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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

[srbccd2020@gmail.com](mailto:srbccd2020@gmail.com)

### **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:** 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, February 24**

5:00 PM Giuseppe Paris (Birth.),  
By family

**SUNDAY, February 25**

8:00 AM Sarah Rose (Ann.),  
By Lucille  
Ann Gallagher (Rem.),  
By Eileen and Lucy

10:00 AM Carol and Paul Bordieri (Rem.),  
By family

11:30 AM Vince Novak (Ann.),  
By family

**MONDAY, February 26**

8:00 AM Joseph and Blanche Berube (Rem.),  
By family

**TUESDAY, February 27**

8:00 AM Fr. Raymond A. Beaulieu (Rem.),  
By a friend

**WEDNESDAY, February 28**

8:00 AM Fr. Clyde J. Walsh, (Rem.),  
By a friend

**THURSDAY, February 29**

NO SCHEDULED MASS

**FRIDAY, March 1**

8:00 AM Ferdinando Conti and Anthony D'Itri  
(Birth.),  
By Al and Judy

**No First Friday Exposition & Benediction**

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, March 2**

5:00 PM Robert D'Amico (Rem.),  
By Tom and Betty Sacco

**SUNDAY, March 3**

8:00 AM Benny Almonte (3<sup>rd</sup> Ann.),  
By Brenda and Mike Almonte

10:00 AM Dorothy Luzzi (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.),  
By family  
Anthony DiChiaro (Ann.),  
By wife and children

11:30 AM Anita Aspry (7<sup>th</sup> Ann.),  
By family  
Doris & Edward Lariviere (Birth ),  
By family



**Sanctuary Lamp**  
Week of Feb 25– Mar  
**Deceased Members of the**  
**DiSanto Family**  
By Dan and Liz

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Every family has special moments that they remember and share again and again. In

sharing these stories, the meaning and importance of these events develop and deepen over time. This is how it was with the disciples' remembrance of Jesus' Transfiguration. The full significance of what they had seen and experienced could only be understood after Jesus' death and Resurrection. As they told other believers about this event and recorded the story for us in the Bible, our understanding of what it means to call Jesus God's own Son has also deepened.

As you gather as a family, think about some special family memories that your family tells over and over again. Talk about why these memories are important to you. Recall that in the Bible we find many important memories about Jesus that have been recorded for us so that we can believe that Jesus is God's Son. Read today's Gospel, Mark 9:2-10. What do we learn about Jesus from this Gospel? (He fulfills the promises God made to Israel through the Law and the prophets. God glorified Jesus in his Resurrection. Jesus is God's Son.) Conclude in prayer together that as we continue to read the Bible, we will deepen our understanding of and our love for Jesus. Pray together the Lord's Prayer. *Peace, Dina*

**2024 Catholic Charity Appeal 2024**

The 99<sup>th</sup> Catholic Charity Appeal has kicked off in the Diocese of Providence with its 2024 theme "A State of Hope."



This year, our parish goal remains the same as last year at \$58,000.

To date, 93 of our registered families have pledged \$19,485.00.

The following is an additional partial listing of the services provided by the ministries supported and funded by the Catholic Charity Appeal:

...Support for Vocations and Seminarians  
 ...Health Care Ministry to provide priest coverage to hospitals and nursing homes  
 child care voucher program for low income families  
 ...Mother of Hope Youth Summer Camp in Chepachet  
 ...Faith Formation and Evangelization Efforts  
 ...Special Religious Education (SPRED) for those with disabilities  
 ...substantial financial and scholarship aid to students with financial need to attend Rhode Island Catholic schools  
 ...grants for ministries outside the diocese that provide service consistent with that of the case statement of the Fund, for instance, the Rhode Island Food Bank and the Rhode Island Poverty Institute

On behalf of those who are assisted 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

**The Office of Stewardship has established the following online link for donors to contribute to the 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal:**  
[www.Givecentral.org/2024CCA](http://www.Givecentral.org/2024CCA)

***For Whom Are You Praying?*****PRAYER CHAIN**

***Add their names to the Prayer Chain.***

***Call: Charon Souza (401) 231-3962***

**Daily Readings****Sunday**

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

**Monday**

Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday**

Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday**

Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday**

Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

**First Friday**

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**First Saturday**

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**2024 Forty Week Club 2024**

Proceeds to benefit the various ministries of our parish.

Tickets may be purchased from your team captain or at the rectory during regular business hours.

The donation for tickets is \$60.00

Congratulations to this week's winner!

**Week 5: \$40.00 – Fran Zanni**

**Friday, March 1, 2024****There will be no First Friday Exposition & Benediction.**

The church will be open throughout the afternoon so that you may still make a Holy Hour in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist reserved in the tabernacle.

**The Vigil Project**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

**Location: McVinney Auditorium**

<https://www.thevigilproject.com>

Elevate your Lent with the Vigil Project, a collective of musical artists dedicated to leading people to an encounter with God through music. Internationally known musicians featured on the Hallow app and performers at the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress.



An inspiring concert for your Lenten journey.

**Concert is free to attend.**

**Free will donations accepted.**

McVinney Auditorium is a project of the Diocese of Providence.



**Have You Heard His Call?**

*"This is my beloved Son, listen to Him" Mark 9:7*

Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest or in consecrated life? Listen to Him, and talk to your parish priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (401) 331-1316 or via email: fathersimas@gmail.com

**Open House**

Bishop Hendricken High School will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, March 10, from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. This event will give families the opportunity to tour our

facilities and receive information on our academics, admission procedures, financial aid, student life, transportation and college placement. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at (401) 889-5425.

**DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**

*In the words of Pope Francis*



- + Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- + Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- + Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- + Fast from pessimism

and be filled with hope.

- + Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- + Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- + Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- + Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- + Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- + Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- + Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

**Parish Support**

**February 17/18**

**Traditional Giving / ParishSoft**

*Weekly Offering: 3,994.00 / \$930.00*

*Loose Cash: \$487.00*

*Monthly Maintenance: \$278.00 / \$102.00*

*Annual Collection: \$14,840.00 / \$410.00*

*Ash Wednesday: \$1,021.00 (To be forwarded to Mary House Outreach Ministry at St. Patrick Parish in Providence, RI)*

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 February/March**

*February 25 – Weekly*

*March 3 – Easter Flowers/Weekly*



**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 JELLY, jarred pasta sauce, baked beans and cereal.

**Any non-perishable food items**

**are always welcome.**

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

# *Lent 2024*

## *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.

## *Lenten Soup Suppers in the Lower Church*

### *The Psalms:*

### *A Source of Prayer for Lent and Beyond*

**Friday, March 1      Friday, March 15**

The two remaining sessions will begin  
at 6:00pm and conclude at 6:50pm.

To register and obtain a complimentary copy of *Songs of the Spirit*  
by Megan Daffern, the book on the psalms to which we are

referring, contact Terry Novak at (401) 855-4693 or [terrynovak57@msn.com](mailto:terrynovak57@msn.com).

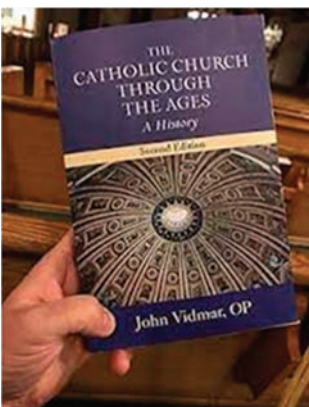


## *Lecture Series With Fr. John Vidmar, OP*

### *The Early Church*

Fr. John Vidmar from Providence College is currently offering a Lenten Lecture Series that began

last Monday, February 19. The series will continue on Monday, February 26 and conclude on Monday, March 4. Each session will be held in the church and begin at 7:00 PM. This three-part series is focused on the development of Early Christianity from its roots in the world of Judaism to the Gospels and Jesus Christ, then examine how this Church grew and suffered, and grew some more.



**Week One:** The three sources of the Christian Church, Jesus, Paul, early Church organization.

**Week Two:** Persecutions from the Romans to rival religions (Gnosticism, mystery religions). Exploration of the catacombs.

**Week Three:** Growth of monasticism, liturgy, doctrine, art.

While not required, participants might benefit from purchasing and using Fr. Vidmar's book titled *The Catholic Church through the Ages* (2d edition) from Paulist Press as a supplementary resource.

**Registration is not required.**



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