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Joseph Tumminelli

Weekend Clergy

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

232-9321

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Youth Ministry

232-9321

Director of Music

Tom Roy

Parish Secretary

Diane Mosca

232-5600

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, August 15

Public 5:00 PM Deceased Members of the LaCroix and Mendes Family (Rem.),
By Bob and Pat
Anna Almonte (1st Ann.),
By family

SUNDAY, August 16

Public 8:00 AM Christopher Shepard (14th Ann.),
By family

Public 10:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

Public 12:00 PM Armando Muto and Ennis Jones (Rem.),
By family

MONDAY, August 17

Public 8:00 AM Julian Marcello
By Ann and John

TUESDAY, August 18

Public 8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

WEDNESDAY, August 19

Public 8:00 AM Bobby 'Bo' Desmet (Rem.),
By family

THURSDAY, August 20

No Scheduled Mass

FRIDAY, August 21

Public 8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

SATURDAY, August 22

Public 5:00 PM OPEN INTENTION

SUNDAY, August 23

Public 8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

Public 10:00 AM Loretta Iudiciani (20th Ann.),

Public 12:00 PM Armando Muto and Ennis Jones (Rem.),
By family

Join us on Saturday, August 15th for Mass live-streamed from the parish at 5:00 PM. 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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A REFLECTION BY JARED DEES ON THE CANAANITE WOMAN

Jesus was one of the people of Israel. They were called the Jews, and they were God's people. The Gentiles were people who were not Jewish. The Jews expected a Messiah to help and save them and to restore their kingdom. They did not think this applied to the Gentiles. But God had a different plan. Jesus and his disciples traveled to a place where mostly Gentiles lived. A Canaanite woman from the area saw them and shouted to Jesus, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." At first Jesus did not answer her, but she kept shouting after him, hoping he would agree to heal her daughter. Jesus's disciples said to him, "Send her away. She keeps shouting at us." Jesus answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Still, the woman persisted. She ran up to Jesus and knelt down before him. "Lord, help me," she said. "Is it fair to take the food of children and throw it to the dogs?" he said. By this he meant that he was sent first to the people of Israel, while she was one of the Gentiles, who were not Jewish. "But Lord, even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table," she replied humbly. Jesus answered, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." Her daughter was healed at that moment.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Why did Jesus heal the woman's daughter?
- Who do you know and love that needs this same persistence and confidence that Jesus can help or heal them?
- How can we be as persistent in prayer as the woman was in this story?
- What gives you confidence that Jesus can help those you pray for?

Peace, Dina

*****Note that on Sunday, September 27th the Noon Mass will return to 11:30 AM**

**The Return to Public Worship at
St. Robert Bellarmine Church**
Changes to Mass Times

Now that we here at St. Robert Bellarmine Church are once again gathering in the church for the public celebration of Mass, please be aware of some necessary changes that have been made to the Mass Schedule.

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.

Since our reopening, parish staff and volunteers have had the opportunity to gain experience in managing the process of scheduling, welcoming, seating and sending forth those who attend Mass as well as the time required to sanitize and disinfect the church after each Mass.

Even while in Phase III of Reopening Rhode Island, due to ongoing social distancing requirements, please be advised that overall seating capacity remains limited. Therefore if you happen to attend Mass one weekened, so as to give others who want to attend the opportunity to do so there is still a possibility that you may not be able to attend until sometime thereafter,

To express interest in having a seat set aside for you, for a Mass on Saturday evenings or Sundays, parishioners and friends are still required to contact the rectory at 401-232-5600, during business hours, after 9:00 AM on the Wednesday and through 4:00 pm on the Friday, before the weekend during which you wish to attend Mass.

Mass Schedule

The regular Weekend Mass Schedule will be
Saturday at 5:00 PM, Sunday at 8:00 AM,
10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
and Friday at 8:00 AM.

Local and National Catholic Resources

During this time, when many continue to worship from a distance, please visit www.dioceseofprovidence.org or www.usccb.org, for resources to assist and inspire as we journey through these days of Ordinary Time.

Regarding the Proper Wearing of Masks



While inside the church building, please be sure to properly wear your mask so that it covers both your nose and your mouth. Thanks in advance for your attention and cooperation.

**11 Points to Consider
before Returning to Public Worshp**

- 1. Catholics in the Diocese of Providence will be dispensed from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.**
- 2. Access to Mass will be limited.**
- 3. Hand hygiene and masks are key.**
- 4. Pews will be sectioned off.**
- 5. Singing will be limited.**
- 6. Parishioners will have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion in a safe manner.**
- 7. The church will be sanitized after every Mass.**
- 8. Any budget envelopes or loose offerings will be left in a box prior to Mass or as you leave.**
- 9. Avoid personal contact with anyone.**
- 10. Windows will be open and air conditioning/climate control might remain off.**
- 11. Those who are sick must stay home:**

Anyone who has symptoms of any sickness (even mild symptoms) must stay at home. People who plan on coming to church are still expected to self-monitor and self-screen before coming to Mass. That means people should be taking their temperature and monitoring for other signs and symptoms, not only of coronavirus, but also of any other type of illness.

Even if you have called ahead and presumably have a place waiting for you here at the church, if you have even the mildest of symptoms of illness, as an act of love, care and concern for others, we ask that you stay at home and seek medical care and testing as necessary. Of course, decisions regarding medical care or testing need to be made in conjunction with your physician.

In this regard, know that the same applies to the parish priest. If the priest happens to wake up one morning and is experiencing any fever or other symptoms of illness, even mild ones, he is required to refrain from celebrating Mass in public. This means, that in the event that the priest is not well, and is not able to find another priest to offer and celebrate Mass in his place, then a Mass or perhaps all the Masses that day will have to be canceled.

DAILY READINGS**Sunday**

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Monday

Ez 24:15-24; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday

Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday

Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday

Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14

Friday

Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday

Ez 43:1-7ab; Mt 23:1-12

Parish Office – Call Ahead & Masks

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. If there is something that can't be handled by phone or email, before stopping by, please call the rectory to make arrangements for an in-person meeting. Also, we will expect that you kindly wear a cloth face covering/mask.

For Whom Are You Praying?

Add their names to the Prayer Chain.



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

Volunteer Cleaning Crew

If it is during the day and the doors to the church are locked, it means that the building has been sanitized and the doors will not be unlocked until shortly before the next scheduled Mass. If you are able to join our volunteer cleaning crew, please contact us at the rectory at 232-5600.

**PARISH
SUPPORT**

August 8 & 9, 2020

Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving

Budget: \$4,763.00 - **\$757.00**

Budget Out of Envelope: \$24.00

Monthly Maintenance: \$762.00 - **\$35.00**

Catholic Communications: \$10.00 – **\$0**

Comprehensive Youth Ministry **\$0- \$0**

Peter's Pence **\$95.00- \$80.00**

Assumption **\$60.00 - \$45.00**

A word of gratitude to those of you who have been able to continue to contribute to the ongoing financial support of the parish. Your support is necessary and appreciated so as to meet the ongoing regular operating expenses of the parish.

As a reminder, offerings may be dropped into the collection box that can be found in the center aisle of the church during Mass, sent in by mail or forwarded 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 -www.strobertsparish.org

**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, boxed pasta, jarred sauce, peanut butter, jelly, ramen noodles and cereal** would be appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity!
As necessary, we continue to modify operating procedures so as to promote the health, safety and well-being of clients, volunteers and donors alike.

Forty Week Club 2020 - Our Major Fund Raiser

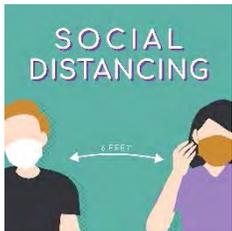
Week # 32 – Ticket # 0042 – \$40 – Ann Courtemanche Captain: Wil Courtemanche

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, 164 of our 1757 registered families have contributed \$34,854.00**

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



Due to the COVID-19 Crisis, at this point, we can say that Faith Formation Classes will not be conducted in the way in which they have been handled in the past. We are currently in the process of exploring various options and approaches for the 2020-2021 Faith Formation Year. As soon as more information is available, it will be shared with the parish community.

Grateful for God's Providence

As you may recall, our parish's goal was \$423,714.00. Per the latest update report, out of our more than 1700 registered families, 229 families made one time gifts or pledges that totaled \$385,309 (90%). **With the one time gifts that were made and the amount fulfilled on the pledges, a combined total of 138,303.00 has been paid.**



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.



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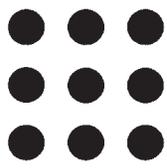


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