

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, May 2**

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

*****SUNDAY, May 3**

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

Steven Santilli (1st Ann.),
By Sylvia and Paul

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

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

MONDAY, May 4

9:00 AM Vera Russo (Birth.),
By daughter Roni

TUESDAY, May 5

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Funaro Family (Rem.),
By family

WEDNESDAY, May 6

12:10 PM Louise E. St. Angelo (37th Ann.),
By Milo

THURSDAY, May 7

No Scheduled Mass Today

FRIDAY, May 8

9:00 AM Mary & Oscar Bertoncini (Ann.),
By family

SATURDAY, May 9

5:15 PM enrietta, Regina & Anne Nero (Rem.),
By Bill Nero & Family

*****SUNDAY, May 10**

All Deceased Mothers

By the SRB Parish Family

***8:00 AM Anna & Robert Taglione (Birth.),
By family

Dora Zarli & Betty Smith (Rem.),
By family

***10:00 AM Marcella & Corine Holtman (Rem.),
By family

Therese DeSanto (1st Ann.),
By family

***11:30 AM Emma, Pauline,
Josephine & Emma (Rem.),
By family

Collective Mass Intentions

***Please note that beginning last Sunday 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**

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Today we conclude our catechesis on the Beatitudes with the final Beatitude: “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (*Mt 5:10*). All the attitudes contained in the Beatitudes, when lived for Christ, can lead to oppression by the world; yet ultimately this persecution is a cause of joy in heaven. The way of the Beatitudes is an Easter path, leading us from selfishness to a life guided by the Spirit. We see this in the saints who show that the experience of persecution can set the Christian free from worldly compromise. Tragically, today many of our brothers and sisters still face persecution, and we express our closeness to them. May we too always remain “salt of the earth”, lest by losing the “taste” of the Gospel we lead others to disdain it. By God’s grace, whatever trials we do face can draw us to become more like Christ, who leads us to new life. In this manner, following the humble way of the Beatitudes, we will come to experience the kingdom of heaven: our greatest joy and happiness. **POPE FRANCIS, GENERAL AUDIENCE, Library of the Apostolic Palace, Wednesday, 29 April 2020**

For Pope Francis’ reflections on the other seven beatitudes, visit www.vatican.va. Click on your language of choice. Next, click on “Audiences.” Thereafter, click on General Audience of February 5, 12 & 19, March 11 & 18, and April 1 & 15, 2020.

Join us on Sunday May 3rd 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”

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Christ instituted the sacraments of the new law. There are seven: Baptism, Confirmation (or Chrismation), the Eucharist, Penance, the Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony. The seven sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life:¹ they give birth and increase, healing and mission to the Christian's life of faith. There is thus a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of the spiritual life. Catechism of the Catholic Church 1210



This weekend would have been our Sacramental Weekend here at the parish. The young members of the community were to receive First Communion on May 2nd and Confirmation on May 3rd. Due to Covid19 these sacraments will be celebrated at a later date.

In the mean time it is important that we continue to pray for these children as they await receiving their sacraments. We are meeting with them in Zoom, keeping them involved on their journey of faith.

We only have to look to Scripture to see that being on a journey of faith leading to Heaven is not easy. This is so true during this time in life.

Jesus even promised that the way to Heaven would not be easy. In Matthew 19:24 he declared, "Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

On average, camels grow to the shoulder height of 6 feet high and the length of about 9-10 feet. Typically, the khaki-colored creatures weigh well over 1,000 pounds. The eye of a needle is quite small, just slightly greater than the width of the thread that goes through it. Certainly, Jesus' example was only hyperbolic when it comes to entering Heaven!

A Prayer During the Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close
Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.
During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,

Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.

[www.ccvichapel.org/post/prayer-for-a-pandemic-
cameron-bellm](http://www.ccvichapel.org/post/prayer-for-a-pandemic-
cameron-bellm)

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 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25;
Jn 10:1-10

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14



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 25 & 26, 2020****Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving**

Budget: \$3,967.00 - **\$623.00**

Monthly Maintenance: 583.00 - **45.00**

Rice Bowl: \$40.00 - **\$75.00**

Good Friday: \$55.00 – **\$85.00**

Easter Collection: \$230.00 - **\$95.00**

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. Out of our more than 1700 registered families, 229 families made one time gifts or pledges that totaled \$388,209 (91%). With the one time gifts that were made and the amount fulfilled on the pledges, a combined total of \$120,307 has been paid.

This past week, we received our initial parish share check, for the first quarter of 2020, in the amount of \$47,187.65.

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 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.

Catholic School 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 \$26,444.**

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