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"...the love of God has been poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit..."

Romans 5:5

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

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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, March 25**

5:00 PM Nellie Mahoney (15th Ann.),
By Pat
 Edward Pannone, Sr. (Birth.),
By family

SUNDAY, March 26

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

10:00 AM Evelyn Paolino (Rem.),
By Trung Doan & Larry Perez
 11:30 AM Bruno Calvito (19th Ann.),
By family

MONDAY, March 27

8:00 AM Stephen DeSantis (Rem.),
By family
 Maria Abatecola (3rd Ann.),
By family

TUESDAY, March 28

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

WEDNESDAY, March 29

8:00 AM Bob and Tim Ferretti (Rem.),
By family
 Mary Cuddy (Ann.),
By daughter, Jackie

THURSDAY, March 30

NO MASS SCHEDULED

FRIDAY, March 31

8:00 AM Lisa Furia (Rem.),
By Carolyn Hansen

SATURDAY, April 1

5:00 PM Alan Ross (1st Ann.),
By family
 Anna Catanzaro (10th Ann.),
By family

SUNDAY, April 2 - Palm Sunday

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

10:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

11:30 AM Roseanna Ranaldi (Rem.),
By Charon and Al

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Jesus' promise of eternal life is a central element of our Catholic faith. Even though Easter is still two weeks away, our Gospel today invites us to acknowledge Jesus' power over death, evidenced in the raising of Lazarus, and to anticipate Jesus' conquering of death once and for all in his death and Resurrection. We sometimes use examples from nature to help describe this mystery of our faith. Jesus himself talked about the seed that dies when planted in the ground in order to produce new life (John 12:24). Using that image and others, we find hope and confidence in Jesus, the Resurrection and the life. Gather your family today and read today's Gospel. Write Jesus' promise from today's Gospel ("I am the resurrection and the life.") on a large sheet of white paper. As your family talks about what Jesus means by this promise, decorate Jesus' words with symbols that will remind you of his promise of eternal life. Display this reminder of Jesus' promise in a prominent place in your home and keep it there until Easter. Pray that you will always remain confident in Jesus' promise of eternal life. Conclude by praying together the [Apostles' Creed](#). - Our Sunday Connection.

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 \$385,542.00.

With one time gifts and the amount fulfilled on pledges, a combined total of \$323,462.00 has been paid. Forty percent of that amount (\$129,384.80) comes back to the parish.

The restroom with handicap accessibility on the main level of the church is now available for use. As of the publication of this bulletin the inspection of the lift system remains scheduled for March 22. Thereafter, we should have the certificate of use/occupancy, and the lower level of the church will be accessible to all.

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 9: \$40.00 – Karen Paolucci

Save The Date

Monday
September 25, 2023
Valley Country Club
251 New London Ave.
Warwick, RI
Time: 12:30 PM

COST: \$125.00 per player
(includes golf, cart, dinner, prizes)
Dinner Only: \$40.00

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All proceeds to benefit our parish's ministries and projects.

Daily Readings**Fifth Sunday of Lent****Sunday**

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

First Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

Mission Outreach

Throughout the month of March, we are 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.

Rhode Island Right to Life is in need of baby wash cloths and soft baby towels.

Mother of Life Center in Providence has requested newborn onesies and footed pajamas, baby washcloths and diapers in size 6.

We kindly ask that you mark your donations "For Carolyn and Marje" and that they be placed in the vestry which is located to the immediate left upon entering the church building.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.
Carolyn & Marje

A Pastoral Reminder: The Reception of Holy Communion at Mass

The Church understands the Communion Procession, in fact every procession in liturgy, as a sign of the pilgrim Church, the body of those who believe in Christ, on their way to the Heavenly Jerusalem....When we move in procession, particularly the procession to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Communion, we are a sign, a symbol of that pilgrim Church "on the way."...

...The *General Instruction* asks each country's Conference of Bishops to determine the posture to be used for the reception of Communion and the act of reverence to be made by each person as he or she receives Communion. In the United States, the body of Bishops has determined that "the norm... is that Holy Communion is to be received standing, unless an individual member of the faithful wishes to receive Communion while kneeling" and that a bow is the act of reverence made by those receiving.

Those who receive Communion may receive either in the hand or on the tongue, and the decision should be that of the individual receiving, not of the person distributing Communion. If Communion is received in the hand, the hands should first of all be clean. If one is right handed the left hand should rest upon the right. The host will then be laid in the palm of the left hand and then taken by the right hand to the mouth. If one is left-handed this is reversed.

For someone who has effective and efficient use of the hands and fingers, it is not appropriate to reach out with the fingers and take the host from the person distributing. Also, it is not appropriate to place both hands aside of one another with the sides of the little fingers and palms touching.

The person distributing Communion says audibly to each person approaching, "The Body of Christ." This formula should not be altered, as it is a proclamation which calls for a response of faith on the part of the one who receives. The communicant should audibly respond, "Amen," indicating by that response his or her belief that this small wafer of bread, the wine in this chalice are in reality the body and blood of Christ the Lord. *A response of "thank you," or no response at all, from someone who is able to communicate using words is simply not appropriate.*

Source: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops with some personal additions. In Christ, Fr. Richard

Parish Support **March 18/19**

Traditional Giving / ParishSoft

Weekly Offering: \$4,829.00- \$757.00

Loose Cash: \$300.00

Monthly Maintenance: \$384.00 - \$95.00

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 March
March 26: Weekly



For Whom Are You Praying? **Prayer Chain**



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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT **OF OUR FOOD SHELF** **and OUTREACH MINISTRY**

As always, donations of
STOP & SHOP, PRICE RITE or
MARKET BASKET
Gift Cards
are appreciated.

The Food Shelf is in need of PASTA,
CANNED CORN, MIXED
VEGETABLES, BAKED BEANS, MAC.
& CHEESE

Any non-perishable food items
are always welcome.

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

Lent 2023

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Friday during Lent following Stations of the Cross

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

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.

The third and final gathering during which we will share fellowship and thoughts on the life and words of St. Clare and St. Francis will be held on March 31, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the lower church.

A simple meatless supper will be served.

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

Holy Hour



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.



2023 Catholic Charity Appeal 2023

Walking Together in Faith

This year, our parish goal is \$58,000.

Last year, our parish goal was \$66,500. Given that 278 of our more than 1700 registered families contributed \$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.

To date, 134 of our more than 1700 registered families have contributed \$28,428.00.

On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the Catholic Charity Appeal, I thank you for the gifts already given as well as for your anticipated support. Peace, Fr. Richard



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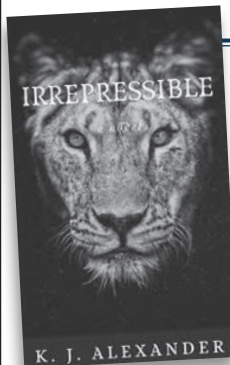
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