

MASS INTENTIONS & SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 – Vigil of Palm Sunday

5:15 PM Charlie Agnew (8th Ann.),
By family

SUNDAY, APRIL 5 – Palm Sunday

8:00 AM Anthony D. Ditri (Rem.),
By family

10:00 AM Christopher Tumminelli (1st Ann.),
By family

Maria Abatecola (Rem.),
By family

12:00 PM Bob Quaranta (Ann.),
By family
Angelo Angelino (18th Birth 3/8),
By Parents Linda & Giorgio and Brother Giorgio

MONDAY, APRIL 6

12:10 PM Patrick & Mary Brennan (Mem.),
By Eileen

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

12:10 PM Connie & Vincent Laurenza (Rem.),
By Sal, Cee & Chris
Mrs. Winifred Kelley & Patricia Kelley (Rem.),
By Wini & Marie

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

12:10 PM Adrienne Poirier (Rem.),
By Bill, Cecile & Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 – HOLY THURSDAY

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 – GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross
7:30 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

SATURDAY, April 11 – EASTER VIGIL

7:30 PM Alva DelSesto (Rem.),
By the SRB Parish Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 – EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 AM Vince Novak (Rem.)
By family
10:00 AM Gerald A. Parrillo, (2nd Ann.),
By sister
11:30 AM Florene Pallotta (Rem.),
By family

Palm Sunday - April 5, 2020

[Message from Fr. Richard, in regard to Palm Sunday, that was composed and published prior to the reception of Bishop Tobin's email message as found in the column to the left.](#)

In the midst of the current public crisis, palm branches **WILL NOT** be made available to parishioners and friends here at the parish.

With Bishop Tobin leaving the decision in the hands of each pastor, I would like to inform you that after prayerful reflection and consideration, I have come to the conclusion that if I as your pastor provide you with the opportunity to come to the church for palm branches (i.e. a non-essential), then I would simultaneously be inviting and encouraging you to leave your home in violation of the Stay at Home Order that is currently in place here in the state of Rhode Island. That is something I firmly believe no pastor here in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence should be taking into his own hands.

Stay At Home - Save Lives

Be sure to join us on April 5, 2020, for Palm Sunday Mass live-streamed from the parish at 10:00 AM.

Click on the player that has been installed on the homepage of the parish's website @ www.strobertsparish.org

Catch the stream via Facebook Live @ "St. Robert Bellarmine Church 02919"

When I was in the seminary, I studied with some men who went on to be ordained for service in the Diocese of Camden located in New Jersey. I thank them and their bishop for suggesting this meaningful alternative which allows us to not only communicate our belief in the peace and triumph the palms symbolize but also to "remember each other and Jesus' sacrifice for us, as we enter into the holiest week of the Christian calendar."



Peace, Health and Prayers, Fr. Richard

Palm Sunday – April 5, 2020

On April 3, 2020, at 3:43 PM, an email was received from the Office of Bishop Thomas J. Tobin that read "My Dear Brother Priests: Governor Raimondo and the Department of Health have directed that palm branches not be made available for individual pick-up at our churches this Sunday. I urge our parishes to comply. Let us be peaceful in prayer. God bless you. Bishop Tobin."

Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization

Phone: (401) 232-9321
srbccd2020@gmail.com

Monday 4/6/2020 All classes canceled
Tuesday 4/7/2020 All classes canceled
Wednesday 4/8/2020 All classes canceled

First Holy Communion 2020

In the mist of the uncertainty caused by the current health crisis, and in order to provide a definitive response to questions from parents in regard to the planning and preparations that so often accompany this most important moment in a child's journey of faith, a decision has been made to postpone the celebration of First Holy Communion, as previously scheduled for May 2, 2020, until a later date that is yet to be determined. Once we begin to receive information in regard to being able to resume our gatherings inside the church for communal worship and prayer, we will reach out to parents and begin looking at the parish calendar.

Confirmation 2020

According to communications from the Diocese of Providence, all previously scheduled celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation have been suspended through Easter Week. In regard to the Celebration of Confirmation for the young people of our parish, as previously scheduled for May 3, 2020 at the Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul in Providence, no specific information related to postponement has yet been made available. As soon as definitive information is provided by the Office of the Bishop, be assured that it will be shared with parents, candidates and sponsors.

Faith Formation

At this time, in an effort to keep our parish families connected to our community of faith, emails are being sent to parents providing lessons, activities and suggestions for each grade. Any questions please email me and I will answer you as soon as possible. Be on the lookout for invitations sent via email to meet virtually using the Zoom Video Conferencing Platform.

In Your Home/In The Domestic Church

Palm, or Passion, Sunday begins the most sacred week of the Church year—Holy Week. During these days, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus' Passion and death. You might display a crucifix in a prominent place this week, as reminder of the salvation Christ won for us. The crucifix can also be the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the Passion narrative, young children may have difficulty remaining attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can choose to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as the focal point. The Passion as found in Matthew's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

Sunday:	Matthew 21:1-11 (Gospel at the Procession with Palms)
Monday:	Matthew 26:14-25
Tuesday:	Matthew 26:26-35
Wednesday:	Matthew 26:36-56
Thursday:	Matthew 26:57—27:14
Friday:	Matthew 27:15-54

After reading from the Gospel each night, the family might reflect on the reading together.

Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer and/or singing an appropriate hymn, such as "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There?" or "What Wondrous Love Is This." - Our Sunday Connection

Peace, Dina

Local and National Catholic Resources

During this time of distance and separation, please visit www.dioceseofprovidence.org or www.usccb.org, for resources to assist and inspire as we journey through these days of Holy Week in a most unfamiliar way.

DAILY READINGS**Sunday**

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;
Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday

Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9;
Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday

Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9;
Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a;
Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18;
Ex 14:15—15:1; Is 54:5-14;
Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4;
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28;
Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10



Call: Jan Zarrella (274-6576) or
Charon Souza (231-3962)

Parish Offices

The parish office remains open by way of telephone and email. Feel free to call (401) 232-5600 or email at srbp1804@aol.com should any need – spiritual, sacramental, pastoral or otherwise - arise.

**PARISH
SUPPORT**

The Weekends of
March 14 & 15, 21 & 22 and 28 & 29
Budget Combined Total: \$5,221.00

A word of thanksgiving and gratitude to those of you, who during this time of crisis, disruption and uncertainty, have been able to continue to contribute to the ongoing financial support of the parish.

Your continued support is necessary and appreciated so that the ongoing regular operating expenses of the parish can be met.

Offerings may be sent in by mail or by way of your financial institution's electronic bill pay service. For your convenience, we are currently in the process of making on-line/electronic giving available. **Please do not leave your home, in violation of the Stay At Home Order in place here in Rhode Island, specifically to drop off a budget offering here at the rectory.** Fr. Richard

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING
SUPPORT OF OUR
FOOD SHELF!**

At this time, your donation of \$5.00, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00 or \$25.00 STOP & SHOP OR PRICE RITE GIFT CARDS would be greatly appreciated.

Gift cards, to provide for those in need, may be dropped off at the rectory.

Funds to purchase them may be mailed to the rectory.

Thank you for your generosity!

Thus far, during these difficult and challenging times, we have been able to keep the food shelf open so as to continue to be a source of supplemental support and assistance to those whom we as a community of faith so generously serve. We have modified operating procedures so as to promote the health, safety and well-being of clients and volunteers alike.

40-WEEK CLUB 2020



OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER

With the health and well-being of the volunteers responsible for this parish activity in mind, the weekly drawings have been temporarily suspended.



ON HOLD

Clothing Outreach Projects

In the midst of the coronavirus health crisis, with the health and well-being of those responsible for this ministry in mind, the solicitation and collection of all clothing items has been suspended until further notice, Fr. Richard



EASTER YOUTH CHOIR 2020

Due to the coronavirus public health crisis and the resulting uncertainty, rehearsals and preparations for the Easter Youth Choir for 2020 have been suspended.

Passion Play 2020

Due to a limited response in regard to the invitation for more people to take part in this year's Passion Play, as well as due to the coronavirus public health crisis, the Passion Play has been canceled.

I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to all those, who over the course of many years, have given of themselves in many ways, so as to make the Passion Play a reality here at the parish.

Let's pray that our response to the invitation for increased participation will be greater in 2021.

In Christ, Fr. Richard

The RI Blood Center

In the midst of the current health crisis, blood, platelets and plasma donors are still needed. Please call the RI Blood Center at (800) 283-8385 for more information on how and where you can help save a life.

Tuition Assistance

In accordance with Diocesan Policies, **Tuition Assistance is only for students in grades K-8.** With particular permission and authorization from the Bishop, tuition assistance may be available for students who attend one of the Catholic High Schools here in the diocese. ***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.
- ***Must** submit the FACTS form through the school's Financial Aid Office

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. **Applications should be completed and returned to the Rectory by June 1st.**

2020 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL



Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2020 Catholic Charity Appeal? Won't you help us by being the "Hands of Christ" in supporting the people and the work of the Diocese of Providence?

Many of you have already responded to the Catholic Charity Appeal mailing from Bishop Tobin or from me On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the Catholic Charity Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. You have contributed \$18,783.

Our parish goal is \$70,000 – a goal that can only be reached with your support. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals.

In Christ, Fr. Richard