

MASS INTENTIONS

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** **Joseph & Madeline Penacho (Rem.),**
By family

*****10:00 AM** **Gregory Rubino & Virginia Rubino (Rem.),**
By family

*****11:30 AM** **Jeffrey P. Vota (Birth.),**
By family

MONDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 AM **Desirée, Marcello (Birth.), Joyce Cady (Birth.)**
By Ann & John

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

9:00 AM **Ann Macchioni (5th Ann.),** *by family*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

12:10 PM **Paul Patenaude (Ann.),**
By the Nadeau Family
Joyce Smith Oliveira, Josela Rivera, Victoria Ortiz & Maria Forster (Rem.)
By Milo

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

No Scheduled Mass Today

FRIDAY, May 1

9:00 AM **Deceased Members of the Sabetta Family (Rem.),**
By Gloria

SATURDAY, May 2

5:15 PM **Thomas H. Wahl, Sr., Angel & Trudy Morales (Rem.),**
By Family

*****SUNDAY, May 3**

*****8:00 AM** **Pete Martino, (Rem.),**
By family

*****10:00 AM** **Tim Ferretti (Rem.) & Bob Ferretti (Month's mind),**
By family

*****11:30 AM** **Angela Conte (Rem.),**
By the SRB Parish Family

Collective Mass Intentions

***Please note that beginning this Sunday, April 26, 2020, and continuing until further notice, all intentions for Masses that are scheduled on Sundays will be offered collectively during the one Mass that will be celebrated and live-streamed via Facebook Live and our parish's website at 10:00 AM.

Strengthening Our Bond With Pope Francis

“Pope Francis prays family relationships thrive while stuck at home.”

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- During a live broadcast of his daily morning Mass March 16, Pope Francis again prayed for the many people who have fallen ill and for families who, like all citizens, have been required to isolate themselves in their homes to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

"I am thinking of the families under lockdown, children who aren't going to school, parents who cannot leave the house, some who are in quarantine," he said at the beginning of Mass.

"May the Lord help them discover new ways, new expressions of love, of living together in this new situation," he said.

"It is a wonderful occasion for rediscovering true affection with creativity in the family. Let us pray for families so that relationships in the family at this time always thrive for the good," he said.

In his homily, the pope reflected on the tendency of people to think that God only acts in big, impressive ways, leading them to dismiss or even scorn the ways he manifests himself -- always in simple ways.

"Our God lets us understand that he always operates in simplicity, in the simplicity of the house of Nazareth, in the simplicity of everyday work, in the simplicity of prayer," he said.

"Instead, the worldly spirit leads us to vanity, to appearances," and when people start to become indignant, their scorn leads to violence, the pope added.

"Disdain is an attitude of the arrogant," who are spiritually impoverished and live with "the illusion of being more than they are," he said.

"Even we can have this happen to us," becoming "scandalized" by God's simplicity, "the simplicity of the poor."

The temptation may be to look at these simple things and say, "But no, this is not God. No. Our God is more refined, wiser, more important. God does not operate in this simplicity," the pope said.

"And this disdain always leads to violence, both physical violence and the violence of gossip," he said, praying that people would reflect on what they do when they do not understand the simplicity of God.

Copied from Carol Glatz Catholic News Service

Join us on Sunday April 26th 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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Quarantine and stay-at-home days have made it possible for some of us, who are not battling illness, to devote time to new interests. What follows are 9 activities that may feed your family spirituality and bring encouragement to this situation. Though each can be completed individually and/or with siblings, if possible, pursue the activities as a family project...

Acrostic Gift

Choose a family member. On a piece of paper vertically print their first name. Next to each letter write a word that begins with that letter – a word that describes a positive characteristic of the person. After the word write a sentence that explains why you chose that particular word. Make an attractive copy and leave it on the pillow of the family member.

Profile Mary

Mary is mother, mentor, and model. Read the scripture references to Mary. Make a list of ten character traits or personality traits that you see in the scriptures. (There are many more than ten!) Then, next to each trait, write one example of something you could do to practice the trait. Mary Scripture Citations: Luke 1: 26-38 (Annunciation); Luke 1: 39-45 (Visitation); Luke 1: 46-56 Magnificat); Luke 2: 6-7 (Bethlehem Birth); Luke 2: 15-20 (Shepherd's Visit); Luke 2: 22-35 (Presentation); Matthew 2:13-16 (Egypt); Matthew 2: 19-23 (Return to Nazareth); Luke 2: 41-52 (Lost and Found); John 19:25 (Crucifixion); Acts 1:14 (Cenacle).

Learn Mary Apparitions

Did you know that Mary appeared on earth several times? Do you know the stories about those visits and what Mary communicated during the visits? The stories of Lourdes, Fatima, Guadalupe, and her visits to Saint Catherine Labouré to give us the Miraculous Medal are all available in movie form. Choose an apparition. View the movie. Then share the story with other family members or friends. Each of these apparitions is available for free as YouTube Movies...

Celebrate the Holy Spirit

Use the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (ccc.usccb.org) to discover the Seven Gifts and the Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Make a "flash card" of each, write the term on one side and the definition on the reverse side. Use the cards to play "Concentration." During the season of Pentecost daily feature one Fruit. Determine specific ways (A) that you can live that virtue the next day, (B) that you witnessed that virtue during the current day, or (C) how that virtue would have made a positive difference in a scenario from the day.

Study a Saint

Whenever we spend time with a person we can "pick up" character traits that we admire or that we disrespect. Spend time with a Saint. Either read a book about him/her, watch a film, a do internet research. During your experience make a list of traits, characteristics, features, or qualities that you admire about him/her. Then, next to each trait, write an example of one way that you can imitate or practice that trait. Choose a minimum of six characteristics. Hopefully, you have some saint books at

home. If you are a member of a public library you may be able to get an e-book. Probably some saints are featured in the book that you use for faith formation classes. Even Wikipedia offers useful information. But, if you enjoy movies, YouTube offers many...

Grateful Heart Day

"Great hearts are grateful hearts." Write a letter, design a greeting card, make a poster, or create some way to express gratitude to the heroic people who are on the "front line" combating the Pandemic. People like caretakers (both medical personnel and family members), first responders, scientists and researchers who seek to find a vaccine and cure, military, workers in supermarkets and other necessary stores, etc.

Pray a Rosary

Pray a Rosary. If you prefer to pray with a group check your diocesan website or search the Internet for a live-streamed prayer group. For example, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (phillyevang.org/rosary) offers a "Rosary Campaign for the End of the Coronavirus" at 8 pm EST.

Family TV Show

Together watch a favorite TV show then discuss: (A) What were the positives or negatives that you noticed? (B) Are elements of the show (characteristics or behaviors) present in your family? If so, are they "life-giving or life-blocking" to your family life? (C) What life-lesson will you take away from this show? You can apply this exercise to any TV show, movie, book or story.

Popular Music

Music can feed a soul and draw the best out of you, or it can be destructive. Just because a song becomes popular with the public does not assure that it is good for your soul! Pick one of your favorite songs or a song that is currently very popular. Print out the lyrics. With your family examine the lyrics and the message(s) that the song contains. If body movements/dancing/choreographing is part of the song, then consider that aspect, too, when answering the following kinds of questions:

Is the song respectful of people? Does it treat people like creatures made in the image of God? Does the song leave you feeling positive and loving? If not, what emotions does it cause in you? Which of the Ten Commandments can you recognize in the storyline?

Here is a quick test as to how life-giving or life-blocking the song is. If Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was sitting with you would you perform the song for her? Do you think that she would sing and dance it with you?

Sr. Patricia M. McCormack, IHM, EdD, is an international formation-education consultant and author of *Engaging the Parking Lot Parent* (Twenty-Third Publications). 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 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

First FridayActs 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59 or for the Memorial,
Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;
Mt 13:54-58**First Saturday**

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69



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.

St. Gabriel's Call

During this uncertain time, St. Gabriel's Call, a ministry of the Diocese of Providence, continues to help mothers in need before, during and after their pregnancies. Gabriel Staff Workers are on hand to make sure those who have no where else to turn, are able to receive basic needs during the coronavirus pandemic. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call Marissa Kelly at 401-278-2525 or Carol Owens at 401-278-4508.

**PARISH
SUPPORT****April 18 & 19, 2020****Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving**Budget: \$5,507.00 - **\$958.00**Rice Bowl: \$260.00 - **\$25.00**Good Friday: \$216.00 – **\$25.00**Easter Collection: \$1,306.00 - **\$210.00**

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 continue to evaluate the ever-changing situation in which we find ourselves and modify operating procedures accordingly 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.

Grateful for God's Providence

As you may recall, our parish's goal was \$423,714.00. Out of our more than 1700 registered families, 229 families made one time gifts or pledges that totaled \$388,209.00 (91%). Thus far, with the one time gifts that were made and the amount paid on the pledges, a combined total of \$119,185.00 has been paid. Forty percent of that total, or \$47,674.00 as of this update, will return to the parish.

A word of thanksgiving and gratitude to those who contributed in some way to our parish's participation in this Diocesan Wide Capital Campaign.

For those who remain able to do so in the midst of the current health and economic crisis, know that any payments you can make toward the fulfillment of your pledges remain necessary and appreciated.

Although things are on hold at this time, we still look forward to one day being able to install a restroom with handicap accessibility on the main level of the church as well as to the possibility of installing some type of lift system so as to make the lower level of the church accessible to all.

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 \$25,839.**

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