

SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINI PARISH † EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

*Celebrating Liturgy at
St. Aloysius Church*

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

April 26, 2026



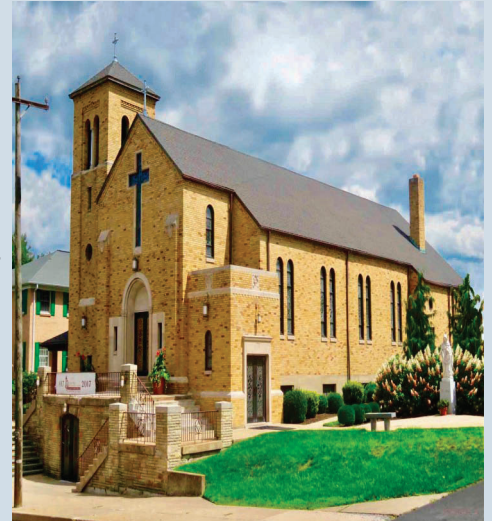
A Welcoming Community

Pastor

Reverend Richard J. Cirba, V.F.

Senior Priest

Reverend Andrew Amankwa



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Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 2:00pm

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Mass Schedule

Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish
*Celebrating Liturgy
at St. Aloysius Church*

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

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Holy Cross Parish**
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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.

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 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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:

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.



Confirmation will take place for both Exaltation of the Holy Cross and St. Robert Bellarmine Parishes

on Thursday, April 23rd, at 5pm in St. Aloysius Church with Bishop Joseph Bambera, Bishop of Scranton officiating.

Please pray for these children who will be receiving Confirmation.

All Confirmation Students and Sponsors are asked to come to a practice on Sunday, April 19th at 2pm in St. Aloysius Church.

First Communion will take place:

on Sunday, April 26, 9:30am at Exaltation of the Holy Cross and on Sunday, May 3rd, 11am at St. Robert Bellarmine.

Please pray for these children who will be receiving First Communion.

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

7pm April 23rd

Chapel of Christ the King

at King's College
29 W. North Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711



VOCATIONS

Live Music by Joel Kankiewicz & King's College Students

Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available.

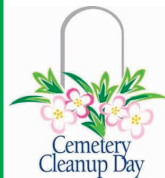
Refreshments to follow!

Searching for your purpose in life?
Longing to hear God's voice?
In need of community?
Join us!



St. Andrew Parish
316 Parrish St., Wilkes Barre
is holding a
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Sat., April 25 from 1:00 - 7:00 PM and
Sun., April 26 from 11:30 - 3:30 PM.
Only cash payments are accepted.
For information call Alaina at 570-332-1832.



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 St. Casimir Cemetery.

Put it in an envelope marked with the cemeteries name on the envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Remember these donations are tax deductible!

**THURSDAY
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7:00 PM**

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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

www.stalschurchw.com

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email address: stalschurchw@stalloysiuswb.com

**Weekend & Daily Masses in: St. Aloysius Church
April 20-26, 2026**

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Mon.	8:00am	No Mass	
Tues.	8:00am	Diane Laibinis	Richard & Barbara Bartoletti
Wed.	8:00am	John Patrick Finnegan	Maureen Finnegan
Thurs.	5:00pm	Confirmation	
Fri.	8:00am	No Mass	
Sat.	4:00pm	Frances Grogan	Rick & MaryAnn Augaitis
Sun.	7:00am	Regina Korba	Janelle Kazmarek
Sun.	11:00am	John & Ann Hilla	Son, Edward



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

April 12, 2026

Offertory (online incl)	\$ 3,747.50
Loose	\$ 273.29
Dues	\$ 559.00
Maintenance	\$ 436.00
Holy Day	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 45.00
Easter (online incl)	\$ 1,352.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,422.79



Both Tabernacle Candles

This week are in loving memory of the living & deceased members of our Parish



The Paschal Candle this year is given in Loving Memory of **Kenneth (Frank) Eick** requested by **The Eick Family**.



May
Month of Mary,
Our Blessed Mother

For the Month of May, the ladies from the Altar & Rosary Society will be saying the Rosary a half hour before the Saturday, 4pm mass. Please plan on attending each Saturday during May.



St. Robert's Parish Office is CLOSED from Monday, April 20th through Friday, April 24th. It will reopen on Monday, April 27th at 9am. In case of an emergency please leave a message with the Answering Service.

May they Rest in Peace

We remember our recently deceased relatives, friends, and members of our own parish community, especially:

Ceil Ann Tierney	Genevieve Mihalick
Raymond A. Witzak	Rosalie DeRocco
Beatrice (Dolly) Snee	Mary Bomber
Herbert Michael Ciechoski	Juan Jamie Torres Chavez
Eric C. Johns	Carl DeRocco



2025 Annual Appeal!

Our parish goal: \$34,181.00
Total Raised: \$36,666.90
Amount over goal: **\$2,485.90**

Thank you for your support!!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY 300 CLUB WINNERS APRIL 2026

\$500	Robert Osborne
\$50	West Side Bowling
\$30	Janet Golias
\$30	Joe Kaschak
\$25	Cathy Stempleski
\$25	Betty Hagenbaugh
\$25	Rev Thomas Skotek



2026 Bazaar Announcement:

Our major fundraiser for our parish, Our Annual Bazaar is set for **July 30th, 31st and August 1st**. We need all hands on deck to make this fundraiser a big success!

This year we will dedicate each month leading up to the bazaar for bazaar donations.

The **Month of April** we will be collecting **gift cards and lottery tickets of any denomination**. Please put any gift card or lottery donations in an envelope with your name on outside of envelope. You can place your envelope in the collection basket. Your donations will be used as prizes during the bazaar.

Thank you for all you do for our parish!

St. Al's Church

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish
Holy Name & Altar & Rosary Society



PIGGIE DINNER

Sunday April 19, 12-4pm

\$14.00/adult • \$7.00/child under 10 • Padden Hall (cafeteria)
Tickets available for purchase after mass or at the door

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

Website: www.exhc.org

e-mail: exhc@aol.com www.facebook.com/holycross420

Phone Number: (570) 823-6242

April 20, 2026 - April 26, 2026

Mon.	8:00AM	Blanche & Kenneth Bauer	Bob & Alice Corba
Tues.		No Mass	
Wed.		No Mass	
Thurs.		No Adoration	
Fri.	8:00AM	Christine Kempinski	Rita Garrison & family
Sat.	5:30PM	Frank & Louise Cuprzynski	Son, Frank
Sun.	9:30AM	First Holy Communion Class and their families.	

*April 12th
Thank You and
God bless you
for your
Contributions!*



Diocesan:
Rice Bowl:
\$30.00.
Good Friday:
\$27.00

Sunday	\$ 3,222.15
Dues	\$ 352.35
Loose	\$ 159.00
Children	\$ 70.00
Candles	\$ 62.00
Maintenance & Improvements	\$ 377.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,242.50
St. Vincent dePaul Social Concern	\$ 60.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 37.00



Bread & Wine
for this weekend are offered:
Health & Blessings for Mary Beth Zekus by
Ed & Georgette Siedlecki.

Candles are lit for 1 week beginning April 12th:

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Agnes Truskoski by Husband, Tony.

Blessed Mother Candle: In Memory of Zach Kollar by Kyle Cunard, all his friends & family.

Infant of Prague Candle 1: In Memory of Joan Bohinski by Bernie.

Infant of Prague Candle 2: Health & Blessings for John Gurzynski by Nick & Pat Baran.



Thank You to all who gave so generously to our
Easter Collection (including Children):

Budgeted Amount: \$10,350.00.

Collected to date: \$ 8,837.60.

There is still time to meet our budget.

Cancer Ministry

There will be a Holy Hour on Friday, May 1 at 6:30pm to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Peregrine, patron saint of cancer. The Cancer Ministry will be selling Luminaries before/after weekend masses for this holy hour.

Cost for a Luminary is \$5.00. Do you know someone who is currently going through treatment, is cancer free or has lost their battle? The Luminary can be inscribed with a name and "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" that person.

Forms can be found in the vestibule, or online.

For questions contact Suzanne at 570-709-1120.

Proceeds will go to local Cancer Charities.



50-50 Raffle tickets

Sponsored by The Men's Club

Only 500 tickets will be sold.

**Live Drawing: Sunday, May 17 at the conclusion
of the Pancake Fest - 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 during business
hours, from any Men's Club member or
on-line by visiting www.exhc.org.**



Potato Pancake Fest

Our Parish will be sponsoring a Drive-thru Potato
Pancake Fest on May 16 from Noon to 5:00PM.

and May 17 from Noon to 4:00PM.

Pancakes are sold 6 for \$10.00.



Upcoming Events

4/26 - First Holy Communion at 9:30AM.

4/27 - Prayer Shawl Gathering at 5:30PM.

5/1 - St. Peregrine Feast Day - Holy Hour at 6:30PM.

5/17 - HS Youth Ministry Meeting after 9:30AM Mass.

5/18 - Prayer Shawl Gathering at 5:30PM.

5/20 - Wine Down Wednesday at 6:30PM.

5/27 - Men's Club Meeting at 7:30PM.



Prayer Shawl Gathering

There will be a prayer shawl gathering on
Monday, April 27 at 5:30PM in the rectory.

To join or for questions, contact Kelly at 570-332-3904.

The Men's Club will have their monthly meeting

Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00pm.

New members are always welcome! Come join them!!!

April Ladies of Mary Raffle Winners

April 7 - Andrea Zara \$100.00

April 8 - Debbie Hines \$100.00

April 9 - Bonnie & Dominick \$100.00

April 10 - Julie Driscoll \$100.00

April 11 - Bethany/ & John DeVito \$125.00

April 12 - Harry & Melanie Mangan \$125.00

Congratulations to All!

Carnation Sale

Red and White carnations will be sold before/after mass on Mother's Day weekend (May 9th & 10th) in support of living and deceased mothers, grandmothers, etc.

Cost per carnation is \$2.00.

Proceeds will go to local Cancer Charities.

Questions? Contact Rose Ann at 570-239-2056.



Food Collection for Ashley Food Pantry at St. Leo's

April food collection: Egg Noodles.

Thank you for your generosity!



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

✠ APRIL 19, 2026 ✠

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS, HIS WORD TODAY

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

“And he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are ! How slow of heart to believe that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory...With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight....So they set out and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, ‘The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon.’”

Our lives are often described as a journey. The disciples on the road, one named Clopas, and let’s imagine, I am his companion. Saddened and disheartened, I’m walking away from Jerusalem, going home and then meeting someone who listens to my plight, and then says you know only part of the story. They invite Him to dine and then come to recognize Him in the breaking of the bread, eyes are opened, and joyfully we return to meet those they had left behind.

Where am I on my journey this Easter? Saddened, but He brings us hope. Wandering and lost, but I find someone to speak to me, especially in the word of God. My eyes are opened to the presence of the Lord, in the Eucharist, in my faith community, in the breaking of the bread at Sunday Eucharist.

Easter is once again today, for in reality we pray two words ‘He lives’.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

After the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles, Peter preaches with great enthusiasm to both Jews and Christians. He recalls for them in vivid terms the miracles and wonders that Jesus performed.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Peter makes reference to the Passover, when the Jews escaped from Egypt because the blood of the paschal lamb was shed. Now they are being saved from sin by the blood of Christ, the Lamb of the New Testament.


Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Jesus reveals Himself to two disciples on the way to Emmaus. After explaining to them the passages in Scripture which referred to Him, Christ “took bread, broke it, and distributed it to them.” Then they recognized Christ and their “hearts burned within them.”

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2026 Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2026 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 28th, 2026. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a light reception. The registration deadline for this event is Sunday, June 7th, 2026. To register, please go to <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org>



KID'S KORNER

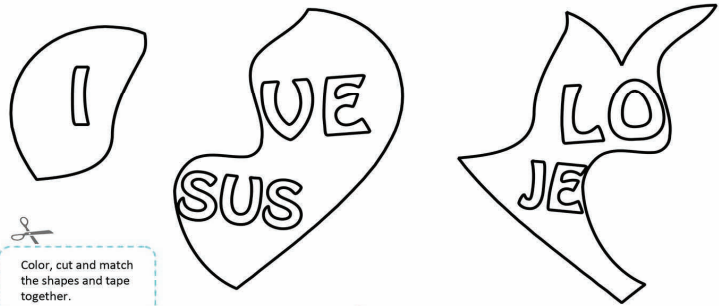
Year A

Gospel Today | Third Sunday of Easter | Luke 24: 13-35


The risen Jesus walked to Emmaus with two disciples, but they did not recognize Him. At the evening meal, Jesus blessed bread, broke it, and disappeared. At once the disciples knew in their hearts it was Jesus.

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Love From The Heart



Color, cut and match the shapes and tape together.



Take a pencil and follow the road to



for the breaking of the bread.

EMMAUS

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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