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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

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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, February 18

5:00 PM Andrea Jacavone Mancini and
Stephen Mancini (20th Ann. -Station
Fire),
By family

SUNDAY, February 19

8:00 AM Janis & Robert Renzi (Rem.),
By family

10:00 AM Those who lost their lives in the
Station Nightclub Fire (20th Ann.),
By the SRB Parish family

11:30 AM Paul, Mary and Adrian Corvese
(Rem.),
By Camille DiPaolo

MONDAY, February 20

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

TUESDAY, February 21

8:00 AM Ella Harter and Antonio Puopolo
(Rem.),
By family

WEDNESDAY, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

8:00 AM Theresa Nadeau (Rem.),
By family

12:10 PM Gian Piscione (Rem.),
By family
Josephine Bucci (Birth.),
By family

7:00 PM Madeline Cordeiro & Odete
Pacheco (Rem.),
By Al and Charon

THURSDAY, February 23

NO MASS SCHEDULED

FRIDAY, February 24

8:00 AM Mary Costa (Birth.),
By Doris
Stephen DeSantis (Rem.),
By family

SATURDAY, February 25

5:00 PM Giuseppe Paris (Birth.),
By family
Vince Novak (Ann.),
By family

SUNDAY, February 26

8:00 AM Carol and Paul Bordieri (Rem.),
By family

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

11:30 AM OPEN INTENTION



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The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look at “an eye for an eye” as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge

by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God’s kingdom here on earth. The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God’s love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word telos, which is probably better translated here as “complete.” We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness. – Loyola Press

Peace, Dina

Grateful for God's Providence

The work on our restroom and lift project is underway.



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 \$320,369.00 has been paid. Forty percent of that amount (\$128,147.60) comes back to the parish.

With a team consisting of Thomas Lonardo + Associates, Odeh Engineers, Garaventa Lift and Bentley Builders, work on the updates to our church building has begun.

Throughout the time of construction, for sure we will likely experience some inconveniences, yet once the updates are complete, we will have a restroom with handicap accessibility on the main level of the church as well as a lift system that will make the lower level of the church accessible to all.

Save The Date

Monday, September 25, 2023
Valley Country Club
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Time: 12:30 PM

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the ministries and projects of
St. Robert Bellarmine Church**

Daily Readings

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Monday

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

Mission Outreach

Throughout the month of February, we will be collecting underwear for the homeless, wounded veterans and children in need. New white socks and underwear of all sizes for men and women, as well as new socks and underwear of all sizes for children, are requested. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Carolyn & Marge

2023 Catholic Charity Appeal 2023

Walking Together in Faith

**This year, our parish goal has been reduced
from \$66,500 to \$58,000.**

I am grateful that my request for a reduction in our goal was granted by the Office of Stewardship and Development here in the Diocese of Providence.

Given that we raised \$59,487 last year, I am confident that we can not only meet but also exceed the goal that has been set for us for 2023. By way of our participation in the Parish Share Program, any amount raised over goal will return to the parish and be used to offset the costs associated with adult faith formation and youth ministry activities.

On February 25 & 26, we are going to welcome diocesan seminarians who will speak to us about how our support of the Catholic Charity Appeal assists them in their pastoral human, intellectual and spiritual formation. Thanks in advance for your generous support of this year's appeal.

Peace, Fr. Richard

2023 Forty Week Club 2023

Proceeds to benefit the various ministries
of our parish.

Tickets can be purchased after all Masses, by way of your team captain or at the rectory.

The donation for tickets is \$55.00

Congratulations to this week's WINNER!!

Week 4: \$40.00 – David Tomao

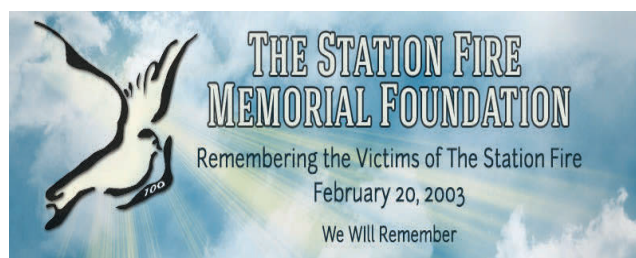
Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations

Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts.

Pastors and parents are encouraged by the law of the Church to ensure that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated nonetheless in an authentic sense of penance.

Following the implementation of the revised Code of Canon Law on November 27, 1983, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States determined that the rules of fast and abstinence which have existed for the last several years in this country be maintained. Namely, that the faithful observe suitable penitential practices on all Fridays throughout the year. These penitential practices need not include abstaining from meat. However, as indicated above, the faithful must not eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent as well as on Ash Wednesday. They must also observe faithfully the fast regulations as they have been stated above in accord with the universal law of the Church (Cf. Code of Canon Law, Canons 1250-1252)

2/20/2003 – 2/20/2023



In union with others throughout the State of Rhode Island, let us pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of Andrea Jacavone Mancini and Stephen Mancini as well as of the other victims of the Station Nightclub Fire, for their family members and friends and for all who mourn their loss.

Let us also pray for peace, determination and perservance in the hearts, minds and souls of those whose lives were impacted physically, emotionally or in any other way.

May the light of Christ shine brightly amidst the dark moments of grief and suffering and bring peace and healing to all. Amen.

Parish Support**February 11/12****Traditional Giving / ParishSoft*****Weekly Offering: \$6,832.00- \$762.00******Loose Cash: \$258.00******Monthly Maintenance: \$1,985.00 - \$15.00******Church in Latin America: \$15.00- \$30.00******Catholic University: \$10.00 - \$0******Annual Collection: \$100.00 - \$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

Collections for February***February 19: Weekly******February 26: Weekly***

For Whom Are You Praying?
Prayer Chain



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

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OF OUR FOOD SHELF
and OUTREACH MINISTRY

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The Food Shelf is in need of canned
vegetables (PEAS, CORN, CARROTS),
CEREAL, JELLY AND MACARONI.

Any non-perishable food items
are always welcome.

Reminder: We are not able to distribute food
items marked with expired dates.

Lent 2023

Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2023

Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:00 PM

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM

Journeying through Lent with St. Clare and St. Francis of Assisi

Join us this Lent in prayerfully reading *Lent with St. Claire*, a booklet of daily reflections, that is now available in the church.

We will host three gatherings during which we will share fellowship and thoughts on the life and words not only of St. Clare but also of St. Francis.

The first gathering will be held on February 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the lower level of the church. The following two gatherings will be held on March 10, 2023 and March 31, 2023.

Simple meatless suppers (i.e., soup OR pasta marinara) will be served.

If you have any questions or if you plan on attending, please contact Dina Veiga at srbccd2020@gmail.com or 401-232-9321.

Lecture Series With Fr. John Vidmar, OP

Fr. John Vidmar from Providence College is going to offer a Lenten Lecture Series that will begin on Monday, February 27, continue on Monday, March 6 and conclude on Monday, March 13. Each session will be held in the church and begin at 7:00 PM.

Fr. Vidmar will be speaking about The European Reformation (Luther, Zwingli, Calvin), the English/Scottish Reformations and the Counter Reformation (Jesuits and Trent). Fr. Vidmar recommends that participants obtain a copy of Brad Gregory's *Rebel in the Ranks*. The book can easily be purchased via a variety of sites such as Amazon, eBay and many others.

All parishioners and friends are welcome to participate.

Holy Hours During Lent



Friday, March 3, 2023

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Monday, March 20, 2023

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Monday, March 27, 2023

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Prayerful Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Quiet Time for Personal Prayer
- **Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation**
- Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

All are invited to come and spend time with Jesus who is truly present in the Eucharist.



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