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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*

## **Weekend Clergy**

*Fr. John Vidmar, O.P.*

*Fr. Raymond A. Tetreault*



## **Mass Schedule**

### **Saturday Evening**

*5:15PM*

### **Sunday Morning**

*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** *Saturday 4:30 PM and by appointment with the Parish Priest.*

**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, May 16**

5:15 PM Catherine DeRobbio (Rem.),  
By the SRB Parish Family

**\*\*\*SUNDAY, May 17**

\*\*\*8:00 AM Donna M. Paglio (Rem.),  
By family

\*\*\*10:00 AM Donald Rossi, (10<sup>th</sup> Ann.),  
By family

\*\*\*11:30 AM Ann A. Narciso (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.),  
By family

**MONDAY, May 18**

9:00 AM Mary J. (O'Hara) Scorobogaty (Rem.),  
By the SRB Parish Family

**TUESDAY, May 19**

9:00 AM Ann Carocci (Birth.),  
By Sandra & Alfred

**WEDNESDAY, May 20**

12:10 PM Gregory Casali (Rem.),  
By the SRB Parish Family

**THURSDAY, May 21 – The Ascension of the Lord**

9:00 AM John & Sylvia Procaccini (Rem.),  
By a friend

**FRIDAY, May 22**

9:00 AM Mary Preston (Birth.),  
By granddaughter Doris  
Ron Sunderland (Birth.),  
By Celeste

**SATURDAY, May 23**

5:15 PM Deceased Members of the Autotte,  
Lamoureux & Zeman Families (Rem.),  
By Janet Zeman  
Jennie Quaranta (Ann.),  
By family

**\*\*\*SUNDAY, May 24**

\*\*\*8:00 AM Virginia M. daMota (Rem.),  
By the SRB Parish Family

\*\*\*10:00 AM Maria Abatecola (Rem.),  
By the Board of Directors of  
Highland Memorial Park

\*\*\*11:30 AM Dorothy A. Palombo (Month's  
Mind),  
By family

**Collective Mass Intentions**

\*\*\*Please note that until further notice all intentions for Masses that are scheduled on Sundays will be offered collectively during the one Mass that will be celebrated and live-streamed via Facebook Live and our parish's website at 10:00 AM.

**Strengthening Our Bond With  
Pope Francis**

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on *prayer*, we now consider its essential characteristics.

Prayer involves our entire being yearning for some "other" beyond ourselves.

Specifically Christian prayer is born from the realization that the "other" we are seeking has been revealed in the tender face of Jesus, who teaches us to call God "Father", and wants personally to enter into relationship with us.

In his farewell discourse at the Last Supper, Jesus no longer calls his disciples servants but *friends*.

When we commune with God in prayer, we need not be fearful, for he is a friend, a trusted ally. Whatever our situation, or however poorly we may think of ourselves, God is always faithful, and willing to embrace us in mercy.

We see this unconditional love on Calvary, for the Lord never stops loving, even to the end.

Let us seek to pray by entering into this mystery of God's unending Covenant with us. This is the burning heart of every Christian prayer: entrusting ourselves to the loving and merciful arms of our heavenly Father. *Pope Francis, General Audience, Library of the Apostolic Palace, Wednesday, May 13, 2020.*



Join us on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> for Mass live-streamed from the parish at 10:00 AM.

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"

## **Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization**

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### **Simple and Effective Ways to Evangelize as a Catholic**

- 1....Set time apart daily for God. Don't be afraid to tell others you do that.
- 2...Smile a lot. It makes you happy. It also makes others happy. It's a great witness to your joy.
- 3...Say "Thank you" as often as you can. Expressing gratitude makes you more appreciative of what you have. Gratitude is a beautiful virtue. It helps make you, and those you thank, happy!
- 4...Always remember, "Be not afraid". It is the most mentioned phrase in the Bible.
- 5...Spend some time in silent reflection. Start with five minutes a day. Try to visualize darkness, calmness, nothingness, peace. Block out other thoughts. God will "break-in" when He wants. You will recognize him. - Diocese of Salinas

### ***Gospel Reading John 14:15-21***

***Jesus promises his disciples that he will send them another advocate, the Spirit of truth.***



Today's Gospel is a continuation of last week's Gospel: Jesus is speaking to his disciples at the Last Supper. In today's reading Jesus offers encouragement to his disciples, who will soon see him crucified. He reassures them that even though he will leave them, he will not abandon them. Instead he will send them the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, through whom the disciples will continue to live in union with Jesus.

Jesus uses the term *Advocate* to describe the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will receive. Another word used to describe the Holy Spirit is *Paraclete*, a legal term meaning "one who offers defense for another." Note that Jesus says that he will send "another Advocate." Jesus himself is the first advocate, interceding for his disciples with the Father.

In today's reading Jesus contrasts his impending departure with the permanence of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus will leave to return to the Father, but the Holy Spirit will remain with the disciples.

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the disciples will come to know and appreciate the unity of the Son and the Father. They will also understand that they too participate in the communion between the Father and the Son: "On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you" (John 14:20).

Today's reading is one example of the contrast that John's Gospel presents between the community of disciples, to whom God will reveal himself, and the unbelieving world, which will remain in darkness. The unbelieving world cannot accept the "Spirit of truth," whom the disciples will receive. Only through the Spirit will God's revelation and love be known. - Sunday Connection

Peace, Dina Veiga

**Local and National Catholic Resources**

During this time of distance and separation, please visit [www.dioceseofprovidence.org](http://www.dioceseofprovidence.org) or [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org), for resources to assist and inspire as we journey through these days of the Easter season in a most unfamiliar way.

**DAILY READINGS****Sunday**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

**Monday**

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday**

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday**

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday - The Ascension of the Lord:**

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

**Friday**

Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday**

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

**Parish Office**

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.

For Whom Are You Praying?  
Add their names to the Prayer Chain.



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

**St. Gabriel's Call**

During this uncertain time, St. Gabriel's Call, a ministry of the Diocese of Providence, continues to help mothers in need before, during and after their pregnancies. Gabriel Staff Workers are on hand to make sure those who have no where else to turn, are able to receive basic needs during the coronavirus pandemic. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call Marissa Kelly at 401-278-2525 or Carol Owens at 401-278-4508.

**PARISH  
SUPPORT****May 9 & 10, 2020****Traditionl Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving**

Budget: \$5,248.00 - **\$478.00**

Monthly Maintenance: \$583.00 - **\$10.00**

Rice Bowl: \$35.00 - **\$0**

Good Friday: \$25.00 – **\$0**

Easter Collection: \$128.00 - **\$0**

Ascension Thursday: \$25.00 - **\$0**

A word of thanksgiving and gratitude to those of you, who during this time of crisis, disruption and uncertainty, have been able to continue to contribute to the ongoing financial support of the parish.

Your continued support is necessary and appreciated so that the ongoing regular operating expenses of the parish can be met.

Offerings may be sent in by mail or 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. Also, you may visit ParishSoft directly at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/st1804189>

**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.

Also, now that non-perishable food items are once again being distributed to our clients by way of pre-packed bags, donations of jarred pasta sauce, pasta, canned corn, peas and large soups (i.e. Progresso) as well as Ramen Noodles would be appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity!

We continue to evaluate the ever-changing situation in which we find ourselves and are modifying operating procedures accordingly so as to promote the health, safety and well-being of clients, volunteers and donors alike.

## 40-WEEK CLUB 2020



### OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER

Week # 11 - Ticket # 363 - \$40 - Dennis Crawley - Captain: Henry Giolitti  
 Week # 12 - Ticket # 38 - \$40 - Angela Derensis - Captain: Wil Courtemanche  
 Week #13 - Ticket # 155 - \$40 - Karen Paolucci - Captain: Karen Paolucci

### Grateful for God's Providence

As you may recall, our parish's goal was \$423,714.00. Out of our more than 1700 registered families, 230 families made one time gifts or pledges that totaled \$390,209.00 (92%). **With the one time gifts that were made and the amount fulfilled on the pledges, a combined total of 124,838.00 has been paid.**

A short time ago we received our initial parish share check, for the first quarter of 2020, in the amount of 47,187.65.

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.

Although things are on hold at this time, we still look forward to one day being able to install a restroom with handicap accessibility on the main level of the church as well as some type of lift system so as to make the lower level of the church accessible to all.

### Holy Family Home for Mothers and Children

Holy Family Home, located at 979 Branch Ave in Providence, provides shelter and services to women and their children. This includes various amenities available within the facility and other organizations. Various programs are designed and available to assist residents with educational guidance, treatment programs (available through volunteer providers), counseling to promote the residents' well-being and follow up care upon leaving the facility. For more information or to make a donation in support of the ministry, call 401-304-7744.

### The RI Blood Center

In the midst of the current health crisis, blood, platelets and plasma donors are still needed. Please call the RI Blood Center at (800) 283-8385 for more information on how and where you can still safely help save a life.

### Tuition Assistance

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.
- \***Must** show family involvement in parish programs/ministry.
- \***Must** submit the FACTS form through the school's Financial Aid Office

**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 should be completed and returned to the Rectory by June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### 2020 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL



Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2020 Catholic Charity Appeal? Won't you help us by being the "Hands of Christ" in supporting the people and the work of the Diocese of Providence?

Many of you have already invested in this year's Catholic Charity Appeal in response to mailings that were sent from from Bishop Tobin or from me. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the Catholic Charity Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. **To date, 142 of our 1757 registered families have contributed \$30,169.00**

Our parish goal is \$70,000 – a goal that can only be reached with your support. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals.  
 In Christ, Fr. Richard



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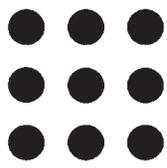
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