

**St. Aloysius Religious Education 2018-2019**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

4:00pm Welcome (*To ensure accuracy, class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese*)

4:05pm *We Gather* - in Prayer at the prayer table  
(*use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season*)  
Use the Gospel Reading "Hearing the Word" from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box

4:10pm Read about a Saint from the "Patrons and Protectors" series (*Occupations, More Occupations and In Times of Need*) by Brother Michel (Mickey) McGrath and show the artwork – Brother Mickey puts the Holy Spirit (*symbolized by a white dove*) somewhere in each painting ... see if you can find Him☺

4:15pm Review previous lesson using Sharing Faith (*use chapter test in book*)

4:20pm **Chapter #25 "We Are The Church"**

We have a family of faith that helps us in our spiritual growth. We experience that community of faith at the local level in a parish. **Our Parish is where our community gathers to; worship, initiate people into our faith, celebrate liturgy, celebrate the sacraments, teach the faith and practice works of charity. It takes many people working together to help the parish community fulfill the mission of Jesus – Religious and Lay, paid and volunteer. As members of The Church, we have certain minimal obligations to it. The Precepts teach us ways to act as member of our local Church community and ways to ensure that The Church can be of service and grow.**

1. ***You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.*** We must "sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord" (Sunday), as well as the principal feast days, known as Catholic holy days of obligation. This requires attending Mass, "and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days."
2. ***You shall confess your sins at least once a year.*** We must prepare for the Eucharist by means of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). This sacrament "continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness."
3. ***You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.*** This "guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy."
4. ***You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.*** "The fourth precept ensures the times of discipline and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart."
5. ***You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.*** "The fifth precept means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability."

- *We Believe -*

**Parish** – a group of Catholics who join together to share God's love.

**Bishops** – leaders of The Church who continue the work of the Apostles.

**Pope** – the Bishop of Rome, who leads the whole Catholic Church.

**Diocese** – a local area of The Church led by a Bishop.

**Pastor** – the priest who is the leader of the parish.

**Precepts of The Church** – the laws to help us know and fulfill our responsibilities as member of The Church.

- *We Respond* – “**Who are They? What do They Do?**”

Match the names of people in the parish to their parish job. Attached are pictures of the clergy and lay people – except for you ... the catechist! *You can do this on the white board or give each child a paper to do the matching.*

4:55pm Closing Prayer –

“Father of Mercy,  
forgive my failings,  
keep me in Your Grace,  
and lead me in the way of salvation.  
Give me strength in serving You  
as a follower of Christ.  
May the Eucharist bring me Your Forgiveness  
and give me freedom to serve You all my life.  
May it help me to remain faithful  
and give me the grace I need in Your service.  
May it teach me the way to eternal life. Amen”

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

**“How can you contribute to our parish?”**

**The Seal of the Diocese of Bridgeport** contains the Bishop’s mitre and shield. The latter reflects the name, geography, and See designation of the host city: a cross; a bridge; and wavy bars, the heraldic representation of water.

The **Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport** is located in the southwestern part of the state of Connecticut, and its boundaries are the same as that of Fairfield County, Connecticut. There are 82 parishes in the diocese. Its cathedral is St. Augustine in Bridgeport.

As of September 19, 2013, the diocese is led by Bishop Frank Joseph Caggiano. He succeeds William E. Lori, appointed March 19, 2001, who served until 2012, when he was installed as Archbishop of Baltimore.

The diocese is one of 195 Roman Catholic dioceses in the United States. It is one of four dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Hartford—the others are the Archdiocese of Hartford, the Diocese of Norwich and the Diocese of Providence.

In the seventeenth and much of the eighteenth century, Connecticut Puritan divines were vociferously anti-Catholic in their writings and preaching. Suspicion of the Church as a foreign political power and of Catholics as having loyalty to that power remained widespread into the 20th century. "In the summer of 1781, Rochambeau and his army marched through Connecticut, encamping in the Ridgebury section of Ridgefield, where the first Catholic Mass [in Fairfield County] was offered. His troops were mostly Catholic and were ministered to by priests whom history proudly remembers: Reverend Fathers Robin, Gluson, Lacy, and Saint Pierre." In 1780–1781, the small town of Lebanon, Connecticut, had the distinction of being the place in which the Catholic "Mass was first celebrated, continuously and for a long period, within the limits of the State of Connecticut." On June 26, 1881, St. Peter's parish, Hartford, celebrated "the centenary of the first Mass in Connecticut."

The first Catholic church in the state was started in 1829, in Hartford, the second began in 1832 in New Haven. By 1835 the pastor of the New Haven church estimated there were 720 Catholics in Fairfield County, with Bridgeport the home of the biggest community—about 100 people.

On July 24, 1842, St. James the Apostle Church was dedicated by Bishop Fenwick at the corner of Washington Avenue and Arch Street in Bridgeport, which by then had a population of about 250 Catholics. The pastor of the church was given responsibility for small Catholic communities of Derby and Norwalk. Catholics in Stamford, Greenwich and some other towns were ministered to by the Bridgeport pastor and by Jesuit priests based at Fordham College in New York City.

The Diocese of Hartford was split off from the Diocese of Boston (which had covered all of New England) on November 28, 1843. The new diocese covered all of Connecticut and Rhode Island (which wasn't split off from the Hartford Diocese until decades later).

The diocese was established August 6, 1953, from the Diocese of Hartford.

The list of Bishops of the diocese and their terms of service:

1. Lawrence Shehan (1953–1961)
2. Walter William Curtis (1961–1988)
3. Edward Egan (1988–2000)
4. William E. Lori (2001–2012)
5. Frank J. Caggiano (2013–Present)

St. Aloysius church



Father Cyrus Bartolome



Danielle Sibia



Steve Pond



Father Ignacio Ortigas



Frank J. Caggiano



St. Aloysius Gonzaga



William Santulli



Bridgeport



Father Rob Kinnally



Dr. John Michniewicz



Francis



St. Aloysius Religious Education  
**“Who are they? What do they do?”**  
*Fill in the name and position – **catechist answers***

<u><b>Title</b></u>	<u><b>Job (ltr)</b></u>	<u><b>Name</b></u>
Deacon	<u><b>D</b></u>	___Steve Pond_____
Catechist(s)	<u><b>E</b></u>	_____
Parish	<u><b>I</b></u>	___St. Aloysius_____
Pope	<u><b>F</b></u>	___Pope Francis_____
Deacon	<u><b>D</b></u>	___Bill Santulli_____
Pastor	<u><b>C</b></u>	___Father Rob Kinnally___
Priest	<u><b>A</b></u>	___Father Cyrus Bartolome ___
Diocese	<u><b>G</b></u>	___Bridgeport_____
Patron Saint	<u><b>K</b></u>	___St. Aloysius Gonzaga_____
Priest	<u><b>A</b></u>	___Father Ignaciao Ortigas___
Coordinator of Religious Education	<u><b>H</b></u>	___Danielle Sibia_____
Music Minister	<u><b>B</b></u>	___Dr. John Michniewicz___
Bishop	<u><b>J</b></u>	___Frank Caggiano_____

- A** receives his power from Christ in Holy Orders, and Christ acts through him. He teaches God’s word and celebrates the Eucharist and other sacraments.
- B** ensures that music and the liturgy are integrated in ways that suit the liturgical rituals and the spiritual needs of the parish.
- C** the priest who leads the parish in worship, prayer and teaching.
- D** a man who is not a priest but has received the Sacrament of Holy Orders and serves The Church by preaching, baptizing and assisting the bishops and priests.
- E** a teacher of the principles of Christian religion.
- F** the Bishop of Rome, who leads the whole Catholic Church.
- G** a local area of The Church led by a Bishop.
- H** to coordinate the youth Religious Education program of the parish.
- I** a community of believers who worship and work together.
- J** leaders of The Church who continue the work of the Apostles.
- K** the protecting or guiding saint of a person or place, interceding for us before God.