

SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINI PARISH + EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

*Celebrating Liturgy at
St. Aloysius Church*



Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish
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Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday... 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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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.

September 19, 2021

A Welcoming Community

Pastor

Reverend Richard J. Cirba

In Residence

Reverend Alex J. Roche

Diocese of Scranton
Vocation Director

Mass Schedule

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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

Exaltation of the
Holy Cross Parish



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Holy Cross Parish**
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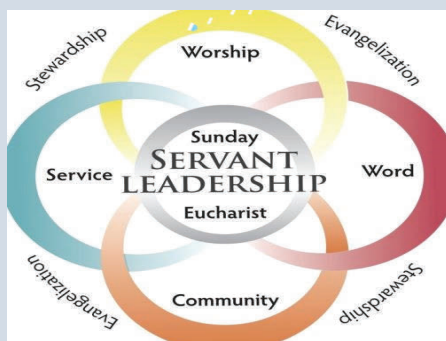
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Mission Statement

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.

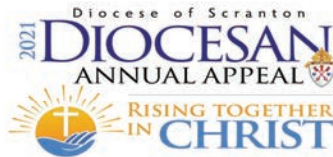
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— Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton

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Gifts of Any Amount Are Appreciated

This weekend is kick-off weekend. September 18th-19th. Help us reach our goal!

UPDATED....Special Collection next weekend of September 25th-26th.

The Bishops of the United States will take up **an emergency special collection on behalf of those devastated for victims of Hurricane Ida, along with victims of the Haitian earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace.**

The emergency collection is greatly needed to help victims of the earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace to rebuild their lives and also help support reconstruction needs of parishes, rectories, schools and other Church properties destroyed or severely damaged in Haiti.

This collection will occur in the Diocese of Scranton **next weekend September 25th and 26th**. It will be used both to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Relief Services and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses through the USCCB's Emergency Disaster Fund.

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 cemetery's 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.

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

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Weekend & Daily Masses in: St. Aloysius Church

September 20-26, 2021


Mon.	8:00am	No Mass	
Tues.	8:00am	Mary Kirkpatrick	Altar & Rosary Society
Wed.	8:00am	Mario Nardone	Mary Muller
Thurs.	8:00am	No Mass	
Fri.	8:00am	No Mass	
Sat.	4:00pm	In honor of Peggy & Bob Warmouth 55th Wedding Anniversary	Family
Sun.	7:00am	Stanley Kempinski	Family
Sun.	11:00am	Mary Ann Chernesky	Family



Weekly Offering

Thank You and God bless you for your Contributions!

September 12, 2021	
Offertory	\$ 2,755.00
Online Giving	\$ 396.00
Loose	\$ 115.00
Dues	\$ 305.00
Charity	\$ 233.00
Extra Sacrifice	\$ 568.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,065.92
Donation	\$ 72.00
Perquisites	\$ 700.00
Candles	\$ 44.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,253.92




Blessed Mother Candle

This week is in Loving Memory of Mary Melchiorre requested by Family.

St. Joseph Candle

This week is in Loving Memory of the living and deceased members of our 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.

Many of you are asking for our Seminarian Andrew McCarroll's Address
 It is: Andrew McCarroll
 c/o St. Mary's Seminary
 5400 Roland Avenue
 Baltimore, MD 21210

2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal has begun!
 Our parish Goal is \$34,000.00.
 Any amount you can give will be greatly appreciated.



A BIG Thank You to the Labor of Love Committee with Chair people Phyllis DeMettro and Mary Farah on the wonderful job they did with our Basket Raffle!

Also, to the Religious Education Classes for the amazing Bake Sale!

Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

September 2021 Holy Name Society 300 Club Winners

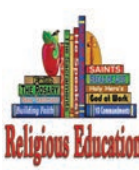
\$500	45	Chris & John Dress
\$50	152	Rick Swoboda
\$30	27	Mary C. Hrebin
\$30	228	Thomas Coleman
\$25	214	Father Skotek
\$25	201	West Side Bowling
\$25	132	Joan Gibbons

Fall Food Festival, Flea Market & Craft Vendors Saturday, Oct. 16th from 9am-6pm in the Church Parking Lot.


Do you have some gently used items at home that you can't use? Is there a craft you make and sell to the public? If so, you can rent a space for the day for \$25 to sell your treasures. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

**NEXT PLANNING MEETING
 Wednesday, September 22, 2021
 6pm in the cafeteria**

Your Church needs you so please say yes to your Church remaining financially stable and come out and help with this upcoming fundraiser!



Religious Education Announcement
 Classes for the 2021-2022 school year has started. Thank You to all who have registered. If you have not registered please contact the Parish Office at 570-823-3791 ext 2.



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.



Sanitary Pizza Sale
 Sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society.
Pick up is Friday, Sept 24th in Padden Hall (cafeteria) from 3pm-5pm

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

Website: www.exhc.org

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Phone Number: (570) 823-6242

September 20, 2021 thru September 26, 2021

Mon.	8:00 am	Theresa Sokola	The Dule family
Tues.		No Mass	
Wed.		No Mass	
Thurs.		No Adoration	
Fri.	8:00 am	Michael Kochick, Sr.	Jean & Children
Sat.	5:30 pm	99th Birthday Blessings for Helen Swiatek	Paul, Joanie & Kyle
Sun.	9:30 am	Bernadine & Carlos Astesana	Ed & Georgette Siedlecki

Sunday	\$ 1,688.00
Sunday - Online	\$ 411.85
Dues	\$ 275.00
Dues - Online	\$ 40.30
Loose	\$ 75.00
Assumption	\$ 5.00
Children	\$ 45.00
Candles	\$ 41.00
Flowers - Online	\$ 20.60
Diocese Appeal Rebate	\$ 2,675.75
TOTAL	\$ 5,277.50



*September 12th,
Thank You and
God bless you
for your
Contributions!!!*



Bread & Wine for the weekend of 9/18 & 9/19 are offered:
Health & Blessings for Father Cirba by a friend.

Candles are lit for 1 week beginning September 26th
Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Barbara Pencak by Walt.
Blessed Mother Candle: In Memory of John C. Moyle by Parents.
Infant of Prague Candle 1: In Memory of Bernadine Astesana by Regina & Michele Kotchick.
Infant of Prague Candle 2: Health & Blessings for Mary Malek by Frank.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

A Huge Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped with the planning & preparation of our Parish Feast on September 12th. With the help of the Ladies of Mary Society, Men's Club and Youth Ministry it was a great success. Excellent food & music! Fun was had by all!
 Welcome to our new members!
 Thank you Father Cirba for a wonderful Mass & celebration!

Blessings & prayers again to Frances Zola in celebration of her 100th Birthday on September 12th!!



Religious Education
"Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed"
 begins this weekend,
 September 19th @ 8:30am
 for students K-8th grade.

Parents will bring the children to the church basement for CCD @ 8:30 & meet the children in the Church vestibule for Mass at 9:30.

Can't make it? Contact Joan @ 570-814-6444.



The next Ladies of Mary meeting will be on Monday,
 October 11th at 7:00 pm.
New members are always welcome!

Don't forget the **Drive-thru Potato Pancake Fest**
 will be on
 Saturday & Sunday September 25th & 26th
 from Noon to 6 pm.
 Pancakes are \$10.00 for 8.
 Minimum - 8, Maximum - 40 per car.



Is your child interested in becoming an Altar Server?
 We will begin having 2 Altar Servers in attendance at each Mass.
 If your child is interested in becoming a Altar Server, please contact Joan @ 570-814-6444.



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



Pierogi Sale
 The Ladies of Mary Pierogi sale scheduled for the fall has been canceled.

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.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY

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

“Where jealousy and self ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy and insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.”

Is the reading from St. James reflecting today’s headlines, or does it date from the first century? The events of our time certainly reflect disorder, chaos, making the gospel seem so distant.

The encouragement of the writer though, offers the opportunity to examine our own lives as we seek to live by the virtues he enunciates – peace, gentleness, mercy. James uses the fruits of the spirit of which St. Paul wrote in Galatians.

If we chose just one and worked on it each day for a week or a month, our lives would be quite different as we ‘cultivate peace’ in our hearts and offer it to others.

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First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Wicked people discuss their anger at the just one, because they do not like being reproached for their evil ways. They want to see if he is the Son of God, so they decide to torture him and see if God will come to defend him. They decide to condemn him to a shameful death and see if the claims are true that God will take care of him.

Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3

James discusses the importance of avoiding jealousy and strife. People should strive for peace and justice instead of concentrating on material pleasures which can tempt people to sin to obtain whatever they desire.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus again attempts to prepare his disciples for his death and resurrection, although they do not yet fully understand. They had been arguing over who was the most important one, but Jesus tells them whoever wants to rank first must be willing to remain a servant to all. He also tells them that anyone who welcomes a child in his name welcomes both him and God.

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Diocese of Scranton Serves

Parish groups and individuals are encouraged to serve our sisters and brothers who are in need throughout the Diocese of Scranton on Saturday, October 2 or Sunday, October 3. The Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations will provide an opening prayer to start the day and reflection questions for discussion at the end of the day.

All participants will receive a free T-shirt. Volunteers can choose their own service site based on the needs of their local community or reach out for suggestions! To get involved and help make a difference, visit dioceseofscranton.org.

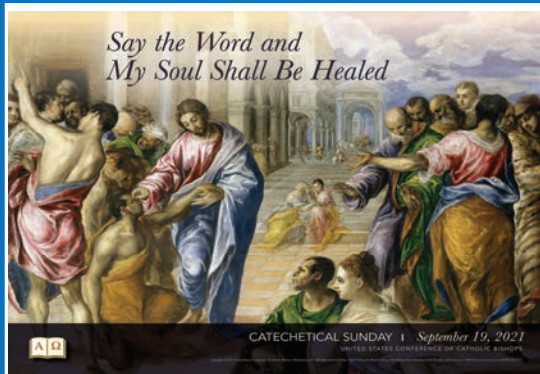
Saint Vincent Strambi

DATES: 1745-1824 | FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 25



Vincent joined the Passionists as priest in 1768. Over three decades he served as a leader of the congregation, ultimately as provincial. In 1801, he became bishop of Macerata in central Italy. Vincent reformed the diocese by caring for his priests. He built a seminary, staffed it with gifted teachers, and taught there himself. Vincent also fostered a renewal of worship in his churches. In 1808, he refused to swear allegiance to Napoleon and was forced into exile. But when Napoleon abdicated in 1814, Vincent returned to Macerata. In the final decade of his life he personally turned an Austrian army away from the province and cared for people suffering from famine and a typhoid epidemic, all while continuing his reforms.

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"Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed"

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 19, 2021, and the theme is: "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed."

Those who the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

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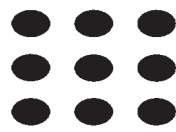


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