

SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINÉ PARISH + EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

*Celebrating Liturgy at
St. Aloysius Church*

October 17, 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
*Celebrating Liturgy
at St. Aloysius Church*

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



Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish
143 W. Division Street
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Monday - Thursday... 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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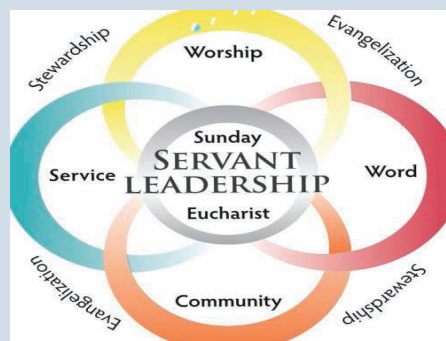
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Mission Statement

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.

THIS WEEKEND IS IN-PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Thank you for placing your mailed pledge envelope in the offertory collection. Your generosity will reach thousands of our friends and neighbors in need who depend on your support.

"At one point in time, I was living in my car for about three months. I ended up going to Saint Anthony's Haven and they asked me if I was a veteran. From that point on, I was taken care of...I'm very optimistic now. I've got a lot of things going for me."

James Judge
Catholic Social Services Permanent Supportive Housing Client



Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton has been a lifeline to many during the pandemic. With numerous food pantries, shelters, kitchens and assistance programs, the agency has met the needs of tens-of-thousands of families, children and seniors during the pandemic. James Judge, a U.S. Navy veteran, is currently receiving help through Catholic Social Services' permanent supportive housing program.

Donate now at: annualappeal.org

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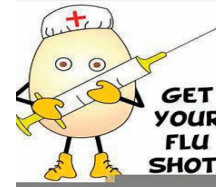
Eucharistic Adoration

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Thursday, October 28th
The Feast of St. Jude
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Wilkes Barre City Health Department
Drive Thru Free Clinic

Monday, October 25th 3-6pm
in St Aloysius Parking Lot.

All are welcome!
You don't have to be a resident of the city of Wilkes-Barre to receive the Flu Shot.

Flu shots are available for 6 mos of age and older.

High Dose Flu Shot is also available.

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 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/Phone Number

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

Weekend & Daily Masses in: St. Aloysius Church
October 18-23, 2021

Mon.	8:00am	No Mass	
Tues.	8:00am	Charlotte Gray	Ramiza Family
Wed.	8:00am	Mary Ellen Blazejewski	Ronald & Lawrence Jacobs
Thurs.	8:00am	No Mass	
Fri.	8:00am	No Mass	
Sat.	1:00pm	Wedding Danielle Conway & Timothy Kwiatkowski	
Sat.	4:00pm	Mark Chackan	George & Debbie Dunbar
Sun.	7:00am	Ruth Templeton	Bill Templeton, Tom Templeton, Liz Wallace & Jane Thomas
Sun.	11:00am	Michael Marley	Bette Marley & Family

October 10, 2021

Offerory	\$	2,992.00
Online Giving	\$	406.00
Loose	\$	302.00
Dues	\$	290.00
Charity	\$	289.00
Maintenance/Utilities	\$	7.00
Candles	\$	75.00
TOTAL	\$	4,361.00
Second Collection was For the Building Fund	\$	113.60

Weekly Offering

Thank You and God bless you for your Contributions!

Tabernacle Candle

this week is in loving memory of
Ashlee Puzio
 requested by Pstrak Family

Blessed Mother Candle

This week is in Loving Memory of Denise Fostock
 requested by godchildren, Eric & Alexa Baurys.

St. Joseph Candle

This week is in Loving Memory of
 The living & deceased members of our Parish.

The Bread and Wine

offered at all masses this weekend
 are in loving memory Richard Flora
 requested by wife, Barbara

We are now Scheduling Masses, Candles and/or Bread and Wine for 2022.

Mass availability is on a first come first serve basis. In order to give as many families as possible the opportunity to have a weekend Mass, only 2 weekend Mass intentions per family can be scheduled per year. There is no limit to the number of Mass intentions per family scheduled for daily Masses. If you have any questions or would like to schedule masses, please call the parish office at (570) 823-3791 ext 2.
 Thank You.

Sunday, Oct. 31st Halloween Mass and Party

For all children and grandchildren up to the age of 12.
Come in costume to the 11am mass and stay for the Halloween Party in the Church Hall after mass.
Please RSVP no later than Oct. 24th to Mrs. Jane Gill, Director of Religious Ed at 570-266-1254.

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.

2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal has begun!

Our parish Goal is \$34,000.00.
 Any amount you can give will be greatly appreciated.

October 2021 Holy Name Society 300 Club Winners

\$500	25	Mike Smith
\$50	266	Donna Weidow
\$30	131	Jessica Huda
\$30	253	Joe Grella
\$25	107	Amy Chappell
\$25	68	Bill Kunec
\$25	41	Maura & Eli Chappell

May They Rest in Peace

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

Victoria Swoboda
 Mark Chackan
 Marie Baltimore
 W. Edward Latinski
 Joseph Maher

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

Please notify the Parish Office if your phone number has changed in the last few years. Recently, we have found if we need to contact a parishioner we are getting a disconnected phone number. You can use the form on the first page to notify us of this change. Thank You!

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

Website: www.exhc.org

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Phone Number: (570) 823-6242

October 18, 2021 thru October 24, 2021

Mon.	8:00 am	Walter J. DeMorat	Mary Stchur
Tues.		No Mass	
Wed.		No Mass	
Thurs.		No Adoration	
Fri.	8:00 am	George & Theresa Tomko	Family
Sat.	5:30 pm	Frank A. Glowiak	Family
Sun.	9:30 am	Eugene & Eleanor Breznay	Breznay family



Bread & Wine
for this weekend are offered:
In Memory of Anna Maday by Family.

Candles are lit for 1 week beginning October 17th
Sanctuary Candle: Special Intentions by Steve & Ruth Newberry.

Blessed Mother Candle: In Memory of Thomas Manoski by Sisters & Brothers.

Infant of Prague Candle 1: In Memory of Eugene & Eleanor Breznay by Diane & Ron Breznay.

Infant of Prague Candle 2: In Memory of Norman Williams by Ann.

Did you notice the new frontal on the Altar?

A special Thank You for the gift of 4 Gospel covers and the Frontal from an anonymous donor.

Our Young Adult Contemporary Choir will lead the music on Sunday, October 24th @ 9:30am Mass.

Trunk or Treat

The Youth Ministry Annual Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 30th from 7-8:30pm. Register your vehicle by calling/text Stephanie @ 570-814-7794.



3 awards will be given out for the best designs!



Halloween Youth Mass

Come to Mass in costume at our 9:30am Mass on Sunday, October 31st. Our youth will lead the liturgical ministries. There will be a social on the church grounds after Mass.

The next Men's Club meeting will be Wednesday, October 27th @ 7:30pm. New members welcome. Come join us!!!

*October 10th,
Thank You and
God bless you
for your
Contributions!!!*



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Priests: **\$20.00**
(Online).

Sunday	\$ 2,223.00
Sunday - Online	\$ 396.10
Dues	\$ 171.00
Dues - Online	\$ 60.30
Loose	\$ 104.00
Children	\$ 2.00
Candles	\$ 107.00
Utilities	\$ 160.00
Perquisites	\$ 250.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,473.40

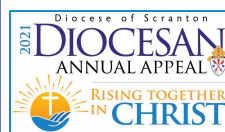


October Holy Hour

Monday, October 25th @ 7pm.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Recitation of the Rosary, & Benediction.

Music will be led by our Contemporary Choir.



Please support the
Diocesan Annual Appeal
Our parish goal for the Annual Appeal is
\$15,000.00.

No Bazaar Collection 2021

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this special collection! As of October 10th, we collected \$23,087.50. You can still make a gift by using the envelope that was mailed or our online website until October 31st. (\$30,605.00 was collected in 2020).

September Extra Sacrifice Collection

Thank you for your generosity! To date, \$990.45 was collected. This money will be used towards our recent window restoration project. What a difference it has made!!

Mass of Remembrance

All deceased members of EXHC this past year will be remembered on Sunday, November 7th @ 9:30am Mass.



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

“James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, ‘Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.’ He replied, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ ‘Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left.’ Jesus said to them, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink?’... When the ten heard this they became indignant at James and John.”

We spend a lifetime trying to get ahead. At work we strive for a promotion, in school we work to learn and receive good grades, at home we want to make it nice for everyone, including ourselves. In each case there is some sacrifice for achievement. What about my spiritual life? Do I strive to grow in holiness, to ‘get ahead’ spiritually?

Like the ten, I too become indignant or jealous and envious. What is the remedy? When good things happen for others, make sure to rejoice with them, share the joy of their accomplishments, support them in their endeavors.

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First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Isaiah speaks of how the Servant of God will have to give his life up for the sins of other people. Because of this suffering the Servant will receive eternal life for himself and all the people whose sins are forgiven because of him.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Jesus is considered to be the new high priest and mediator between God and his people. Fortunately, Jesus has experienced the same temptations as other people, and so he has more tolerance of our weaknesses.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Two of the disciples ask Jesus that they be allowed to sit at his right and left side when he comes into his glory. Jesus explains that they should not be concerned with their position. Instead they should concern themselves with serving others just as Jesus was planning to serve many in giving his own life for their sins.

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Characteristics of Domestic Violence Victims. Female, although men can also experience domestic violence. Younger, often in their 20’s and 30’s more likely to be dating or cohabiting than married. Nearly half live in households with children.

What the Catholic Church teaches about domestic violence

The U.S. Catholic Bishops have made clear that “violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified. Violence in any form- physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal is sinful; often it is a crime as well.” (When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women)

Domestic violence and the permanence of marriage

Some abused women believe that Catholic Church teaching on the permanence of marriage requires them to stay in an abusive relationship. They may hesitate to seek a separation or divorce. They may fear that they cannot re-marry in the Catholic Church.

In When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women, the Catholic bishops emphasize that “no person is expected to stay in an abusive marriage.” Violence and abuse, not divorce, break up a marriage. The abuser has already broken the marriage covenant through his or her abusive behavior. Abused persons who have divorced may want to investigate the possibility of seeking an annulment.

What the Bible says

Abusive men may take a text from the Bible and distort it to support their right to batter. They often use Ephesians 5:22 (“Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord”) to justify their behavior. This passage (v. 21-33), however, refers to the mutual submission of husband and wife out of love for Christ. It means that husbands should love their wives as they love their own body, as Christ loves the Church. The Catholic bishops condemn the use of the Bible to support abusive behavior in any form. Men and women are created in God’s image. They are to treat each other with dignity and respect.

Forgiveness

Men who batter also cite the Bible to insist that their victims forgive them (see, for example, Matthew 6:9-15). A victim then feels guilty if she cannot do so. Forgiveness, however, does not mean forgetting the abuse or pretending that it didn’t happen. Neither is possible. Forgiveness is not permission to repeat the abuse. Rather, forgiveness means that the victim decides to let go of the experience, to move on with life and not to tolerate abuse of any kind again.

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Diaper Drive at St. Robert Bellarmine & Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Our Parishes Diaper Drive will begin in both churches for the month of October (Respect Life Month).

At EXHC you can drop off at the exits. At St. Robert the crib will be by the cross in the vestibule of the Church. Cash donations are also appreciated. Place cash/check in envelope marked “Diaper Drive” in collection.

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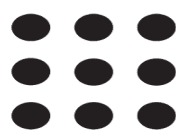


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