



ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE CHURCH

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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

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 INTENTIONSSATURDAY, May 15

5:00 PM Paul Godin (1st Ann.),
By wife Lillian
 Carmino & Catherine DeRobbio
 (Rem. & 1st Ann.), *By son*

SUNDAY, May 16

8:00 AM Louis T. Lima (Rem.),
By family & friends
 10:00 AM Intentions of Rama Toulon (Birth.),
By Juliette Toulon & family
 Joseph Gemma (1st Ann.),
By family
 11:30 AM Ann A. Narciso (2nd Ann.),
By family

MONDAY, May 17

8:00 AM Ann A. Narciso (2nd Ann),
By Juliette Toulon & family

TUESDAY, May 18

8:00 AM Sophia Testa (Birth.),
By Tony

WEDNESDAY, May 19

8:00 AM Ann Carocci (Birth.),
By Sandra & Alfred
 Alfred Almonte (Birth.),
By family

THURSDAY, May 20

No Scheduled Mass

FRIDAY, May 21

8:00 AM Ron Sunderland (Birth.),
By Celeste
 Patricia Cooke (Rem.),
By friends

SATURDAY, May 22

5:00 PM Jennie Quaranta (Ann.),
By family
 William Kennen (7th Ann.),
By family

SUNDAY, May 23

8:00 AM Fr. Raymond Luft (Rem.),
By the SRB Parish Family
 10:00 AM Elio Coletta (Month's Mind),
By wife & daughter
 11:30 AM For the Intentions of Fr. Denis Sweeney,
 CSSR (40th Anniversary of Ordination), *By Juliette*
Toulon & family

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Prayer Within the Family

One of the greatest gifts that we are given in our family life is protection from harm. Families work together to keep one another safe from physical harm. Think of the effort a family makes to childproof its home for infants and toddlers. Families also work together to protect each other from emotional harm.



For example, we attend to the ways in which family members talk to one another so that we do not hurt one another's feelings by our words. Most importantly, families work together to protect each other from those things that might harm them spiritually. We shield our children from those things in our culture that might tempt them. When families work together to strengthen their sense of God and community, they build the spiritual strength to turn from those things that would lead them away from God and the Church. Jesus' prayer for his disciples can also be a prayer for family life.

Gather as a family and talk about the things that you want most for each other. Talk about the fact that as we work toward these things, we also work to protect one another from harmful things. What do you want to protect each other from? Observe that in today's Gospel, Jesus shows these same two tendencies as he prays for something he wants for his disciples and prays for their protection as well. Read together today's Gospel, John 17:11b-19. Consider what Jesus wants for his disciples and what Jesus wants to protect his disciples from. We know that when Jesus prayed for his disciples, he was praying for us as well. We pray for these things as well, for example, when we pray the Lord's Prayer. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.
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

On Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings, on an as needed and as requested basis, parish volunteers will be available to assist with the process of seating those who attend Mass.

If not in person, you are still able to 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"



GRATEFUL
for God's Providence
CELEBRATING 150 YEARS
Diocese of Providence

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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 \$208,328.00 has been paid. Forty percent of that amount (\$83,331.20) 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 ongoing 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 engaged an Architectural Firm and will soon be installing a restroom with handicap accessibility on the main level of the church and a lift system so as to make the lower level of the church accessible to all.

Regarding the Use of Masks



Through May 17, 2021, while inside the church building, all those who attend Mass should continue to properly wear a mask that covers both nose and mouth.

Beginning May 18, 2021, those who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are invited to enter the church without the use of a mask.

Those who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are encouraged to follow State of RI Guidelines in regard to the wearing of a mask while indoors.

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.

The obligation to attend Mass will be reinstated June 6, 2021.

2. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance of the church building.

3. Parishioners will continue to have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion in a safe manner either in the palm of the hand or on the tongue.

4. Windows and doors will remain open so please dress accordingly and bring a coat, jacket or sweater.

5. Those who are ill with a transmissible illness should stay home.

Tips for inviting and encouraging others to return to Mass



1. Talk about a positive and uplifting experience you had while at church.

2. Focus on the blessings associated with worshipping as part of the gathered assembly.

3. Above all, emphasize the spiritual gift and holy privilege of

having the opportunity to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.

4. Make a plan to do something such as sharing a meal, taking a walk or assisting with running an errand after Mass.

5. If the person is not ready or does not accept the invitation, be respectful and try again at another time.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

Monday

Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

2021 Memorial Day Weekend 2021



On Saturday, May 29th, during the 5:00 PM Mass, there will be a brief program honoring all Fallen Men and Women

Veterans. All

Parish Veterans and their families are invited and encouraged to attend that Mass.

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



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

Come spend some time in prayer.

Throughout the week, the church building will be open and accessible during the day so that you may spend some time in quiet prayer with Jesus who is present in the tabernacle.

PARISH SUPPORT

May 1 & 2, 2021

Traditional Giving – ParishSOFT Online Giving

Weekly Offering: \$5,624.00

Weekly Offering – Loose Cash: \$221.00

Online giving: \$1,200.00

Monthly Maintenance: \$605.00 - **\$40.00**

Easter: \$45.00- **\$0**

Ascension: Yet to be processed – **\$0**

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 made during Mass, dropped off at the rectory, 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, tuna, baked beans, peanut butter 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

Correction - Week #10 – \$40 – Robert Balasco – Captain: Ann Toolan

Week # 11 - \$40 - Judy D'Itri - 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, 199 of our more than 1700**

registered families have pledged \$36,928.00

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

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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.**