

## 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

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**Director of Music** *Tom Roy* 

Parish Secretary
Diane Mosca

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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

<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, May 6

5:00 PM Joseph Branca (1st Ann.),

By family

SUNDAY, May 7

8:00 AM Gregory Casali and Family (Rem.),

By brother

10:00 AM Fr. Charles B. McDermott (Rem.),

By a friend

11:30 AM Ralph Rainone (Birth.),

By family

JoAnn DiLorenzo-Fede (Rem.),

By family

MONDAY, May 8

8:00 AM For the Intentions of Ronald Goulet

on the occasion of his birthday

By his sister

**TUESDAY, May 9** 

8:00 AM Patrick and Ann Brown (Rem.),

By Eileen

WEDNESDAY, May 10

8:00 AM Francis Rogers (39<sup>th</sup> Ann.),

By his daughters

Frank Kelley (Rem.),

By Lucy

THURSDAY, May 11

**NO SCHEDULED MASS** 

FRIDAY, May 12

8:00 AM Veronica Wheeler (1st Ann.),

By morning Mass friends

Rose Pingitore (Birth.),

By family

SATURDAY, May 13

5:00 PM Paul Godin (Ann.),

By wife Lillian

Gladys and Frank Zabatta (Rem.),

By family

SUNDAY, May 14

8:00 AM Dora Zarli and Betty Smith (Rem.),

By family

Patricia St. Pierre (Rem.),

By famiy

10:00 AM Marcella & Corine Holtmann (Rem.),

By family

11:30 AM Emma, Pauline, Josephine, Emma

(Rem) and Roseanna Ranaldi (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.),

By family



# Family Faith Formation, Outreach and Evangelization

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shared within a family, but often the similarities



Members of the same family often bear close resemblances to one another. Sometimes physical resemblances are

are behavioral characteristics and mannerisms. We hear this observation affirmed through a number of common phrases: "He's a chip off the old block" or "She's her mother's daughter." Today's Gospel points to a mystery of faith that might be examined in light of these familial relationships. In Jesus we see and know the Father. Likewise, the Father is known through the life and work of the Son, Jesus. Talk together as a family about whether people outside of your family recognize common traits of your family. Are there physical resemblances that people recognize and so know each individual as a member of your family? Are there mannerisms that are shared by members of your family? What are some common interests and work that people might associate with your family? As you read today's Gospel, John 14:1-12, keep in mind that members of the same family share many characteristics, even though each person in the family is an individual. What does Jesus tell his disciples about his relationship with the Father? The relationship between the Father and Jesus is so close that Jesus says that those who have seen and known Jesus have also seen and known the Father. Jesus promises his disciples that because of their faith in him and in the Father, they too will be able to do the work of the Father as Jesus did. End your discussion by praying together that others will recognize in your family the work of the Father. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Blessed Easter Season, Dina

#### **Grateful for God's Providence**



Our parish's goal was \$423,714.00. One time gifts or pledges that totaled \$385,542.00 were made by 229 families.

We have been notified that the amount of \$11,935.00 has been written off, which reduces our total raised to \$373,607.00

To date, with one time gifts and the amount fulfilled on pledges, a combined total of \$325,827.00 has been paid. With that said, we can count on forty percent of that amount (\$130,330.80) coming back to the parish.

We look forward to receiving the additional amount of \$19,112.00, which will come back to the parish once the remaining balances on pledges are fulfilled. Thanks for your generosity.

#### 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 15: \$40.00 – Bill Holtmann



#### Save The Date

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#### **Daily Readings**

#### Sunday

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

#### Monday

Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26

#### **Tuesday**

Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a

#### Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8

#### **Thursday**

Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11

#### Friday

Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17

#### Saturday

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

#### <u>Seating</u> – **Attention** – Seating

To ensure that those with limitations of any kind, whether physical or cognitive, etc., have access to seating that affords them the opportunity to participate in the celebration of Mass and receive Holy Communion as reverently, safely and comfortably as possible, we ask that both front rows in the main section of the church be occupied only by those in need as well as by their family members and friends.

Also, the section to the immediate left, upon entering the main body church, that is filled with movable folding chairs, should only be occupied by those in need as well as by those who have accompanied them.

Lastly, movable folding chairs should not be placed and utilized in any area that blocks the four wooden doors that allow access into, and egress from, the main body of the church.

Thanks in advance for your attention, consideration and cooperation. Peace, Fr. Richard

## Fr. Richard's "Sweet Sixteen" Celebration,

a reception honoring the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, will be held on Sunday, June 4, immediately after the 11:30 AM Mass.

If you haven't done so already, please mark your calendar and plan to attend as we celebrate Fr. Richard's calling and ministry—16 years of preaching the sweetness of God's Word and serving the Lord through the people of God!

Looking for a way to contribute? Please stop by the table in the church lobby before or after Mass this weekend, May 6/7, to sign up to provide baked goods and/or soft drinks.

If you would like to contribute beyond that, please contact Terry at 401-855-4693. Thank you!



"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalms 118:103)

#### **Catholic Charity Appeal**

Walking Together in Faith

Given that 278 of our more than 1700 registered families contributed \$59,487 in 2022,

I am confident that we can not only meet but also exceed the goal of \$58,000 that has been set for us for 2023.

To date, 218 of our more than 1700 registered families have contributed \$49,296.00 (approximately 85% of our goal)

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

# Catholic School Tuition Assistance Program Policies 2023 -2024

In accordance with Diocesan Policies, tuition assistance is only for students in grades K-8 who are enrolled in a Catholic School located here in the Diocese of Providence.

With permission and authorization from the Diocesan Bishop, tuition assistance may be made available for students who attend one of the Catholic High Schools here in the diocese.

The premise of the Catholic School Tuition Assistance Program is that financial assistance is based on need.

Families requesting assistance from the parish must fulfill the following requirements:

- \* Must complete the FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment Form (contact school with questions) \*Must be registered in the parish (at least one full year.)
- \*Must attend Mass on a weekly basis.
- \*Must use the budget envelope system or ParishSoft online giving.
- \*Must show family involvement in parish programs/ministries.

Please fill out a separate form for each child in your household. If you need an application sent to you, please call the Rectory at (401) 232-5600. Applications must be completed and returned to the rectory by June 4, 2023.

# Parish Support April 29/30

Traditional Giving / ParishSoft

Weekly Offering: \$5,758.00- \$582.00 Loose Cash: \$247.00 Monthly Maintenance:\$179.00 - \$25.00

> Good Friday: \$9.00 - **\$0** Easter: \$84.00 - **\$10.00**

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>May</u>
May 7, 14, 21, 28: Weekly
May 14: Maintenance
May 18: Ascension





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.

# Statement of Bishop Thomas J. Tobin on the Occasion of His Retirement from Active Ministry – May 1, 2023

I have fought the fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith.(2 Tim 4:7)



On this day dedicated to St. Joseph the Worker, and as we begin this month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary, it is with profound gratitude and personal peace that I have received word that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has accepted my request to resign from office, that is, to retire from the active ministry. On this occasion I wish to offer these few brief words to our diocesan family.

In the homily for my Mass of Installation eighteen years ago, I said: "On occasions like this we sometimes say that a bishop takes possession of a diocese. In truth, I think it's really the other way around – a diocese takes possession of a bishop. In that spirit, today I joyfully and willingly surrender myself to you. I give you my heart and soul. I promise to work hard for you and to do the very best I can. But keenly aware of my own weakness,

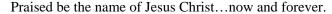
limitations and needs, I will also depend on your cooperation, support and prayers."

With that reminder of how we began our journey together, first, a word of enormous gratitude to all the members of our diocesan church who have indeed assisted me, and supported me in so many ways during my time as your bishop. You have been so good to me! Thank you to the priests, deacons, consecrated women and men, our diocesan staff, and all the faithful lay members of our church! Thank you for your patience and your prayers. Any good that we have been able to accomplish during the past eighteen years is a result, first of all, of your faith, your generosity, and your hard work.

For the mistakes I've made, for my faults and failures, I am deeply sorry. And for those times when some individuals were offended by my words and deeds, I am truly sorry for that too. It can be very difficult to preach the Gospel of Christ, and to carry on the mission of the church in the world today, but that's what we are called to do. There are many pitfalls, and it is a daily challenge to strike a perfect balance of courage and prudence; to be simultaneously "strong, loving and wise" (2 Tim 1:7) in the service of the Lord.

Finally, I urge all the members of the church to remain steadfast in your faith, to be proud of the good work you are doing, and to be determined to carry on the work that Jesus has entrusted to you. I will continue to pray fervently for you, especially for our wonderful new shepherd, my brother, Bishop Richard Henning, as he assumes the heavy burden of episcopal leadership. And please remember me and pray for me, as I begin a new chapter in my life as a disciple and priest of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

## Statement of Bishop Richard G. Henning, 9<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Providence – May 1, 2023



For the last several months, I have been visiting communities across this "State of Hope." My gratitude to God for this new ministry in the Diocese of Providence has only deepened as I have come to know its clergy, religious, and people.

I am particularly grateful for the time with Bishop Tobin whose own ministry as Diocesan Bishop for 18 years offers me a powerful witness of faith and a model of selfless service to the People of God.

As the Holy Father accepts Bishop Tobin's retirement, I express my gratitude to Pope Francis and to Bishop Tobin for the gift they have given to me. I also wish to express my gratitude for the priests of this Diocese who are my brothers and co-workers in the vineyard.

Deeply aware of my need for mercy, I entrust myself and my ministry to the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless the Diocese of Providence and may we all live in the "State of Hope!"



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