

Feast of Saint Rocco



**Please come and join us
in celebrating the
8th Annual Feast Day
of Saint Rocco**

Patron of the Sick & Suffering

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**Sunday August 13, 2017
Mass - 3:00 pm, then Novena,
Procession, followed by
fellowship in the White Room**

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Saint Rocco was born in Montpellier in France in 1295. His parents, John and Liberia, were wealthy and very devout Christians. When he was 20 years old he lost his parents. He sold his property for the benefit of the poor and decided to go on a pilgrimage to Rome. When he reached Piacenza in northern Italy he took care of the victims of the plague, which eventually infected him too! By divine intervention a dog brought him a piece of bread daily. One day the owner of the dog followed his pet and saw the plague-stricken Saint Rocco and nursed him back to health. Once healed, Saint Rocco continued to take care of the plague victims. Later on, he returned home and because of the regional war he was suspected of being a spy. He was put in prison and there he languished and died of hunger and want. Only when his relatives were getting ready to bury him did they notice the birthmark of a cross on his chest. After his death on August 16, 1327, devotion to Saint Rocco spread to Italy, France, Germany, England, Spain and the Philippines.



**Fr. Jeremy Canna
Parochial Vicar
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Main Celebrant**