St. Robert Bellarmine Church

“Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus”
MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 11
5:15 PM  Joseph Barone III (2nd Ann.),
         By family

SUNDAY, MARCH 12
8:00 AM  Mildred & Timothy Centore
         (Rem.),
         By family
10:00 AM Robert Candos & Norman Ritter
         (Rem.),
         By family
         Matteo Guerra (Month’s Mind),
         By family
11:30 AM Louise Dickervitz (2nd Ann.),
         By family
         Arlene DeSemone (20th Ann.),
         By family

MONDAY, MARCH 13
12:10 PM Steven M. Sousa (Rem.),
        By Joe Accetturo

TUESDAY, MARCH 14
12:10 PM Francois & Hermine Asselin
        (Rem.),
        By Pauline

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15
12:10 PM Raymond & Charlotte Pflug
        (Rem.),
        By Charon and Al
        David Emerson (Birth.),
        By family

THURSDAY, MARCH 16
NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 17
12:10 PM Kate Levesque (2nd Ann.),
         By the Saulnier Family
7:00 PM  Stations and Benediction

SATURDAY, MARCH 18
5:15 PM  Genevieve DePerry (Birth.),
         By family

SUNDAY, MARCH 19
8:00 AM  OPEN MASS INTENTION
10:00 AM William R. Bagley, Sr., (1st Ann.),
         By wife and family
         Ronald Paterson (14th Ann.),
         By family
11:30 AM OPEN MASS INTENTION

Sanctuary Lamp
Week of March 12 – March 18
“In Memory of”
Charles Agnew (Birth.),
By family

Second Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2017

The Lord is gracious and merciful.

PASTOR’S COMMENTS
Borrowed from Paul Turner

Making an Effort

Sometimes other people see our gifts better than we do. Others recognize the abilities we have to make peace, to see hope, to lead a project, or to follow through on what we say we will do.

God has created us for a special purpose, to help announce the reign of God and bring it to fulfillment. God knows how each of us is made, what gifts we have and how they can be used for good.

Knowing what to do does not always come easy. Even though we have gifts, it may require considerable effort to put them into play. Sometimes we suffer greatly at the hands of others because we try to live according to what we believe and to what we can do.

The Second Letter to Timothy says, “Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.” God called us to a holy life “according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ.”

God wanted us to know that divine support will be with us always. For that reason, God’s support was made manifest “through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus.”

Today we hear the story of the transfiguration. It signifies the shining wisdom and power of God, for whom all things are possible, and who made us to share in this glory by the use of our gifts in spite of hardship.

Fr. John
Religious Education Classes

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Retreat for 7th and 8th graders on March 18th from 10:00-2:00 here at St. Robert’s, this is a mandatory retreat.

God Bless

First Communion
Retreat for parents and children making their First Communion is March, 25 at 10:00 here at St. Robert Bellarmine Church.

God Bless all our Children

MR. ROB MANZO

SUNDAY, ROSARY FOLLOWING 8:00 AM MASS IN THE UPPER CHURCH
SUNDAY, AA GROUP MEETING AT 5:00 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL (EVERY SUNDAY) (*Note the time change*)
WEDNESDAY, AAGROUP MEETING AT 7:00 AM IN THE CHURCH HALL (EVERY WEDNESDAY)
THURSDAY, NA GROUP MEETING AT 7:00 PM IN THE SACRISTY
FRIDAY, AA AT 8:00 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL (EVERY FRIDAY)
FRIDAY, NA GROUP MEETING AT 10:00 PM IN THE CHURCH HALL

DAILY READINGS

Sunday Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
Monday Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
Friday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Call: Jan Zarrella (274-6576) or Charon Souza (231-3962) or Eileen Morrison (349-3601)

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FOOD SHELF!
The Food Shelf is in need of these items:
OATMEAL
LARGE SOUP (18 – 20 OZ.)
TUNA
LAUNDRY DETERGENT
$15.00 STOP & SHOP OR PRICE RITE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.
Thank you for your generosity!
40-WEEK CLUB 2017
OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER
Week #9 Ticket #0668
$35 : Maureen Fenner
Captain: Lesa Volpe
Tickets are still available at the Rectory Office or call Ann @ 944-6792, Pat @ 647-7461 or Judy @ 232-3603
All payments must be Up-To-Date to be eligible – Thank you for your support!

Youth Group News
Tuesday, April 18, Family Fun Day: Movie Night 7 PM in the Church Hall
(All Ages) Bring your sleeping bags and pillow to watch a movie on the big screen. Popcorn and drink provides. Cost: Free
Saturday, April 22, Bible Day Camp/Fun For Jesus Day. 10 to Noon in the Church Hall.

The “Mixed Blessings” of Longevity
At a time when our country is experiencing an unprecedented life span, we often struggle to provide even the most basic companionship for elders in Nursing Facilities. Come join your fellow neighbors and parishioners to talk about a new approach to this long standing challenge:

Mixed Blessings
Wednesday, March 22, 2017
7:00 PM (coffee “and” provided)
St. Roberts Bellarmine Church
1804 Atwood Avenue, Johnston
This brief meeting offers an opportunity to learn about a visiting ministry beginning at Cherry Hill Nursing Facility. Join us to hear how you can make a real difference in the lives of elders. For more information contact Kathy McKeon at Catholic Social Services of RI at 401-278-2506.

CANCELED: Taste of Pizza Event
Team Raging through the Ages regrets the cancellation of the March 18th Taste of Pizza event. We thank you for your continued support of our team’s fundraising efforts and look forward to seeing you at the Holiday Bazaar in November.

++ CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE ++
PROGRAM POLICIES 2017-2018
In accordance with Diocesan Policies, Tuition Assistance is only for students in grades K-8. The premise of the Catholic School Tuition Assistance Program is that financial assistance is based on need. Families requesting assistance must fulfill the following requirements:
*Must be registered in the parish (at least one full year.)
*Must attend Mass on a weekly basis.
*Must use the budget envelope system.
*Must show family involvement in parish programs/ministry.
Please fill out a separate form for each child in a household. If you need an application sent to you, please call the Rectory at 232-5600 or pick one up on the community table at Church. Applications must be completed and returned to the Rectory by April 1st.

2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
“Faith and Good Works”
If you have not made a gift to this year’s Appeal, you will be able to do so through our in-pew solicitation which will take place on the weekends of March 11/12 and March 18/19. Our parish goal is to attain 100% participation – a goal that can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals.

Lent
Life in the Fasting Lane

We're used to fasting from certain foods during Lent, but what about bad habits? Peggy Rowe-Linn offered some advice on that topic for the West Palm Beach chapter of Magnificat: A Ministry to Catholic Women. Here is an excerpt:

■ “Lord, please give me the courage to fast from anger, bitterness, and resentment. Please replace those words, feelings and actions with kindness, sweetness and lightness of spirit. Let joy be my companion.”
■ “Lord, please give me the grace to fast from self-indulgence. Please replace avarice and selfishness with the graces of selflessness and charity towards others.”
■ “Lord, please give me the grace to fast from constant and chronic distractions that separate me from Your desires for me. Please grace me with the ability to listen and be attentive to the needs of others and act upon those needs as You would have me act. Let nothing distract me from You.”

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. (Isaiah 58:3)