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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*

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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, February 13**

**5:00 PM** Sandra Torti (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.),  
By husband Joe and children

**SUNDAY, February 14**

**8:00 AM** Louise O'Brien (20<sup>th</sup> Ann.),  
By family

**10:00 AM** OPEN INTENTION

**11:30 AM** Anthony and Lucy Fusco (Rem.),  
By granddaughter

**MONDAY, February 15**

**8:00 AM** Domnick & Teresa Brennan (Rem.)  
By Eileen

**TUESDAY, February 16**

**8:00 AM** OPEN INTENTION

**WEDNESDAY, February 17 – Ash Wednesday**

**8:00 AM** John J. Capobianco (Month's Mind),  
By mom and family

**12:10 PM** Gian Piscione (Rem.), By Nana

**7:00 PM** OPEN INTENTION

**THURSDAY, February 18**

No Scheduled Mass Today

**FRIDAY, February 19**

**8:00 AM** Thomas Mainey (Month's Mind),  
By family

**7:00 PM** Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, February 20**

**5:00 PM** Deceased Members of the Laurencio  
Family (Rem.),  
By Priscilla Facha DiMaio  
Vince Novak (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.), By family

**SUNDAY, February 21**

**8:00 AM** OPEN INTENTION

**10:00 AM** Rocco Tella (Ann.), By family  
Thomas & Julie DePari (Rem.),  
By family

**11:30 AM** Anthony Santagata (Ann.),  
By daughter

**Bobby Puleo (21<sup>st</sup> Ann.),**  
By Jennifer Cipalone

**For whose soul****have you forgotten to pray or have a Mass offered?**

Even if you are someone who has not yet returned to the church for in-person worship, know that there is still inestimable spiritual value in having a Mass offered for the soul of a departed loved one. 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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Today's Gospel invites us to think about the choices we make as individuals and as a family. Jesus was faced with a choice in today's Gospel. By choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast. The man knew that Jesus had a choice and that Jesus could reject his request. He may have expected that Jesus would not help him. The social taboos regarding leprosy certainly gave him little on which to base his hope. In the person of the man with leprosy, we see an image of all those in need. The sick and the outcast of our world are watching us, to see if we as Christians will choose to extend ourselves to others in need of healing and compassion.

Gather with your family and talk about some of the choices you have made as a family. (where to go on vacation, what activities to do together, how to spend our evenings, and so on) How does your family go about making these decisions? What do your choices communicate to others about your family's values? In today's Gospel, Jesus was faced with a choice. Read today's Gospel, Mark 1:40-45. In choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus chose to show God's compassion and mercy. All our choices reflect our faith, and others are watching. Conclude in prayer together, asking God to help your family show compassion to others in your family decisions. Pray together the [Prayer for Vocations](#).

God, in Baptism you called me by name and made me a member of your people, the Church. Help all your people to know their vocation in life, and to respond by living a life of holiness. For your greater glory and for the service of your people, raise up dedicated and generous leaders who will serve as sisters, priests, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers.

Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen me  
that I may serve your people  
following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
in whose name I offer this prayer.

Amen.  
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 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.

**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](http://www.strobertsparish.org) Catch the stream via Facebook Live @ "St. Robert Bellarmine Church 02919"



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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 \$385,309.00. **To date, with one time gifts and the amount fulfilled on pledges, a combined total of \$194,872.00 has been paid. Forty percent of that amount (\$77,948.80) comes back to the parish.** 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.

As of this time, we have solicited and received proposals from Architectural Firms and look forward to soon being able to install a restroom with handicap accessibility on the main level of the church and eventually some type of lift system so as to make the lower level of the church accessible to all.

**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**

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

**Monday**

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday**

Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday**

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday**

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday**

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday**

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

**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****January 30 & 31 & February 6 & 7, 2021****Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving**

Weekly Offering: \$6,914.00 &amp; \$5,117.00

Weekly Offering – Loose Cash: \$506.00 &amp; \$5.00

**Online giving: \$1,360.00**Monthly Maintenance: \$255.00 & 359.00 **\$35.**

Christmas: \$10.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$75. & \$20. **\$15.**Catholic University: \$45. & \$35. **\$60.**Church in Latin America: \$113. & \$25. **\$20.**

Retired Religious: \$25. &amp; 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](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 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

## Community Outreach

We have had a request from **Mother of Hope Center** for **layette items, new and gently used**. Sizes needed are newborn, 0-3 months, 3-6 months and toddler 3,4,5 and 6. If you would like to donate any of these items, please bring them to Marge, 3 Woodcrest Dr, Johnston, tel. number 231-5276. We are continuing to collect hand, foot and body warmers, scarfs and hats for the **homeless** serviced by **Mathewson Street Church**. **Children's** mittens, gloves and hats are greatly needed too. **Thank you for all you do.** Carolyn

2021 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL*OUR FAITH AND HOPE IN CHARITY*

Have you started to give prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2021 Catholic Charity Appeal? Won't you unite with other catholics and respond to the call to be the "Hands of Christ" in support of the people and good works of the Church here in the Diocese of Providence?



Parishioners from St. Robert Bellarmine have already made the decision to invest in this year's Catholic Charity Appeal. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the Catholic Charity Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. **To date, 38 of our more than 1700 registered families have pledged \$5,470.00**

This year, our parish goal has been reduced from \$70,000 to \$66,500. Despite the ongoing public health crisis and the economic impact that it has had on some individuals and families, I firmly believe that we, as a parish family comprised of more than 1700 registered households, can collectively meet or exceed this year's goal. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals. One time gifts or pledges may be made by responding to the mailings that you receive at home. Another option is to make your gift online by visiting: <https://www.givecentral.org/2021CCA>. To contribute by way of text using your mobile device, text **Appeal** to 401-496-9889.

In Christ, Fr. Richard

Lent 2021Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM

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

Seating will be done on a first come first serve basis.

Stations of the Cross will be livestreamed via the parish website @ [www.strobertsparish.org](http://www.strobertsparish.org) as well as by the parish's facebook page @ strobertbellarminechurch02919.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations

Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts.

Pastors and parents are encouraged by the law of the Church to ensure that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated nonetheless in an authentic sense of penance.

Following the implementation of the revised Code of Canon Law on November 27, 1983, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States determined that the rules of fast and abstinence which have existed for the last several years in this country be maintained. Namely, that the faithful observe suitable penitential practices on all Fridays throughout the year. These penitential practices need not include abstaining from meat. However, as indicated above, the faithful must not eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent as well as on Ash Wednesday. They must also observe faithfully the fast regulations as they have been stated above in accord with the universal law of the Church (Cf. Code of Canon Law, Canons 1250-1252).



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