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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

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 26

5:00 PM Maria G. Franco (2nd Ann.),
By sister
Angelo Ruscetta (Ann.),
By family

SUNDAY, December 27

8:00 AM Marie Kelley (Rem.),
By Mildred Connor
10:00 AM David & Ann Narciso (Rem.),
By family
11:30 AM Gloria E. (Santos) Pasqual &
John J. Pasqual III (Rem.),
By a friend

MONDAY, December 28

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

TUESDAY, December 29

8:00 AM Paul & Anna Kelley (Rem.),
By Wini

WEDNESDAY, December 30

8:00 AM Joyce Cady (3rd Ann.),
By Ann and John

THURSDAY, December 31

No Scheduled Mass Today

FRIDAY, January 1 – New year’s Day

10:00 AM Herman Autotte (19th Ann.),
By Janet Zeman

SATURDAY, January 2

5:00 PM Rev. J. Joseph Cooney (Rem.),
By the SRB Parish Family

SUNDAY, January 3

8:00 AM Rev. Patrick F. Hanrahan (Rem.),
By the SRB Parish Family
10:00 AM Rev. Joseph Horgan (Rem.),
By the SRB Parish Family
11:30 AM Bishop Russell J. McVinney (Rem.),
By the SRB Parish Family

For whose soul would you like to have a Mass offered?

If you would like to have a Mass offered for the repose of the soul of a deceased family member or friend, or for someone for whom there is no one to pray, contact the rectory by phone to check on available dates and times. *“Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin.” 2 Maccabees 12:46*



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The Most Holy Family

"The Lord sets a father in honor over his children; A mother's authority he confirms over her sons. He who honors his father atones for sins; He stores up riches who reveres his mother." Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14



This Sunday’s celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our religious life. We know that Mary and Joseph’s faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God’s plan for our salvation by accepting the responsibility to raise God’s Son, Jesus. From his parents, Jesus learned how to be a faithful believer in his Jewish tradition. Simeon’s prophecy about Mary’s sorrow alerts us to the importance of a family’s commitment to one another, a commitment that is expressed in both good times and bad.

Gather as a family and recall times when your family showed its commitment to one another in good times and in bad. Recall times when your immediate family was supported by members of your extended family. Note that today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and we see in the family of Jesus an example for our own family life. Read together today’s Gospel, Luke 2:22-40. Joseph and Mary expressed their faithfulness to God through their observance of the Law of Moses. Simeon prophesied the grief that Mary would experience at the foot of Jesus’ cross. One of the blessings of family life is our commitment to one another, sharing good times and supporting one another through difficult times. Conclude in prayer together thanking God for the grace expressed in your family’s commitment to another. Write a prayer together, thanking God for your family life and asking God to strengthen your family’s commitment to one another. Pray this prayer together.
Peace, Dina

Public Worship
at St. Robert Bellarmine Church
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM.

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM.

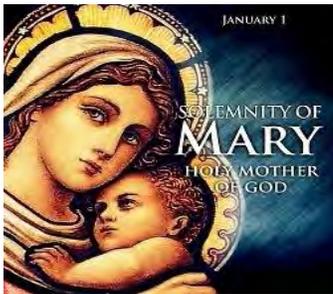
**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
and Friday: 8:00 AM**

Parish staff and volunteers continue to organize and manage the process of scheduling, welcoming, seating and sending forth those who attend Mass as well as the process of sanitizing and disinfecting the church after each Mass.

Overall seating capacity remains limited. For Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning, 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.

January 1, 2021

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Last year, on January 1, 2020, Pope Francis spoke the following words:

“As we begin this new year, let us ask ourselves: Do I know how to see with the heart? Do I know how to look at people with

the heart? Do I take to heart the people with whom I live? Or do I tear them down by gossip? And above all, do I put the Lord at the centre of my heart, or other values, other interests, like advancement, riches, power? Only if we take life to heart will we know how to take care and overcome the indifference all around. So let us ask for the grace to live this year with the desire to take others to heart and to care for them.”

After prayerfully considering these words anew, I can't help but wonder if the Holy Father himself knew just how relevant his words would be to the year that awaited us all. As we transition from 2020 to 2021, and reflect on all that we have experienced over the past year, through the intercession of Mary, may we resolve to commit ourselves to ever-more faithfully recognizing and revealing the heart of Christ in the midst of the joys and sorrows of daily life.

Peace, 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.

Things to Consider
as Related to Public Worship

- 1. Catholics in the Diocese of Providence are still dispensed from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.**
- 2. Access to Mass remains limited.**
- 3. Hand sanitizer, social distancing and mask wearing remain part of our safety protocols.**
- 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. Personal contact with anyone from outside of your household is to be avoided.**
- 10. Windows and doors will be open so please dress accordingly and bring a coat, 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 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, should 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 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**

Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

First Friday

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

First Saturday

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

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)**

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 19 & 20, 2020

Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving

Weekly Offering: \$5,296.00 - **\$355.00**

Weekly Offering – Loose Cash: 10.00

Monthly Maintenance: \$257.00 - **\$30.00**

All Saints' Day \$5.00 - **\$0**

Immaculate Conception: \$60.00 - **\$25.00**

Christmas: \$335.00 - **\$100**

Retired Religious: \$375.00 - **\$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

**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 canned vegetables, oatmeal, ramen noodles and pasta/pasta sauce** 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.

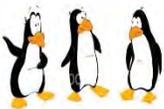
Join us on Saturdays at 5:00 PM, as well as on New year's Day at 10:00 AM, for Mass live-streamed from the parish. Click on the player that has been installed on the homepage of the parish's website @ www.strobertsparish.org Catch the stream via Facebook Live @ "St. Robert Bellarmine Church 02919"

A Word of Thanksgiving and Gratitude

As we continue our journey of faith through these days of the Christmas season, I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for the many cards, notes, baked goods, gifts etc. that the staff and I received from parishioners during this most wonderful and blessed time of the year. Know that we are grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Also, please join me in thanking those who volunteered there time,talent, energy and effort so as to decorate and prepare the church for Christmas. In addition, let us be sure to take a moment to pray in thanksgiving and gratitude for the intentions of all those volunteers who, in the midst of the ongoing public health crisis, have conscientiously and diligently worked to safely welcome, seat and send forth those who attend Mass here at the parish and sanitize and disinfect our worship space after each Mass. Lastly, let us be prayerfully mindful of the intentions of the volunteers who have selflessly and sacrificially given of themselves throughout this most unprecedented year to ensure the ongoing operation of the St. Robert Bellarmine Food Pantry and Outreach Program. Peace, Fr. Richard



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Even as the cooler wheather 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 coat, jacket or sweater.

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2021 ----- New Year's Day Mass Schedule ----- 2021

Seating capacity limitations, social distancing and mask wearing will be observed.

**Please call ahead for seating.
(401) 232-5600**

**January 1, 2021 - New Year's Day
* 10:00 AM – Mass (Livestreamed)**

Wishing all of you a Holy, Healthy and Happy New Year!



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