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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 INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, March 13**

5:00 PM George Kelley (Rem.),
By family
John Colafrancesco (Month's Mind),
By family

SUNDAY, March 14

8:00 AM 'A Special Intention'
By the Souza Family
10:00 AM Anita Aspry (4th Ann.),
By family
Mildred and Timothy Centore (Rem.),
By family
11:30 AM Alfred A. 'Fred' Cavallaro (Rem.),
By a friend

MONDAY, March 15

8:00 AM Patrick and Mary Brennan (Rem.),
By Lucy
Sr. Anna Farragher (Rem.),
By Phyllis and Jackie

TUESDAY, March 16

8:00 AM Ana Blackmar (Ann.),
Sophia Testa (Ann.),
By Al, Dianne, Olivia & Anthony
Angelone

WEDNESDAY, March 17

8:00 AM Genevieve DePerry (Birth.),
By family
Robert Wheeler, Jr. (Birth.),
By family

THURSDAY, March 18

No Scheduled Mass Today

FRIDAY, March 19

8:00 AM Lisa Furia (Ann.),
By mom
Kate Levesque (Ann.),
By Lucille

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 20

5:00 PM 'Prayers of Protection for the
Members of the Lourenco Family'
By Priscilla Facha-DiMaio

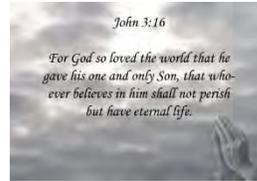
SUNDAY, March 21

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION
10:00 AM OPEN INTENTION
11:30 AM Bruno Calvitto (17th Ann.),
By family

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**Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization**

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Parents whose children are afraid of the dark are struck by John's observation that darkness is preferred to light. Perhaps this is as it should be.

God made us to live in the light of his love. But this original friendship with God was corrupted by sin. Our sin causes us to shy away from Christ, the light that has come into the world. During the season of Lent, we try to fight this tendency by remembering God's great mercy and the salvation that we have received through Jesus. We do not fear confessing our sins, knowing that God forgives us, and so, during Lent, we seek out opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

After your family gathers, sit for a time in darkness, then light a candle. Invite people to talk about what it felt like to be in the darkness and to compare that to their feelings when the candle was lit. What are we able to see by the limited glow of the candlelight that we couldn't see when we were sitting in darkness? Read today's Gospel, John 3:14-21. John's Gospel teaches us that Jesus was the light that came into the world. In this light we know ourselves to be sinners, but we are not condemned. Instead we have been saved because we have been forgiven through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Conclude in prayer together, thanking God for the great gift of forgiveness we have received through Jesus. Pray together the Act of Contrition.

*My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.
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 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 \$202,916.00 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**

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

Monday

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

Friday2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a**Saturday**

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53

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**March 6 & 7, 2021****Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving**

Weekly Offering: \$5,767.00

Weekly Offering – Loose Cash: \$45.00

Online giving: \$782.00Monthly Maintenance: \$842.00 - **\$20.00**

Solemnity of Mary: \$5.00

Rice Bowl: \$200.00

Good Friday: \$105.00

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, fruit cocktail, tuna 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

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

Forty Week Club 2021 - Our Major Fund Raiser

Week # 2– Ticket # 160– \$40 – Carolyn Hansen– Captain: Marge Catanzaro

**Tickets are available at the Rectory Office or call
Ann @ 944-6792, Pat @ 647-7461 or Judy @ 232-3603**

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, 111 of our more than 1700**

registered families have pledged \$21,910.00

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 2021**Stations 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 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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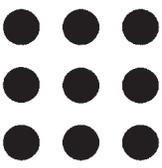


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