

November 13, 2022
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

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143 West Division Street
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420 Main Road
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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.

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50th Anniversary

A New Documentary Film
Special screening
St. Robert Bellarmine Parish
at St. Aloysius Church

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St. Aloysius Church Hall
Sunday, December 4
2 p.m.

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Saturday Nov. 19

7:00 p.m. McCarthy Auditorium
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or available at the door
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St. Casimir Cemetery

For 8 months out of the year there is a cost of **\$950/ month to maintain our Cemetery.**



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

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Sat. & Sun., Nov 19th & 20th,
9:00am—3:00pm

25+ Vendors, Food Stand, Bake Sale and Specialty Basket & Gift Raffle.

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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
November 14-20, 2022**

Mon.	8:00am	No Mass	
Tues.	8:00am	Mrs. Rita Caffrey	Maloney Family
Wed.	8:00am	John & Mary Maloney	Family
Thurs.	8:00am	No Mass	
Fri.	8:00am	No Mass	
Sat.	4:00pm	Patricia Lenahan	Budinas Family
Sun.	7:00am	Angelo Berrettini	Susan Gorhem
Sun.	11:00am	Stephen & Anna Bogden	Ann Marie & Grandchildren

November 6, 2022

Sunday	\$ 3,628.00
Sunday - Online	\$ 351.00
Loose	\$ 305.25
Dues	\$ 1,144.00
Holy Day-All Saints	\$ 990.00
Maintenance	\$ 5.00
Candles	\$ 70.00
Total	\$ 6,423.95

Thank You and God bless you for your Contributions!

Both Tabernacle Candles
this week are in loving memory of
our All Souls Intentions

Blessed Mother Candle
This week is in Loving Memory of
John & Josephine Zaborsky
requested by Ted Zorick

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Christmas Party
Sunday, December 4th
at 1pm in St. Aloysius School Cafeteria

Once again this year, in conjunction with the Back Mountain Police, St. Robert Bellarmine Parish will be co-hosting a **Christmas Party** for about **100 children**. **If anyone knows of a child(ren) in need of a coat please let them know they are invited to this party!** **All they have to do is contact the Parish Office to RSVP.**

We are asking the parishioners of St. Robert Bellarmine if possible, for a **donation of hats and gloves for these children**. You can drop these items off in the back of St. Aloysius Church. **The last day for donations will be Nov. 27th. If interested in helping with this party please contact St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Office.**

2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal
Our parish goal: \$34,000.00
Total Raised: \$18,655.00
Amount under Goal: (\$15,345.00)
Please consider a donation to this year's appeal!

Our Parish Raffle ended on Oct. 31st.
It was based on the Pick 3 Evening Lottery
Number-STRAIGHT

Congratulations to all who won
and congratulation to
Alan Muchler who won \$1,000.00
on Oct 31st the winning number was #036!

All men and women of
St. Robert Bellarmine Parish
are invited to the
Altar & Rosary and Holy Name
joint **Christmas Party**
Tuesday, December 13th, 4:30pm
at Scratch Kitchen, 1335 N River St., Plains
\$25.00 per person.
RSVP by Wednesday, Dec. 5th
to Peg at 570-823-5575.

Sponsored by
St. Robert Bellarmine's
Holy Name Society
Sunday, Nov 13, 2022, 12-4PM
Come and enjoy St. Al's Homemade
Sauce!

Take out or eat in.
All you can eat spaghetti if you eat in!
\$10.00/adult \$5.00/child under 10

Thank you to the following donors to this Fund Raiser!

Aregood & Family	\$100.00
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WREATH SALE
This is the last weekend to order
your Christmas Wreath!
Pick-up Nov. 27th
from 8am-12noon
in St. Aloysius Cafeteria.

Fresh Christmas Wreath Includes Bow and Decorations
\$25.00 each

Name _____
Address _____
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of Wreaths _____ at \$25 each TOTAL _____

Please make checks payable to:
St Robert Bellarmine Parish

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

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November 14-November 20, 2022

Mon.	8:00AM	Joseph Rominski	Nick & Pat
Tues.		No Mass	
Wed.		No Mass	
Thurs.		No Adoration	
Fri.	8:00AM	All Soul's Day Intentions	
Sat.	5:30PM	Shusta family (brothers/sisters)	Jean Kotchick & family
Sun.	9:30AM	Mary & Michael Malek	Frank

*November 6th
Thank You and
God bless you for
your
Contributions!*



Diocesan
(inc. online):
Care &
Education
Priests:
\$728.00

Sunday	\$ 2,675.00
Sunday - Online	\$ 468.25
Dues	\$ 586.00
Dues - Online	\$ 125.60
Loose	\$ 312.00
All Saints Day (inc. Online)	\$ 685.75
Children	\$ 12.00
Candles	\$ 85.00
Maint. & Improvements (inc. Online)	\$ 150.00
Perquisites	\$ 775.00
Donations	\$ 80.00
Total	\$ 5,954.60



Bread & Wine
for this weekend are offered:
In Memory of Philip & Mildred Gilroy
by Josie Johnson-Fox.

Candles are lit for 1 week beginning November 14th:
Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Joan Bohinski by Bernie.
Blessed Mother Candle: In Memory of Brenda Tippins by Jerry.
Infant of Prague Candle 1: Health & Blessings for Chris Pivarnik by Joan Cunard.
Infant of Prague Candle 2: In Memory of Dolores Krasnavage by Rosemarie Kaminski.

The office will be closed from November 21 to December 6. If you need to contact the office, you can leave a message and someone will get back to you by the next business day.

Congratulations!

To the Rostkowski/Hughes families on the
Baptism of Rosalyn Camille!



Our Apologies!
Stephen Newberry's name was omitted from the Mass of Remembrance list.

Please consider a donation to the
2022 Annual Appeal!

Our parish goal: \$15,000.00
Total Raised: 8,065.00
Amount over/under goal: (6,935.00)

Thank you for your support!!



Tree of Giving

Once again, our parish will be adopting families from the Catherine McAuley House. Keep an eye out for the Christmas Tree with Tags on it. Take a tag or 2 to support this wonderful way to help a family in need. More information to come!

Prayer Shawl Gathering

The next prayer shawl gathering will be Tuesday, November 15 at 5:30PM in the church hall.

If you are interested in joining the prayer shawl group & have questions, contact Kelly at 570-332-3904.



Scheduling Masses for 2023

The office is now scheduling Masses for 2023. If you want to schedule a mass, call the office from 8:00-noon, Monday - Thursday. Don't forget some families may still have Masses from your loved ones funeral services that should be scheduled. The earlier you request a mass, the better chance you have to get the date requested. 570-823-6242

11th Annual Youth Ministry Christmas Cookie Walk In Memory of Harry Mangan & Dolores Krasnavage



will be held Saturday, December 17 from 10AM-Noon in the Church Hall.

\$10.00 - Container (20 Cookies - you pick)
\$40.00 - Lg Platter (80 Cookies, candy, wrapped)
\$55.00 - Extra Lg Platter (120 cookies, candy, wrapped)

Platter orders must be placed by Saturday, December 7.
To order and/or questions contact Joan at 570-814-6444.



There will be a Ladies of Mary Society meeting
Monday, November 14th at 7:00pm.
New members always welcome!

The Men's Club will have their monthly meeting
Wednesday, November 16th at 7:30pm.
New members always welcome!



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ☒ NOVEMBER 13, 2022

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS, HIS WORD TODAY

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

“But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays... See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he’ and ‘the time has come.’ Do not follow them for I myself will give wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute... by your perseverance you will save your lives.”

As we approach the end of the church year it is well for us to consider our own frailty, our mortality, and whether we are prepared to meet our maker. It will be easy for us when we follow the advice we have just read, for if we are honest, we know our society embraces different values and offers a different goal for happiness. We are sometimes attracted by those different values.

As disciples we consider the invitation and gift of salvation which comes from Jesus Christ and strive to live each day, from this day forward, looking forward to our final destiny, union with Christ.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a

The prophet Malachi warned that the time would come when all the evil people would be punished. He then speaks of the arrival of "the sun of justice, with its healing rays," believed by most to mean Jesus.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Some of the Thessalonians claimed Christ's return was imminent, so they stopped working and asked others for food. Paul describes his willingness to work, so that he would not impose on others. He encourages them to follow his example and earn their own living.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Jesus warns of the persecution all Christians will face because of him, and how some will even be put to death. Yet he says they will not be harmed because "by patient endurance you will save your lives." If Jesus' followers are loyal, they will be resurrected and their suffering will end.

Thanksgiving Food for the Poor



Our Annual Thanksgiving Food for the Poor Collection will be held in St. Aloysius Church once again this year.

Shopping Bags will be available this weekend in the vestibule of St. Aloysius Church. Bags are due back the weekend of November 20th.

Please bring your food or offering with you and place it at the Altar.

Food collected will be given to St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen.



Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini July 15, 1850 – December 22, 1917

Frances Xavier Cabrini was the first United States citizen to be canonized. Her deep trust in the loving care of her God gave her the strength to be a valiant woman doing the work of Christ. Refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher, she began charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy. In September 1877, she made her vows there and took the religious habit.

When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named Frances prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Seven young women from the orphanage joined her.

Since her early childhood in Italy, Frances had wanted to be a missionary in China but, at the urging of Pope Leo XIII, Frances went west instead of east. She traveled with six sisters to New York City to work with the thousands of Italian immigrants living there.

She found disappointment and difficulties with every step. When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. The archbishop advised her to return to Italy. But Frances, truly a valiant woman, departed from the archbishop's residence all the more determined to establish that orphanage. And she did.

In 35 years, Frances Xavier Cabrini founded 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated and the sick. Seeing great need among Italian immigrants who were losing their faith, she organized schools and adult education classes.

As a child, she was always frightened of water, unable to overcome her fear of drowning. Yet, despite this fear, she traveled across the Atlantic Ocean more than 30 times. She died of malaria in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago.

Reflection

The compassion and dedication of Mother Cabrini is still seen in hundreds of thousands of her fellow citizens who care for the sick in hospitals, nursing homes, and state institutions. We complain of increased medical costs in an affluent society, but the daily news shows us millions who have little or no medical care, and who are calling for new Mother Cabrinis to become citizen-servants of their land.

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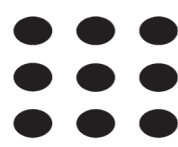
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