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**Rev. Christopher J. Perrella, Parochial Vicar**

**Rev. Miguel A. Bernal, Priest in Residence**

**Deacon Renato Berzolla**

**Deacon Robert Henrey, Retired**

**Deacon John Linsenmeyer**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday

**7:30 AM – Mass, St. Catherine’s Church**

**9:00 AM – Family Mass, St. Catherine’s Church**

**10:30 AM – Traditional Mass, St. Catherine’s Church**

**5:00 PM – Teen Mass, St. Catherine’s Church**

### **MASSES IN OTHER LANGUAGES**

#### St. Catherine’s Church

**6:30 PM – Spanish Mass**

#### St. Agnes Chapel

**11:00 AM – Italian Mass - 3rd Sunday of the month**

### Saturday

**3:00 — 4:00 PM – Confessions at St. Catherine’s Church**

*(Specific dates confirmed weekly in bulletin.)*

**5:00 PM – Vigil Mass, St. Catherine’s Church**

### Daily

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**

**7:00 AM – Daily Mass, St. Catherine’s Church**

**5:15 PM – Daily Mass, St. Agnes Chapel**

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Wednesdays – 8:30 AM — 4:00 PM,**

St. Catherine’s Church

### Rosary

**Tuesdays – 6:00 PM, St. Agnes Chapel**

All Masses at  
St. Catherine of Siena  
Church are livestreamed.

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Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Saturday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Please call the Parish Office to schedule dates for  
**Baptisms, Weddings** and **Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
(1st Saturday of every month or by appointment)

### This week's READINGS

**Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36 or, for the Optional Memorial, Gn  
1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

## Mass Intentions & Celebrants Schedule

### Saturday, April 26

3:00 – 4:00 PM Confessions  
Celebrant: Fr. Miguel A. Bernal  
5:00 PM Intention: Thomas McAtee  
Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher

### Sunday, April 27

7:30 AM Intention: Rose Marie & Dominique Semexant  
Celebrant: Fr. Miguel A. Bernal  
9:00 AM Intention: Thomas Smeriglio  
Celebrant: Fr. Michael A. Boccaccio  
10:30 AM Intention: Filomena & William Morelli, Luigi Miliacca  
Celebrant: Fr. Michael A. Boccaccio  
5:00 PM Intention: Dragen Lesko  
Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher  
6:30 PM Intention: Eileen Algarin  
Celebrant: Fr. Miguel A. Bernal

### Monday, April 28

7:00 AM Intention: J. L. F. Perez (living)  
5:15 PM Intention: Mary K. Gagliardi

### Tuesday, April 29

7:00 AM Intention: Sharron Castronovo Restivo  
5:15 PM Intention: Mary K. Gagliardi

### Wednesday April 30

6:00 PM Intention: Pope Francis

### Thursday, May 1

7:00 AM Intention: Patrick Begley  
5:15 PM Intention: Emily Fedorko

### Friday, May 2

7:00 AM Intention: Jolana Novotna  
5:15 PM Intention: Gilberto Marquez

### Saturday, May 3

3:00 – 4:00 PM Confessions  
Celebrant: Fr. Miguel A. Bernal  
5:00 PM Intention: Thomas Pearson McAtee  
Celebrant: Fr. Christopher J. Perrella

### Sunday, May 4

7:30 AM Intention: Dom & Angie Corsaro  
Celebrant: Fr. Miguel A. Bernal  
9:00 AM Intention: Gerald Kearney  
Celebrant: Fr. Christopher J. Perrella  
10:30 AM Intention: Patricia McGoldrick  
Celebrant: Msgr. Alan F. Detscher  
5:00 PM Intention: Rose Marie & Dominique Semexant  
Celebrant: Msgr. Laurence R. Bronkiewicz  
6:30 PM Intention: Euctinia Umana  
Celebrant: Fr. Miguel A. Bernal

\*Schedule subject to change

## PARISH NEWS

*Please pray for the sick members of our Parish, especially for:*



**Scion Estrella Wilmar Acevedo Joan Bartilucci Claudia Bouchard John Hickey**  
**Loretta DiMaio Bonnie Elezaby Barbara Weltz Jay Bartomioli Tom Maignet**  
**Faustino Garcia Morales Vinnie Yax Leslie Nash Olga Iacobazzo Lorraine Mallen**  
**Cecilia Maravilla John Colford Catherine Colangelo Deacon Eduardo Rodrigues**

### PARISH SUPPORT



*Thank you for supporting your Parish.*

**Sunday April 20, 2025:** \$38,470

**Online Giving for the week:** \$11,750

**Total Offertory:** \$50,0220

**Last Year Easter Sunday:** \$31,998

1.) If you prefer to make you donations online, please consider using one of the following: Online Giving (OLG) allows you to make your Sunday Offertory and all other donations by credit card or bank check. Visit [www.stc-sta.org/stewardship/online-giving](http://www.stc-sta.org/stewardship/online-giving)

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3) Scan our QR code:



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We're introducing a convenient way to give right from your seat. Use the QR code on the card in your pew to make a secure donation to our church. Your generosity helps us continue our mission of faith, service, and community outreach.

*Thank you for being part of our ministry!*



St. Catherine of Siena  
& St. Agnes Parish

**2025 BISHOP'S APPEAL AS OF 4/11/25**

<b>Bishop's Appeal Goal:</b>	<b>\$278,000</b>
<b>Total Pledged:</b>	<b>\$91,853 (33%)</b>
<b>Donors to Date:</b>	<b>117 Donors</b>



TO MAKE A GIFT, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
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(203) 416-1470 OR SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE.



#### HEY PARISHIONERS:

WE'VE HAD A FEW ITEMS - ESPECIALLY  
PRESCRIPTION GLASSES - GO MISSING DURING  
MASS LATELY. IF YOU COME ACROSS ANYTHING  
THAT'S BEEN LEFT BEHIND, PLEASE DROP IT OFF  
AT THE LOST & FOUND. THANKS FOR LOOKING  
OUT FOR EACH OTHER!



# Faith in Our Community



Weekly Food and Essentials collection, every Tuesday morning, 9-11am in the parking area next to the O'Malley Center to drop off your donations.

[www.ntngreenwich.org](http://www.ntngreenwich.org)

Or leave in vestibule at your convenience.

Thank you.



## REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Pope Francis

17 December, 1936 - 21 April, 2025



*"Love is our mission."*

A memorial Mass for Pope Francis will be offered on Wednesday, April 30 at 6pm in St. Catherine Church. Please come join our Parish community to pray for the repose of the soul of our late Holy Father.

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, who in Your wondrous providence chose Your servant Pope Francis to preside over Your Church, we give You most hearty thanks for the years of his faithful service.

We pray that, after having served as the Vicar of Your Son on Earth, he may be received by Your Son into eternal glory.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The Parish of ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA & ST. AGNES  
St. Catherine-St. Agnes Friends of Music

Invite You to  
Music  
in the Spring

SUNDAY MAY 4, 2:30PM — AN HOUR OF JAZZ  
RON PETRIDES JAZZ GUITAR QUARTET PERFORMS  
STANDARDS AND ORIGINAL COMPOSITIONS BY PETRIDE:

SUNDAY JUNE 1, 2:30PM — SPOTLIGHT:  
COMPOSER-IN-RESIDENCE ALEXANDER DMITRIEV  
CHAMBER AND CHORAL MUSIC BY A. DMITRIEV AND  
A. BORZOVA, WITH TRADITIONAL CHOIR AND  
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Easter Vigil of catechumens being baptized, confirmed & received into the Catholic Church.

*Newly Baptized:* Paige Loss, Christopher Volmer, Andrew Stern

*Adult Catholics Confirmed:* Pedro Mendez, Joe Cecio, Justin Meerbergen, Luca Corsano

*Received into the Catholic Church:* Will Conrad, Mary Elizabeth Palazzo



## PARISH NEWS

**Social Seniors at St. Catherine's** is now inviting you to join us on trip two and three. You do not have to be a senior just someone who likes to have fun.

The second trip is **Thursday, May 15th** to the **Aqua Turf club in Plantsville, CT** for a tribute to ABBA Band. This luncheon is served Family style and includes Garden Salad, Pasta, Chicken Cacciatore and Baked Scrod with Crumb Topping, Vegetable, Potato, Rolls, Desert, Coffee or Tea. The cost is \$145 per person.

The 3rd trip this year is **Wednesday, June 25th** to **Amarant's Sea Cliff in New Haven**. It is a family owned venue that has been in business for 60 years. The beautiful waterfront property has a private deck and ballroom overlooking the cove and is known for outstanding hospitality and good food. Welcome station upon arrival consist of Assorted Cheese, Sliced Pepperoni, Vegetable Crudite and dip. The dinner is a choice of Chicken Marsala OR Baked Stuffed Shrimp. The cost of this trip is \$125. Per person.

All our trips include round trip bus transportation from St. Catherine's and St. Agnes. If interested call **Carol Weigold** at **203-820-7876**. Please do not wait to call as they fill up fast. Both these trips are already half full.

### Future trips for the remaining year are as follows:

- Wednesday, July 23rd "Spirit of New York Buffet Lunch Cruise in New York
- Tuesday, August 19th "Carole's Kings at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville, CT
- October 1 – 2 Overnight to Amish country to see NOAH at Sight & Sound Theater as well as Wind Creek Casino the first day.
- Wednesday, October 15th La Bella Vista in Waterbury to see the "Corvettes" Doo Wop Revue.



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

**"Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said: 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. And bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.' Thomas answered and said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' ... 'Blessed are those who have not seen but believed.'"**

Is there a Thomas in me? Does my faith allow me to celebrate the most important fact that Jesus died, arose and lives? By His passion, death and resurrection, we too share in the newness of life. We reach out to Jesus as did Thomas. We unlock the doors of our unbelief and allow Him to touch us with His saving grace in a special way on this Divine Mercy Sunday. Touched by the Lord, we bring that gift to others. 'Jesus I trust in you.'



## This Week on Formed Week of April 27, 2025



### The Boy from Milan

You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.



### The Wild Goose

In this Easter season, join Fr. Dave Pivonka in the Wild Goose, a 14-part series on living a life inspired by and with the Holy Spirit.



### Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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## COMMUNITY



# BINGO & BLOOMS

\$15 PER PERSON OR  
\$135 FOR A RESERVED TABLE OF 10  
10 GAMES | EXTRA CARDS AVAILABLE  
+ Raffle!! Cash prizes!!

**Tuesday May 20th from 5:30-8:30 p.m.**

@ the Lucey Parish Hall @ St. Catherine's/S.t Agnes Church  
4 Riverside Ave.

Reservation required. Limited seats available.

Doors open at 5:30 and games begin at 6:30.

Bring dinner/snacks to enjoy with friends before we begin!



“THE ST CATHERINE OF SIENA AND ST AGNES CARNIVAL OF FUN NEEDS TO BE CANCELLED THIS YEAR. WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO BOTH MAINTAIN AND RECRUIT A VOLUNTEER BASE THAT WOULD MAKE IT FEASIBLE TO HOST THE EVENT IN 2025. WHEN FR PLATT RETURNS FROM SABBATICAL, HE WILL ASSESS THE CARNIVAL'S VIABILITY FOR 2026. HIS HOPE IS THAT THIS BELOVED COMMUNITY EVENT, WITH AN ADEQUATE VOLUNTEER BASE, MIGHT RETURN.”



**St. Catherine's  
Support Circle**

## **What Do You Need to Change to Land Your Dream Job?**

**A SCSC Zoom Meeting**

**Thursday, May 8th, 7:00 to 8:15 PM**

You are invited to an interactive discussion led by Sandy Scherzer Gross that brings to life the *Immunity to Change Theory* (Kegan & Lahey). She will help you overcome barriers to find new solutions in the pursuit of getting your new job. Sandy is a professional recruiter and executive coach and Founder/Managing Partner of Pinetum Partners.

*Join us and come prepared to ask questions in this interactive session!*

**RSVP Required:** To receive a link to attend the Zoom session, *please RSVP by Monday, May 5th* to the meeting chair, Michelle Bucaria at [michelle.bucaria@yahoo.com](mailto:michelle.bucaria@yahoo.com). You will receive a link the week of the meeting.

Visit the parish website: [www.stc-sta.org/community-life/st-catherine-s-support-circle](http://www.stc-sta.org/community-life/st-catherine-s-support-circle). If you have similar experience, and would be interested in joining your fellow professionals on the committee, please contact SCSC Chairman Bob Sloane at [rsloane0@gmail.com](mailto:rsloane0@gmail.com)



April 21, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with profound sorrow that I share with you news that most or all of you have already heard. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, died last night at the age of 88.

Pope Francis was a shepherd for our Church for over twelve years. He had a heart for the poor, the outcast, and the suffering. He constantly drew our attention to the mercy of God. He had a deep devotion to and love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, our mother. And as a beautiful gift to the world, he was able to celebrate Easter Sunday yesterday with us and speak to the world one last time before he died.

In his last public message, Pope Francis addressed the world with words of Easter hope:

“The resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our hope. For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion. Thanks to Christ—crucified and risen from the dead—hope does not disappoint! *Spes non confundit!* (Romans 5:5). That hope is not an evasion, but a challenge; it does not delude, but empowers us.

“All those who put their hope in God place their feeble hands in his strong and mighty hand; they let themselves be raised up and set out on a journey. Together with the risen Jesus, they become pilgrims of hope, witnesses of the victory of love.” (Urbi et Orbi message, April 20, 2025)

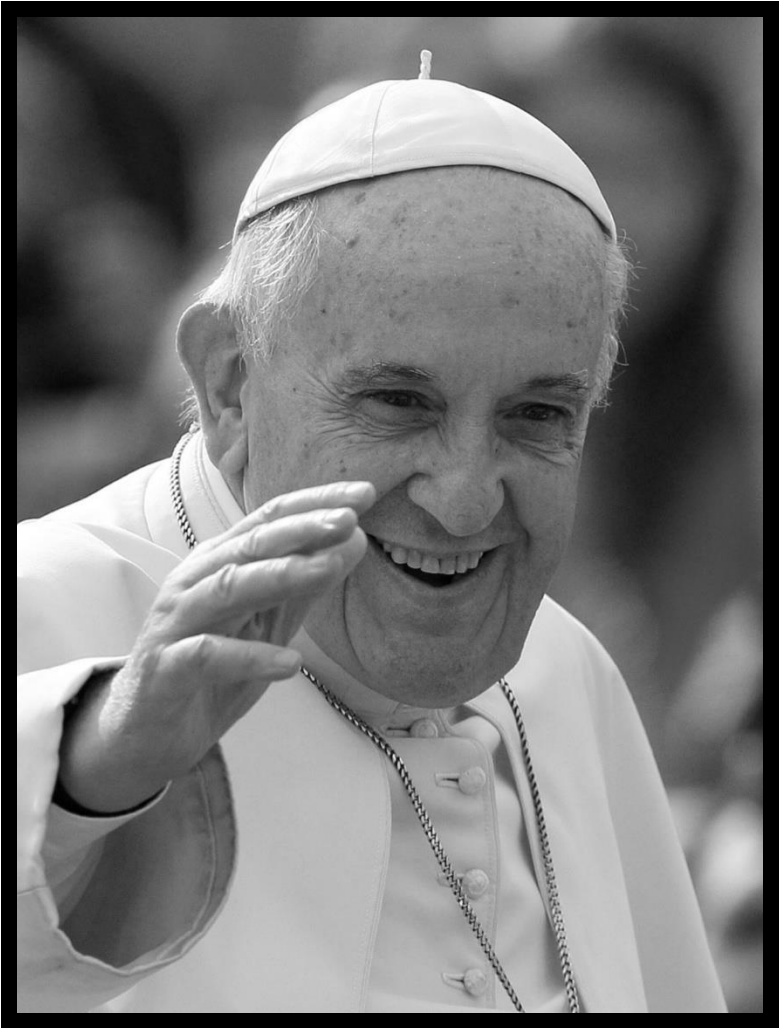
The death of the Pope is always an occasion of great sadness. We should not be afraid to grieve and mourn because the hope that Christ gives us through his resurrection allows us to enter into our very real reasons to feel broken hearted at the loss of someone we love. Grief and mourning are not pleasant, but they are important as part of the journey we go on in accepting the reality of death. Only by facing the terrible pain of loss can we then appreciate the surprising joy that comes with realizing that death is not the end for us. For those who die with faith in Christ, life is changed, not ended. The resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us a sure and certain hope that after death there is eternal life for those who follow Jesus with their hearts and lives.

In memory of Pope Francis, his portrait will be displayed in the sanctuary of Saint Catherine Church with a memorial candle beside it during this period of mourning.

I ask all of you to pray for the soul of Pope Francis. Though we have good reason for hope in eternal life, it is also important for us to pray for the souls of the dead. Pope Francis would want us to pray for him as he meets God in eternity. I encourage you to offer the rosary, the chaplet of Divine Mercy, and other prayers for the repose of his soul. Let us speed our Holy Father along to God with our love and our prayers.

May he rest in peace,

Fr. Christopher Perrella  
Parochial Vicar



**Novena  
in Memory of  
Pope Francis**

The entire Church mourns the death of our Holy Father, Pope Francis. In cathedrals, basilicas, parish churches, shrines, and chapels, the Holy Eucharist will be offered for the repose of his soul. Communities and individuals will ask God to bestow his infinite mercy on the man who served the Church as Bishop of Rome.

This novena has been prepared to help pray for the Pope during this time. The daily novena—lasting for the *novendiales* period as directed by the College of Cardinals—consists of a short reading from Scripture or some other ecclesiastical text and some brief prayers, including orations drawn from the *Roman Missal* and the *Order of Christian Funerals*.

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**First Day**  
*“You are Peter...”*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” (16:13-19)

*Pause for silent prayer.*

*Pray one* Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* Glory Be.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.  
— And let perpetual light shine upon him.

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,  
grant that your departed servant Pope Francis,  
whom you made successor of Peter  
and shepherd of your Church,  
may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven  
the mysteries of your grace and compassion,  
which he faithfully ministered on earth.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Second Day**  
*“Feed my Sheep...”*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” Simon Peter answered him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He then said to Simon Peter a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Simon Peter answered him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” Jesus said to him a third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.” (21:15-17)

*Pause for silent prayer.*

*Pray one* Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* Glory Be.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.  
— And let perpetual light shine upon him.

O God, immortal shepherd of souls,  
look on your people’s prayers  
and grant that your servant Pope Francis,  
who presided over your Church in charity,  
may, with the flock entrusted to his care,  
receive from your mercy  
the reward of a faithful steward.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Third Day**  
***Peter, the Unity of All the Church***

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A reading from a sermon by Saint Augustine

As you are aware, Jesus chose his disciples before his Passion and called them Apostles; and among these almost everywhere Peter alone deserved to represent the entire Church. And because of that role which he alone had, he merited to hear the words: *To you I shall give the keys of the Kingdom of heaven*. For it was not one man who received the keys, but the entire Church considered as one... Rightly then did the Lord after his Resurrection entrust Peter with the feeding of his sheep. Yet he was not the only disciple to merit the feeding of the Lord's sheep; but Christ in speaking only to one suggests the unity of all; and so he speaks to Peter, because Peter is first among the Apostles. (Sermo 295, nos. 2, 4)

*Pause for silent prayer.*

*Pray one* Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* Glory Be.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.  
— And let perpetual light shine upon him.

O God, who chose your servant Pope Francis  
from among your Priests  
and endowed him with pontifical dignity  
in the apostolic priesthood,  
grant, we pray,  
that he may also be admitted to their company for ever.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Fourth Day**  
*Authentic Teacher of the Faith*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A reading from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

The Roman Pontiff and the bishops are “authentic teachers, that is, teachers endowed with the authority of Christ, who preach the faith to the people entrusted to them, the faith to be believed and put into practice” (*Lumen gentium*, 25). The *ordinary* and universal *Magisterium* of the Pope and the bishops in communion with him teach the faithful the truth to believe, the charity to practice, the beatitude to hope for. (no. 2034)

*Pause for silent prayer.*

*Pray one* Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* Glory Be.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.  
— And let perpetual light shine upon him.

O God, who in your wondrous providence  
chose your servant Pope Francis to preside over your Church,  
grant, we pray,  
that, having served as the Vicar of your Son on earth,  
he may be welcomed by him into eternal glory.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**Fifth Day**  
***“Strengthen Your Brothers...”***

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said, “Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers.” Peter said to him, “Lord, I am prepared to go to prison and to die with you.” But Jesus replied, “I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.” (22:31-34)

*Pause for silent prayer.*

*Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.*

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.  
— And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Grant, we pray, O Lord,  
that the soul of Pope Francis, your servant and Priest,  
whom you honored with sacred office  
while he lived in this world,  
may exult for ever in the glorious home of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Sixth Day**  
*The Petrine Ministry of Mercy*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A reading from the Encyclical *Ut unum sint* by Pope Saint John Paul II

As the heir to the mission of Peter in the Church, which has been made fruitful by the blood of the Princes of the Apostles, the Bishop of Rome exercises a ministry originating in the manifold mercy of God... The authority proper to this ministry is completely at the service of God's merciful plan and it must always be seen in this perspective. Its power is explained from this perspective. Associating himself with Peter's threefold profession of love, which corresponds to the earlier threefold denial, his Successor knows that he must be a sign of mercy. His is a ministry of mercy, born of an act of Christ's own mercy... The Church of God is called by Christ to manifest to a world ensnared by its sins and evil designs that, despite everything, God in his mercy can convert hearts to unity and enable them to enter into communion with him. (nos. 92-93)

*Pause for silent prayer.*

*Pray one* Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* Glory Be.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

— And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that the soul of your departed servant Pope Francis,  
to whom you committed the care of your family,  
may, with the manifold fruit of his labors,  
enter into the eternal gladness of his Lord.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

**Seventh Day**  
*Peter: The First of the Apostles*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus summoned his Twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the Twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon the Cananean, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him. (10:1-4)

*Pause for silent prayer.*

*Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.*

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.  
— And let perpetual light shine upon him.

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,  
grant that your departed servant Pope Francis,  
whom you made successor of Peter  
and shepherd of your Church,  
may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven  
the mysteries of your grace and compassion,  
which he faithfully ministered on earth.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Eighth Day**  
*Union of Pope and Bishops*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A reading from the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church  
*Lumen gentium*

This collegial union [of bishops] is apparent also in the mutual relations of the individual bishops with particular churches and with the universal Church. The Roman Pontiff, as the successor of Peter, is the perpetual and visible principle and foundation of unity of both the bishops and of the faithful. The individual bishop, however, is the visible principle and foundation of unity in his particular church, fashioned after the model of the universal Church. In and from such individual churches there comes into being the one and only Catholic Church. For this reason each individual bishop represents his own church, but all of them together in union with the Pope represent the entire Church joined in the bond of peace, love, and unity. (no. 23)

*Pause for silent prayer.*

*Pray one* Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.  
— And let perpetual light shine upon him.

O God, immortal shepherd of souls,  
look on your people's prayers  
and grant that your servant Pope Francis,  
who presided over your Church in charity,  
may, with the flock entrusted to his care,  
receive from your mercy  
the reward of a faithful steward.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Ninth Day**  
*Successor to the Apostle Peter*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A reading from a letter to the Corinthians  
by Pope Saint Clement I

Having received their orders, the Apostles went out, fully convinced by the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, trusting the word of God, and assured by the Holy Spirit. They went out proclaiming that the Kingdom of God was at hand throughout the countryside and in the cities. They tested in the Spirit the first fruits of their preaching, and appointed them to be bishops and deacons for those who would later come to believe... Our Apostles knew also, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that there would be strife over the office of the episcopate. And so with perfect foresight, when they ordained those men, the Apostles gave them the mandate that when they pass away other proven men should succeed them in their ministry.

(42:3-4; 44:1-2)

*Pause for silent prayer.*

*Pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.*

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.  
— And let perpetual light shine upon him.

Hear with favor our prayers,  
which we humbly offer, O Lord,  
for the salvation of the soul of Pope Francis,  
    your servant and Priest,  
that he, who devoted a faithful ministry to your name,  
may rejoice in the perpetual company of your Saints.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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