

SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINÉ 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
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.

September 18, 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

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**
420 Main Road
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Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Hanover Twp., PA 18706

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exhc@aol.com

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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:

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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.

Join us in
praying
the Rosary



Announcing the 105th Anniversary of Fatima

2022 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

America is at a historic crossroad. God is more offended than ever as people ignore Our Lady's maternal request to "stop offending God." As a result, America is suffering from a pandemic, rioting, looting, and murder, as well as moral and societal collapse. It is urgent that we heed Our Lady's request and stop sinning if we hope to enjoy God's blessings and to avert His wrath. He will hear us, if we pray through the intercession of His Blessed Mother. That's why we are doing the 2022 Public Square Rosary Crusade here at St. Aloysius Church.

In *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort said: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the Anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

What: The Holy Rosary

Where: Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, St. Aloysius Parking Lot

When: Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 12 Noon



Coordinated nationally by Tradition, Family and Property and its America Needs Fatima campaign. For questions or comments, e-mail us at ANF RosaryRally@aol.com. Visit our website at www.ANF.org

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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 your Parish Office for more information.



St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Office will be closed from Monday 9-19 through Friday 9-23.



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!

It is requested that all of our Faithful return to their seats after receiving the Holy Eucharist for silent reflection and thanksgiving. The celebration of Mass is not complete until the President has given the Final Blessing.

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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Weekend & Daily Masses in: St. Aloysius Church

September 19-25, 2022

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Mon.	8:00am	No Mass	
Tues.	8:00am	Mary Alice Kane	John, Wendy & Emma Kane
Wed.	8:00am	Dolores Ondish	Joey, Nicole, Michael & Sean Sabol
Thurs.	8:00am	No Mass	
Fri.	8:00am	No Mass	
Sat.	4:00pm	Michael Hrebin	Ron & Mary Ann Zaledonis
Sun.	7:00am	Nell & Peter Grella	Son, Joe
Sun.	11:00am	Continued Good Health for Father Kevin	Mulcahy Family



Both Tabernacle Candles
this week are in Loving Memory of
John & Margaret Holko
requested by Family



Eucharistic Bread & Wine
blessed at our weekend liturgies this weekend
are in loving memory of **John & Margaret Holko**
requested by Family



Choir to Resume - The Senior Choir will resume rehearsals on September 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the church auditorium. The choir is now seeking additional members. God calls all of us to give of our time and talents for the good of the Church. Please consider joining the choir for the benefit of our parish community. For more information please call Tony Wozinski at 570-814-2831 or contact any choir member.

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




Art & Vino
Canvas Creations by Amanda
will be here on
Thursday, Oct. 6th, 6-8pm
in our cafeteria.
Cost is \$25 per person.

BYOB and snacks. Non-alcoholic drinks and snacks will be available for sale the day of.
We will be painting a Christmas Themed Canvas.
Your payment is your reservation. Reservations must be placed no later than Thursday, Sept. 29th.
Questions? Please contact Melanie Ricci at 570-829-4947.

Name _____
Phone Number _____
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September 11, 2022



Weekly Offering

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


Sunday	\$ 3,025.00
Sunday - Online	\$ 406.00
Loose	\$ 298.00
Dues	\$ 473.00
Charity	\$ 331.00
Extra Sacrifice	\$ 612.00
Air Conditioning	\$ 10.00
Taxes	\$ 50.00
Candles	\$ 81.00
Holy Day	\$ 25.00
Total	\$5,311.00

Thank You to everyone who helped make the 2022 St. Al's Bazaar such a success!!!

Bazaar Income	\$ 93,706.04
Donations	\$ 18,534.38
Total Income	\$ 112,240.42
Expenses	\$ 46,544.89
Net Profit	\$ 65,695.53

Thank You to all who have bought/sold Raffle Tickets.
Our Parish Raffle is based on the Pick 3 Evening Lottery Number-STRAIGHT ONLY

Date	#	Amt	Name
9/5	906	\$25.00	Joe Hourigan
9/6	393	\$25.00	Sue Francisco
9/7	033	\$25.00	Mary Lou Melchiorre
9/8	905	\$25.00	Hoy Name Society
9/9	738	\$25.00	Conner Zera
9/10	028	\$25.00	Diane & Joe Kelly
9/11	639	\$50.00	Bonnie Chackan



Sanitary Pizza Sale
Sponsored by the
Altar & Rosary Society.
Orders must be placed no later than
Tues., 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 _____
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

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Mon.	8:00 am	Paul Langan	Tony & Susan Pointek
Tues.		No Mass	
Wed.		No Mass	
Thurs.		No Adoration	
Fri.	8:00 am	Joseph & Lottie Matukaitis	Bob & Arlene Osborne
Sat.	5:30 pm	Michael Kotchick, Sr	Jean Kotchick & family
Sun.	9:30 am	Gertrude Phillips	MaryAnn & Tony Spitale

September 11th
Thank You and
God bless you for
your
Contributions!



Diocesan:
Care & Education
Priests (Online):
\$5.00

Sunday	\$ 2,823.00
Sunday - Online	\$ 442.50
Dues	\$ 275.00
Dues - Online	\$ 85.30
Loose	\$ 323.00
Children	\$ 8.00
Candles	\$ 81.00
Utilities (inc. Online)	\$ 30.00
Donations	\$ 80.00
Maintenance & Improvements (inc. Online)	\$ 50.00
Memorial	\$ 845.00
Flowers	\$ 20.60
Total	\$ 5,063.40



Bread & Wine
for this weekend are offered:
80th Birthday Blessings for Tom & Ann Niezgoda
by Grandsons

Candles are lit for 1 week beginning September 19th:

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Alex Trosko by daughters, Joan & Debbie.

Blessed Mother Candle: Health & Blessings for Clem Krasa by Ed & Georgette Siedlecki.

Infant of Prague Candle 1: Health & Blessings for Clem Krasa by Dorothy Dubick.

Infant of Prague Candle 2: Health & Blessings for Bob & Mary Ann Ashton by Ed & Georgette.

Religious Education Classes will begin on Sunday, September 18th. Registration & class will begin at 8:30AM and end at 10:15AM in Church. Children will sit as a group. Questions? Contact Joan Cunard @ 570-814-6444.



Vestment

The red vestment you see Father Cirba wearing during mass was given
"In Memory of Helen Swiatek" by her family.



The flowers at the Altar, Blessed Mother & Tabernacle this weekend were given for Health & Blessings for George J Kempinski on his 91st birthday by family.

September is National Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month

Members of our SERVICE COMMITTEE participated in the Out of Darkness Walk at Kirby Park on September 11. All proceeds from the event benefit the America Foundation for Suicide Prevention.



Thank you to everyone from our parish who participated in the walk & all those who donated to our team!
Saint Dymphna, patron saint of mental health, pray and intercede for all those who are currently struggling!

Ladies of Mary Meeting

Monday, September 19 at 7:00PM in the Church Hall. We will be working on our upcoming events and projects for the fall & winter.

New members are always welcome to attend & get involved!

The Drive-thru Potato Pancake Fest will be on Saturday & Sunday, October 8th & 9th from Noon-6 PM. Pancakes are 6 for \$10.00. NO LIMIT.



Prayer Shawl Gathering

The next prayer shawl gathering meeting will be September 20th at 5:30PM in the parish rectory. Are you interested in joining the prayer shawl group?



Contact Kelly at 570-332-3904 for questions!

Upcoming Events

9/19 - Ladies of Mary Meeting.
9/20 - Prayer Shawl Gathering.
9/28 - Men's Club Meeting.
10/2 - Blessing of Pets.
10/8-10/9 - Potato Pancake Fest (Drive-thru).

\$100.00 Raffle tickets

Sponsored by The Men's Club

Drawing: Sunday, October 9 - 9 prizes:
1st prize - \$10,000, 2nd & 3rd prizes - \$5,000
4th-7th prizes - \$1,000 8th & 9th prize - \$500

Tickets can be purchased at the office, from any Men's Club member or on-line by visiting www.exhc.org.





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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

"First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, that we may lead a quiet and temperate life in all devotion and dignity... This is good and pleasing to God our Savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth."

As Paul wrote to Timothy, he also includes us as we read his words. He describes the many forms of prayer, teaching us to ask, seek and thank. Our prayer life can lead to a quiet presence with the Lord and moments of peace in our personal relationship with Him. We pause and pray, not just rattle and rush.

The Lord wishes the best for us, salvation and knowledge of the truth, His saving power and grace in our lives.

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First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

The prophet Amos expressed disgust over people who take advantage of the poor. He describes businessmen scheming to cheat the poor, then declares that God will "never forget the things they have done."

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Paul urges the Christians to pray for all people, especially those in authority. Paul even asked them to pray for the kings who denounced Christ's teachings, because God wants all people to be saved through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells a story about a servant who tries to cheat his employer. The owner is impressed because he would do the same thing himself. Jesus then describes the importance of being trustworthy in small matters, as well as in greater ones. He then states that no one can serve two masters faithfully, so people cannot give themselves completely to both God and money.

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*Prayer Service for an End
to the
War in Ukraine*

Sunday, September 25, 2022
2:30 p.m.
Cathedral of Saint Peter
(315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton)

Led by
FR. MYRON MYRONYUK
*Pastor, St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic
Church of Scranton*

and
MOST REVEREND JOSEPH C. BAMBERA
Bishop of Scranton

* A goodwill offering will be collected at the conclusion of the Prayer Service *



Saint John Henry Newman's February 21, 1801 - August 11, 1890

John Henry Newman, the 19th-century's most important English-speaking Catholic theologian, spent the first half of his life as an Anglican and the second half as a Roman Catholic. He was a priest, popular preacher, writer, and eminent theologian in both churches.

Born in London, England, he studied at Oxford's Trinity College, was a tutor at Oriel College, and for 17 years was vicar of the university church, St. Mary the Virgin. He eventually published eight volumes of *Parochial and Plain Sermons* as well as two novels. His poem, "Dream of Gerontius," was set to music by Sir Edward Elgar.

After 1833, Newman was a prominent member of the Oxford Movement, which emphasized the Church's debt to the Church Fathers and challenged any tendency to consider truth as completely subjective.

Historical research made Newman suspect that the Roman Catholic Church was in closest continuity with the Church that Jesus established. In 1845, he was received into full communion as a Catholic. Two years later he was ordained a Catholic priest in Rome and joined the Congregation of the Oratory, founded three centuries earlier by Saint Philip Neri. Returning to England, Newman founded Oratory houses in Birmingham and London and for seven years served as rector of the Catholic University of Ireland.

Before Newman, Catholic theology tended to ignore history, preferring instead to draw deductions from first principles—much as plane geometry does. After Newman, the lived experience of believers was recognized as a key part of theological reflection. Newman eventually wrote 40 books and 21,000 letters that survive. Most famous are his book-length *Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine*, *On Consulting the Faithful in Matters of Doctrine*, *Apologia Pro Vita Sua*—his spiritual autobiography up to 1864—and *Essay on the Grammar of Assent*. He accepted Vatican I's teaching on papal infallibility while noting its limits, which many people who favored that definition were reluctant to do.

When Newman was named a cardinal in 1879, he took as his motto "*Cor ad cor loquitur*"—"Heart speaks to heart." He was buried in Rednal 11 years later. After his grave was exhumed in 2008, a new tomb was prepared at the Oratory church in Birmingham. Three years after Newman died, a Newman Club for Catholic students began at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. In time, his name was linked to ministry centers at many public and private colleges and universities in the United States. In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI beatified Newman in London. Benedict noted Newman's emphasis on the vital place of revealed religion in civilized society, but also praised his pastoral zeal for the sick, the poor, the bereaved, and those in prison. Pope Francis canonized Newman in October 2019. Saint John Henry Newman's liturgical feast is celebrated on October 9.

Reflection

John Henry Newman has been called the "absent Father of Vatican II" because his writings on conscience, religious liberty, Scripture, the vocation of lay people, the relation of Church and State, and other topics were extremely influential in the shaping of the Council's documents. Although Newman was not always understood or appreciated, he steadfastly preached the Good News by word and example.

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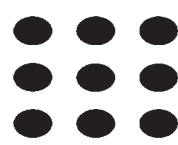
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