

# SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE PARISH † EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH

MARCH 17, 2019

## **Mass Schedule**

**Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish**  
*Celebrating Liturgy  
at St. Aloysius Church*

**Weekday**----- See bulletin

**Saturday**----- 4:00 pm

**Sunday**--- 7:00, 8:30 & 11:00 am

**Confession**

Saturday----- 3:00 pm

## **Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish**

**Weekday**----- See bulletin

**Saturday**----- 5:15 pm

**Sunday**-----10:00 am

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursday ---- 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

**Confession**

Saturday----- 4:30 pm

## **Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish**

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Address:** 143 West Division St.,  
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## **Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish**

**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday  
9:30 am - 12:30 pm  
& 1:30 - 4:30 pm

**Address:** 420 Main Road  
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**Evenings and weekends  
by appointment**



## Parish Information

### Joining the Parish

New Parishioners are always welcome. Call your Parish Office for a Census Form.

### Planning a Baptism

The birth of a child brings joy to the family. Through Baptism, that child is joined to the family of God, which brings great joy to the church. Parents seeking Baptism are asked to contact the Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is administered yearly to all 8th Grade students in our Religious Education Program and students attending Catholic Schools. Students wishing to receive Confirmation must be enrolled for at least two years before they are eligible to receive Confirmation.

### Scheduling Weddings

Couples contemplating marriage are asked to contact the Parish Office and schedule the date before making any other plans. An appointment with the Pastor should be made at least 6 months prior to the Wedding Date.

### Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may take place at any time, especially if one is seriously ill. Please contact the office to schedule a time for a priest to visit.

### The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA) is the process the Catholic Church uses to welcome adult members into the faith. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this process or in obtaining more information about it, please call the Parish Office to speak with a priest.

### Funeral Preparations

The loss of a loved one is a particularly difficult time for those who are bereaved. Our parish community collaborates with local funeral directors in assisting families during their time of grief.

### Bequests to the Parish

Please remember your Parish with Memorial gifts at the time of death or with a bequest in your will. Make a return to the Lord for all the good He has given you.



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All the faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, on Tuesday, April 16th, at 4:00 p.m. At this Mass priests from throughout the Diocese will renew their priestly promises before the Bishop, and the oils to be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders will be blessed. Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for and support the priests of the Diocese.

For reserved seating, please call Diane Franklin in the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 ext 1103 or email Diane-Franklin@dioceseofscranton.org.

### Stations of the Cross

(Every Friday during Lent)

12:10PM St. Robert  
4:00PM Exaltation



### Living Stations

7:00PM April 12th at Exaltation  
7:00PM April 19th at St. Robert

### St. Jude School SPRING FLING CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

Saturday, March 30th  
10 AM to 3 PM

St. Jude School Cafeteria  
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### SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville, in the school gymnasium on: **Monday, April 1st (9am-6pm) and Tuesday, April 2nd (9am-5pm). Tuesday is also \$2/bag day.**  
Bake sale, refreshments, homemade haluski & wimpies, & more.

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their **25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30.**

The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your pastor before April 2.



### Prayer for an End to Infanticide

The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act— legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. Please join us in prayer for an end to infanticide:

*"Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life."*

### Have you attended a Marriage Encounter Weekend?

There is a new WWME Share Group being hosted by John and Joanie Walsh of St. Lucy's Parish. If you would like to attend this gathering in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre area, please contact John or Joanie at (719) 339-9970,  
[joaniewalsh528@hotmail.com](mailto:joaniewalsh528@hotmail.com).

### VARIETY BINGO

at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville, Sunday, April 7th, in the school gymnasium. Doors open at noon, games begin at 1pm. Cost is \$10 and includes 20 games with a \$200 cash cover-all. Daubers are needed and can be purchased at the event. Extra cards, basket raffle, & instant bingo will be available. Lunch and a Bake Sale will also be featured. Seating is limited to 250. Proceeds will be used to benefit all those in need in our parish & our community.

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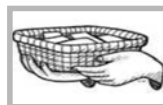
**Weekend Masses in: St. Aloysius Church; Daily Masses in: Sacred Heart Chapel**  
**March 18-24, 2019**

Mon.	8:00am	No Mass	
Tues.	8:00am	John J. Finnegan	Maureen Finnegan
Wed.	8:00am	Maureen Gdovin	Tom & Megan Marie
Thurs.	8:00am	Liturgy of The Word	
Fri.	12:10pm	Stations And Soup	
Sat.	4:00pm	Paul Devine	Kathleen & James Chernavage
Sun.	7:00am	Living & Deceased Members of our Parish	
Sun.	8:30am	Therese Guest	John & Dolores Pavloski
Sun.	11:00am	Donald J. Sabatino	Family

*March 10, 2019*

Offertory	\$	3,273.00
Online Giving	\$	151.00
Loose	\$	346.00
Dues	\$	636.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	904.50
Charity	\$	340.00
Flowers	\$	509.00
Reimbursement	\$	138.16
Candles	\$	112.00
Misc	\$	70.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,479.66</b>
<b>St. Aloysius Buildings</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>264.10</b>

*Thank You and  
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for your  
Contributions!!!*



**\*WORD\***

**Little Black Lenten Prayer Booklets** are available for purchase in the front of the pulpit at St. Aloysius Church. A donation of \$1 per book is suggested.

**\*SERVICE\***



**THANK YOU** to all the children from our **Religious Education Classes** who volunteered to help at the Altar & Rosary Society's BINGO and Spaghetti Dinner. Your help was greatly appreciated!!!!

**\*COMMUNITY\***

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY 300 CLUB WINNERS**

\$500	#205	Eileen Stempien
\$50	#85	Micholaks
\$30	#35	West Side Bowling
\$30	#114	Sally Jones
\$25	#45	Chris & John Jones
\$25	#55	Jim Spisak
\$25	#297	Theresa Chupka

**BAZAAR 2019** Thank you to all who came to our first bazaar meeting. Lots of great conversation and ideas! **The next meeting is Sunday, April 7th after the 11:00am mass. All are welcome!**

**\*WORSHIP\***



**Every Monday evening during the Lenten Season confessions will be heard at St. Aloysius Church from 5:30PM -7:00PM.**

**We will enhance our evenings of prayer with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30PM  
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45PM**



**Stations of the Cross**  
12:10PM Every Friday during Lent

**Stations and Soup**

We need your help to make a pot of soup. If you are able to make soup one of the Fridays listed below and/or can help set up and clean up please call Mary Ann Zaledonis at 570-819-3201 or complete the slip and return it in the collection basket at a weekend mass.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Soup \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please circle the date you will be bringing soup.  
 March 29th                      April 5th                      April 12th

**The Two (2) Tabernacle Candles this week are for Health & Blessings for Barbara Kunec Requested by her husband, Bill**

**Eucharistic Bread & Wine blessed at our weekend liturgies this weekend are in memory of Joe & Kathleen McKeown requested by Rich & Barb Flora**

**The Flowers in front of the Blessed Mother this weekend are in memory of Marie Elmir Requested by her loving daughter.**

**For Weekend of March 24, 2019**

Time	Altar Server	Eucharistic Minister	Lector
4:00PM	Dylan Hughes Dan Hughes	Mary Ann Zaledonis Ron Zaledonis Debbie Schlosser	Al Schlosser
7:00AM		Brian McDermott Jane Thomas	Elwood Rosengrant
8:30AM	Gary Stec Peter Stec	Nancy Page Ron Smith	Jane Smith
11:00AM	Michael Zarola Lukas Kachinko Will McCarroll	Jim Noyalis Ellie McGlynn Debbie Evanoski	Courtney Smith

**Thank you to all the parishioners who completed the 2019 Parish Survey.** We received over 200 responses. Our Parish Council recently met with a representative from the Office of Parish Life to start the process of analyzing all the valuable information received from the survey. The meeting focused on the Word and Worship sections of the survey. The next meeting scheduled for the end of March will be to review the remainder sections of the Survey and develop a Mission statement for our parish. Please watch the parish bulletin for future updates.

# Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church

New Website: [www.exhc.org](http://www.exhc.org)

Phone: 570 823-6242 e-mail: [exhc@aol.com](mailto:exhc@aol.com) [www.facebook.com/holycross420](http://www.facebook.com/holycross420)  
**Daily Mass 8:00AM—Mon. & Fri., Adoration -Thursday - 8:30 to Noon**  
**March 17, 2019 to March 24, 2019**

Mon.	8:00 am 6:30-7:30pm	Blanche Juba ADORATION	Paul & Paulette Zavislak
Tues.		No Mass @ EXHC	
Wed.		No Mass @ EXHC	
Thurs	8:30-Noon	ADORATION	
Fri.	8:00 am 4:00 pm	Marion Douglas Stations of the Cross	Ann Williams
Sat.	5:15 pm	Anthony & Agnes Shanders	Joe & Vern Truskoski
Sun.	10:00 am	Robert & Kathleen Osborne	Bob & Arlene Osborne

*March 10, 2018  
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Sunday	\$	2,154.00
Dues	\$	425.00
Children	\$	18.00
Loose	\$	142.00
Rental	\$	1,022.00
Ash Wednesday	\$	743.35
Snow	\$	425.00
Flowers	\$	250.00
Bequests/Memorial	\$	117.00
Lent	\$	68.00
Maintenance	\$	25.00
Black Books	\$	14.00
Initial	\$	25.00
Candles	\$	61.00
Donation	\$	10.00
2nd Collection	\$	40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,539.35</b>



Bread & Wine for this weekend is offered  
 In Memory of James Tierney  
 By Theresa Roebuck.

**Sanctuary Candle:** Health & Blessings for Theresa McAvoy by Walt & Barbara Pencak.

**Blessed Mother Candle:** In memory of Brenda Tippins by Jerry.

**Infant of Prague Candle 1:** Health & Blessings for Louise Gadowski by Walter & Barbara Pencak.

**Infant of Prague Candle 2:** In memory of William Redick by Our Lady of Czestochowa Society & Pierogi

## \*WORD\*

As part of the continuing Adult Faith Formation initiative, our parish will offer **Lenten Book Discussion Groups**. Groups will meet 4 times throughout Lent on the book, **"No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion"**. Groups meet Monday nights, Tuesday nights, Wednesday nights, Thursday afternoons and Sundays after 10 am mass. To join a group or for more information, contact Ed or Georgette Siedlecki at 570- 824-5941.



*"You my friends are not the tomorrow, not the 'meantime', you are the Now of God."*

+**Pope Francis**, World Youth Day Closing Homily, January 27, 2019 Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, let us dive deep into prayer and worship, grow as a parish family, and reach out and serve those who are most in need in our world.

Lenten Journey packets have been mailed to all households. Extra copies are in the vestibule. Lenten commitment cards can be mailed to the office, put in the collection basket or put in front of the altar.

## \*WORSHIP\*

**Additional Lenten Eucharistic Adoration**  
 Monday, March 18 - Lenten Holy Hour 6:30-7:30pm  
 Monday, March 25 - 6-8 pm



## \*SERVICE\*

**Nursing Home Ministry**, Sunday, March 17 2PM  
*(Bingo, visit with residents, music & more)*  
**Clothing Drive** New or gently used clothing for toddlers through Young Adults can be placed in the vestibule throughout Lent. "The Holy Closet" will open to the public once we have enough items.  
 To volunteer or more information, contact Lynn Blazaskie at 570-262-5269.

## \*COMMUNITY\*

**EXHC Men's Club Fish Dinner**  
**Friday, March 22, 2019 3-7 pm** In the Church Hall  
 Eat in or take out  
 Dinner includes: fish, mac n cheese, cole slaw, stewed tomatoes, applesauce.  
 Tickets \$9.00 each. (Soda & Water for sale)  
 Children's Mac n Cheese option for \$2.  
 Tickets sold before and after Masses

All are welcome to attend our **Welcome Spring Event** on **Saturday, March 23 @ 5:15PM** Mass. Dinner will follow in the church hall. We will welcome those who joined our parish family the last few years. No charge, but RSVPs are required by 3/16. Sign up in vestibule or call/text Bonnie Costantino at 570-762-7342



EXHC Men's Club will meet Wednesday, March 27 at 7:30 in the church hall. New members are always welcome.

Ladies of Mary Fundraiser  
**Pysanky Easter Egg Decorating**  
 Saturday, March 30 @ Noon  
 Sunday, March 31 @ 2:00 pm  
 Cost \$25 per person - Take home kit \$20  
 RSVP for Workshop Seat or Take home kit by 3/ 11.  
 Nichole Lasecki - 570 574-4453





A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS  
**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**“Brothers and sisters, join with others in being witnesses of me, and observe those who conduct themselves according to the model you have in us... but our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”**

Saint Paul had no trouble in encouraging others to follow his example, clearly saying ‘do as I do, and do as I say.’ Many would hesitate to offer such a directive.

The mount of transfiguration and Paul’s witness can assist us in our commitment to Christ and the church, especially in these moments of scandal and discouragement. Paul knew what he was about and invited others to be part of his mission.

His invitation is extended to us, as we join with Peter, James, and John, to experience the love of the Father and His affirmation of His Son. We descend from the mountain aware of God’s love and our ongoing journey to Calvary and resurrection.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God’s promise.

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1**

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

**Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36**

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, “This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him.” The disciples who had seen Jesus’ glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

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**Lenten Reminders**

Lent is a time for sacrifice and for spiritual renewal as we reflect upon our baptism and the call given to each of us to walk as disciples of the Lord.

As faithful followers of Jesus, we are traditionally encouraged to honor the sacred season of Lent by embracing the three pillars of Lenten observance:

**Almsgiving - generously giving to those in need**

**Fasting - practicing self-discipline and self-denial**

**Prayer - reading, hearing and reflecting on the Word of God**

Lent is also a penitential season. It is a time to seek forgiveness, to look inward, and to admit our shortcomings and failures. It is a time to regroup and to prepare. How can you spend your time during Lent?

By “giving up” things you hunger after, such as sweets or alcohol; or activities you desire, such as vacations, concerts or movies.

By “doing” things to help others, such as offering an extra donation to the poor or helping those in need by providing food or clothing.

By “adding” to our normal routine, such as going to daily Mass, praying the Stations of the Cross and going to confession.

**CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE**

**The Fifth Annual Catholic Men’s Conference for the Diocese of Scranton will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 8am to 3pm at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 South Pennsylvania Ave. Wilkes Barre, PA 18701.**

Our fantastic lineup of speakers includes **Fr. Philip G. Bochanski**, the executive director of Courage International who will speak on how manly virtue involves living chaste lives, along with well-known psychologist, speaker, and EWTN TV host, **Dr. Ray Guarendi**. Our third speaker will be motivational speaker, apologist, and TV host of “Battle Ready”, **Doug Barry**. There will be opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as Rosary. Additionally, exhibitors will be present with a full array of Catholic books and publications. Fathers, sons, grandsons and friends are all most welcome to register for the event. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate the closing Mass. Register on line at: [www.beamanconference.com](http://www.beamanconference.com), or mail the completed conference brochure application with your check to Attn: Men’s Conference, Office for Parish Life, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton, PA. 18503. The cost of the conference is \$40.00 regular, \$30 for early birds (until 4/1/19), and \$15 for Students. Priests and Deacons are free. For further information call Chris Calore @ 570-824-5621.

God  
is my  
Light  
and my salvation



*A Lenten Prayer*

*Dear Lord,*

*I know You receive what is in my heart.  
Let me be inspired by Your words and by  
the actions of Your son, Jesus.*

*Guide me to make sacrifices this Lent in  
the spirit of self-denial and with greater  
attention to You and to those around me.*

*Help me to believe that You will grant me  
this because of the sacrifice Jesus made for  
me.*

*Amen*

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