

SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINI PARISH † EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

*Celebrating Liturgy at
St. Aloysius Church*



Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish
143 W. Division Street
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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.

August 28, 2022

A Welcoming Community

Pastor

Reverend Richard J. Cirba

Mass Schedule

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Weekday ----- See bulletin
Saturday ----- 4:00 pm
Sunday ----- 7:00, & 11:00 am

Confession

Saturday ----- 3:00 pm

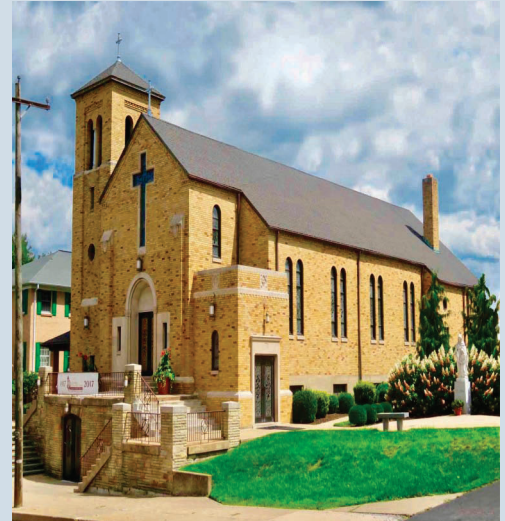
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Weekday ----- See bulletin
Saturday ----- 5:30 pm
Sunday ----- 9:30 am

Confession

Saturday ----- 5:00 pm

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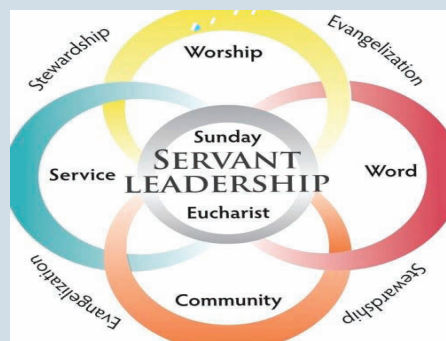
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Mission Statement

We, the 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.

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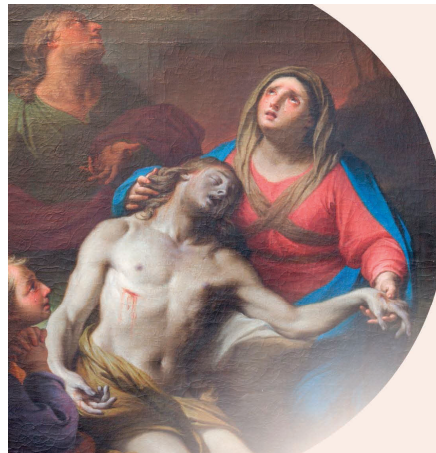
Welcome to St. Robert Bellarmine and Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parishes

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.



Thinking about joining the Catholic Church R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults –

is a process for those adults interested in learning more about the Catholic faith in order to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist... For more information, contact the Parish Office.



DIocese of SCRANTON

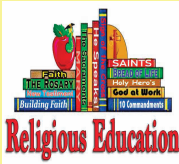
Mass for Suicide Healing & Remembrance

Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 12:15 p.m.
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

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

In observance of Suicide Awareness Month in September, the Diocese of Scranton will offer a Mass to remember loved ones lost to suicide and healing for those who still grieve their passing. All are welcome.

The Mass will be broadcast on CTV: Catholic Television and livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website, www.dioceseofscranton.org, YouTube channel, and social media.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - CONFIRMATION CCD Classes and Registration will be held:

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish
Sunday, September 18th 8:30am in the Church Hall.

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

Sunday, September 18th, 9:45am in the Cafeteria to register.

Our 8th Graders will continue preparation for Confirmation beginning this school year to receive Confirmation in 2023.

Please remember Confirmation is a 2 year program.

If your child is in **CATHOLIC SCHOOL** and a **2nd or 8th Grader** they will receive **First Communion and/or Confirmation** with their Parish. Please contact your Parish Office for more information.

If you, or anyone you know would like to offer their services and help as a teacher, teacher's aide please call your Parish Office at St. Robert Bellarmine 570-823-3791 ext 2 or Exaltation of the Holy Cross 570-823-6242 ext 2.



St. Casimir Cemetery

For 8 months out of the year there is a cost of **\$950/month to maintain our Cemetery.** (The cost has gone up this year by \$50.00 per month.)

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

Thank You to all who have donated to St. Casimir Cemetery!

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: stalschurch@staloyisiuswb.com

Weekend & Daily Masses in: St. Aloysius Church

August 29-September 4, 2022

Mon.	8:00am	No Mass	
Tues.	8:00am	Betty Bloss	Kathy Conrad & Family
Wed.	8:00am	Ruth Weidner Lawlor Happy 76th Birthday in Heaven	Sisters, Joan Rish, Patricia Weidner and husband Jerry Lawlor
Thurs.	8:00am	No Mass	
Fri.	8:00am	No Mass	
Sat.	4:00pm	Theresa & Mary Chupka	Budinas Family
Sun.	7:00am	Living & Deceased Members of our Parish	
Sun.	11:00am	Norine Amesbury	The Zera Family



August 21, 2022

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

St. Aloysius
Capital
Improvements
\$177.00

Sunday	\$ 2,672.00
Sunday - Online	\$ 921.00
Loose	\$ 424.00
Dues	\$ 250.00
Taxes	\$ 519.00
Initial	\$ 10.00
Holy Day (Assumption)	\$ 272.00
Perquisites	\$ 760.00
Candles	\$ 62.00
Total	\$ 5,890.00



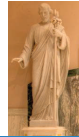
Both Tabernacle Candles
this week are in
Loving Memory of Alice Stankunas
requested by sister, Irene Pstrak & Sons



Blessed Mother Candle
This week is in Loving Memory of all the
living & deceased mothers of our Parish.

St. Joseph Candle

This week is in Loving Memory of all the
living & deceased fathers of our Parish.



Congratulations
and God's Blessings
on the Baptism of
Dylan Robert Abdalla
Son of David and Lindsai Abdalla

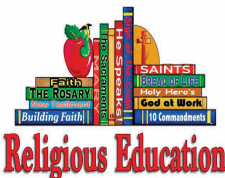
FOR YOUR SAFETY!

Please remember that the **ENTRANCE** into our lot is
across the street from the church on Barney Street and
the **EXIT** is on Division Street.

It is important for everyone's safety that you follow the
signs and enter and exit at the assigned areas and please
pull up to the car in front of you so all can park there!

Thank You!

Pierogie is on sale after all masses for this weekend
\$10.00 per dozen.
You can pick them up in the cafeteria.



Religious Education Classes begin September 18th!

We welcome Mrs. Jessica Eick as our new
Director of Religious Education.
If you are interested in helping with Reli-
gious Education Classes please contact
the Parish office.

ONLINE GIVING

We all pay bills online. We order gifts online.
Why not tithe online! Never forget to make
out a check or bring an envelope.
Contact the Parish Office for more information.

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

Our Parish Raffle is based on the Pick 3
Evening Lottery Number-STRAIGHT ONLY
This past weeks winners are:

Congratulations to all who won this past week!
Good luck to everyone who has bought a ticket(s)!

Date	#	Amt	Name
8/15	907	\$25.00	Mike Smith
8/16	633	\$25.00	Mary Ann Mehm
8/17	407	\$25.00	Mary Patte
8/18	307	\$25.00	Bob Manfre
8/19	063	\$25.00	Rosalie C. Hourigan
8/20	651	\$25.00	Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Anistranski
8/21	679	\$50.00	Arthur Giampa



Sanitary Pizza Sale

Sponsored by the
Altar & Rosary Society.
Orders must be placed no later than
Mon., Sept. 20th.

Pick up is Friday, September 30th
in Padden Hall (cafeteria)
from 3pm-5pm

12 cut box cost is \$12.00

Orders can be placed in the Collection Basket.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Number of boxes I would like to order _____

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Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

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August 29 2022 - September 4 2022

Mon.	8:00 am	Stephie Wrazen	Tony & Susan
Tues.		No Mass	
Wed.		No Mass	
Thurs.	8:30-10:30 am	Adoration	
Fri.	8:00 am	Bruce Deeble	Tony & Susan Pointek
Sat.	5:30 pm	Doreen Piscotty	Art & Pat Stahl
Sun.	9:30 am	Jean Kaminski	Son, Barry



*August 21st
Thank You and
God bless you
for your Contributions!*

Sunday	\$ 2,336.00
Sunday - Online	\$ 429.50
Dues	\$ 240.00
Dues - Online	\$ 20.00
Loose	\$ 143.00
Children	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 64.00
Holy Day - Assumption (inc. Online)	\$ 732.00
Utilities	\$ 210.00
Donations	\$ 30.00
St. Vincent DePaul Social Con. - Online	\$ 25.00
Air Conditioning - Online	\$ 25.00
Maintenance & Improvements (inc. Online)	\$ 766.00
Total	\$ 5,030.50



Bread & Wine
for this weekend are offered:
In Memory of Michael Malek by the Kaminski family.

Candles are lit for 1 week beginning August 29th:

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Karen Kowalski by Tony & Rosemary.

Blessed Mother Candle: In Memory of Mary & Michael Malek by the Kaminski family.

Infant of Prague Candle 1: Health & Blessings for Tony & Rosemary Gawat by Ann Williams.

Infant of Prague Candle 2: Health & Blessings for Roseann Dunbar by Ann Williams.



Adoration
We will continue our silent Adoration the first Thursday of each month from 8:30am-10:30am.

Mass on Monday, September 5th will be at 9:00AM instead of 8:00AM.



Out of the Darkness Walk

Our parish will once again be participating in the OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK sponsored by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention on Sunday, September 11 at Kirby Park.

You can join our team and/or make a donation to the team by contacting Todd Hastings at 570-262-4087.

Get your frozen Pierogi!!
If you are interested we will be selling them after weekend Masses in the church hall.
2 dozen for \$20.00

There will be a Men's Club meeting Wednesday, August 31st @ 7:30pm. Potato Pancake Fest in October & \$100 Raffle will be discussed. New members welcome. Come join us!!!



The flowers at the Altar, Blessed Mother & Tabernacle this weekend were given in memory of Joan Wozniak by Wozniak & Bullock families.

SAVE THE DATE

The Service Committee will sponsor a free drive-thru Community Meal on Saturday, September 10.

More information will be forthcoming.

If you are interested in helping, contact Lynn Blazaskie at 570-262-5269



The Office will be closed 8/29 through 9/1. In an emergency, the service will be on for anyone needing help.

Upcoming Events

- 8/31 - Men's Club Meeting.
- 9/10 - Community Meal.
- 9/18 - CCD Registration & Classes begin.
- 9/18 - Celebration of Parish Life.
- 9/19 - Ladies of Mary Meeting.
- 10/8-10/9 - Potato Pancake Fest (Drive-thru).



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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

“My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God.”... “When you hold a lunch or dinner, do not invite your friends or brothers...rather when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.”

Combining the reading of Sirach and Luke, we begin by seeking to be humble and then serve the needy among us. The beatitudes speaks of humility as a gift. Micha tells us to seek justice, love tenderly and walk humbly with God. How can I put this into practice? I begin with my attitude toward others, especially with those depending on me to discover God's love. Like the good Samaritan, I can try to respond to the need I find. Perhaps I will not just give a gift to a hungry person, a few dollars, but invite myself to sit and have that small meal or coffee with him, acknowledging him or her as a child of God. Hard? Try it.

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First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Those who are humble will find favor with God. Everyone should realize that there is much we can learn from each other. Even the most knowledgeable people need to be humble enough to know that they can still learn from others.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

The Hebrews are informed that they are not approaching an untouchable mountain etched with gloom and fear. Rather, they have neared "the city of the living God, Jerusalem." The Hebrews have approached a joyful gathering of angels, God our judge, and Jesus, who brought us a new covenant.

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus went to share a meal with one of the leading Pharisees when he noticed other guests competing for places of honor at the table. He warned that a guest who takes the place of honor may be asked to move to the lowest place. Yet a guest who takes the lowest place is honored when a better position is offered by their host. He then added, "He who humbles himself will be exalted."

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Saint Jeanne Jugan October 25, 1792 - August 29, 1879

Born in northern France during the French Revolution—a time when congregations of women and men religious were being suppressed by the national government, Jeanne would eventually be highly praised in the French academy for her community's compassionate care of elderly poor people.

When Jeanne was three and a half years old, her father, a fisherman, was lost at sea. Her widowed mother was hard pressed to raise her eight children alone: four died young. At the age of 15 or 16, Jeanne became a kitchen maid for a family that not only cared for its own members, but also served poor, elderly people nearby. Ten years later, Jeanne became a nurse at the hospital in Le Rosais. Soon thereafter, she joined a third order group founded by Saint John Eudes.

After six years she became a servant and friend of a woman she met through the third order. They prayed, visited the poor, and taught catechism to children. After her friend's death, Jeanne and two other women continued a similar life in the city of Saint-Sevrans. In 1839, they brought in their first permanent guest. They began an association, received more members, and more guests. Mère Marie of the Cross, as Jeanne was now known, founded six more houses for the elderly by the end of 1849, all staffed by members of her association—the Little Sisters of the Poor. By 1853, the association numbered 500 and had houses as far away as England.

Abbé Le Pailleur, a chaplain, had prevented Jeanne's reelection as superior in 1843; nine years later, he had her assigned to duties within the congregation, but would not allow her to be recognized as its founder. In 1890, the Holy See removed him from office.

By the time Pope Leo XIII gave her final approval to the community's constitutions in 1879, there were 2,400 Little Sisters of the Poor. Jeanne died later that same year, on August 30. Her cause was introduced in Rome in 1970. She was beatified in 1982 and canonized in 2009.

Reflection

Jeanne Jugan saw Christ in what Saint Teresa of Calcutta would describe as his "distressing disguises." With great confidence in God's providence and the intercession of Saint Joseph, she begged willingly for the many homes that she opened, relying on the good example of the Sisters and the generosity of benefactors who knew the good that the Sisters were doing. They now work in 30 countries. "With the eye of faith, we must see Jesus in our old people—for they are God's mouthpiece," Jeanne once said. No matter what the difficulties, she was always able to praise God and move ahead.

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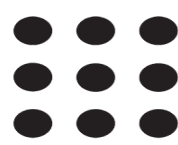
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