



# 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*



## **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*

[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** *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 19**

**Public 5:00 PM** Steven Montecalvo (Month's Mind),  
*By friends*

**SUNDAY, December 20**

**Public 8:00 AM** Lucy Sclama (25<sup>th</sup> Ann.),  
*By family*

**Public 10:00 AM** Laurie Parrillo (Birth.),  
*By mom and family*  
Marie Colaluca (Ann.),  
*By family*

**Public 11:30 AM** Deceased Members of the  
LaCroix and Devine Families (Rem.),  
*By Carole*  
Ann Bucci (Ann.),  
*By daughter and family*

**MONDAY, December 21**

**Public 8:00 AM** Albert Cournoyer (27<sup>th</sup> Ann.),  
*By Lillian*  
Frank & Vera Russo and  
Barbara Hodge Rem.),  
*By Roni Russo*

**TUESDAY, December 22**

**Public 8:00 AM** Katie Coughlin (Birth.),  
*By friends*  
Claire Tumminelli (Ann.)  
*By Family*

**WEDNESDAY, December 23**

**Public 8:00 AM** Ann & Angelo DiCenzo and  
Fred and Evelyn DiCenzo (Rem.),  
*By Anita*

**THURSDAY, December 24 – Christmas Vigil**

**Public 4:30 PM** Richard DelPonte and Mary &  
Mickey Russo (Rem.),  
*By family*

Deceased Members of the  
Giuseppe Nero Family (Rem.),  
*By Bill Nero and family*

**Public 10:30 PM** Corine Holtmann (Rem.),  
*By family*

**FRIDAY, December 25 – Christmas Day**

**Public 8:00 AM** Bobby 'Bo' Desmet, Robert H.  
Desmet & Ronnie Coppola (Rem.),  
*By family*

**Public 10:00 AM** Christopher & James Shepard  
(Birth.),  
*By family*  
Yousif & Kachik (Rem.),  
*By family*

**SATURDAY, December 26**

**Public 5:00 PM** Maria G. Franco (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.),  
*By sister*  
Angelo Ruscetta (Ann.),  
*By family*

**Family Faith Formation, Outreach  
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One of the challenges of faith is to recognize God's plan for us and to remain open to God's will and God's actions in our world. Filled with God's grace, Mary models for us the kind of faith that is needed to cooperate in God's plan of salvation. Like Mary, we are given the awesome opportunity to cooperate in God's saving plan. On this final Sunday of Advent, our Gospel invites us to consider how our preparations for Christmas have made us more aware of God's grace working in our lives.

Gather together your family and talk about what you have been doing as a family to prepare for Christmas. How have these preparations helped you to better celebrate the central mystery of Christmas, the Incarnation? Our Gospel today talks about how Mary was prepared for her role in Christ's birth. Read today's Gospel, Luke 1:26-38. Consider the question: What enabled Mary to say yes to God? Which of your Advent activities have made you more aware of God's grace in your life? Conclude in prayer together that God's grace will enable your family to be more faithful and obedient to God. Pray together the [Magnificat](#).

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

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 30<sup>th</sup> – December 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **Christmas/New Year Mass Schedule**

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## 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**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

**Monday**

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

**Tuesday**

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

**Wednesday**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

**Thursday**

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;

Lk 1:67-79

**Friday**

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Saturday**

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

**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)

**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**

**December 12 & 13, 2020**

**Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving**

Weekly Offering: \$5,689.25.00 - **\$610.00**

Weekly Offering – Loose Cash: 25.00

Monthly Maintenance: \$472.00 - **\$105.00**

All Saints' Day \$17.00 - **\$0**

Campaign for Human Dev. \$20.00 - **\$0**

Immaculate Conception: \$441.00 - **\$75.00**

Christmas: \$185.00 - **\$0**

Retired Religious: \$1,077.00 - **\$50.00**

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.**

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

**MISSION OUTREACH – FAITH IN ACTION**

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The response has been great for scarfs, hats, mittens and gloves for the homeless. Please continue to deliver them to Marge at 3 Woodcrest Dr, Johnnton. If you have any questions, call her at (401) 231-5276. The Mathewson Street Church's Director told me, in addition to the scarves and hats etc., the homeless are in great need of travel size personal hygiene items as well as body/ hand and feet warmers. Personal hygiene items can be bought at The Dollar Store and warmers at Job Lot. The church's director sent a wonderful letter of appreciation for all these donations. Several bags of scarves, hats & mittens were delivered to DCYF. The baby blankets were brought to the Mother of Life Center. Please continue making and donating these wonderful items of warmth and comfort. The need is great and they are greatly appreciated. Carolyn & Marge

**If not in person, worship with us from home.**

Join us on Saturdays at 5:00 PM, as well as on Christmas Eve at 4:30 PM & 10:30 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"



A word of thanksgiving and gratitude to all those who were able to support this year's Giving Tree Program. Your donation of gift cards will assist those who have turned to our parish community in their time of need to provide a brighter and merrier Christmas for the children in their lives. Thank you for your generosity during these challenging times!

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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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**May the miracle of the Christ Child fill your hearts and homes with His gifts of hope, peace, joy and love this Christmas and throughout the New Year. Your intentions, as well as those of your family members and friends, will be remembered as Mass is celebrated this Christmas. Fr. Richard and Deacon Joe**



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