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“Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus”

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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 INTENTION

SATURDAY, January 16

5:00 PM David C. Narciso (Birth.),
By family

SUNDAY, January 17

8:00 AM Albert J. Marchetti, Sr. (21st Ann.),
By children

Flora DeSimone (14th Ann.),
By daughter and Peter

10:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

11:30 AM Wendy Marfeo (Rem.),
By anthony Sciarra

MONDAY, January 18

8:00 AM 'For the Intentions of' Jo-Ann Prata
By Eleanor Zube

TUESDAY, January 19

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

WEDNESDAY, January 20

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

THURSDAY, January 21

No Scheduled Mass Today

FRIDAY, January 22

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

SATURDAY, January 23

5:00 PM Rob Rines (Rem.),
By Dom and Jan Zarrella

SUNDAY, January 24

8:00 AM Peter Richard (5th Ann.),
By wife

10:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

11:30 AM Joanne Rotondo (1st Ann.),
By family
Peter Richard (5th Ann.),
By wife

For whose soul would you like to have a Mass offered?

If you would like to have a Mass offered for the repose of the soul of a deceased family member or friend, or for someone for whom there is no one to pray, contact the rectory by phone to check on available dates and times. *"Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin." 2 Maccabees 12:46*



Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization

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In today's Gospel we learn about one of at least two-family relations that appear among Jesus' first disciples. Andrew is the brother of Simon, whom Jesus

renames Peter. In next week's Gospel, we will learn about the brothers James and John, the sons of Zebedee. We know from the letters of Paul and other witnesses to the early Church that it was a common occurrence for an entire household to be baptized together. From the very beginning of the Church, families helped one another to know and follow Jesus. We hope and pray that this continues to be true in our family life.

Before your family gathers, look around your house and gather some items that your family might have that remind you of your faith. Perhaps you have a cross or crucifix displayed in your home, a statue of Mary, or statues or other art depicting saints. In today's Gospel we learn about how Andrew led his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Read today's Gospel, John 1:35-42.

In our family life, we also help to lead one another to Jesus. Talk together about the items that you gathered, discussing what these items mean to you and how you might use them during the day for prayer. Pray that your family will continue to help one another grow in our faith in Jesus. Pray together the [Glory Be to the Father](#).

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
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 to organize and 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.

Decembere 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021
“The Year of St. Joseph”

In his Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde* (With a Father’s Heart), Pope Francis refers to St. Joseph as a *tender and loving father* and writes Joseph saw Jesus grow daily “in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favour” (*Lk 2:52*). As the Lord had done with Israel, so Joseph did with Jesus: he taught him to walk, taking him by the hand; he was for him like a father who raises an infant to his cheeks, bending down to him and feeding him (cf. *Hos 11:3-4*).

In Joseph, Jesus saw the tender love of God: “As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him” (*Ps 103:13*).

In the synagogue, during the praying of the Psalms, Joseph would surely have heard again and again that the God of Israel is a God of tender love,^[11] who is good to all, whose “compassion is over all that he has made” (*Ps 145:9*).

The history of salvation is worked out “in hope against hope” (*Rom 4:18*), through our weaknesses. All too often, we think that God works only through our better parts, yet most of his plans are realized in and despite our frailty. Thus Saint Paul could say: “To keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me: ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness’” (*2 Cor 12:7-9*).

Since this is part of the entire economy of salvation, we must learn to look upon our weaknesses with tender mercy.^[12]

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**

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Monday

Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday

Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

Heb 7:25-8:6; Mk 3:7-12

Friday

Lectionary for Ritual Masses, vol. IV

"Mass for Peace & Justice", nos. 887-891

Saturday

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21

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

January 9 & 10, 2021

Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving

Weekly Offering: \$6,763.00.00 - **\$ 840.00**

Weekly Offering – Loose Cash: 12.00

Monthly Maintenance: \$633.00 - **\$93.00**

Immaculate Conception: \$35.00 - **\$0**

Christmas: \$220.00 - **\$10.00**

Solemnity of Mary: \$316.00 - **\$85.00**

Retired Religious: \$90.00 - **\$0**

All Saints: \$5.00

Priests' Retirement: \$20.00

Catholic University: \$27.00

Church in Latin America: \$25.00

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, 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

A big thank you to all who have donated items to our Mission Outreach. These charities are still in need of the following items. Mathewson Street Church in Providence is asking for trial size personal hygiene items which can easily be found in the Dollar Store. Their homeless clients walk the streets most of each day so gloves, feet and body warmers are in demand as are underwear. Those of you who are knitting, crocheting and sewing hats, scarves and gloves, please continue to do so. You are making a difference!!!

Mother of Life Home in also in Providence for young mothers would love more baby blankets. As soon as we are allowed to, we will deliver lap blankets to the area nursing homes. Please continue making those. Items can be dropped off at Margie's home, 3 Woodcrest Drive in Johnston. Her telephone number is 231-5276. Thank you for all you do. Carolyn

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"

U.S. Bishops' President Condemns Violent Protests and Prays for Safety as Chaos Threatens U.S. Capitol

On January 6, 2021, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), issued the following statement in response to the violence that took place in and around the United States Capitol:

"I join people of good will in condemning the violence today at the United States Capitol. This is not who we are as Americans. I am praying for members of Congress and Capitol staff and for the police and all those working to restore order and public safety."

"The peaceful transition of power is one of the hallmarks of this great nation. In this troubling moment, we must recommit ourselves to the values and principles of our democracy and come together as one nation under God. I entrust all of us to the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May she guide us in the ways of peace, and obtain for us wisdom and the grace of a true patriotism and love of country."



“...As citizens, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group. When necessary, our participation should help transform the party to which we belong; we should not let the party transform us in such a way

that we neglect or deny fundamental moral truths or approve intrinsically evil acts. We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a civilization of truth and love.” *USCCB, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship # 14*

At this time of transition here in the USA, and being mindful of the need for peace, justice and the establishment of an ever-more complete civilization of truth and love throughout our nation, let us pray “O God who arrange all things according to a wonderful design, graciously receive the prayers we pour out to you for our country, that, through the wisdom of its leaders and the integrity of its citizens, harmony and justice may be assured and lasting prosperity come with peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.” (Taken from the Roman Missal, 2011, Collect for the Mass for the Nation or State #21)



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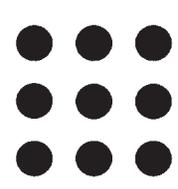
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