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## **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, February 27**

**5:00 PM** Raymond Mahoney (Rem.),  
By Pat Higgins  
Giuseppe Paris (Birth.),  
By family

**SUNDAY, February 28**

**8:00 AM** Michelina Langella (Birth.),  
By family  
**10:00 AM** Anthony DiChiaro (17<sup>th</sup> Ann.),  
By wife and family  
Lena Riccio (Ann.),  
By Bill, Cecile and family

**11:30 AM** OPEN INTENTION

**MONDAY, March 1**

**8:00 AM** Deceased Members of the Lemieux  
Family (Rem.)  
By Al and Diane Quattromani  
'In Thanksgiving' for answered prayer  
By Carolyn

**TUESDAY, March 2**

**8:00 AM** Joseph Caracciolo (Rem.),  
By the St. Rocco School Community  
William 'Doc' Silva  
By friends

**WEDNESDAY, March 3**

**8:00 AM** Deceased Members of the Langella  
Family (Rem.),  
By family

**THURSDAY, March 4**

No Scheduled Mass Today

**FRIDAY, March 5**

**8:00 AM** Lisa Furia (Rem.),  
By Carolyn  
Deceased Members of the  
Quattromani Family (Rem.),  
By Al and Diane Quattromani

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

**SATURDAY, March 6**

**5:00 PM** Michael Muscatelli (Rem.),  
By family  
Thomas Muscatelli (Rem.),  
By family

**SUNDAY, March 7**

**8:00 AM** OPEN INTENTION  
**10:00 AM** Jackie Bianco (25<sup>th</sup> Ann.),  
By family  
**11:30 AM** OPEN INTENTION

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Why do Catholics call their main church services "Mass"? by [Philip Kosloski](#)

Catholics can have a weird vocabulary sometimes. When a Catholic needs to look up times for church services on Sunday they will look up "Mass Times." Parishes also list Daily Masses, and Masses for Holy Days of Obligation. Even Catholic weddings and funerals most often take place as part of a Mass. For the cradle Catholic, this will be a no-brainer, but for the outsider, the word "Mass" can seem like strange jargon.

The English word "Mass" comes from the Latin word *missa*, which means to be "sent." This Latin word has been used since the 6th or 7th century to describe the Catholic celebration of the Eucharist, our main liturgical service. The word is used during the conclusion of the celebration, when the priest or deacon says in Latin, *Ite, missa est*.

The literal translation of that phrase is, "Go, it has been sent." Saint Thomas Aquinas wrote a commentary on these words and explained in his *Summa Theologiae*, "And from this the Mass derives its name ... the deacon on festival days 'dismisses' the people at the end of the Mass, by saying: 'Ite, missa est,' that is, the victim [Jesus] has been sent to God through the angel, so that it may be accepted by God."

Pope Benedict XVI also expanded on these words in his encyclical *Sacramentum Caritatis*, but focused on a different spiritual meaning behind the phrase. He wrote, "In antiquity, *missa* simply meant 'dismissal.' However in Christian usage it gradually took on a deeper meaning. The word 'dismissal' has come to imply a 'mission.' These few words succinctly express the missionary nature of the Church. The People of God might be helped to understand more clearly this essential dimension of the Church's life, taking the dismissal as a starting-point."

Instead of seeing the words of the priest or deacon as a conclusion to the celebration, Pope Benedict saw them as a beginning. He made that abundantly clear when he developed new words for the dismissal at Mass. Pope Benedict approved the phrases, "*Ite ad Evangelium Domini annuntiandum* (Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord)" and "*Ite in pace, glorificando vita vestra Dominum* (Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life)." Both of these dismissals focus on the missionary character of the Mass and how those in the pew are meant to go out in the world, sustained by the Eucharist they just received.

Viewed in this framework, the "Mass" is not just a single celebration on a Sunday or weekday or feast day, but a starting-point for a lifelong journey of Christian witness. The priest, in the place of Christ, sends forth his parishioners into the world so that they may be beacons of light, set on a hill for all to see.

-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 \$200,998.00 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 Worshp**

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 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34;  
Mk 9:2-10

**Monday**

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday**

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday**

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday**

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

**First Friday**

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**First Saturday**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**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**

**February 20 & 21, 2021**

**Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving**

Weekly Offering: \$5,943.00

Weekly Offering – Loose Cash: \$199.00

**Online giving: \$420.00**

Monthly Maintenance: \$456.00 - **\$45.00**

**Church in Latin America - \$20.00**

Retired Religious \$10.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$5.00 - **\$20.00**

Rice Bowl: \$35.00 - **\$15.00**

Good Friday: \$20.00 - **\$15.00**

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 **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

Thanks to your generosity, we have made the following deliveries. Fifty + hats, scarfs and gloves were given out to needy elementary school children. Another 15 scarfs, body warmers and toiletries were distributed to the homeless. Sixteen lap blankets were brought to an area nursing home and 25 + baby blankets/ quilts baby sensory blankets were delivered to Gabriel's Call and Mother of Life Center.

There is still a great need for all of the above items so please continue knitting, crocheting and sewing. We have adopted **Gabriel's Call** and **Mother of Life Center**. They help pregnant mothers in crisis and their children up to age 4. They need **layette** items (**new, clean and gently used baby clothes**), **toddler clothes, newborn & up**. Other items in need are bibs, diapers, onesies, baby toiletries, etc. If you'd like to donate any of the layette items or clothes, please drop them off at Margie's house, 3 Woodcrest Dr., Johnston. 231-5276.

With sincere gratitude, Carolyn & Marge

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, 82 of our more than 1700 registered families have pledged \$16,285.00**

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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