

MASS INTENTIONS**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

MONDAY, APRIL 13

9:00 AM Adeline D'Acchioli (Mem.),
By Carolyn

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

9:00 AM Peter Laorenza (Rem.),
By the SRB Parish Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

12:10 PM Joyce St. Angelo Capece & Anthony
Capece (Rem.),
By Milo

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

No Scheduled Mass Today

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

9:00 AM Robert Wheeler, Jr. (Birth.),
By family

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

5:15 PM Crocifissa & Angelo Ruscetta (Rem.),
By family
Loretta Funaro (1st Ann.),
By family

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

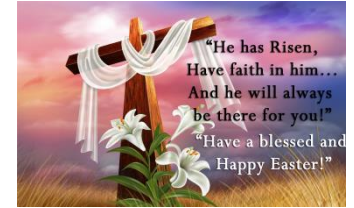
8:00 AM Nicolina Di Sandro,
Marie Ferrara and Vickie Cini (Rem.)
By sister Adeline

10:00 AM Harriet Deery (Rem.), By family
Laurie Parrillo and the Deceased
Members of the Trombetta Family
(Rem.) By Eleanor Parrillo

11:30 AM Frank Zabatta (Ann.),
By family
Louis Napolitano and
Rose Cappuccina (Mem.),
By Mr. & Mrs. John Napolitano

For Whom Should We Pray?

Despite the fact that we are not able to gather in the church for communal prayer and worship, all Masses in accordance with the parish's schedule are still being offered. If you would like to have a Mass offered for the soul of a deceased family member or friend, contact the rectory by phone to check on available dates and times.

Easter Sunday
April 12, 2020

Borrowed from Paul Turner

All Is New

“What’s new?” That is what we ask when we want to hear a story. Stories celebrate the great moments of life. When you hear one, it fills you with delight. When you tell one, you fulfill an inner desire to share what has shaped your life anew.

After Jesus rose from the dead, the disciples did not wait for people to ask, “What’s new?” They proudly proclaimed it: “God raised Jesus on the third day and granted that he be visible to us witnesses.” Now, that is new!

If you have kept a good Lent, you know very well what is new with you. You are what is new! You have faced your sin, admitted your fault, and accepted your dependence upon God’s help. You have prayed and fasted with the community. You have loved your neighbor. Because you have emptied a place inside yourself, you created a space for God’s Spirit to enter. Christ is risen indeed, and he has appeared to you! You are now a witness of all that God can do.

This Easter Day, tell your story. Tell your faith. Let joy radiate from your face and loosen your tongue! Jesus lives!

A Brief Easter Message

In the midst of the current crisis, we have all experienced many changes in various aspects of our lives. We are learning to live, love, pray, worship and so much more in new and different ways. Yet, in the midst of all that we have been, are now and will be experiencing, the presence of the Risen Christ remains the one unchanging and constant in our lives. May we allow His peace, power and promises to fill, sustain, inspire and empower us during these days that not only call us to live in the midst of distance, separation and uncertainty but also to ever-more completely embrace, embody and live His selflessness, sacrifice, service and unconditional love. Peace, Health and Prayers at Easter and always, *Fr. Richard*

Be sure to join us on Easter Sunday, April 12th for 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”

Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization

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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

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. However, now that social distancing guidelines and closures of certain businesses here in Rhode Island have been extended through May 8th, we believe it is safe to conclude that Confirmation as previously scheduled for May 3rd will be postponed. As soon as more information in regard to possible future dates 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.

Zoom Video Conferencing

Be on the lookout for invitations sent via email to meet virtually using the Zoom Video Conferencing Platform. If you have not already done so, we encourage you download Zoom which is available for both Windows and Mac

<https://zoom.us/support/download>

In Your Home/In the Domestic Church

Make a sacred space in your home. Set aside a wall, corner, or room for family prayer. Get creative!

Reach out to those who are isolated. Send a letter or make a phone call to the older people in your parish or community or those in nursing homes.

Light a candle in your home to represent the light of Christ and your family's intentions.

Sit down for a Sunday meal. Challenge everyone to put away those phones! You can discuss the [Sunday Gospel](#) together or simply share your experiences during this unique time.

A Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

O Mary,
 you always brighten our path
 as a sign of salvation and of hope.
 We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
 who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while
 remaining steadfast in faith.
 O loving Mother,
 you know what we need,
 and we are confident you will provide for us as at
 Cana in Galilee.
 Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
 the Divine Physician,
 for those who have fallen ill,
 for those who are vulnerable,
 and for those who have died.
 Intercede also for those charged with protecting
 the health and safety of others
 and for those who are tending to the sick
 and seeking a cure.
 Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
 to conform to the will of the Father
 and to do as we are told by Jesus,
 who took upon himself our
 sufferings and carried our sorrows,
 so as to lead us, through the Cross,
 to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.
***Under thy protection we seek refuge,
 O Holy Mother of God.
 In our needs, despise not our petitions,
 but deliver us always from all dangers,
 O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.
 Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis***

Happy Easter, 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**

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8;
Jn 20:1-9 or
Mt 28:1-10 or, at an afternoon or evening Mass,
Lk 24:13-35

Monday

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday

Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday

Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday

Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Friday

Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday

Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15



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

Parish Office

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**

April 4 & 5, 2020

Budget: \$5,111.00

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, online giving is now available here at the parish. To register and begin taking advantage of this option, click on the link for "ParishSoft Online Giving" found on the homepage of the parish's website. Also, you may visit ParishSoft directly at

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/st1804189>

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.

Facebook and Instagram



Don't forget to like and follow us on Facebook and

Instagram @ St. Robert Bellarmine Church 02919



Please join me in offering a word of thanksgiving and gratitude to those members of our parish staff, namely Franco Ruschetta, Dina Veiga, Tom Roy, Diane Mosca and Toni Mancini who are continuing to serve all of us in many and varied ways during this time of crisis, distance and uncertainty.

Once we get beyond the crisis, we look forward to having Pat Mendes and Toni Pagliarini back onboard as valued members of our staff.

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 still safely 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 \$18,784.

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*