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"The school of Christ is the school of love. On the last day, when the general examination takes place...love will be the whole syllabus."

—St. Robert Bellarmine

Pastor

Fr. Richard A. Narciso

Pastor Emeritus

Fr. John LaPointe

Deacon Assistant

Joseph Tumminelli



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

5:00 PM

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

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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: Saturdays, 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM or by arranging a time with the parish priest

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, December 2**5:00 PM Richard LaPointe (26th Ann.), *By Pat***SUNDAY, December 3**8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Zanni Family (Rem.), *By Fran and John*10:00 AM Anthony & Mae Torti (Rem.),
*By daughter*11:30 AM Patricia St. Pierre (5th Ann.),
By family
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Brown, sons
and daughter (Rem.), *By family***MONDAY, December 4**8:00 AM Frank & Patricia Kelley (Rem.),
*By Lucy***TUESDAY, December 5**8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Zeppa Family (Rem.), *By family***WEDNESDAY, December 6**8:00 AM Paul Godin (Birth.), *By wife Lillian*
Andy Cerrito (Rem.), *By Sandy Cerrito***THURSDAY, December 7**

NO SCHEDULED MASS

FRIDAY, December 8 – The Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary8:00 AM Carmino & Margaret Fera (Rem.),
*By family*12:10 PM Robert Albanese (Rem.), *By Carolyn*
Sgt. Andrew Guy Clermont (Rem.),
*By Buddy & Edyie Rapone*7:00 PM Msgr. Nicholas Iacovacci, (Rem.),
*By the SRB Parish family***SATURDAY, December 9**5:00 PM Jim Higgins (12th Ann.),
By Pat
Donald Rossi (Birth.),
*By family***SUNDAY, December 10**

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

10:00 AM Margaret & Frank Colasanto (Rem.),
*By family*11:30 AM Joe Mintel (Rem.),
By Al and Charon
Jack and Anna Dooley (Rem.),
By family**Sanctuary Lamp**

Week of Dec. 3 – Dec. 9

'In Memory of'Ruth Crooks
(20th Ann.)*By daughter, Nadine Corona***Family Faith Formation,
Outreach and Evangelization**

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In family life, we try to prepare ourselves for many future things: our next vacation, our children's education, our retirement. We are careful not to

allow ourselves to be caught by surprise so that we can handle any challenges our family may face. Today's Gospel reminds us that we are called to be just as attentive and alert to the coming of the Son of Man so that it will not catch us unprepared. This means attending to our family's spiritual life as carefully as we attend to other important family matters.

As you gather as a family, talk about a time when you received surprise visitors at your house, perhaps a neighbor who stopped by or a relative who arrived unannounced. Was your household prepared to receive this unannounced guest? What might your family have done differently if you knew ahead of time that this visitor was going to arrive? Jesus told his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return, except the Father. Read with your family what Jesus told his disciples in today's Gospel, Mark 13:33-37.

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we also check to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again. Talk about how your family can recommit to daily prayer, reading Scripture, and staying faithful to God's commandments. Pray together that through this Advent season your family will be more prepared to receive Jesus when he comes again. Read as a concluding prayer Paul's words to the Corinthians found in today's second reading, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, or pray the Lord's Prayer. *Peace, Dina*

Defending the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

How could Mary be sinless if in the words of the Magnificat she said that her soul rejoices in God her savior?

The Church does not hesitate to profess that Mary needed a savior. This should be the first issue to address if this question arises. It was by the grace of God—and not the work of Mary—that she was saved from sin in a most perfect manner. By what is called “preservative redemption,” Mary was preserved from sin at the time of her natural conception. John the Baptist was sanctified in the womb prior to his birth (Luke 1:15), and Mary was sanctified at her conception.

It is no difficulty that Christ distributed the grace of Calvary some forty-five years or so before it happened, just as he bestows it upon us 2,000 years after the fact. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that this gift was given to Mary, making her “redeemed in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son” (492). She has more reason to call God her Savior than we do, because he saved her in an even more glorious manner!

God can “save” a person from a sin by forgiving him or by providing him the grace never to fall into that particular sin. An ancient analogy is often useful to explain this: a person can be saved from a pit in two ways; one can fall into it and be brought out, or one can be caught before falling into it. Mankind is saved in the first manner, and Mary in the second. Both are saved from the pit of sin. If Jesus wished to save his mother from the stain of sin, what is to prevent him? Source:

<https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/how-to-defend-the-immaculate-conception>

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, December 8, 2023

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass will be celebrated at
8:00 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:00 PM

Daily Readings

Sunday

Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday

Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

To: Children and Parents

From: Tom Roy, Music Director

RE: Children's Choir for Christmas

Children in grades 3 and up are invited to participate in the 2023 Children's Christmas Choir.

Participants must be able to attend all rehearsals.

Call Tom Roy at 401-232-2629 to register.

The schedule is as follows:

Friday, December 8

Rehearsal 4:00 to 5:00pm

Friday, December 15

Rehearsal 4:00 to 5:00pm

Friday, December 22

Rehearsal 4:00 to 5:00pm

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Liturgy 4:30pm

(Choir members must arrive at 3:45pm)



Mission Outreach

Matthewson Street Church is in desperate need of warm clothing for their homeless

population. They have requested gloves, hats, scarves and winter jackets.

We accept new and gently used items that are clean, washed and don't smell of smoke. Drop off at church. Thanks in advance for your generosity and support. Carolyn & Marge

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January 2024 Cash Calendar

Sales begin this
weekend!

**What a great Christmas Gift or
Stocking Stuffer
for the person on your list who has
everything!**

Wrapped and ready!

**Cash Calendars are available for
purchase in the church or at the
rectory during
regular business hours.**

**Purchase a calendar for only \$25.00
to be entered to win daily cash prizes
throughout the month of January!
31 Chances to win!**

**Proceeds to benefit our parish
projects and ministries.**

For Whom Are You Praying?

PRAYER CHAIN

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

Advent Wreath and Candles



This year's Advent
Candles, which are renewed
each year and lit during
every Mass throughout the
Advent season, have been

offered in memory of Joseph Caracciolo and
Roseanna Ranaldi by their family members.

As a community of faith, let us be sure to
pray in thanksgiving and gratitude for the
generosity of these families.

If you would like to offer next year's candles
in memory of your loved ones, please contact
me at the rectory so that we can discuss the
details. In Christ, Fr. Richard

Parish Support

Nov. 18/19 & Nov. 25/26

Traditional Giving / ParishSoft

Weekly Offering: \$4,198./ \$692. /5,222. / \$1,277

Loose Cash: \$321. / \$405.

Monthly Maintenance: \$147./ \$60/ \$65. / \$66.

All Souls: \$15. / \$10.

All Saints: \$10. / \$10.

Human Development: \$840.

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 December

December 3 – Weekly & Christmas Flowers

December 8 – Immaculate Conception



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

As always, donations of \$10.00, \$15.00,
\$20.00 or \$25.00



**STOP & SHOP, PRICE RITE or
MARKET BASKET Gift Cards**
are appreciated.

Christmas 2023



We bare once again sponsoring
a **Giving Tree Program**. Gift
tags with particular requests
are now available. Please drop

off the unwrapped gifts by Wednesday, December
13, 2023. We thank you in advance for your
anticipated generosity and support.

**The following food
items are needed for
Christmas Food**

Baskets: Stuffing mix,
Turkey Gravy, Fruit
Cocktail, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Yams,
Canned Corn, Green Beans, Canned Peas



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7 \$50	8 \$25	9 \$25	10 \$25	11 \$25	12 \$25	13 \$50
14 \$50	15 \$25	16 \$25	17 \$25	18 \$25	19 \$25	20 \$50
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