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

1 John 2:6

PastorFr. 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

> > **Director of Music** *Tom Roy*

Parish Secretary
Diane Mosca

Business Manager Sandra Rainone

Sacraments

Baptism Please call Parish Office for registration

<u>Marriage</u> 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

<u>Ministry to the Sick</u> Parishioners who are confined to home due to illness or age, may call the Parish Office for home visits.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, September 17

5:00 PM Christopher Lautieri (Birth.),

By family

Guilherme Furtado (Birth.),

By family

SUNDAY, September 18

8:00 AM Matthew Kairys (30th Ann.),

By daughter and family

'Mass of Thanksgiving' - 55th

Wedding Ann. Of Joseph and Amelia Couto

10:00 AM Lisa Ann Rossi (5th Ann.),

By mom

Frank and Stella Pannone (Rem.),

By family

11:30 AM Viola Calvitto (29th Ann.),

By family

Kazimiera (Kay) Kozlowski (Rem.),

By family and friends

MONDAY, September 19

8:00 AM Albert & Josephine Bucci (Ann.),

By family

Albert Bucci & Joe Carracciolo

(Birth.),

By family

TUESDAY, September 20

8:00 AM Patricia Kelley (Rem.),

By mom

WEDNESDAY, September 21

8:00 AM John Doherty (Ann.),

By a friend

'For the Intentions' of Alan Goulet

By his sister

THURSDAY, September 22

NO SCHEDULED MASS

FRIDAY, September 23

8:00 AM Nancy Agnew (Month's Mind),

By Lucille

SATURDAY, September 24

5:00 PM Rachel Emerson (1st Ann.),

By family

Robert Habershaw (6th Ann.),

By family

SUNDAY, September 25

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

10:00 AM Marita Vecchione (Birth.),

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Edward Pannone, Sr, (Rem.),

By Frances and Lance Houser

11:30 AM Dorothy Brodeur (1st Ann.),

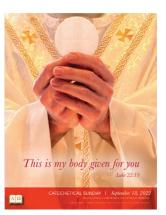
By daughter

Annette Morin (Birth.),

By family

Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization

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"This is my body given for you" **Luke 22:19**

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in

handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 18, 2022, and the theme is: "This is my body given for you" Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word eucharistia, meaning thanksgiving. In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present -- body, blood, soul, and divinity -- under the appearances of bread and wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist. - https://www.usccb.org/eucharist

Peace, Dina

Forty Week Club 2022 - Our Major Fund Raiser

Week # 34: Gloria McDonald

\$40

Captain: Carmino

Tickets are still available at the

Rectory Office or by calling Ann @ 944-6792, Pat @ 647-7461 or Judy @ 524-7670 .

The Grand Prize Drawing and Dinner will be held on Sunday 11/06/22 at the Valley Country Club. All proceeds benefit the St. Robert Bellarmine Food Pantry and Outreach Ministries

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 \$385,512.00.

With one time gifts and the

amount fulfilled on pledges, a combined total of \$294,974.00 has been paid. Forty percent of that amount (\$117,989.60) comes back to the parish.

With a team consisting of Thomas Lonardo + Associates, Odeh Engineers, Garaventa Lift as well as Bentley Builders whom we recently engaged as our contractor, plans are moving forward for the restroom wth handicap accesibility 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 to all.

Part-Time Help Wanted

Jeanne Jugan Residence of the Little Sisters of



the Poor is seeking a parttime receptionist (evenings and every other weekend) for their long-term care facility in Pawtucket, RI. Beautiful grounds, friendly

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The 2023 Mass Book Remains Open



To schedule a Mass to be offered for the repose of the soul of a family member or friend, please call the office

at (401) 232-5600, Monday – Thursday, between the hours of 9:30 AM and 3:30 PM.

Daily Readings

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday

Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday

Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Thursday

Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9

Friday

Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22

Four More Points On The Domestic Church



According to the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church: "The family,

is so to speak, the domestic church." (*Lumen Gentium* #11) This means that it is in the context of the family that we first learn who God is and to prayerfully seek His will for us.

In the following points, you will find some additional suggestions on how to build your "domestic church" through a life of prayer that can help all the members of your family.

- 11..Welcome into your home and support priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and lay ministers in the Church.
- 12.. Participate in the lay ministries and activities of your parish community.
- 13..Allow your children to witness you in private prayer. Encourage your children to pray daily on their own, to listen for God's call, and if heard, to respond.
- 14..For more ideas on how to build your home as a Domestic Church, go to: **www.domestic-**

church.com or visit *The Family Fully Alive*, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Source: www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-

teachings/vocations/parents/tools-for-building-adomestic-church

Senior Priest Retirement Fund 2022 September 17 & 18, 2022



Catholics throughout the Diocese have a unique opportunity to make a real differene in the lives of our senior priests. This week's

second collection will benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund, a significant source of support for priests that provides for basic needs such as food, housing, transportation and medical care. Please consider your generous supp ort of this important effort that benefits those who have selflessly served

the faithful for decades.

For more information about the Senior Priest Retirement Fund or to donate online, please visit www.srpriestri.com



Save the Date and Spread the Word

Through the Intercession of St. Francis of Assissi, on Saturday October 1, 2022 at 2:00 PM in the church parking lot, we will be hosting a:



Free-will donations of newly purchased pet items such as canned or dry food, treats, blankets, grooming items, unscented cleaning supplies, kongs, toys, leashes, harnesses and other accessories will be accepted and forwarded to Vintage Pet Rescue (VPR) which is located in Foster, RI. The mission of VPR is to care for senior dogs.

Parish Support

September 10 & 11, 2022

Traditional Giving / ParishSoft

Weekly Offering: \$5326.00 - \$422.00

Loose Cash: \$388.00

Monthly Maintenance: \$1,732.00 - \$30.00

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

Collections for <u>September</u>
September 18th: Weekly & Senior Priest
Retirement Fund
September 25th: Weekly



For Whom Are You Praying?



Add their names to the Prayer Chain. Call: Charon Souza (401) 231-3962

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SUPPORT OF OUR FOOD SHELF & OUTREACH MINISTRY As always, donations of STOP & SHOP, PRICE

RITE or **MARKET BASKET** Gift Cards

The Food Shelf is in dire need of the following: pasta sauce, baked beans, canned peas, peanut butter and large canned soup. As always, any non-perishable food would be appreciated.

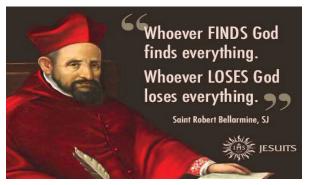
(Please make sure that the items are not expired...we are not permitted by Food Bank policy to distribute such items.).



Save the Date...Our 14TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR will be held on Saturday, November 12th. Once again, all of the profits will benefit the St. Robert Bellarmine Food Shelf and Outreach Ministries. At this time, we are seeking donations of gift cards/certificates, particularly from restaurants. These will be used as prizes in the

raffles and silent auction. Additionally, we have vendor tables available for rent on the day of the event. For general information or to donate a gift card, call Sandy at 946-3262 or Terry at 331-7075. To inquire about a vendor table, call Carol at 233-2330.

Saint Robert Bellarmine Feast day: September 17 A Patron Saint of Catechists



Robert Bellarmine was perhaps the most effective theologian and apologist for the Catholic Church during the <u>Counter-Reformation</u> battles with Protestantism. His success was obtained through his logical, temperate reasoning rather than through mere dogmatic assertions. Many returned to the Church because of his rational arguments and saintly manner.

Robert Frances Romulus Bellarmine was born in Tuscany, Italy on October 4, 1542. His mother, Cinthia Cervino, was the sister of Pope Marcellus II. Over his

father's objections he joined the Society of Jesus in 1560 and began a study of Aristotelian philosophy.

He went on to study at Florence, Padua, and Louvain; he concentrated his studies on Scripture, Hebrew, patristics, and Church history in order to defend the Church from the heresies of the Protestant Reformers. He became the first Jesuit professor at Louvain, where he lectured on the *Summa Theologiae* of <u>St. Thomas Aquinas</u>.

After his ordination at Ghent in 1570, Bellarmine was recalled to Rome to teach theology at the newly founded Roman College. Later he became its rector. He held the chair of controversial theology while producing his major work, *The Controversies*, an apologetic defending the teachings of the Catholic Church and effectively refuting Reform theology. This writing proved so effective in bringing people back to the Church that academic centers were created in Protestant universities solely to respond to it.

Bellarmine played a leading role in preparing the Clementine revision of the Vulgate Bible, writing the introduction in 1592. Shortly thereafter he was made provincial of the Naples province for the Society of Jesus and raised to the cardinalate by Pope Clement VIII.

King James I of England entered into a written debate with Bellarmine over the temporal power of the pope; James denied it existed. Thomistic political philosophy led Bellarmine to the conclusion that the pope may justly wield temporal power where temporal matters affect spiritual matters. This view of limited papal civil power aroused the hostility of many in Rome, including Pope Sixtus V.

Bellarmine also became involved in the case of his friend Galileo. He convinced Galileo to agree to declare his findings as hypotheses for the time being, at least until they could be irrefutably proven.

The last years of Bellarmine's life were dedicated to writing spiritual works including the *Art of Dying Well* and a commentary on the psalms. He died in Rome on September 17, 1621. He was canonized in 1930 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1931. Source: https://www.catholic.com/magazine/print-edition/robert-bellarmine



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