



# **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

232-9321

[srbccd2020@gmail.com](mailto:srbccd2020@gmail.com)

### **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, February 19**

5:00 PM Gerald Habershaw (Rem.),  
By the SRBP Family

**SUNDAY, February 20**

8:00 AM Marianne Tomasetti (Month's Mind),  
By family

10:00 AM Rocco Tella (7<sup>th</sup> Ann.),  
By daughter and family

11:30 AM Francisco Moreira (Birth.),  
By Al and Charon

**MONDAY, February 21**

8:00 AM Patricia Cooke (Rem.),  
By Jackie  
Abel Souza & Sophie Simmons  
Souza (Rem.),  
By family

**TUESDAY, February 22**

8:00 AM Theresa Nadeau (Ann.),  
By the Nadeau family  
Ella Harter (15<sup>th</sup> Ann.),  
By family

**WEDNESDAY, February 23**

8:00 AM Charles Pare (35<sup>th</sup> Ann.),  
By Sr. Gertrude Pare  
Vince Novak (Ann.),  
By family

**THURSDAY, February 24**

**NO MASS SCHEDULED**

**FRIDAY, February 25**

8:00 AM Mary Costa (Birth.),  
By daughter Doris

**SATURDAY, February 26**

5:00 PM Raymond Mahoney (30<sup>th</sup> Ann.),  
By Pat

**SUNDAY, February 27**

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

10:00 AM Anthony DiChiaro (Ann.),  
By wife and children

11:30 AM OPEN INTENTION

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



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, please contact the rectory by phone to check on available dates and times.

**Family Faith Formation,  
Outreach and Evangelization**

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Servant of God Sister Thea  
Bowman, FSPA

Born on December 29, 1937, in  
Yazoo City, Mississippi, Bertha

"Thea" Bowman was raised in a segregated community, initially going to African-American secondary school before her family moved her to a private school run by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. It was the education she received there that convinced her to convert to Catholicism, become a Sister herself, and dedicate her life to the advancement of those in need.

After becoming a Sister, Thea Bowman went on to receive her doctoral degree at Viterbo University and began a life of teaching in both college classrooms and religious settings. Advocating for a focus on social justice in the Church and the reclamation of African-American religious identity, Sister Thea struggled tirelessly against the racism she faced in her own community, as well as the prejudice she encountered from the clergy, especially as a woman of color. In fact, she helped found the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University. In 1984, Sister Thea was diagnosed with breast cancer. This hurdle could not slow her down, however, leading her to declare that "I'll live until I die." Following her diagnosis, Sister Thea continued to travel the United States and speak to crowds, primarily about the importance of accepting one another and embracing the unique role of African-American identity in Catholicism. Her refusal to become a victim is certainly one of her most amazing and inspiring traits. Through her example, she changed the way people see the world.

The following link provides more information  
<https://www.sistertheabowman.com>

**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 \$269,581.00 has**

**been paid. Forty percent of that amount (\$107,832.40) 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.**

## SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, April 24, 2022, during and after the 11:30 AM Mass, we will celebrate Fr. John LaPointe's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

Fr. John will celebrate Mass, and a light reception will follow here at the parish.

## Winter Weather and Mass



When there is a winter weather event during the week, refer to the response

of the Johnston School Department. Should there be a distance learning day or no school at all due to snow, there will be no public celebration of Mass here at the parish. If you happen to have a Mass intention scheduled for that particular day, be assured that the Mass will be offered for your intention in private.

**On weekends, check the Parish Website, Facebook Page, Instagram Page or visit**  
**[https://www.ribroadcasters.com/News\\_and\\_Events/Closings\\_Delays/](https://www.ribroadcasters.com/News_and_Events/Closings_Delays/)**

## Some Things to Think About

**Having recently received a series of "one liners" from a parishioner, we decided to share more of them with you.**



1...God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

2...The task ahead of us is never as great as the

power behind us.

3...We don't change the message, the message changes us.

4...Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

5...Prayer: Don't give God instructions, just report for duty.

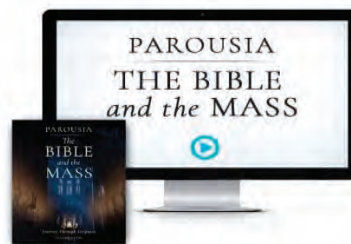
## Bible Study Opportunity

### The Bible and the Mass

You are invited to take part in this Bible Study

Opportunity!

Participants will take part in the program, which will be offered virtually, using the Zoom Video Conferencing Platform. If you are interested in



registering, or if you have any questions, please contact Dina Veiga, Director of Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization, by email: [srbccd2020@gmail.com](mailto:srbccd2020@gmail.com) or by phone: 401-232-9321.

We look forward to beginning the program during Lent on a yet to be determined day and at a yet to be determined time. For planning and preparation purposes, we ask that you let us know if you would like to participate no later than February 20, 2022.

"Where do we find the Mass in the Bible? What is the relationship between the two? In ten beautifully produced lessons, *Parousia: The Bible and the Mass* answers these questions and more.

For more information, feel free to visit:

<https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/parousia-the-bible-and-the-mass/>

## For Whom Are You Praying?

**Add their names to the Prayer Chain**



**Call: Charon Souza (401) 231-3962**



### Daily Readings

#### **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday**

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

#### **Monday**

Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29

#### **Tuesday**

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

#### **Wednesday**

Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40

#### **Thursday**

Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50

#### **Friday**

Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12

#### **Saturday**

Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16

### Please Welcome Dottie Perreault



Dottie Perreault, Director of Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter, will be with us next weekend. Dottie will be speaking at all of the Masses about the many and varied ways in

which the Diocese of Providence's Annual Catholic Charity Appeal supports the good works that are done in the name of Jesus Christ not only at the Emmanuel House but also at various other locations throughout the State of Rhode Island.

### Make an Examination of Conscience Before Going to Confession

Before celebrating the Sacrament of Penance,



one should prepare oneself with an examination of conscience,

which involves reflecting prayerfully on one's thoughts, words, and deeds in order to identify any sins.

There are various types of examinations of conscience but regardless of which one you use to prepare yourself for the Sacrament it should be rooted in Scripture; particularly, the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes.

For some examples of Examinations of Conscience that can help you prepare for the sacrament, visit <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examinations-of-conscience>.

### Parish Support

#### February 12 & 13, 2022

#### Traditional Giving / ParishSoft

Weekly Offering: \$5,406.00 - **\$430.00**

Loose Cash: \$182.00

Monthly Maintenance: \$1,280.00 - **\$20.00**

Annual Collection: \$400.00 - **\$0**

Catholic University: \$30.00 - **\$0**

Church in Latin America: \$30.00 - **\$0**

A word of gratitude to those who continue to contribute to the ongoing financial support 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**



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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 beans, baked beans, peanut butter, pasta, pasta sauce and tuna 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.

**Take the Synod Survey!**

Pope Francis has asked every diocese across the world to engage people for a “listening phase” of the Synod on Synodality. Let your voice be heard—take the Diocese of Providence’s synodal survey and learn about other ways to participate at <https://dioceseofprovidence.org/synod>.

**Who should take the survey?**

Everyone! Catholics, other Christians, and non-Christians alike. We want to know about your experience with the Catholic Church—experiences that have been positive, negative, and everything in between.

**What else is happening?**

Next, the diocese will hold in-person regional and virtual listening sessions around Rhode Island. Stay tuned for dates and locations.

**What is the Synod?**

Started October 2021 by Pope Francis, the Synod of Synodality (officially titled “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”) aims to create discussions around broadening participation in the Church.

**What is a Synod?**

It is a process which gives the Pope a way of discussing the issues of the day and receiving feedback and advice from his Bishops.

**What is Synodality?**

Synodality as a concept just means collegiality. It is a term used to describe the process of fraternal collaboration and discernment. It is a way in which the different parts of the Church “journey together” and come together as the mystical Body of Christ. It provides an opportunity for listening to one another in order to listen to the Holy Spirit and discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Have comments or questions?**

Contact the diocesan Synod Committee by email at [faithformation@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:faithformation@dioceseofprovidence.org) or by phone at 401-278-4646

**2022 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL 2022****“IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE...” – THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS**

Have you started to give prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2022 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?

Some 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, 75 of our more than 1700 registered families have pledged \$14,275.00.**

As was the case last year, our parish’s goal for the 2022 Appeal is \$66,500. We received 251 generous contributions last year, yet we fell short of meeting our goal by \$13,156.00. Mindful of the fact that there are many individuals and families who think of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish as their spiritual home, I firmly believe that we as a family of faith 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*



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