

SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE PARISH + EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

*Celebrating Liturgy at
St. Aloysius Church*

August 1, 2021

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

A Welcoming Community



Pastor

Reverend Richard J. Cirba

In Residence

Reverend Alex J. Roche

Diocese of Scranton
Vocation Director

Mass Schedule

Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish
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Weekday ----- See bulletin
Saturday-----4:00 pm
Sunday----- 7:00, & 11:00 am

Confession
Saturday-----3:00 pm

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

Weekday ----- See bulletin
Saturday-----5:30 pm
Sunday-----9:30 am

Confession
Saturday-----5:00 pm



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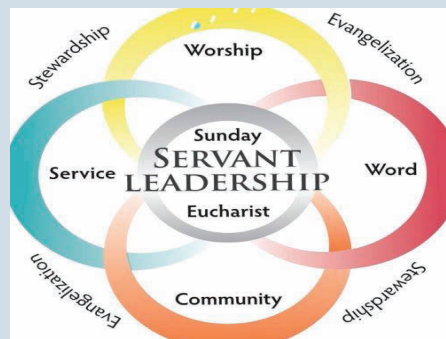
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Mission Statement

We the Catholic Community of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish continue our tradition to bring together all generations, to welcome new growth in the Sacramental Life of our Parish through Word, Worship, Community and Service. We walk humbly with our God.



Mission Statement

We, the parish family of Exaltation of the Holy Cross, as missionary disciples strive to be a haven for spiritual growth, a symbol of faith-based hospitality, a foundation for outreach in the community and a focus for meeting the liturgical and sacramental needs of our parish, all with the help of God.

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. Couples must be registered parishioners and active practicing Catholics.

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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:

We would like to thank all who Sponsor an ad in our bulletin.

We greatly appreciate your support of the weekly bulletin.

Welcome to St. Robert Bellarmine and Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parishes.

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not home to you, we invite you to become a part of our parish family. Both churches are open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. You may register at the Parish Office or call us and we'll send you a form. We are glad that you are here and hope that you will come back again for Mass or become a parishioner.

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10TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

WED., AUG. 4TH AT 6PM



St. Faustina Kowalska Parish,
520 Hanover St., Nanticoke, PA
(570-735-4833)

Reverend James R. Nash, Pastor

67th Annual St. Jude Parish Picnic
Sat., August 14, 2021, 4:00-10:00 pm
and Sunday, August 15, noon-8:00 pm
on the parish grounds at
420 South Mtn Boulevard, Mtn Top.

Enjoy traditional picnic favorites, deserts in the Sweet House and a large Theme Baskets Raffle.

On Sunday there will be an open pit Chicken BBQ Dinner starting at noon.

For entertainment, Chester Street will rock the house on Sat., from 6-9 pm and 2Rockaholix on Sunday, 2-9 pm.

Join us for great fun, fellowship and entertainment.

Designer Purse Bingo

St. Maria Goretti Church

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Saturday, August 14, 2021

Bingo from 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Pre-sales \$20; \$25 at the door

Includes 20 games of Bingo (extra games may be purchased)

Food & Beverages will be available for purchase

Basket Raffle, door prize, bake sale

For tickets contact parish office at 570-655-8956 Monday – Friday 9:00am-2:00pm

The Hanover Township Lions Club is sponsoring a Hometown Hero's Banner Project.

If you did not see the flyer in last weeks bulletin and would like more information you can contact Chris Woolfolk @ 570-606-6889 or pamedic709@gmail.com



St. Casimir Cemetery

The groundskeeper is there for 8 months out of the year. There is a cost of **\$900/month to maintain our Cemetery**. Thank You to all who have donated!

If you would like to make a donation to **St. Casimir Cemetery** you can do so with a check made payable to the cemetery.

Put it in an envelope marked with the cemeteries name on the envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Remember these donations are tax deductible!

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Please check one:

I am new in the parish & wish to register

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish

Please drop Membership Form into the Offertory Basket or mail to the Parish Office.

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Phone Number: (570)823-3791 email address: stalschurchw@staloysiuswb.com

Weekend & Daily Masses in: St. Aloysius Church
August 2-8, 2021

Mon.	8:00am	No Mass	
Tues.	8:00am	Bob Page	Wife & Children
Wed.	8:00am	Peter Jacobs	Ronald & Lawrence Jacobs
Thurs.		No Mass	
Fri.		No Mass	
Sat.	4:00pm	John Kashmer	Wife & Children
Sun.	7:00am	Living & Deceased Members of our Parish	
Sun.	11:00am	Margaret Forney	Family

July 25, 2021	
Offertory	\$ 2,498.00
Online Giving	\$ 991.00
Loose	\$ 90.00
Dues	\$ 470.00
Charity	\$ 20.00
St. Ann's Novena	\$ 946.22
Maintenance	\$ 112.00
Interest	\$ 170.36
Perquisites	\$ 350.00
Holy Day	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 56.00
Candles—St Ann's Novena	\$ 472.00
TOTAL	\$6,185.58



*Thank You and
God bless you
for your
Contributions!*

Both Tabernacle Candles
this week are in Loving Memory of
The Living & Deceased Members of our Parish.

Blessed Mother Candle
This week is in Loving Memory of
John Zaborsky requested by Family.

St. Joseph Candle
This week is in Loving Memory of
Josephine Zaborsky requested by Family.

ONLINE GIVING
Does Online Giving provide proof that I made a contribution? Yes, the payments will appear on your bank statement. This will provide sufficient evidence to support the amount of your contributions to the Parish.

Interested in Online Giving? Would like more information on what it is? Call the Parish Office at 823-3791 ext 2 between 9AM & 3PM Monday – Thursday for all your questions.

Basket Raffle

If you have time check out the great baskets. They are on display in the church hall. You can see them after all masses. For more information please call or text Phyllis at 570-606-8139 or Mary at 570-877-1135.

May They Rest in Peace

We remember our recently deceased relatives, friends, and members of our own parish community, especially:

Bruce Chirinko
Esther DeMuzzio
Ann Marie Rash
Barbara Marsellas

May they and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.

Did you miss the meeting this past week for our:

Fall Food Festival & Flea Market
Saturday, Oct. 16th from 12-6pm
in the Church Parking Lot.

If you did and would like to have more information on this or our future fundraisers please contact the Parish Office at 570-823-3791 ext 2.

Please remember Fundraisers are an important part of St. Aloysius Church-St. Robert Bellarmine Parish to remain fiscally stable. It is up to you if you want your church to remain stable or not.

Say yes, to your Church remaining financially stable and come out and help with this fundraiser!

Thank You to all who have bought/sold Raffle Tickets.

Our Parish Raffle is based on the Pick 3 Evening Lottery Number-STRAIGHT ONLY

The payouts are:

\$25.00 on Monday through Saturday
\$50.00 on August 1, 8, 15 & 22
\$250.00 on August 29
\$1,000.00 on August 31

This past weeks winners are:

Date	#	Amt	Name
7/19	604	\$25.00	Irene Pstrak
7/20	283	\$25.00	David Adams
7/21	597	\$25.00	St Robert Bellarmine
7/22	539	\$25.00	Phyllis Warakomski
7/23	942	\$25.00	M/M Middleton & Conrad
7/24	268	\$25.00	Andrew & Elizabeth Reno
7/25	680	\$25.00	Roberta Lanczak

Mass from St. Aloysius Church is Live-Streamed on Facebook on Saturday at 4pm and on YouTube on Sunday at 10am. Look for us on Facebook at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish at St Aloysius Church.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

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August 2, 2021 thru August 8, 2021

Mon.	8:00 am	William Hughes	Jaye Jabers
Tues.		No Mass	
Wed.		No Mass	
Thurs.		No Adoration	
Fri	8:00 am	Dorothy Kovalski	Mark Jarolen
Sat.	5:30 pm	Kenneth Spencer, Sr.	Nick & Pat Baran
Sun.	9:30 am	50th Wedding Anniversary wishes Robert & Mary Ann Ashton	Ashton, Malloy & Werner Families



July 25th, Thank You and God bless you for your Contributions!!!

Sunday	\$ 1,573.00
Sunday - Online	\$ 280.05
Dues	\$ 490.00
Dues - Online	\$ 10.00
Loose	\$ 133.00
Candles	\$ 62.00
Air Conditioning (inc Online)	\$ 10.00
Children	\$ 4.00
Interest	\$ 2043.44
TOTAL	\$ 4,605.49



Bread & Wine for the weekend of 7/31 & 8/1 are offered for:
Health & Blessings for all Exaltation of the Holy Cross parishioners.

Candles are lit for 1 week beginning August 8th

Sanctuary Candle: Health & Blessings for Harry & Sylvia Mangan by Ann Williams.

Blessed Mother Candle: In Memory of Grace Ann Harrison by Ted & Lois Harrison.

Infant of Prague Candle 1: Not Booked.

Infant of Prague Candle 2: In Memory of George & Mary Kempinski by George & Christine Kempinski.

Thank you to everyone who participated in World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly Mass and the wonderful gathering after mass. A great time for all!



Family Day at PNC Field
Exaltation of the Holy Cross parish will have a family day celebration on Thursday, August 12th @ 7:05pm. Tickets are \$10.00. For more information and/or to order tickets, call/text 570-706-6951.

Parking Lot Ministry will meet again Thursday, August 5 at 7PM!

All are welcome to join us. Pizza, ice breakers, faith conversations & socializing.
Bring your own chair & beverage of choice.



Mark your calendars!!!
Drive-thru Potato Pancake Fest
September 25th & 26th

Please be patient!

The office is in the process of updating our much needed PDS (Parish Data System). If you would like to update any information contact the office at 570-823-6242.

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Cemetery
If you would like to donate to our Cemetery, use a plain envelope.
Include church & your name & amount given.
Thank you!

Family Day @ Knoebel's Amusement Park



Monday, August 23rd
Picnic lunch provided for all attendees.
See the bulletin insert or visit www.exhc.org for reservations.

Have you checked out our online giving website?
It's easy, safe and convenient. You can sign up at any point @ osvhub.com/exhc/funds.

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Sale is ongoing.
Call Georgette 570 824-5941 or Ann 570 574-8287.





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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly, Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

"I declare and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. That is not how you learned Christ, assuming you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, as you put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth."

A rather long sentence in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, but also to us today. How often he uses expressions like 'I urge you' or 'challenge you' to correct error or direct attention to Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

To be a true disciple, we must listen and learn from the words of this letter. We have heard and been taught of Christ, but for many it does not make a real difference in their lives. Discipleship and Catholic is only a label. My personal relationship with Christ is so much more. As the letter unfolds ask whether hearing of Christ, and learning His teaching, makes us different. It should. Consider what steps you might take to continue to hear Him speak and grow in your love of Him.

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First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The Israelites complain that Moses led them to the desert and there is no food for them there. Then the Lord told Moses he would rain down bread from heaven so the people might know that I, the Lord, am your God. God did as he had promised and in the morning the people found the bread that he had given them.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Paul tells the Ephesians that they must give up their old way of life and live in accordance with the truth that Christ has brought them. He reminds them to acquire a spiritual way of thinking, and to remember that they are made in God's image and act accordingly.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

The people Jesus had fed on five loaves of bread follow him, and Jesus tells them they should not be looking for perishable food, but for spiritual food. The people want a sign that they should believe in him. He explains that he is the bread of life, and anyone who believes will not experience hunger or thirst. The people did not fully understand that he was speaking in the spiritual sense, and not of actual food.

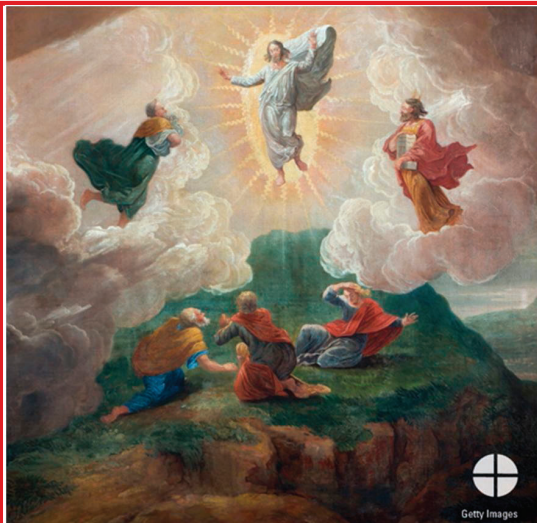
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Saint Cajetan Feast Day – August 7 1480-1547

Born in Vicenza, Italy, Cajetan earned a doctorate in civil and canon law at the University of Padua. He took an ecclesiastical office in Rome under Pope Julius II and was ordained in 1516, joining a local oratory. In Rome and other northern Italian cities, he focused on helping the sick. With three other Italians, one a bishop who later became pope, he founded in 1523 the first order of clerks regular, the Theatines, which took its name from the bishop's see. The priests of this reform congregation aided the Catholic Reformation, taking vows and living communally but also doing pastoral work. They served the sick, preached and studied the Bible. Cajetan died in Naples; he is patron of the Theatines and domestic animals.

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The Transfiguration of the Lord August 6, 2021

In Year B, the reading for the Transfiguration comes from Mark's gospel. (The Transfiguration also appears in the other two synoptic gospels, Matthew and Luke.) In Mark, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, apart from the other apostles and disciples.

There, Jesus is transfigured (changed in form and appearance) and appears in dazzling white clothes. Elijah, the great prophet, and Moses, through whom the Israelites were given the law, appear with Jesus. A cloud appears, overshadowing them, and a voice states, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Jesus charges the three to not share with anyone what they had seen "except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead." They keep their experience to themselves, pondering what Jesus meant by rising from the dead.

How are we to understand the Transfiguration? The story of the Transfiguration is also proclaimed on the second Sunday of Lent—a key part of Jesus' journey towards the Cross. The Catechism of the Catholic Church draws parallels between Jesus' Baptism and the Transfiguration. Jesus is baptized at the start of his public ministry. His baptism proclaims the mystery of our first regeneration—we die and rise again with Christ. The "Transfiguration 'is the sacrament of the second regeneration": our own Resurrection (St. Thomas Aquinas, STh III, 45, 4, ad 2). From now on we share in the Lord's Resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ.

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The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming when he 'will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body (Phil 3:21)" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 556). During the Prayer after Communion, we pray that God might "transform us into the likeness of your [his] Son, whose radiant splendor you willed to make manifest / in his glorious Transfiguration." The Collect, or opening prayer, tells us that the mystery of the Transfiguration "prefigures our full adoption to sonship." The Transfiguration, initially revealed to Peter, James, and John, reveals to all of us a taste of what is yet to come.

The Transfiguration is the fourth of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.

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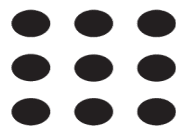


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