

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE CHURCH

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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 srbccd2020@gmail.com

> Director of Music Tom Roy

Parish Secretary Diane Mosca

Business Manager Sandra Rainone

Sacraments

<u>Baptism</u> 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

<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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord MASS INTENTIONS 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 Fr. Robert Hawkins (Rem.), By a friend Agostino Antonucci (Birth.), By family 10:00 AM Annmarie & Florence Cioe (Rem.), By family Most Rev. Fernand Cheri III, OFM. (Rem.), By Dina 11:30 AM Roseanna Ranaldi (Rem.), By Charon and Al Angelo & Crocifissa Ruscetta (Rem.), By family MONDAY, April 3 8:00 AM Patrick & Mary Brennan (Rem.), By Eileen **TUESDAY**, April 4 8:00 AM Jovanni Delgiudice (Rem.), By Susan WEDNESDAY, April 5 8:00 AM Angelo & Marie Albanese (Rem.), By Carolyn Hansen THURSDAY, April 6 – Holy Thursday Anthony & Sophia Testa (Rem.), 7:00 PM By Al, Dianne, Olivia & Anthony Angelone FRIDAY, April 7 – Good Friday 7:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion SATURDAY, April 8 – Holy Saturday 7:30 PM Chris Tumminelli (4th Ann.), By family SUNDAY, April 9 - Easter Sunday Robert H. & Bobby 'Bo' Desmet and 8:00 AM Ronnie Coppola (Rem.), **Bv** Doris 10:00 AM Phyllis Kenney & Ana Blackmar (Rem.), By Al, Dianne, Olivia & Anthony Angelone 11:30 AM Elio Coletta (Rem.), By family PRAY FOR



Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization

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Palm or Passion, Sunday begins the most sacred week of the Church year—Holy Week. During these days, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus' Passion and death.

Because of the length and complexity of the Passion narrative, young children have difficulty remaining attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can choose to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as the focal point. The Passion as found in Matthew's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

Sunday:	Matthew 21:1-11 (Gospel at the Procession with Palms)
Monday:	Matthew 26:14-25
Tuesday:	Matthew 26:26-35
Wednesday:	Matthew 26:36-56
Thursday:	Matthew 26:57-27:14
Friday:	Matthew 27:15-54

After reading from the Gospel each night, the family might reflect on the reading together. Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer and/or singing an appropriate hymn, such as "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There?" or "What Wondrous Love Is This."

-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 \$324,047.00 has been paid. Forty percent of that amount (\$129,618.80) comes back to the parish.

The restroom with handicap accessibility on the main level of the church is now available for use. We recently received the certificate of use/occupancy for the lift system. It may now be used by those who use a wheelchair and by those who have mobility issues and are not able to safely navigate the stairs. Please ask for assistance as related to operating the system.

2023 Forty Week Club 2023

Proceeds to benefit the various ministires 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 10: \$40.00 – Ronald Blanchette

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

IF YOU DON'T PLAY GOLF: DONATE RAFFLE PRIZES OR BE A SPONSOR

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SPONSOR: GOLD- \$1,000 SILVER- \$750 BRONZE- \$500 TEE SPONSOR- \$100 MEMORIAL- \$50

For information or to register, please email srbgolf2023@gmail.com

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

Daily Readings Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Sunday

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14— 27:66 or 27:11-54 Monday Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11 Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21 Tuesday Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 Wednesday Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25 Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15 Good Friday Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42 Saturday Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15— 15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10

Mission Outreach

We are still 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, soft baby towels and diapers in all sizes.

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

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

MAGNIFICAT® Breakfast "Our Lady of Divine Providence" An International Women's Ministry will hold its next breakfast Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm St. Philip Parish Center, Greenville, R.I. Guest Speaker: Barbara Goodier Please join us as we gather for an experience of Faith, Sharing, Prayer & Spirit-filled music with Jon Polce! Bring a friend Cost: \$25 per person For Registrations & Further Information Contact Linda Gatta (401) 864-7731

A Note of Thanks from Cherry Hill Manor

Dear Volunteers That Made The Shawls,

We woud like to thank you again for the beautiful shawls you recently donated. The recipients of the ones given at Christmas were thrilled with them. We appreciate the work that you do.

Sincerely, Becky Birch CHM Activity Department

A Holy Thursday Tradition: Pilgrimage to Seven Churches

Holy Thursday is the feast that marks the end of Lent and the beginning of the Holy Triduum, which also includes Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. At this Mass of the Lord's Supper Catholics remember the Passover meal, when Jesus instituted the sacrament of the holy Eucharist by sharing bread and wine with his disciples, saying, "Do this in memory of Me."

At the end of the Holy Thursday Mass, the Eucharist is placed on a temporary "altar of repose" away from the sanctuary. It is customary for the faithful to process together to this altar and spend time in quiet prayer and adoration. In the Roman Missal, it states: "The faithful are invited to continue adoration before the Blessed Sacrament for a suitable length of time during the night, according to circumstance."

The Seven Churches Visitation is a tradition that grew out of this time of prayer and adoration. Catholics remember when Jesus asked his disciples to stay and watch with Him while they were in the garden. This tradition of mindful watching is a sort of pilgrimage to various altars of repose, in different churches that correspond to each of the seven places, or "stations," that were made by Jesus between the Last Supper in the Upper Room to His crucifixion on the cross.

The seven stations consist of: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22: 39-46), Jesus bound and taken before Annas (John 18: 19-22), Jesus taken before the High Priest, Caiaphas (Matthew 26: 63-65), Jesus taken before Pilate (John 18, 35-37), Jesus taken before Herod (Luke 23: 8-9; 11), Jesus taken before Pilate again (Matthew 27: 22-26) and Jesus given the crown of thorns and led to his crucifixion (Matthew 27: 27-31). Source: https://todayscatholic.org/a-holythursday-tradition-pilgrimage-to-seven-churches/ <u>Parish Support</u> <u>March 25/26</u> <u>Traditional Giving / ParishSoft</u> Weekly Offering: \$5,546.00- **\$994.00** Loose Cash: \$250.00 Monthly Maintenance:\$100.00 - **\$70.00** Good Friday: \$0 - \$40.00

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>April</u> April 2: Weekly & Rice Bowl April 7: Good Friday

ParishSOFT Giving

For Whom Are You Praying? Prayer Chain

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

<u>THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING</u> <u>SUPPORT OF OUR FOOD SHELF</u> <u>and OUTREACH MINISTRY</u>

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.

Holy Week and Easter 2023

<u>Monday of Holy Week – April 3</u>

Chrism Mass at 5:00 PM Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul **30 Fenner Street** Providence, RI

Holy Thursday – April 6

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM After Mass, the church will remain open until 10:00 PM.

<u>Good Friday – April 7</u>

Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM

Following Stations of the Cross, parishioners and friends may avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday – April 8 Easter Vigil at 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday – April 9

Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM. 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM.

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



2023 Catholic Charity Appeal 2023 Walking Together in Faith

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

In 2022, 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, 156 of our more than 1700 registered families have contributed \$34,252.00.

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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