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“Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus”

Pastor

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Fr. John LaPointe

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Joseph Tumminelli



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, October 3

Public 5:00 PM Jean Ballirano (6th Ann.),
By family
 Donna Evans (Month's Mind),
By Pat Higgins
 Deceased Members of the
 Rubino and Calise Families
 (Rem.),
By family

SUNDAY, October 4

Public 8:00 AM Sandra Casali (Rem.),
By family

Public 10:00 AM Frank Colasanto (5th Ann.),
By family

Public 11:30 AM OPEN INTENTION

MONDAY, October 5

Public 8:00 AM Bill Gardner (18th Ann.),
By Gloria

TUESDAY, October 6

Public 8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

WEDNESDAY, October 7

Public 8:00 AM Julian Marcello (Rem.),
By Ann Marie & David DeCesare

THURSDAY, October 8

No Scheduled Mass

FRIDAY, October 9

Public 8:00 AM Frank Kelley (2nd Ann.),
By Lucy

SATURDAY, October 10

Public 5:00 PM OPEN INTENTION

SUNDAY, October 11

Public 8:00 AM Deceased Members of the
 LeBlanc Family (Rem.),
By Maurice
 Bill Montecalvo (Ann.),
By Celeste

Public 10:00 AM Joe Cerrito (Ann.),
By wife, Sandy

Public 11:30 AM Ralph Ianniello, Jr. (Month's
 Mind),
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 Catch the stream via Facebook Live @ "St. Robert Bellarmine Church 02919"

Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization

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Welcome to our 2020-2021 Faith Formation Program. Due to the COVID-19 Crisis, at this point, I can say that Faith Formation Classes will not be conducted in the way in which they have been handled in the past. Given space limitations and ventilation inadequacies in the lower church, meeting in person, as separate groups, is not possible for all students at this time.

I am excited to begin this new journey involving the Domestic Church this year in a new Gospel based program. What is the domestic church? In a 1995 homily, St. John Paul II shared, "Catholic parents must learn to form their family as a domestic church, a church in the home as it were, where God is honored, his law is respected, prayer is a normal event, virtue is transmitted by word and example, and everyone shares the hopes, the problems and sufferings of everyone else." Therefore, "*The family is the domestic church.*" Catechism of the Catholic Church #1656"

Our program will focus on the weekend Mass and provide "at-home" and online resources for families, with the Pflaum Gospel weeklies for grades 1,3,4,5,6,7 and 8. These grades will meet virtually once a month.

Registration forms will be emailed out to families in the program, for there must be an updated registration submitted every year. The registration form will also be available on the parish web page. <https://strobertsparish.org>

The children preparing for **First Communion** will be using:

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/blessed> Weekly virtual meetings using the books and videos.

Confirmation: Weekly virtual meetings using a program covering what is required pursuant to the Diocesan Guidelines for Catechesis as well as the Gospel Weeklies.

Please submit the registration with the required fee of \$25.00. This fee is to cover the cost of the materials, weeklies, assessments and administration of the program. Peace,

Dina Veiga

Political Engagement and our Baptismal Call

In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics about the call to participate in political life. “In the Catholic tradition,” they write, “responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation” (no. 13).



Visit FaithfulCitizenship.org today to read the statement, along with a new letter, watch new videos, and access other great resources.

The Return to Public Worship at St. Robert Bellarmine Church

We here at St. Robert Bellarmine Church have been gathering in the church for the public celebration of Mass since the end of May. Please be aware of the current Mass schedule.

The Saturday Vigil Mass begins at 5:00 PM. On Sundays, Mass is celebrated at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM.

Weekday Mass is celebrated on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:00 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 weekend, 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, from 9:00AM – 4:00 PM on the Wednesday, Thursday or Friday that falls before the weekend during which you wish to attend Mass.

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 Worship

- 1. Catholics in the Diocese of Providence are still 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 and doors will be open so please dress accordingly and bring a jacket or sweater.**
- 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 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Monday

Gal 1:6-12; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Gal 1:13-24; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

Gal 3:1-5; Lk 11:5-13

Friday

Gal 3:7-14; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

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****September 26 & 27, 2020****Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving**Weekly Offering: \$5,127.00 - **\$332.00**

Weekly Offering – Loose Cash: \$25.00

Monthly Maintenance: \$215.00 - **\$10.00**Assumption \$20.00 - **\$0**Priests' Retirement \$530.00 - **\$110.00**

Seminary Collection \$30.00

All Saints' Day \$7.00

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 # 39 – Ticket # 0451 – \$40 – Kenneth Card Captain: Kathy Kelly****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, 177 of our 1757 registered families have contributed \$38,134.00

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

**Grateful for God's Providence**

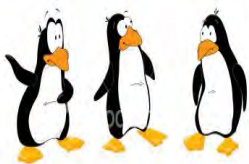
As you may recall, our parish's goal was \$423,714.00. Per the latest update report, out of our more than 1700 registered families, 229 families made one time gifts or pledges that totaled \$385,309 (90%). **With the one time gifts that were made and the amount fulfilled on the pledges, a combined total of 160,649.00 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.

The Mass Schedule Book for 2021 is now open. Please call on Tuesday through Thursday between 9:30 – 11:30 AM or from 12:30 – 4:00 PM
Offerings are \$25.00 for weekend Masses and \$10.00 for weekday Masses.

Political engagement is part of our Catholic Call

In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops urge Catholics to form their consciences through being open to truth, studying Scripture and Church teaching, examining facts and background information, and prayerful reflection (no. 18). Visit FaithfulCitizenship.org to learn about the steps you can take to form your conscience, watch videos and access other great resources on conscience formation for faithful citizens.



Even as the cooler weather approaches, so as to maximize ventilation and circulation of fresh air, please be advised that the windows and doors of the church will remain open during the celebration of Mass. Parishioners and friends are encouraged to dress accordingly and bring a jacket or sweater.



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