

November 3, 2024

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Souls Remembrance

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

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Joseph J. Cirba
June Compton
Audrey Davis
Penny Davis
Joseph DeBiasi
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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 enrolled in the Church.

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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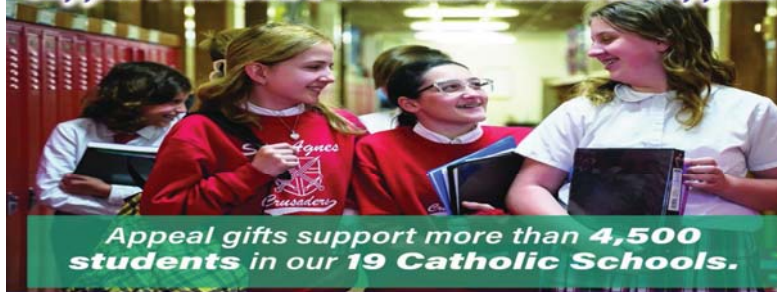
We would like to thank all who Sponsor an ad in our bulletin.

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.

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Hanover Township Lions Club Honoring all Veterans with a Picnic across from Burger King in Hanover Township.

Day: Saturday
Date: November 9th
Time: 1pm—4pm
(Rain date Sunday, November 10th)
For reservations & more information please call 570-2692-7108.

Soup of the Month Sale
November's Soup of the month at St. John the Baptist parish, Larksville will be "Turkey Sweet Potato Chile". Cost is \$10 per quart. Pre-orders only. Please call Bev at 570-550-5428 between 12PM and 6PM to place an order. **The last day to order is Friday, November 8.**
Pick-up is Friday, November 15 from 10AM-4PM. There will be a Bake Sale on the pick-up day.

Holy Redeemer High School Musical

The Addams Family

Friday, Nov 15 and Saturday, Nov 16, 2024

7:00 pm both nights.

Adults: \$10 ~ Seniors \$9 ~ Students \$8

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

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 4-10, 2024**

Mon.			No Mass
Tues.	8:00am	Kenneth Blower	Family
Wed.	8:00am	Marty Degnan	John & Dawn Domanski
Thurs.			No Mass
Fri.			No Mass
Sat.	4:00pm	Paul Nice	Kosin Family
Sun.	7:00am	Catherine Smith	Children
Sun.	11:00am		In Honor of all Veterans



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

October 27, 2024

Sunday (incl online)	\$ 3,848.10
Children	\$ 30.00
Loose	\$ 213.84
Dues (incl online)	\$ 345.00
Charity (incl online)	\$ 51.00
Utilities (incl online)	\$ 2.00
Maintenance (incl online)	\$ 325.00
Donations	\$ 50.00
Candles	\$ 51.00
Total	\$ 4,915.94
St. Aloysius Bldg Fund	\$ 223.31



The Tabernacle Candles
last week are in loving memory of
Judy Losito Hassey
requested by **Sisters, Sandy, Terri & Cherie.**

This week are in loving memory of **William A. Aregood**
requested by **Family**
and **Ann Marie Pellaton Aregood** requested by **Family.**



Eucharistic Bread & Wine
blessed at all weekend masses this past
weekend were in loving memory of
Judy Losito Hassey
requested by **Mom & Dad (Dori & Tony).**

Blessed at all weekend masses this weekend are in loving
memory of **Richard Flora** requested by wife, **Barbara.**



Blessed Mother Candle
This week is in loving memory of
Helen & Stanley Grochal
requested by **Family.**



Thanksgiving Food for the Poor

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

Bags are due back the weekend of Nov. 17th. Please
bring your food or offering with you and place it at the Altar.
Food collected will be given to **St. Vincent DePaul Kitchen.**



Navel Orange Fundraiser

Proceeds will go towards St. Al's Fundraising.
Orders must be placed no later than Tuesday, Nov 12th.
Pickup date will be announced after orders are placed.

11 Navel Oranges (1 box) : \$30
22 Navel Oranges (2 box) : \$35
33 Navel Oranges (3 box) : \$45

Orders can be placed in the Collection Basket.

Name _____
Phone Number _____
Number of boxes I would like to order _____
Amount Enclosed \$ _____



2024 Annual Appeal!

Our parish goal: \$31,555.00
Total Raised: 17,115.00
Amount over/under goal: **(\$14,440.00)**

Thank you for your support!!

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

Date	#	Amt	Name
10/21	578	\$25.00	Mark Lear
10/22	946	\$25.00	Michelle Sekol
10/23	099	\$25.00	Carol Grogan
10/24	101	\$25.00	Regina Beierle
10/25	879	\$25.00	Michael Steinberg
10/26	819	\$25.00	Patricia & Richard Corwin
10/27	593	\$250.00	Joe & Patti Niznik

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



During the month of November, **St. Robert Bellarmine Parish** will be honoring the members of our parish and/or families who have nobly served in the military of the United States.

For a **\$10.00 donation** you can purchase a flag bearing the hero's name and military information. Flags will be on display around the parish property for Veteran's Day weekend.

If you wish to participate in this project, please fill out the following form and return it to the parish office by **Monday, November 4th**. Monies raised from this project will be donated to the **Tunnels to Towers Foundation.**

Sponsor's Name _____ Contact Phone # _____
Service embers Name and Rank _____
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Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

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Phone Number: (570) 823-6242

November 4, 2024 - November 10, 2024

Mon.	8:00AM	Mary Ann Konsavage	Joan Basar
Tues.		No Mass	
Wed.		No Mass	
	6:30-7:30PM	Adoration	
Thurs.	9:00-10:30AM	Adoration	
Fri.	8:00AM	Andrew Herman	Joe & Carol Yozviak
Sat.	5:30PM	Frank Cuprzynski	Son, Frank
Sun.	9:30AM	Marty Basar	John & Toni Basar



October 27th,
Thank You and
God bless you for
your
Contributions!

Sunday (inc. Online)	\$ 3,686.80
Dues (inc. Online)	\$ 376.00
Loose	\$ 203.00
Children	\$ 32.50
Candles	\$ 58.00
All Saint's Day - Online	\$ 50.00
Maintenance/Improvements	\$ 205.00
Donation	\$ 1,845.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 80.00
Perquisites	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 6,556.30



Bread & Wine
for this weekend are offered:
In Memory of Father Wilfredo Comellas by
Barry Kaminski.

Candles are lit for 1 week beginning November 4th:

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Helen Swiatek by Carol, Jack & family.

Blessed Mother Candle: In Memory of Julia Dubick by Daughters, Dorothy & Rosemarie.

Infant of Prague Candle 1: Health & Blessings for Jane Mizerak by The Ladies of Mary Society.

Infant of Prague Candle 2: Health & Blessings for Janet Kruzlik by An, Linda, & Carol.

2024 Annual Appeal!



Our parish goal: \$23,844.00
Total Raised: 10,640.00
Amount over/under goal: **-\$13,204.00**

Thank you for your support!!



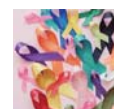
Thank you to everyone who hosted a trunk and passed out candy/goodies. It was a lot of fun & the vehicle decorations were so creative. The hundreds of children who came through really enjoyed this year's event.



Ladies of Mary Society Meeting

The Ladies of Mary Society will have a meeting on Wednesday, November 6 at 7:00PM to go over final details for our Annual Designer Purse Bingo.

There will be a Cancer Walk / Cancer Ministry planning meeting after the 9:30AM mass on Sunday, November 17 in the church hall. All are welcome!! Get Involved!!



Winter Coat Drive

Do you like to shop? You can help children in the Hanover Area School District by purchasing winter coats. Papers are in the vestibule of the church with the necessary instructions, sizes, etc. Once purchased, bring the coat(s) to the church or rectory. Place the receipt(s) in the mail slot of the rectory or in the collection basket and a check will be issued to you. It's that easy!!!



Coats are due back by November 10.

Ladies of Mary Society Designer Purse Bingo



Sunday, November 10, at Warrior Run Fire Hall.
Doors will open: 11:00AM, First Game: 1:00PM.
\$30.00 a ticket. Admission includes 15 games.
(Limited seating.)

There will be 5 Specials, Door Prizes, 50/50, Basket Raffle, Food, etc.
You can order tickets from any club member, online or the parish office.



If anyone is interested in donating a basket for the Basket Raffle, you can call Ann at 570-574-8287 or the parish office at 570-823-6242.
Questions? Contact Paulette at 570-817-7048.



CEO Thanksgiving Food Drive

The event will be at Wyoming Valley Mall on November 24th, 10:00-Noon.

Interested in packaging food?

Contact Lynn at 570-262-5269 to register.

This is an outdoor event, be sure to dress accordingly.



Food Collection for Ashley Food Pantry at St. Leo's
November food collection: Turkey Stuffing Mix/Gravy
We delivered 81 cans of Cranberry Sauce/Yams.
Thank you for your generosity!



Upcoming Events

- 10/26 - Winter Coat Drive - Due back 11/10.
- 11/06 - Ladies of Mary Society Meeting at 7:00PM
- 11/10 - Ladies of Mary Purse Bingo at 1:00PM.
- 11/24 - CEO Thanksgiving Project at 10:00-Noon.
- 11/30 - Food Distribution 11:00-Noon.
- Tree of Giving - Coming in December.
- 12/14 - Christmas Cookie Walk at 10:AM-Noon.





THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✠ NOVEMBER 3, 2024

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS, HIS WORD TODAY

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

“Well said, Teacher. You are right in saying ‘He is One and there is no other than he.’ And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength. And to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices. And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, He said to him, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’”

We know there is but one God and we love Him. We know we are to love our neighbor, and the parable of the good Samaritan calls our attention to care and compassion for others, especially those in need. Like the scribe we are comfortable with these answers.

Jesus’ reply though provokes another question. If he with his understanding was not far from the kingdom, I ask myself how close or distant am I? Where do I stand, not just answering with words, but with deeds? It is said the greatest distance is eighteen inches from the head to the heart. A recent book indicated that we all give something, Jesus gave it all.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses commands the people to love and fear God, and always keep the commandments that they were given. He tells them to observe all statutes so that they will continue to grow and prosper, and tells them that they must love God with all their soul and strength.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Under the old covenant there were many priests, but Jesus will now remain high priest forever because he will live forever, and always be available to those who want to be saved. He does not need to offer sacrifice every day for the sins of his people, because he offered himself up in payment for their sins.

Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

One of the scribes asked Jesus which commandment is the first, and he replied that the first is to love and honor the Lord and no one else. Jesus explained that they must love God with all their heart, and love their neighbor. The scribe agreed that loving God completely and loving one’s neighbor is better than any sacrifice they could make.

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KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today
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 Love God every way you can — with heart, mind, soul and strength. Love the people around you as much as you love yourself.

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Year B



The Greatest Commandment is
LOVE

Find and circle the word **LOVE** in the puzzle below. Left to right, right to left and diagonal.

How many times did you circle it?

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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.

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