 pm – Core Meeting – HW
April 28:
9:00 am – 6:00 pm – Adoration
6:00 pm - Benediction
6:15 pm – Spanish Mass
8 pm - Alcohol Anonymous Meeting – Rms. #9 & #10
5:00 pm – Quinceñeara Rehearsal
7:00 pm – KC Meeting – KC Hall
April 29:
8:30 am – English Mass
3:00 – 4:00 pm – Divine Mercy
5:30 pm – 1st Communion Practice
April 30:
10:30 am – 1st Communion Mass/Reception
2:00 pm – Quinceñeara – (C)
4:00 - 5:00 pm – Confessions – (C)
4:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal – (Som)
5:30 pm – English Mass
May 1:
9:00 am – English Mass
11:00 am – Spanish Mass
5:00 pm – English Mass
2:00 pm – Confirmation Session

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

April 30, 5:30 P.M – English Mass
Acolyte: Richard Moreno
Altar Servers: Cristine & Maria Chavez
Lectors: Jimmy Mikes, Steve Melaragno
EM's: Connie Melaragno, Delores Rodriguez
May 1, 9:00 A.M – English Mass
Acolyte: Chris Thompson
Altar Servers: Matthew Castillo, Sergio Garcia
Lectors: Johanna Blanchard, Arturo Moreno
EM's: Nieves Olguin, Carmen Olguin
May 1, 11:00 A.M – Spanish Mass
Acolyte: Chris Thompson
Altar Servers: Diane Torres, Jasmin Conejo, Stephany Reyes
Lectors: Lucy Salazar, Elizabeth Heredia
EM's: Patricia Ramirez, Leobardo Ramirez
May 1, 5:00 P.M – English Mass
Altar Servers: Pedro & Rito Carrizales
Lectors: Martha Iracheta, Marianna Caro
EM's: Yolanda Garcia, Luis Cruz, Steve Melaragno

ALTAR DUTY

April 15 – 30 – Ramona Ayala, Rebeca Moreno



St. Mary's Annual Parish Festival
Sat. May 21 – FREE Dance
Food & Drinks available
Sun. May 22 – 10:00 am Mass
Followed by Meal and Festivities
Freeport Municipal Park

Our Bazaar is right around the corner. We need all parishioners to help by giving monetary donations, live and silent auction items, name brand canned drinks, 2 liter drinks and bottled water.

We are selling T-shirts for \$15. Need payment before ordering. Please come to the office to order.

We are also in need of plants for our plant booth, someone that is interested in making hamburgers for our hamburger booth and someone to organize the children's game booths.

Our raffle tickets have also arrived. Please come by the office to pick some up and start selling them. We need everyone's help to make this a successful fundraiser.

Please call the parish office for more information.

**St. Mary: Star of the Sea's
90th Anniversary on
August 13th and 14th, 2016**

Many thanks to our parishioners who donated \$1,500.00. There is still time if you would like to donate to make this a fun event for our whole parish.

Thanks to all that had their picture taken for the directory. The photographer is coming back in May. If you would like to have your picture added to the directory, call the office.

Muchas gracias a nuestros feligreses que donaron \$ 1,500.00. Todavía hay tiempo si desea hacer una donación para hacer de este un evento divertido para toda la parroquia.

Gracias a todos los que tenían tomarse una foto para el directorio. El fotógrafo va a volver en mayo. Si desea tener su foto añada al directorio, llame a la oficina.