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“Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus”

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Joseph Tumminelli



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM

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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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 *During the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, please contact the parish priest to arrange a time and place*

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 INTENTION**SATURDAY, November 28**

Public 5:00 PM Joey Capobianco (Birth.),
By family

SUNDAY, November 29

Public 8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

Public 10:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

Public 11:30 AM Ginny Dwyer (Month's Mind),
By a friend

MONDAY, November 30

Public 8:00 AM Luis T. Lima (Rem.),
By Linda Quaglieri

TUESDAY, December 1

Public 8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

WEDNESDAY, December 2

Public 8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

THURSDAY, December 3

No Scheduled Mass

FRIDAY, December 4

Public 8:00 AM Frank Kelley (Rem.),
By Lucy
Deceased Members of the
Zeppa Family ((Rem.),
By Gloria

SATURDAY, December 5

Public 5:00 PM Jim Higgins (9th Ann.) and
Richard LaPointe (23rd Ann.),
By Pat Higgins
Patricia St. Pierre (2nd Ann.),
By family

SUNDAY, December 6

Public 8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

Public 10:00 AM Andy Cerrito (Birth.),
By Sandy

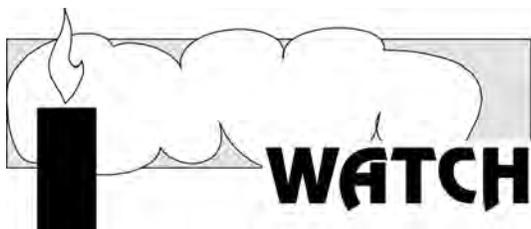
Public 11:30 AM Edith Napolitano (Rem.),
By Mr. & Mrs. John Napolitano

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"

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This week, Christians begin a new liturgical year and enter into the rich and ancient four-week season of Advent. All three of the readings this Sunday are messages of encouragement and future hope.

In family life, we try to prepare ourselves for many future things: our next vacation, our children's education, our retirement. We are careful not to allow ourselves to be caught by surprise so that we can handle any challenges our family may face. Today's Gospel reminds us that we are called to be just as attentive and alert to the coming of the Son of Man so that it will not catch us unprepared. This means attending to our family's spiritual life as carefully as we attend to other important family matters.

As you gather as a family, talk about a time when you received surprise visitors at your house, perhaps a neighbor who stopped by or a relative who arrived unannounced. Was your household prepared to receive this unannounced guest? What might your family have done differently if you knew ahead of time that this visitor was going to arrive? Jesus told his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return, except the Father. Read with your family what Jesus told his disciples in today's Gospel, Mark 13:33-37.

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also check to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again. Talk about how your family can recommit to daily prayer, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again. Read as a concluding prayer Paul's words to the Corinthians found in today's second reading, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, or pray the Lord's Prayer.

Peace, Dina

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.

Here in Rhode Island, while we journey through the two week pause from November 30th – December 13th, please be reminded that overall seating capacity will remain limited.

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.

Advent Wreath and Candles

This year's Advent Candles, which are renewed each year and burn during every Mass throughout the Advent season have been offered by Al & Michelle Crudale in memory of their parents Alfred Crudale, Jr. and Elvira & Edmond Paolino. As a community of faith, let us thank them for their generosity.



Perhaps someone might want to offer next year's candles in memory of their loved ones. If so, please contact me at the rectory so that we can discuss the details. In Christ, Fr. Richard

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 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

First Friday

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

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)

Our Parish Needs Your Help!

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**

November 21 & 22, 2020

Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving

Weekly Offering: \$6,501.50.00 - **\$870.00**

Weekly Offering – Loose Cash: 35.00

Monthly Maintenance: \$524.00 - **\$30.00**

All Saints' Day \$33.00 - **\$15.00**

Military Collection \$0 - **\$5**

Campaign for Human Dev. \$356.00 - **\$0**

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.

Non-perishable food items are distributed to our clients by way of pre-packed bags, **donations of cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, stuffing mix, and canned yams** would be appreciated.

(Please make sure that the items are not expired...we are not permitted by Food Bank policy to distribute such items.)

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



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 176,722.00 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.

MISSION OUTREACH

Because of the pandemic, most of us will be spending lots of time indoors. Mathewson Street Ministries in Providence is requesting fleece hats, double sided neck warmers and scarves, knitted and crocheted neck warmers, scarves and headbands for their increasing homeless population. They would also love some hand / foot warmers since the homeless spend most of each day on the streets.

If you have any of these items to donate, please drop them off at either Marjorie's, 3 Woodcrest Dr, Johnston, 231-5276 or at Carolyn's, 25 Richard St, Smithfield, 231-5864.

If any of you would like to make baby blankets, we have a source for them too. Let's continue to reach out to those in need.

Peace, Carolyn Hansen

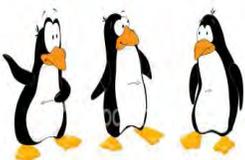


Due to COVID-19 and the ongoing restrictions, we will not be asking parishioners to shop for Christmas gifts for the needy this year. To assist with adherence to social distancing guidelines, we have decided to distribute Gift Cards only.

We are asking for **Target and Walmart gift cards in \$10 to \$50 denominations.** These cards will be given to families that participate in our Food Shelf Program. This will allow parents to make their own selections for their children.

Please deposit the Gift Cards in the collection box at Mass or drop them at the Rectory Office on or before **December 13th**. Please call 401-232-5600 before coming to the office.

Thank you for your generosity during these challenging times!!



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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