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Pastor

Fr. Richard A. Narciso

Pastor Emeritus

Fr. John LaPointe

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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 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

MONDAY, April 26

8:00 AM Joyce Cady (Birth.),
By Ann and John
Deceased Members of the Testa
Family (Rem.),
By Tony

TUESDAY, April 27

8:00 AM Desiree Marcello (Birth.),
By Auntie Ann and Uncle John

WEDNESDAY, April 28

8:00 AM Nellie Mahoney (Birth.),
By Pat Higgins

THURSDAY, April 29

NO SCHEDULED MASS

FRIDAY, April 30

8:00 AM Johnny & Assunta Carnevale (Rem.),
By Luigi Conti and family
Mary & Arthur Johnson (Rem.),
By family

SATURDAY, May 1

5:00 PM OPEN INTENTION

SUNDAY, May 2

8:00 AM Robert and Americo Marciano
(Rem.),
By family

10:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

11:30 AM OPEN INTENTION

**WE ARE GOD'S
CHILDREN**

**Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization**

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter always features a Gospel passage in which Jesus refers to those who believe in him as his sheep. He speaks of loving and giving his life for them. This day is thus known as Good Shepherd Sunday.

The Good Shepherd makes sacrifices for the sheep not because it is required, but because it is a choice. That sounds a lot like parenting and the dynamics of a healthy family life. Parents choose to make sacrifices for their children out of love, not obligation. Parents model and invite their children to choose to make sacrifices for other family members and for other people, acting out of love rather than obligation.

When you gather as a family, invite each family member to consider the attitude that permeates their participation in family life. Read a common examen, such as any of the following: *Do we do family chores cheerfully and without having to be asked multiple times? Do we gladly share with others? Do we willingly contribute to the family good when asked?* Read aloud today's Gospel, John 10:11-18. Discuss together how the example of the Good Shepherd might inspire your family life. Invite each family member to make a renewed commitment to one action/attitude to focus on in the upcoming week that show that we will choose to follow the example of the Good Shepherd.

PRAYER

adapted from St Gregory of Nyssa

O good Shepherd, it is but one sheep, this entire human race, whom you lift onto your shoulders. Show me where there are green pastures. Let me know restful waters. Lead me out to nourishing grass and call me by name so that I can hear your voice. Through that voice calling me, give me eternal life. 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 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 \$207,183.00 has been paid. Forty percent of that amount (\$82,873.20) 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 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

First SaturdayActs 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14 or, for the Memorial,
Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58**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.

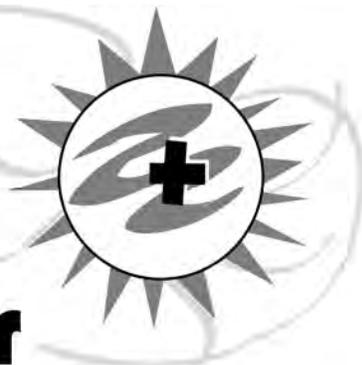
For Whom Are You Praying?

Add their names to the Prayer Chain.



Call: Jan Zarrella (274-6576) or
Charon Souza (231-3962)

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**PARISH
SUPPORT****April 17 & 18, 2021****Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving**

Weekly Offering: \$4,411.00

Weekly Offering – Loose Cash: \$101.00

Online giving: \$315.00Monthly Maintenance: \$1,007.00 - **\$20.00**Rice Bowl: \$0 - **\$50.00**Good Friday: \$35.00 - **\$50.00**Easter: \$330.00 - **\$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 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 # 8– \$40 – Reis Boehm– Captain: Judy D'Itri

**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, 178 of our more than 1700**

registered families have pledged \$34,668.00

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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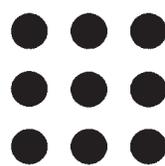
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