



# **ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE CHURCH**

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*“Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus”*

## **Pastor**

*Fr. Richard A. Narciso*

## **Pastor Emeritus**

*Fr. John LaPointe*

## **Deacon Assistant**

*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*

[srbccd2020@gmail.com](mailto:srbccd2020@gmail.com)

### **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 22**

**Public 5:00 PM OPEN INTENTION**

**SUNDAY, August 23**

**Public 8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION**

**Public 10:00 AM Loretta Iudiciani (20<sup>th</sup> Ann.),**

**Public 12:00 PM OPEN INTENTION**

**MONDAY, August 24**

**Public 8:00 AM Anna Caracciolo (3<sup>rd</sup> Ann.),**

*By family*

**TUESDAY, August 25**

**Public 8:00 AM Janice & Jim Campanini (Ann.),**

*By Ann and John*

**WEDNESDAY, August 26**

**Public 8:00 AM Louis Carocci (45<sup>th</sup> Ann.),**

*By Sandra and Alfred*

**THURSDAY, August 27**

**No Scheduled Mass**

**FRIDAY, August 28**

**Public 8:00 AM Eva Castaldi (Birth.),**

*By Celeste*

**David Narciso (Rem.),**

*By family*

**SATURDAY, August 29**

**Public 5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Giusti Family – Catherine, Joseph, Costantino, Rocco, Domenic, Jr. and Mario**

*By brother, Anthony & sister, Marie Conti*

**SUNDAY, August 30**

**Public 8:00 AM Roland Montpetit (6<sup>th</sup> Ann.),**

*By family*

**Pat DeGiulio (7<sup>th</sup> Ann.),**

*By family*

**Public 10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Page, Zurro & Ferretti Family (Rem.),**

*By family*

**Public 12:00 PM Lorraine LeBrun (3<sup>rd</sup> Ann.),**

*By family*

**Eleanor Vota (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.),**

*By family*

Join us on Saturdays at 5:00 PM for Mass live-streamed from the parish.  
 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"

**\*\*\*Please note that as long as safety procedures and protocols continue to run smoothly, and that we continue to be able to sanitize the church in a timely manner following the 10:00 AM Mass, on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> the Noon Mass will return to 11:30 AM.**

**Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization**

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It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord. - excerpts from Our Sunday Connection

Remember, you are a tabernacle with feet!  
 Especially during this time that I recently heard called "The great pause of 2020", Dina

**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](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 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 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

**Monday**

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

**Tuesday**

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday**

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday**

1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

**Friday**

1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday**

1 Cor 1:26-31; Mk 6:17-29

**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](mailto: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 15 & 16, 2020****Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving**Budget: \$4,573.00 - **\$556.00**

Budget Out of Envelope: \$37.00

Monthly Maintenance: \$314.00 - **\$165.00**Catholic Communications: \$3.00 – **\$0**Comprehensive Youth Ministry \$3.00 - **\$0**Peter's Pence \$28.00- **\$80.00**Assumption \$558.00 - **\$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](http://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 # 33 – Ticket # 0373 – \$40 – Elaine Eramian Captain: Henry Giolitti

### 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 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, 165 of our 1757 registered families have contributed \$34,974.00**

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 142,698.00 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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