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“Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus”

Pastor

Fr. Richard A. Narciso

Pastor Emeritus

Fr. John LaPointe

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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

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 *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, 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 Bonnie Marie Bizier (Mem.),
By family

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

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

MONDAY, December 7

Public 8:00 AM Paul Godin (Birth.),
By wife, Lillian

TUESDAY, December 8 Immaculate Conception

Public 8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

WEDNESDAY, December 9

Public 8:00 AM Donald Rossi (Birth.),
By family

THURSDAY, December 10

No Scheduled Mass

FRIDAY, December 11

Public 8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

SATURDAY, December 12

Public 5:00 PM OPEN INTENTION

SUNDAY, December 13

Public 8:00 AM Pauline Laliberte (Rem.),
By Maurice

Lucy Montecalvo (Birth.),
By Celeste

Public 10:00 AM Wilfred Brousseau (5th Ann.),
By family

Frank & Margaret Colasanto
(Rem.),
By family

Public 11:30 AM Maria Giovanna Florio (3rd
Ann.),
By her brother

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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The season of Advent invites us to renew our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The people who heard the message of John the Baptist repented for their sins and were baptized as a sign of God's forgiveness. In Baptism, our sins are forgiven, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps us in our life of discipleship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we use this Advent season to renew our lives so that we, like John the Baptist, might prepare the way for Jesus.

As you gather together as a family, talk about ways in which the example of others has called you to be a follower of Jesus. Name the people who have been examples to you of Christian discipleship and describe their characteristics that you have tried to emulate. As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, Baptism commissions us to prepare the way of the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit leads us to continually renew our lives so that we might lead others to Jesus. As a family, identify at least one action that you will take this week to try to be more faithful followers of Jesus. Conclude in prayer together that God will receive this action and use it to lead others to Jesus. Pray the [Prayer to the Holy Spirit](#). Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord,
by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen. 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.

For Mass on Saturday evenings or Sundays, parishioners and friends are reminded 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.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

According to the Catholic faith, Mary is conceived without original sin. Some twenty years before the proclamation of the dogma by Pope Pius IX in 1854, through Saint Catherine Labouré, the Virgin Mary had given the Church the prayer, “O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.”

On 8th December 1854, the Pope proclaimed, “The Blessed Virgin Mary was, at the first moment of her conception (...) preserved immune from all stain of original sin.” On this day, members of the Church contemplate, in Mary, the perfect success of humanity as desired by God. .

“*In the Gospel of the Annunciation, the Angel’s greeting to Mary resounds: “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee”, (Luke 1:28). God has always thought of her and wanted her in his inscrutable plan, to be a creature full of grace, that is, full of his love. Perfectly conforming to God’s plan for her, Mary then becomes the “most beautiful”, the “most holy”, but without the slightest shadow of complacency. She is humble. She is a masterpiece, whilst remaining humble, small, poor. In her is reflected the beauty of God, which is all love, grace, the gift of self. (Pope Francis, 8th December 2019)*

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 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday

Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday

Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

SaturdayZec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or any readings from the *Lectionary for Mass* (vol. IV), the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712**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 28 & 29, 2020****Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving**Weekly Offering: \$4,924.00 - **\$1,260.00**

Weekly Offering – Loose Cash: 10.00

Monthly Maintenance: \$165.00 - **\$85.00**All Saints' Day \$25.00 - **\$25.00**Campaign for Human Dev. \$75.00 - **\$45.00****Military - \$25.00****World Mission \$25.00****Seminary \$25.00**

Immaculate Conception: \$10.00

Thanksgiving: \$25.00

Christmas: \$20.00

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.

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 182,019.00 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 accesibility 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



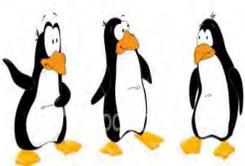
Due to COVID-19 and the ongoing restrictions, we will not be asking parishioners to shop for Christmas gifts for the needy this year. To assist with adherence to social distancing guidelines, we have decided to distribute Gift Cards only.

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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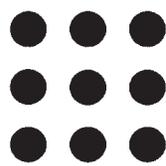


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