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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, April 17

5:00 PM Gregory Rubino (1st Ann.)
By wife, Kathleen and the Rubino family
 Susan Cookson (Rem.),
By Carol and Joe

SUNDAY, April 18

8:00 AM Hazel and Paul Tessier (Rem.),
By Linda

10:00 AM Laurie Parrillo and Deceased
 Members of the Trombetti family (Rem.),
By Eleanor and family

11:30 AM Lillian Ferrieri (Rem.),
By the Hattoy family
 Joseph Caracciolo (Rem.),
By cousins

MONDAY, April 19

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

TUESDAY, April 20

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

WEDNESDAY, April 21

8:00 AM Sr. Lorraine MacPherson (Birth.),
By Sr. Bea Rogers

THURSDAY, April 22

NO SCHEDULED MASS

FRIDAY, April 23

8:00 AM Patricia Cooke (Rem.),
By friends

SATURDAY, April 24

5:00 PM Joey Capobianco and Tommy Mira
 (Rem.),
By family

SUNDAY, April 25

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

10:00 AM Frank Zabatta (Ann.),
By family
 Robert Riccio (4th Ann.),
By family

11:30 AM Peter Laurenza (Ann.),
By family

Know Jesus

**in the breaking
 of the bread....**



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In their different ways all four Gospel-writers try to help people believe in something that seems unbelievable: the bodily resurrection of

Jesus. Luke shows that Jesus' risen state isn't a purely spiritual experience, a mass hallucination, or mere wishful thinking.

- Jesus has hands and feet; ghosts don't
- Jesus is flesh and bone, a biblical expression for being human
- Jesus eats food

The risen Jesus is part of time and space, but he is no longer subject to it. He has triumphed over death and is now lord of all, both of the spiritual and the material.

In fulfillment of the scriptures

The disciples are happy but confused. They didn't expect Jesus to return like this, and they don't have a frame of reference for making sense out of his transformed state. Jesus must help them understand. Our Old Testament doesn't contain verse after verse of detailed information about Jesus. If it did, more people would have accepted Jesus and the disciples would have been waiting for him to appear. There are, however, major themes running through the Jewish scriptures that Jesus embodied.

- God wants to save all of creation and for us to live in peace
- God overcomes every obstacle to his plan
- God favors those in need and those who act justly and with love
- God acts within human history in ways that often surprise and startle us

Christian faith is based on historical events. These events were first spoken about then written down so that later generations could be sure that they had a credible basis for their faith. In the Jewish tradition, testimony was deemed true if at least two men gave it. Far more people witnessed the events that form the historical core of Christian faith. - by Edrienne Ezell

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 \$205,806.00 has been paid. Forty percent of that amount (\$82,322.40) 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

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

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)**

Give Blood – Give the Gift of Life

The Rhode Island Blood Center's Blood Mobile will be here on the grounds of our parish this Sunday, April 18, 2021, from 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM. To book an appointment, contact www.rIBC.org/drives. Sponsor Code 0297. Walk-ins only accepted if safe spacing permits at time of arrival.

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As of January 31, 2021, St. Robert Bellarmine Parishioner, Vincent A. DiMonte, Esq. (Past President, R.I. Bar Association), has surpassed 100 gallons of donations to the Rhode Island Blood Center. This consists of a total of 433 donations of whole blood, platelets and plasma from 12/21/1989 – 1/31/2021. Vin is the 7th Rhode Islander to reach this. Prayer-filled congratulations to Vin on this outstanding achievement. Also, as of February 2021, Deacon Joe Tumminelli has donated 150 pints of blood to the RI Blood Center. Thanks Deacon Joe!

PARISH SUPPORT

April 10 & 11, 2021

Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving

Weekly Offering: \$5,207.00

Weekly Offering – Loose Cash: \$15.00

Online giving: \$720.00

Monthly Maintenance: \$212.00 - **\$75.00**

Rice Bowl: \$125.00 - **\$50.00**

Good Friday: \$75.00 - **\$10.00**

Easter: \$695.00 - **\$175.00**

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 green beans, oatmeal, 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. In addition to that, travel size personal hygiene items, underwear and socks for the homeless are needed. 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 # 7 – \$40 – Ann Toolan – Captain: Gwen Feole

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, 172 of our more than 1700**

registered families have pledged \$33,704.00

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

+++ **CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE** +++

PROGRAM POLICIES
2021 - 2022

In accordance with Diocesan Policies, **Tuition Assistance is only for students in grades K-8**. With particular permission and authorization from the Bishop, tuition assistance may be available for students who attend one of the Catholic High Schools here in the diocese. ***The premise of the Catholic School Tuition Assistance Program is that financial assistance is based on need.*** Families requesting assistance must fulfill the following requirements:

*Must be registered in the parish (at least one full year.)

*Must attend Mass on a weekly basis.

*Must use the budget envelope system or ParishSoft online giving.

*Must show family involvement in parish programs/ministry.

Please fill out a separate form for each child in a household. If you need an application sent to you, please call the Rectory at 232-5600. **Applications must be completed and returned to the Rectory by June 1st.**



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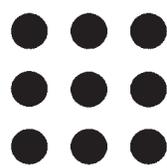


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