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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*

### **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, April 15

5:00 PM **Bob Quaranta (Ann.),**  
*By family*

### SUNDAY, April 16

8:00 AM **Donald Testa, Sr. (10<sup>th</sup> Ann.),**  
*By family*  
**Guilherme Furtado (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.),**  
*By family*

10:00 AM **Laurie Parrillo and Deceased Members of the Trombetti Family (Rem.),**  
*By family*  
**Bob Wilson (Ann.),**  
*By family*

11:30 AM **Deceased Members of the Sousa, Pflug & Brown families (Rem.),**  
*By Charon and Al*  
**Fr. Paul Desrosiers (Rem.),**  
*By Marie*

### MONDAY, April 17

8:00 AM **Jamil Yousif (Rem.),**  
*By family*  
**Jovanni DelGiudice (Rem.),**  
*By Esther and family*

### TUESDAY, April 18

8:00 AM **Stephen DeSantis (Rem.),**  
*By family*

### WEDNESDAY, April 19

8:00 AM **Jovanni DelGiudice (Rem.),**  
*By Lucille Furia*

### THURSDAY, April 20

**NO SCHEDULED MASS**

### FRIDAY, April 21

8:00 AM **Sr. Lorraine MacPherson (Birth.),**  
*By Sr. Bea*

### SATURDAY, April 22

5:00 PM **Ronald Amitrano (5<sup>th</sup> Ann.),**  
*By family*  
**Jovanni DelGiudice (Month's Mind)**  
*By family*

### SUNDAY, April 23

8:00 AM **Irene Mahoney (Rem.),**  
*By family*

10:00 AM **Dolores Dickervitz (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.),**  
*By family*

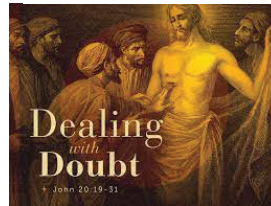
11:30 AM **Michael Scarduzio (Rem.),**  
*By Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Anzelone*  
**Joyce Pina (Rem.),**  
*By Alberta*



## Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization

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Many of us can relate to Thomas's response to the news that the disciples had seen Jesus. We want to see for ourselves too, but we grow in faith, trusting the experience and knowledge of others.

Many of us have heard the saying "Seeing is believing." As your family gathers, take some time to consider what that saying means. What are some things we believe because we see them? Is there anything we believe without seeing? Today's Gospel reminds us that faith sometimes asks us to believe things we cannot see with our eyes. Read today's Gospel, John 19:19-31, with your family. Think about Thomas's response to the reports about the risen Lord. Is Thomas's doubt reasonable? How does Jesus respond to Thomas? Jesus grants Thomas the evidence that Thomas needs to believe, but Jesus also affirms the faith of those who will be called upon to believe without first-hand experience. We are among those whom Jesus calls blessed. Discuss with your family the basis of each member's faith in Jesus—the witness of the first disciples, the Gospels, the continuing activity of the Holy Spirit, the community of the Church. Pray together that your faith in Jesus will be strong. Pray an act of faith together.

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God in three divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I believe that your divine Son became man and died for our sins and that he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because you have revealed them who are eternal truth and wisdom, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. In this faith I intend to live and die. Amen. - Our Sunday Readings

**Blessed Easter Season, 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 \$324,352.00 has been paid. Forty percent of that amount (\$129,940.80) 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 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 12: \$40.00 – David Muscatelli

**Save The Date**

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

**COST: \$125.00 per player**  
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**All proceeds to benefit our parish's ministries and projects.**

**Daily Readings****Second Sunday of Easter**  
**(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)****Sunday**

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

**Monday**

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday**

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday**

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday**

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

**Friday**

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday**

Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21

**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.

A great big shout out to **Scituate Family Dental** (Dr. Marcus Capalbo) for the donation of boxes of toothpaste and toothbrushes for the homeless.

Thank you! Carolyn & Marje

**Go Deeper!**

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 REALITY OF OUR  
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The Revival is a grassroots movement of Catholics, each responding

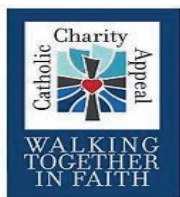
to the gift of the Eucharist in their own way.

For free educational and inspirational content to help you learn more about the reality of Jesus in the Eucharist and fall more deeply in love with him, visit:

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/learn-resources>

**A Word of Thanksgiving and Gratitude****EASTER SEASON**

As we continue our journey of faith through these days of the Easter season, I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for the many cards, notes, baked goods, other food items and gifts that the staff and I received from parishioners during this most sacred time of year. Know that we are grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Also, please join me in thanking those who volunteered their time, talent, energy and effort so as to decorate and prepare the church building and grounds for Easter. In addition, let us be prayerfully mindful of the intentions of the volunteers who continue to selflessly and sacrificially give of themselves to ensure not only the ongoing operation of the St. Robert Bellarmine Food Pantry and Outreach Program but also that bereaved parishioners, as well as their family members and friends, are welcomed and offered hospitality when they come to our church for a Funeral Mass. Peace, Fr. Richard

**Catholic Charity Appeal**

*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, 194 of our more than 1700 registered families have contributed \$41,911.00.

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

**Parish Support**

**April 8/9**

**Traditional Giving / ParishSoft**

*Weekly Offering: \$6,001.00.00- \$870.00*

*Loose Cash: \$491.00*

*Monthly Maintenance: \$1,378.00 - \$50.00*

*Rice Bowl: \$145.00 - \$45.00*

*Good Friday: \$1,324 - \$0*

*Easter: \$3,900.00 - \$60.00*

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](http://www.strobertsparish.org)

**Collections for April**

**April 16, 23 & 30: 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  
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**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.***

### **Words from Pope Francis on Divine Mercy Sunday**

...By telling us the story of Thomas, in fact, the Gospel tells us that the Lord is not looking for perfect Christians. The Lord is not looking for perfect Christians. I tell you: I am afraid when I see a Christian, some associations of Christians who believe themselves to be perfect. The Lord is not looking for perfect Christians; the Lord is not looking for Christians who never doubt and always flaunt a steadfast faith. When a Christian is like that, something isn't right. No, the adventure of faith, as for Thomas, consists of lights and shadows. Otherwise, what kind of faith would that be? It knows times of comfort, zeal and enthusiasm, but also of weariness, confusion, doubt and darkness. The Gospel shows us Thomas' "crisis" to tell us that we should not fear the crises of life and faith. Crises are not sins, they are part of the journey, we should not fear them. Many times, they make us humble because they strip us of the idea that we are fine, that we are better than others. Crises help us to recognize that we are needy: they rekindle the need for God and thus enable us to return to the Lord, to touch his wounds, to experience his love anew as if it were the first time. Dear brothers and sisters, is better to have an imperfect but humble faith that always returns to Jesus, than a strong but presumptuous faith that makes us proud and arrogant. Woe to those, woe to them!...

...Brothers and sisters, especially when we experience moments of weariness and crisis, the Risen Jesus wishes to return to stay with us. He only waits for us to seek him, to call on him, or even, like Thomas, to protest, bringing him our needs and our unbelief. He always comes back. Why? Because he is patient and merciful. He comes to open the upper rooms of our fears and unbelief because he always wants to give us another chance. Jesus is the Lord of "other chances": he always gives us another one, always. So let us think about the last time – let's try to remember a little – that, during a difficult moment or a period of crisis, we closed in on ourselves, barricading ourselves in our problems and shutting Jesus out of the house. And let us promise ourselves, the next time, in our fatigue, to seek Jesus, to return to him, to his forgiveness – he always forgives, always! – to return to those wounds that have healed us. In this way, we will also become capable of compassion, of approaching the wounds of others without inflexibility and without prejudice...*Excerpt from Pope Francis' Angelus Address on the Second Sunday of Easter. Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, 2022.*

### **All Are Welcome    How to be a Church of Open Doors**

*What do I do to make the Church a community where everyone feels welcomed and understood, everyone feels the mercy and love of God who renews life? -- Pope Francis, General Audience, May 29, 2013*

**Each of us can make our parish a more welcoming place to newcomers, persons with disabilities and persons with special needs. Here are a few ideas:**

If you see a parent struggling with a child's behavior, offer a friendly smile,  
a sympathetic nod or a helping hand.

If you see a person physically struggling to get in, hold open a door, scoot down in the pew  
or offer to carry something.

If you see a person exhibiting unusual behavior, understand that it might be a sign of disability.  
Embrace the person as a child of God and understand that each of us  
has different ways of receiving and communicating God's love.

If you see someone who is disheveled or out of sorts, consider that he or she might be  
in dire straits, Act with compassion.

Some people may struggle to get to or sit through the Mass. Offer...an open door  
or simply acceptance and understanding. A warm smile, a nod or a small kindness can make all the difference.

*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers "or sisters" of mine, you did for me."*

*Matthew 25:40*

**Cards with this information, as prepared and published by Loyola Press,  
are available in the vestibule of the church.**

For resources and information on welcoming, please visit: [www.loyolapress.com/special-needs](http://www.loyolapress.com/special-needs). For information on Loyola Press' Adaptive Finding God Program, please visit: [www.findinggod.com/adaptive](http://www.findinggod.com/adaptive)

**N.B. Please be sure to always remain situationally aware  
while inside the church building or on the church grounds. Fr. Richard**



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