

**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY, May 9**

5:15 PM Henrietta, 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.),  
By family

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

George & Louise Masso (Would be  
73<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Ann.),  
By family

**MONDAY, May 11**

9:00 AM Frank Kelley (Birth.),  
By Lucy

Gertrude Cournoyer (Birth),  
By Claire & Lillian

**TUESDAY, May 12**

9:00 AM Patrick & Anne Brown (Mem.),  
By Eileen

**WEDNESDAY, May 13**

12:10 PM D. Marie Lord (17<sup>th</sup> Ann. & Grace  
Colavecchio (Rem.),  
By Milo

David Izzo (5<sup>th</sup> Ann.)  
By family

**THURSDAY, May 14**

No Scheduled Mass Today

**FRIDAY, May 15**

9:00 AM Anthony Costa (Birth.),  
By daughter Doris

Jay Higgins (5<sup>th</sup> Ann.),  
By Pat Higgins

**SATURDAY, May 16**

5:15 PM Catherin DeRobbio (Rem.),  
By the SRB Parish Family

**\*\*\*SUNDAY, May 17**

\*\*\*8:00 AM Donna M. Paglio (Rem.),  
By family

\*\*\*10:00 AM Donald Rossi, (10<sup>th</sup> Ann.),  
By family

\*\*\*11:30 AM Ann A. Narciso (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.),  
By family

**Collective Mass Intentions**

\*\*\*Please note that 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**

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Today we begin a new series of catechesis on *prayer*.

Prayer is the breath of faith, a cry arising from the hearts of those who trust in God.

We see this in the story of Bartimaeus, the beggar from Jericho. Though blind, he is aware that Jesus is approaching, and perseveres in calling out: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mk 10:47).

By using the phrase "Son of David", he makes a profession of faith in Jesus the Messiah. In response the Lord invites Bartimaeus to express his desire, which is to be able to see again.

Christ then tells him: "Go; your faith has saved you" (v. 52). This indicates that faith is a cry for salvation attracting God's mercy and power.

It is not only Christians who pray but all men and women who search for meaning on their earthly journey.

As we continue on our pilgrimage of faith, may we, like Bartimaeus, always persevere in prayer, especially in our darkest moments, and ask the Lord with confidence: "Jesus have mercy on me. Jesus, have mercy on us!". *Pope Francis, General Audience, Library of the Apostolic Palace, Wednesday, May 6, 2020.*



Join us on Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.strobertsparish.org)

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

## **Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization**

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*Wishing all Mothers  
 a Blessed and Happy Mothers' Day.  
 May Mary, the Mother  
 of our Lord Jesus Christ  
 and our Mother, be a comfort to us all.*

While Mother's Day is not a liturgical or Catholic observance, we still take advantage of this holiday to honor and pray for mothers.

The month of May has traditionally been dedicated to Mary, Mother of Jesus. Mother's

Day provides an opportunity to pray for mothers while honoring and seeking the intercession of Our Blessed Mother. It is a fitting day to ask God's special blessing on all mothers.

In our efforts to celebrate the vocation of motherhood, it is also important to remember that Mother's Day can be a difficult holiday for many people: couples struggling with infertility; parents who have lost a child; those who have lost their own mothers; and couples longing to welcome a child through adoption.

### **Mothers' Day Prayer to Mary, our Mother**

*Intercessions from 1727 the Liturgical Order of  
 Blessing*

Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, pray for all mothers, so that they will be able to fulfill their maternal responsibilities.

Help them to be lovers and nurturers of all human life from the moment of conception until natural death, all the while being examples for their own children.

Pray for their children, so that they, too, will be faithful followers of your Son.

We pray for our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love.

We pray for mothers, who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope and their family and friend, support and console them.

We pray for mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of His kingdom.

We offer these prayers through Christ, our Lord and your Son, in union with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

### **Activity For Families**

#### **Gospel Reading**

John 14:1-12

Jesus tells his disciples, "I am the way and the truth and the life."

Members of the same family often bear close resemblances to one another. Sometimes physical resemblances are shared within a family, but often the similarities are behavioral characteristics and mannerisms. We hear this observation affirmed through a number of common phrases: "He's a chip off the old block" or "She's her mother's daughter."

Today's Gospel points to a mystery of faith that might be examined in light of these familial relationships. In Jesus we see and know the Father. Likewise, the Father is known through the life and work of the Son, Jesus.

Talk together as a family about whether people outside of your family recognize common traits of your family. Are there physical resemblances that people recognize and so know each individual as a member of your family? Are there mannerisms that are shared by members of your family? What are some common interests and work that people might associate with your family? As you read today's Gospel, John 14:1-12, keep in mind that members of the same family share many characteristics, even though each person in the family is an individual.

What does Jesus tell his disciples about his relationship with the Father? The relationship between the Father and Jesus is so close that Jesus says that those who have seen and known Jesus have also seen and known the Father. Jesus promises his disciples that because of their faith in him and in the Father, they too will be able to do the work of the Father as Jesus did.

End your discussion by praying together that others will recognize in your family the work of the Father. Pray together the Lord's Prayer. - Our Sunday Connection

Peace, Dina

**Local and National Catholic Resources**

During this time of distance and separation, please visit [www.dioceseofprovidence.org](http://www.dioceseofprovidence.org) or [www.usccb.org](http://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 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

**Monday**

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday**

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday**

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday**

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

**Friday**

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday**

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

**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](mailto:srbp1804@aol.com) should any need – spiritual, sacramental, pastoral or otherwise – arise.**

**For Whom Are You Praying?  
Add their names to the Prayer Chain.**



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

**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****May 2 & 3, 2020****Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving**

Budget: \$4,011.00 - \$848.00

Monthly Maintenance: \$460.00 - \$115.00

Rice Bowl: \$5.00 - \$25.00

Good Friday: \$17.00 – \$15.00

Easter Collection: \$660.00 - \$45.00

Ascension Thursday: \$20.00 - \$15.00

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>

**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.

### 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%). **With the one time gifts that were made and the amount fulfilled on the pledges, a combined total of 121,514.00 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 are 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.

### Happy Mothers' Day 2020

From an appropriate social distance, let us pray for the intentions of all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and others who have loved, nurtured, inspired and helped to transform just as a mother does.



### 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 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### 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 invested in this year's Catholic Charity Appeal in response to mailings that were sent from 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. **To date, 140 of our 1757 registered families have contributed \$29,994.**

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