

SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINI PARISH EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

*Celebrating Liturgy at
St. Aloysius Church*



Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish
143 W. Division Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18706

Office Hours:

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

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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.

July 16, 2023

A Welcoming Community

Pastor

Reverend Richard J. Cirba, V.F.

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



**Exaltation of the
Holy Cross Parish**
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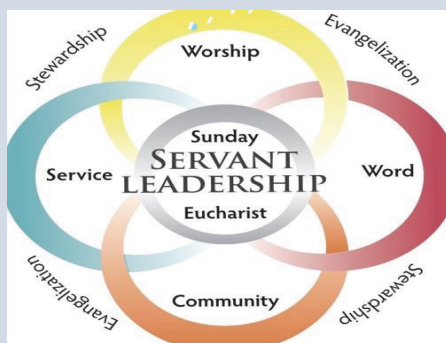
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Mission Statement

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.

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✕ JULY 16, 2023

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.

Doing Your Part in Serving Your Parish?

Your parish needs you and perhaps you have been thinking of a new way to be involved more fully in living out your faith. Our ministries do two things: they show God our love for Him and they create an environment where others can experience His love. Together we make a strong and vibrant Church!

Serving at God's Altar...

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Women and men (18 years of age and above) are always needed to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion during all weekend Masses and liturgical celebrations.

Altar Servers

All boys and girls of the parish who have completed the third grade are invited to serve as acolytes for weekend liturgies and special liturgical celebrations.

Lectors

Men and women of any age are invited to proclaim the scriptures at all Masses. Training sessions are held frequently during the year.

Hospitality/Ushers/Greeters

These men and women help the liturgy to flow smoothly from the moment you walk in the door, to helping all find seats, arranging for presentation of gifts, distributing bulletins, and taking up collections.

Visitation of the Sick

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion also visit homebound and local hospitals and bring the Eucharist to them. Volunteers can set their own visitation schedules.



St. Casimir Cemetery

will be having their groundskeeper starting before you know it. For 8 months out of the year there is a cost of **\$950/month to maintain our Cemetery.** Please remember if you placed anything on the graves of your loved ones it is now time to take them off.

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

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.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

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**Weekend & Daily Masses in: St. Aloysius Church
July 17-23, 2023**

Mon.	8:00am	No Mass	
Tues.	7:00pm	EVENING NOVENA MASS	
		Catherine Smith	Sherry Novak & Family
Wed.	7:00pm	EVENING NOVENA MASS	
		Florence & Anthony Cook	Family
Thurs.	7:00pm	EVENING NOVENA MASS	
		Helen & Anthony Crème	Family
Fri.	7:00pm	EVENING NOVENA MASS	
		Patricia Lenahan	Joe & Barb Halsey
Sat.	4:00pm	Catherine Sudo	Donna Weidow
Sat.	7:00pm	EVENING NOVENA MASS	
		Joseph & Kathleen McKeown	Family
Sun.	7:00am	Mary Williams	Francine Byczynski
Sun.	11:00am	John & Ann Hilla	Mary Ann Salko, niece
Sun.	7:00pm	EVENING NOVENA MASS	
		Dorothy Solack	Family



Thank You and God bless you for your Contributions!

	7/2/2023	7/9/2023
Sunday	\$ 4,796.00	\$ 3,212.00
Sunday - Online	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 590.00
Loose	\$ 298.00	\$ 255.00
Dues (incl online)	\$ 1,382.00	\$ 243.00
Charity	\$ 0.00	\$ 362.00
Maintenance	\$ 20.00	\$ 0.00
Utilities	\$ 30.00	\$ 0.00
Donation	\$ 20.00	\$ 70.00
Candles	\$ 47.00	\$ 47.00
Total	\$ 7,613.00	\$ 4,779.00
Bazaar Envelope	\$ 105.00	\$ 110.00
Care & Ed for Priests	\$ 349.00	



Both Tabernacle Candles this week are in loving memory of the living & deceased members of our Parish.



Congratulations to James and Heather Zeske & Family on the Baptism of their daughter Donna Elizabeth Zeske
Welcome to our parish family Donna Elizabeth!

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Raffle is a three (3) month Raffle based on the evening Lottery Number. It will take place August through October.

To win all you must do is match the evening Lottery Number-Straight ONLY-Double Draw Not Valid.

There are 92 chances to WIN cash prizes from \$25.00 to \$1,000.00 for the months August, September and October 2023.

Please fill out the bottom portion & return it to the Parish Office for 1 or more tickets!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

I would like _____ Raffle Tickets at \$20.00 each.

Enclosed please find payment of \$ _____

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Assessments for the Diocese of Scranton A Comparison between the Fiscal Year 7/1/22 - 6/30/23 and 7/1/23-6/30/24.

	Fiscal Year 22-23	Fiscal Year 23-24
	Yearly	Yearly
Catholic Schools	\$ 48,756.00	\$ 51,118.00
Self-Insurance	\$ 42,744.00	\$ 46,162.00
Parish Assessment	\$ 25,176.00	\$ 28,920.00
Diocesan Care/Ins.	\$ 22,222.64	\$ 22,988.00
Total due yearly	\$138,898.64	\$149,188.00
	Mthly	Mthly
Catholic Schools	\$ 4,063.00	\$ 4,259.84
Self-Insurance	\$ 3,562.00	\$ 3,846.84
Parish Assessment	\$ 2,098.00	\$ 2,410.00
Diocesan Care/Ins.	\$ 1,881.89	\$ 1,915.67
Total due mthly	\$11,604.89	\$12,432.35

HOLY NAME SOCIETY 300 CLUB WINNERS JULY 2023

\$500	281	Sabine Thomas
\$50	195	Father Cirba
\$30	186	Ed Cavanaugh
\$30	201	Westside Bowling
\$25	219	Father Skotek
\$25	11	Benedict Yatko
\$25	221	Jennifer Thomas

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

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July 17, 2023 - July 23, 2023

Mon.		No Mass	
Tues.		No Mass	
Wed.		No Mass	
Thurs.		No Adoration	
Fri.	8:00AM	Josephine Wnuk	Henry, Mark & Sharon
Sat	5:30PM	Jennette Rominski Laprade	Barry Kaminski
Sun.	9:30AM	Marty Basar	Marrissa & Ed



Bread & Wine
this weekend are offered for
Blessings to all workers at the Bazaar.

Candles are lit for 1 week beginning July 17th:

Sanctuary Candle: Health & Blessings for Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish by Chris Pivarnik.

Blessed Mother Candle: In Memory of Mary Pat Brunner by Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish.

Infant of Prague Candle 1: In Memory of Mary Gene James Sweeney by The Cunard family.

Infant of Prague Candle 2: Health & Blessings for George & Tina Kempinski by Tony & Rosemary Gawat.

Bazaar Basket & Wagon of Cheer Winners

If you win a basket or the wagon of cheer at the Bazaar, pick-up will be in the garage on:

Monday, July 17 & Tuesday, July 18.

10:00AM - Noon & 6:00PM-7:00PM.

Go to rectory if garage door is not open.



Congratulations & Thank you for your support!

Clean Up!

The last step to a successful Bazaar is the clean-up. Anyone interested in helping cleanup the grounds are asked to come to the Church early Monday morning. There are many things to do big & small! All help is appreciated!

Wine Down Wednesday

If you missed June's Wine Down Wednesday, you can still attend our July Wine Down Wednesday!

July 19 at 6:30PM on the Rectory lawn.

Appetizers, wine/beer, soda/water, Guest Speaker.

All are Welcome! RSVP by completing the online form at www.exhc.org or call Georgette at 570-824-5941.



Diocesan

Peters Pence (inc. Online): \$30.00
Care & Education Priests (inc. Online): \$532.00.



The flowers at the Altar, Blessed Mother & Tabernacle this weekend were given in memory of Norman Williams by Wife, Ann.

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

Coffee, donuts and pastries will be served July 23 after the 9:30am Mass on the rectory lawn.

Grandparents, bring you grandchildren!
Grandchildren, bring your grandparents!

Parish Family Day at Knoebel's Amusement Park

Monday, July 31

All are welcome to meet at Pavilion D at 11:00AM for lunch provided by the parish. Ride passes for active youth members will be covered. Adult and youth guests will be responsible for their own tickets/passes.

To RSVP for lunch and/or rides, contact Stephanie at 570-814-7794 or complete the online form at www.exhc.org.



Upcoming Events

7/19 - Wine Down Wednesday at 6:30PM.
7/23 - World Day for Grandparents after 9:30AM Mass.
7/24 - Prayer Shawl Gathering at 5:30PM.
7/25 - Men's Club Meeting at 7:30PM.
7/31 - Parish Family Day - Knoebel's Amusement Park

Online Giving is a great way to support our parish especially during the summer months when so many are traveling and away.

Visit our website at osvhub.com/exhc/funds.

All donations are secure.

Questions? Contact the Parish Office.

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St. Al's BAZAAR

Thursday, August 3rd 6-10pm; Friday, August 4th 6-10pm,
Saturday, August 5th 5-11pm

ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday	Triple Fret, 6-10pm
Friday	Flaxy Morgan, 6-10pm
Saturday	Strawberry Jam, 6-11pm

UPCOMING BAZAAR MEETINGS

THURSDAY, July 20th, 6pm in the cafeteria
WEDNESDAY, August 2nd, 6pm, Bazaar Grounds

Thank you to all who have signed up to work...
but...we **still need more volunteers** to fill many jobs!!!!

Raffle Tickets:

Thank You to all the Parishioners who have bought and or asked for Raffle Tickets. We are still selling the tickets after weekend Masses. If you have not gotten yours yet you can do so after mass!

Workers Needed:

**WE NEED YOU Thursday, Friday & Saturday
for a successful Bazaar!!!**

Sign ups are in the back of the church !!!!
Families sign up for a booth!!!!

Indoor Kitchen: We need you to **VOLUNTEER!!!!**

Tents will be up by July 26th!!!!

CONFIRMATION - SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Bazaar provides a huge opportunity to complete your required Confirmation service work. There are many hours available before, during, and after the Bazaar!

This is a great way to fulfill your confirmation requirements and have fun while doing it! Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



Baskets Needed for our Basket Raffle Stand!



Themed baskets, basket items, lottery tickets, gift cards, etc., are needed. Please donate to the success of our Bazaar! Donations can be dropped off at the Church Rectory, Monday through Thursday 9am to 2pm. All donations are requested by July 13th. Please contact Phyllis at 570-606-8139 if you have any questions and/or would like to donate items.



2023 Flea Market
Saturday, July 29th
from 9:00am-2:00pm
and every night during the Bazaar
in the church auditorium.

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