

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

8:00 AM Nicolina Di Sandro, Marie Ferrara & Vickie Cini (Rem.)

By sister Adeline

10:00 AM Harriet Deery (Rem.),

By family

Laurie Parrillo and the Deceased Members of the Trombetta Family

By Eleanor Parrillo

11:30 AM Frank Zabatta (Ann.),

(Rem.), By family

Louis Napolitano & Rose Cappuccina (Rem.),

By Mr. & Mrs. John Napolitano

MONDAY, APRIL 20

9:00 AM Gertrude Cournoyer (23rd Ann.),

By Claire & Lillian

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

9:00 AM Robert Ferretti (Rem.),

By the SRB Parish Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

12:10 PM Yola & Guy Gregory and

William Gregory (Rem.),

By Milo

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

No Scheduled Mass Today

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

9:00 AM Kevin Rowan (Rem.),

By the SRB Parish Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

5:15 PM Joey Capobianco &

Tommy Mira (Birth.), *By family*

Ronald Amitrano (2nd Ann.),

By family

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Open Intentions

11:30 AM Jeffrey P. Votta (Birth.),

By family

For Whom Should We Pray?

Masses are still being offered on Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays - Wednesdays and Fridays. If you would like to have a Mass offered for the soul of a loved one, contact the rectory to check on availability. Please note that beginning April 26th, and until further notice, all intentions requested for Masses that are scheduled on Sundays will be offered collectively during the one Mass that will be celebrated and live-streamed at 10:00 AM.

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2020

Be sure to join us on Sunday April 19th 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 Or, catch the stream via Facebook Live @ "St. Robert Bellarmine Church 02919"

A Word from Pope Francis

...In the Jubilee of the Year 2000, Saint John Paul II established that this Sunday be dedicated to Divine Mercy. Truly, it was a beautiful insight: it was the Holy Spirit who inspired him in this way. Just a few months ago we concluded the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, and this Sunday we are invited to always hold firmly to the grace which comes from God's mercy.

Today's Gospel is the account of the Apparition of the Risen Christ to the disciples gathered in the Upper Room (cf. Jn 20:19-31). Saint John writes that after greeting his disciples, Jesus says to them: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you". After saying this, he makes the gesture of breathing on them and adds: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven" (vv. 21-23). This is the meaning of the mercy that is presented on the very day of Jesus' Resurrection as the forgiveness of sins. The Risen Jesus passed on to his Church, as her first task, his own mission of bringing to all the concrete message of forgiveness. This is the first task: to announce forgiveness. This visible sign of his mercy brings with it peace of heart and joy of the renewed encounter with the Lord.

Mercy in the light of Easter enables us to perceive it as a *true form of awareness*. This is important: mercy is a true form of awareness. We know that it is experienced through many forms. It is experienced through the senses, it is experienced through intuition, through reason and even other forms. Well, it can also be experienced in mercy, because mercy opens the *door of the mind* in order to better understand the mystery of God and of our personal existence. Mercy enables us to understand that violence, rancour, vengefulness have no meaning, and the first victim is whoever feels these sentiments, because he deprives himself of his own dignity. Mercy also opens the *door of the heart* and allows one to express closeness especially to those who are lonely and marginalized, because it makes them feel as brothers and sisters, and as children of one Father. It favours recognition of those who need consolation and helps one find the appropriate words so as to give comfort.

Brothers and sisters, mercy warms the heart and makes it sensitive to the needs of brothers and sisters with sharing and participation. Thus, mercy requires everyone to be instruments of justice, reconciliation and peace. Let us never forget that mercy is the keystone in the life of faith, and the concrete form by which we make Jesus' Resurrection visible. May Mary, Mother of Mercy, help us to believe and joyfully experience all this. *Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23, 2017*

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What is the Divine Mercy image?



The Divine Mercy image is a depiction of Jesus based on a vision that St. Faustina had in 1931. There have been a number of paintings made of this image. The original, though not the most popular one today, is shown above. A basic explanation of the image is:

Jesus is shown in most versions as raising his right hand in blessing, and pointing with his left hand on his chest from which flow forth two rays: one red and one white (translucent).

The depictions often contains the message "Jesus, I trust in You!" (Polish: *Jezu ufam Tobie*). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the blood of Jesus (which is the Life of Souls), and pale for the water (which justify souls) (from *Diary* - 299). The whole image is symbolic of charity, forgiveness and love of God, referred to as the "Fountain of Mercy".

According to the diary of St Faustina, the image is based on her 1931 vision of Jesus.

How to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a glorious way to enter into the abundant Mercy of God. It only takes a few minutes and can easily be prayed almost anywhere. Using a rosary, follow the guide below to offer this wonderful prayer. It is especially good to pray it at the three o'clock hour.

Using a rosary make the sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Optional Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!
 (Repeat three times)

Introductory Prayers

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayed on large bead prior to each decade

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

Prayed on 10 small beads of each decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Prayed after all 5 decades of Chaplet are complete

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Repeat three times)

Optional Concluding Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion—inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself. 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 the Easter season in a most unfamiliar way.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Monday

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20



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.

Paschal Candle

The large paschal candle is renewed every year at Easter. It is lit and carried into the church during the Easter Vigil and burns during every Mass throughout the Easter Season as well as during every Baptism and Funeral Mass throughout the year. I have offered this year's candle in memory of my parents David & Ann Narciso. Perhaps someone might want to offer next year's candle in memory of their loved ones. If so, please contact me at the rectory so that we can discuss the details.

In Christ, Fr. Richard

PARISH SUPPORT

April 11 & 12, 2020

Budget: \$4,699.00

Rice Bowl: \$548.00

Good Friday: \$208.00

Easter Collection: \$1,113.00

ParishSOFT Online Giving: \$45.00

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!

We have modified operating procedures so as to promote the health, safety and well-being of clients, volunteers and donors 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 Ruscetta, 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.

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 \$25,019.**

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

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.**