



# **ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE CHURCH**

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"...whoever claims to abide in Him ought to walk just as He walked."..."

1 John 2:6

## **Pastor**

Fr. Richard A. Narciso

## **Pastor Emeritus**

Fr. John LaPointe

## **Deacon Assistant**

Joseph Tumminelli



## **Mass Schedule**

### **Saturday Vigil**

5:00PM

### **Sunday Morning**

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM

### **Weekdays and Holy Days**

As announced in bulletin

### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday

9:00 AM to Noon

12:30 PM to 4:30 PM

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

Dina Veiga, Director

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### **Director of Music**

Tom Roy

### **Parish Secretary**

Diane Mosca

### **Business Manager**

Sandra Rainone

## **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** 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS****SATURDAY, January 8**

5:00 PM Michael Pepper and Richard Moschetti (Rem.),  
By Tommy and Betty

**SUNDAY, January 9**

8:00 AM Eleanor, Frank & Eugene Chiello (Rem.),  
By family  
Thomas Mainey (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.),  
By family

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Poirier and Riccio Families (Rem.),  
By Bill, Cecile and family

11:30 AM Patricia St. Pierre (Birth.),  
By family

**MONDAY, January 10**

8:00 AM Giovanni DiManna (Birth.),  
By family

**TUESDAY, January 11**

8:00 AM Joseph Moore (Rem.),  
By a friend

**WEDNESDAY, January 12**

8:00 AM Phyllis O'Melia (Month's Mind),  
By Jackie

**THURSDAY, January 13**

**NO MASS SCHEDULED**

**FRIDAY, January 14**

8:00 AM Angelica Rogers (38<sup>th</sup> Ann.),  
By daughters

**SATURDAY, January 15**

5:00 PM John Capobianco (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.),  
By family

**SUNDAY, January 16**

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

10:00 AM Albert J. Marchetti, Sr. (22<sup>nd</sup> Ann.),  
By his children  
Flora and Alfred DeSimone (Rem.),  
By daughter and grandchildren

11:30 AM Lillian Ferrieri (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.),  
By family

**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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Every family has a unique identity that is defined by the behaviors, attitudes, and expectations that govern

a family's daily life. This identity is influenced by the family history of the parents, but each family's expression of this history is unique. In today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' behavior, attitudes, and expectations were governed by his identity as God's beloved Son. In our Baptism, we were made children of this same heavenly Father. This identity as members of the family of God, and as brothers and sisters of Jesus, also shapes our family's daily life.

As you gather as a family, identify some of the expectations and behaviors that govern your family life by answering the question, "What are some of the things that make our family life unique?" Celebrate these things about your family life. Read today's Gospel, Luke 3:15-16,21-22. Observe that Jesus' identity as the Beloved Son of the Father governed his behaviors, attitudes, and expectations. Recall that at our Baptism we were made children of this same heavenly Father. How does this identity as a member of the family of God govern and shape our family life? Conclude in prayer together that we will remain faithful to our baptismal identity as children of God and as brothers or sisters of Jesus. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

*Peace, Dina*

### Grateful for God's Providence



Our parish's goal was \$423,714.00. Per the latest update report, 229 families made one time gifts or pledges that totaled \$385,312.00.

**With one time gifts and the amount fulfilled on pledges, a combined total of \$256,594.00 has**

**been paid. Forty percent of that amount (\$102,637.60) comes back to the parish.**

With a team consisting of Thomas Lonardo + Associates, Odeh Engineers and Garaventa Lift, plans are underway for the restroom with handicap accessibility that will be installed on the main level of the church as well as for the lift system that will make the lower level of the church accessible.

### Parish Office Hours



**Monday – Thursday**

**9:00 AM - 4:30 PM**

***Closed for Lunch:***

**12:00 PM – 12:30 PM**

**All parish offices will be**

**closed on Fridays, Weekends and Holidays.**

### **When was the last time you encountered the Lord's love and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?**

Let us be mindful that while the Christmas season,



which comes to an end this Sunday, is a particularly appropriate time for us to avail ourselves of the Sacrament of

Reconciliation, the Lord invites you to come to Him throughout the whole liturgical year, too.

You are encouraged to contact Fr. Richard at the rectory to schedule a day and time that is convenient for you.

### St. Robert Bellarmine - Blood Drive

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022**

**3:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**Blood Mobile**

**1804 Atwood Avenue**

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**Donations by Appointment.**

**(Walk-ins only accepted if safe spacing permits upon arrival.)**

To book, visit: [www.ribc.org/drives](http://www.ribc.org/drives)  
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### Regarding the Use of Masks



**Regardless of your vaccination status, we ask that you please wear a mask while inside the church building.**

**Thanks in advance for your attention and cooperation.**

### In the Midst of the Ongoing COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

- 1...Please remember to sanitize your hands upon entering the church.
- 2...While using the Breaking Bread Missalettes/Hymnals, please be mindful that others have used them before you and will be using them after you.
- 3...Those who will be receiving Holy Communion in the palm of their hand are encouraged to use hand sanitizer prior to approaching the altar.
- 4...When receiving Holy Communion in the palm of your hand, please place your non-dominant hand on top of your dominant hand and be sure that you make as flat a surface as possible. Thereafter, to minimize the possibility of contact between the communicant and minister, please allow the minister to not only place the Sacred Host in the palm of your hand but to also retract his or her fingers before you begin to move your own hands or fingers.
- 5...As related to the reception of Holy Communion on the tongue, all should be aware that even if there is no contact made between the communicant and the minister, hand sanitizer will be used by the minister before he or she offers the Sacred Host to the next person..
- 6...Those who are sick with a transmissible illness must refrain from coming to Mass.
- 7...Please be sure not to leave any used kleenex or tissues on the pews or on the floor.
- 8...Those who do not feel comfortable receiving Holy Communion from a minister who happens to not be wearing a mask have no obligation to do so. Please feel free to wait to receive from a minister with whom you are comfortable.



### Daily Readings

#### **The Baptism of the Lord**

##### **Sunday**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11;  
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7;  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

##### **Monday**

1 Sm 1:1-8; Mk 1:14-20

##### **Tuesday**

1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28

##### **Wednesday**

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39

##### **Thursday**

1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45

##### **Friday**

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12

##### **Saturday**

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Mk 2:13-17

### Recently Deceased Parishioners



We wish to extend our sympathies and condolences to the family members and friends

Helen Tessitore, Marie DiBiasio and Claire Magnani who recently passed away. May they rest in peace, and may those who loved and cared for them find comfort and consolation in the promises of Christ.

### The Anointing of the Sick

In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing



tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising.

**The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament.** A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness is sufficient.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age. *From the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults.*

### **Parish Support**

**January 2/3, 2022**

Traditional Giving / ParishSoft

Weekly Offering: \$5,343.11 - **\$730.00**

Monthly Maintenance: \$1,244.00 - **\$15.00**

Annual Collection: \$1,375.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$881.00

Christmas: \$353.00 - **\$80.00**

Immaculate Conception - **\$10.00**

A word of gratitude to those who continue to contribute to the ongoing financial support of the parish. Your support is not only appreciated but also necessary to meet the ongoing regular operating expenses of the parish.

Offerings may be made during Mass, dropped off at the rectory, sent in by mail or forwarded by way of your bank's electronic bill pay service.

Online giving continues to be an option here at the parish. To 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](http://www.strobertsparish.org)



### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT OF OUR**

#### **FOOD SHELF & OUTREACH MINISTRY**

As always, donations of \$10.00, \$15.00,  
\$20.00 or \$25.00



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At this time, non-perishable food items are being made available to our clients either by way of a friendly choice shopping experience or by way of curbside pickup of pre-packaged parcels.

**Donations of canned vegetables, oatmeal, ramen noodles, pasta/pasta sauce & peanut butter 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!



## PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

**JANUARY 19-27, 2022**

*9 Days for Life* is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. For more information and resources, visit: <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>

### ***Why is the intercession of Blessed Carlo Acutis prayed for during Mass here at St. Robert Bellarmine Church?***



As was written in last Sunday's bulletin, Carlo Acutis was born on May 3, 1991 and died on Oct. 12, 2006. He was buried in Assisi, at his request, because of his love for St. Francis of Assisi. His cause for canonization began in 2013. He was designated "Venerable" in 2018, and was designated "Blessed" in 2020.

The beatification of Carlo Acutis took place on October 10, 2020 after a miracle was attributed to his prayers and the grace of God. In Brazil, a boy named Mattheus was healed from a serious birth defect called an

annular pancreas after he and his mother asked Acutis to pray for his healing.

Prior to Carlo's death, he was an amateur computer programmer, who documented Eucharistic miracles around the world and catalogued them onto a website, [miracolieucaristici.org](http://miracolieucaristici.org). In many ways, Carlo Acutis was a typical teenager. He enjoyed soccer, his PlayStation and making videos of his dogs. He wore Nikes and jeans, and he had a cellphone and an email address.

Since his death, Carlo has become known in some Catholic circles as the patron saint of the internet for his facility with computers and his early and enthusiastic embrace of the web, which he used as an expression of his Catholic faith.

Carlo is believed to be on the journey to becoming the first millennial saint. With this in mind, it is my prayer that the life and example of Carlo Acutis will resonate with, and spiritually inspire, the young people of our parish community.

Also, when I mention the name of Blessed Carlo Acutis during Mass here at the parish, it is through his intercession that I am praying for the healing and intentions of A.J. Quetta who is working hard to recover from a spinal cord injury that he sustained while playing hockey back in January of 2021.

If a young boy in Brazil was healed through the prayers of Carlo Acutis and the grace of God, I firmly believe that it is possible that A.J., a young man here in North Providence, RI, can be healed through Carlo's prayers and the grace of God as well. I invite and encourage you to join AJ's Army and to pray for his intentions and healing through the intercession of Blessed Carlo Acutis. *In Christ, Fr. Richard*



***For more information about Carlo Acutis' life and cause for canonization, visit:***

***<http://www.carloacutis.com/en/association/presentazione> For more information about AJ and his Army, visit: <https://ajsarmy.com/>.***



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