



ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE CHURCH

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“Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus”

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Fr. John Vidmar, O.P.

Fr. Raymond A. Tetreault



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

Weekdays and Holy Days

As announced in bulletin

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00 AM to Noon

12:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization

Dina Veiga, Director

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Sacraments

Baptism *Please call Parish Office for registration*

Marriage *Please call the Parish Office one year prior to setting any dates for Ceremony or Reception.*

Confession *Saturday 4:00 PM and by appointment with the Parish Priest.*

Ministry to the Sick *Parishioners who are confined to home due to illness or age, may call the Parish Office for home visits.*

Priestly and Religious Vocations *Call the Diocesan Office of Vocations at 401-331-1316*

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, May 23**

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Autotte,
Lamoureux & Zeman Families (Rem.),
By Janet Zeman
Jennie Quaranta (Ann.),
By family

*****SUNDAY, May 24**

***8:00 AM Virginia M. daMota (Rem.),
By the SRB Parish Family

***10:00 AM Maria Abatecola (Rem.),
By the Board of Directors of
Highland Memorial Park

***12:00 PM Dorothy A. Palombo (Month's
Mind),
By family

MONDAY, May 25

9:00 AM All those who have died in service to
their country.
By the SRB Parish Family

TUESDAY, May 26

9:00 AM Carolann Denkiewicz (Rem.),
By a friend

WEDNESDAY, May 27

12:10 PM Lillian Monteiro (Mem.),
By Carmine & Tina DiSanto

THURSDAY, May 28

No Scheduled Mass

FRIDAY, May 29

9:00 AM Mr. Cavanaugh (Rem.),
By Fred Rogers & John Tedesco

SATURDAY, May 30

Public 5:00 PM Giovanni DiManna (41st
Ann.), By family

SUNDAY, May 31

Public 10:00 AM Guido Rapone, Sr. (Ann.),
By family
Kenneth L. Russo (Rem.),
By the SRB Parish Family
Lawrence A. Russo Sr., (Rem.),
By the SRB Parish Family

Collective Mass Intentions

***Please note all intentions that are scheduled for Sunday May 24th 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.

Looking ahead to the weekend of May 30th & May 31st, only two Masses will be celebrated in public; Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 10:00 AM. This will allow us the opportunity to gain experience in managing the process of welcoming, seating and sending forth those who attend as well as the time required to sanitize and disinfect the church.

**Family Faith Formation, Outreach
and Evangelization**

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**“No one has greater love than
this, to lay down one’s life for
one’s friends.” John 15:13**

**Memorial Day is a representation
of the love of Christ.**

In today’s Gospel we glimpse Jesus’ prayer for his disciples. If we read further in John’s Gospel, we find that Jesus prayed for his disciples’ protection from the evil one.

Jesus also prayed for all those who would have faith in him because of the disciples’ teaching. That means that Jesus prayed for us as well, even before his death on the cross.

Our faith tells us that Jesus continues to intercede for us at the Father’s right hand.

Gather together as a family and think about the tradition of praying for other people. Who do you pray for? What do you ask for in your prayers?

In today’s Gospel we find an example of Jesus’ prayer to the Father. Read together today’s Gospel, John 17:1-11a. Think about Jesus’ prayer for his disciples.

We know that Jesus continues to intercede for us at the Father’s right hand. What might Jesus’ prayer be for you and your family? Conclude by praying together in thanks for the great love that Jesus shows you. Pray together the Lord’s Prayer. - Our Sunday Connection Peace, Dina

Join us on Sunday May 24th 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”

The Return to Public Worship at St. Robert Bellarmine Church

Changes to Mass Times

Here at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, once we are able to gather again in the church for the public celebration of Mass, and once we get back to a full schedule on Sundays, there will be some changes to the Mass Schedule.

At that time, the Saturday Vigil Mass will begin at 5:00 PM – vs – 5:15 PM. On Sundays the Mass Schedule will be 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM -vs – 11:30 AM.

Also, in order to accommodate any weekday Funeral Masses that may be requested for 10:00AM, and while being mindful of the amount of time that it is going to take to clean and sanitize the church following daily Mass, please be aware that an earlier start time is being considered for Mass during the week.

Please check our parish website, Facebook Page or Instagram account for specific information as related to the way in which we here at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, beginning on May 30th & May 31st, will be proceeding ahead in accordance with a phased approach to safely and slowly welcoming parishioners and friends back to the parish for communal worship on Saturday evenings, Sunday mornings and weekdays.

As parishioners and friends of St. Robert Bellarmine Church, let us commit ourselves to being collaborative, observant, vigilant, involved and diligent in our efforts to make our worship space as safe as possible for all.

10 Points to Consider before Returning to Public Worshp

1. Catholics will continue to be dispensed from Sunday Mass and Holy Day Masses While public Masses will resume, vulnerable populations, the elderly, and those with underlying health conditions are asked to follow the most up to date health regulations and remain at home. There are many who might feel uncomfortable returning to Mass. They, too, have legitimate reason to remain at home. Bishop Tobin has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Day Masses until further notice.

2. Access to Mass will be limited In order to prevent risk of infection, attendance at Mass will be limited

to a percentage of the church's capacity as specified in the fire code. Some parishes will utilize a “call ahead”, “online reservation”, or “ticket” system, or find other ways to split up parishioners so as to give all those who desire to do so the opportunity to attend Mass in as equitable a manner as possible.

3. Hand hygiene and masks are key Parishioners will be expected to sanitize their hands immediately upon entry to the church. Likewise, they must wear a mask at all times, with the exception of receiving Holy Communion.

4. Pews will be sectioned off In order to maintain six feet distance between parishioners, parishes will mark off sections of pews where parishioners can safely sit.

5. Singing will be limited Because of the risk of infection due to increased aerosolized particles, singing must be limited. Hymnals will be removed from churches.

6. Parishioners will have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion in a safe manner Parishioners will take off their masks to receive Holy Communion, but the priest or other minister may wear a mask when distributing Holy Communion. The priest or other minister will always sanitize his hands before this time, and whenever he accidentally comes into contact with a person. Parishioners are encouraged to receive Holy Communion on the hand; but another option would be to refrain from receiving Holy Communion and make an act of spiritual communion instead.

7. The church will be sanitized after every Mass To ensure everyone's safety, parish staff or volunteers will sanitize commonly touched surfaces and pews before and after every celebration of Mass.

8. Any weekly budget envelopes and offerings will be dropped in a box prior to Mass or as you leave Instead of "passing the basket," a secure receptacle should be available so parishioners can drop off their budget envelopes before or after Mass.

9. Avoid personal contact with anyone The sign of peace remains suspended; physical contact must be avoided at all costs.

10. Those who are sick must stay home Anyone who has symptoms of any sickness (even mild symptoms) may not attend the public celebration of Mass. *Taken from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence – Returning to Mass in time of COVID-19.*

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**

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

Monday

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday Morning

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

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.

For Whom Are You Praying?

Add their names to the Prayer Chain.



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

Holy Family Home for Mothers and Children

Holy Family Home, located at 979 Branch Ave in Providence, provides shelter and services to women and their children. This includes various amenities available within the facility and other organizations. Various programs are designed and available to assist residents with educational guidance, treatment programs (available through volunteer providers), counseling to promote the residents' well-being and follow up care upon leaving the facility. For more information or to make a donation in support of the ministry, call 401-304-7744.

PARISH SUPPORT

May 16 & 17, 2020

Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving

Budget: \$4,617.50 - **\$688.00**

Monthly Maintenance: \$397.00 - **\$65.00**

Rice Bowl: \$27.00 - **\$0**

Easter Collection: \$10.00 - **\$0**

Ascension Thursday: \$57.00 - **\$20.00**

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF OUR FOOD SHELF!

As always, donations of \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00 or \$25.00 **STOP & SHOP OR PRICE RITE GIFT CARDS** would be greatly appreciated.

Also, now that non-perishable food items are once again being distributed to our clients by way of pre-packed bags, donations of canned tuna, green beans and baked beans as well as peanut butter, jelly and cereal would be appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity!

We continue to evaluate the ever-changing situation in which we find ourselves and are modifying operating procedures accordingly so as to promote the health, safety and well-being of clients, volunteers and donors alike.

Forty Week Club 2020 - Our Major Fund Raiser

- * Correction - Week # 12 - Ticket # 38 - \$40 – John Derensis - Captain: Wil Courtemanche*
- Week # 14 - Ticket # 0009 - \$40 – Janice Di Biasio - Captain: Kate Albanese
- Week # 15 - Ticket # 0170- \$40 – Ann Damiano - Captain: Gwen Feole
- Week #16 – Ticket # 0154 - \$40 – Mark Renzi – Captain: Karen Paolucci
- Week #17 – Ticket # 0351 - \$40 – Ralph Votta – Captain: Kathy Kelly
- Week #18 – Ticket # 0063 - \$40 – Jean Lombardi – Captain: Wil Courtemanche
- Week #19 – Ticket # 0290 - \$40 – Tony Zompa – Captain: Carmino DeRobbio
- Week #20 – Ticket # 0462 - \$75 – Marion Chiello – Captain: Kathy Kelly

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, 230 families made one time gifts or pledges that totaled \$390,209.00 (92%). **With the one time gifts that were made and the amount fulfilled on the pledges, a combined total of 127,011.00 has been paid.**

A short time ago 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.

Thanks for your attention & cooperation

While we appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness, we ask that you kindly refrain from leaving any books, brochures, pamphlets etc. anywhere throughout the church.

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. 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 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, 144 of our 1757 registered families have contributed \$30,399.00**

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