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“Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus”

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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, 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

MONDAY, January 4

8:00 AM Bob and Tim Ferretti (Rem.)
By family
Liberina Marcello (Birth.),
By Ann and John

TUESDAY, January 5

8:00 AM Vincent Langella (Ann.),
By family

WEDNESDAY, January 6

8:00 AM Dr. Michael Consiglio (Rem.),
By a friend

THURSDAY, January 7

No Scheduled Mass Today

FRIDAY, January 8

10:00 AM Sr. Lorraine MacPherson (3rd Ann.),
By Sr. Bea Rogers
John Bilobram, Sr. (Ann.),
By Ann and John

SATURDAY, January 9

5:00 PM Daniel DiMaio (Rem.),
By family

SUNDAY, January 10

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Poirier and
Riccio Families (Rem.),
By Bill, Cecile and Family

11:30 AM OPEN INTENTION

**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*

**Family Faith Formation, Outreach
and Evangelization**

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The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."

Since March, 2020 I have been sending daily emails to the families registered in the Faith Formation program and people I had the opportunity to meet pre-COVID from St. Robert Bellarmine parish. I try to send articles, prayers, quips, insights and ideas to help on this amazing journey of faith called life. My simple goal is to keep this family together during this unprecedented time in history. I am inviting anyone who is interested in receiving the emails to please send me your email to srbccd2020@gmail.com. I will not share your email with anyone.

May the new year bring you continued peace, hope, faith and love. 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.

Decemebre 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021
“The Year of St. Joseph”

Back on December 8th of this year,, which was the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of St. Joseph as the Universal Patron of the Church, Pope Francis declared a “Year of St. Joseph” that will continue through the year ahead and come to a conclusion on December 8, 2021.

In conjunction with his declaration of the Year of St. Joseph, Pope Francis released an Apostolic Letter titled *Patris Corde* (With a Father’s Heart). Pope Francis said “The aim of the Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtue and zeal.”

The Holy Father also, provided us with this prayer to St. Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

To read Pope Francis’ letter, visit:
http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_2020

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 Worhsip

- 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**

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday

1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22

Friday

1 Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

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 26 & 27, 2020****Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving**Weekly Offering: \$5,758.00 - **\$548.00**

Weekly Offering – Loose Cash: 7.00

Monthly Maintenance: \$145.00 - **\$40.00**Immaculate Conception: \$90.00 - **\$25.00**Christmas: \$4,318.00 - **\$0**Retired Religious: \$85.00 - **\$100.00**

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 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 Letter from Bishop Tobin Regarding COVID-19 Vaccine

Please note that this letter was written and published, on 12/3/20, prior to the approval of the vaccines currently being administered. For those who have not seen the letter, the information may be helpful.

To the Faithful of the Diocese of Providence:

Numerous reports indicate that at least two COVID-19 vaccines will soon be available. This development in fighting this terrible disease is indeed very good news and should be for us a source of hope and gratitude.

The development of these vaccines will also raise, and indeed already has raised, some questions about the moral permissibility of receiving these vaccines if they have been developed in any way that involves the use of cell lines from aborted babies. It is a complex and sensitive matter. Nonetheless, a careful evaluation of this situation from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (the USCCB), includes the following:

“Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production. They are not completely free from any connection to abortion, however, as both Pfizer and Moderna made use of a tainted cell line for one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products. There is thus a connection, but it is relatively remote.”

In short the USCCB evaluation, backed-up by previous instructions from the Holy See, affirms that “at the level of the recipient, it is morally permissible to accept vaccination when there are no alternatives and there is a serious risk to health.”

When the vaccines become available, individuals should be encouraged to receive the vaccine to promote their own health and safety and that of others. This is consistent with the Catholic commitment on promoting the common good. Nonetheless, if individuals have serious moral objections to, or health concerns about, receiving the vaccines, those concerns should be respected and the individuals should not be forced to be vaccinated if so doing is contrary to their conscience.

I hope that this information will be helpful for you. In receiving the news of the vaccines we realize that the fight against this terrible pandemic is not over. We need to continue our vigilance, and to pray for all who have suffered from the dire consequences of the virus. May God remove this terrible plague from our midst and grant healing, comfort and peace to all.

With my best wishes, prayers and blessings, I remain,
Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop of Providence



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