

July 19, 2026

Rev. Richard J. Cirba, V.F., Pastor

Rev. Andrew Amankwaa, Senior Priest

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish 2026 BIG TENT



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTLY

Friday, July 17th , 6-11pm;

7-11PM-Souled Out

Saturday, July 18th, 5pm-midnight;

5-7:30PM-OZ, 8PM-midnight-Popstar Drive

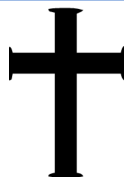
Sunday, July 19th, 4-10pm

7-5:30PM-Triple Fret, 6-10PM-Lance Thomas Band

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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.

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.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

✠ JULY 19, 2026 ✠

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.

ST. NICHOLAS-ST. MARY'S

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The week of July 27th to July 31st - 9:00 am - 12pm
We invite all children going into Kindergarten through Fifth Grade to join us in **God's Wonder Lab**. Please register your child using the QR code below. You may also register by going to our Parish website, parishwb.com or by visiting the Parish Office. Also, you may register your child for VBS after the weekend Masses on Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th, as well as at the Youth Group Booth at the Bazaar on July 16th, 17th and 18th. Register by the 18th to reserve your T-Shirt! The fee is \$25.00 for the first child and \$20.00 for the second child. Please scan the QR Code below to register or if you are an adult who desires to volunteer at VBS. Also if anyone desires to help defray the cost of holding this year's VBS, you may visit the Parish Office to leave a donation. **PLEASE NOTE:** Don't let the fee prevent your student(s) from attending the Vacation Bible School. Scholarships are available. Just ask when registering. Thank you!

Scan the QR Code
to Register for VBS:



Scan the QR Code to Sign Up
as an Adult Volunteer:



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the "reign of God" in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the "reign of God" had been established, it grew and spread.

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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

"But though you are master of might,
you judge with clemency, and with much
lenience you govern us, for power,
whenever you will, attends you. And you
taught your people, by these deeds, and
those who are just must be kind, and you
gave your children good ground for hope
that you would permit repentance for their
sins."

This Old Testament passage portrays the God who loves us without reserve telling us to be just, and a sign of it is found in deeds of kindness. That perhaps is the good seed of Matthew's gospel passage, the tiny mustard seed, (for us the simplest act of kindness) or the unseen leaven, influencing the lives of others.

The God of Wisdom wants the best for us, but we need to respond to this 'good ground for hope.' Yes, the Spirit himself intercedes for us.



St. Ann's Solemn Novena Prayers will be recited after

every morning
mass and after every weekend
mass

from July 18th-26th,
in both churches.

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. Casimir Cemetery

The groundskeeper has started.

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

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.

You can put the donation in an envelope marked
with the cemetery's name on the
envelope and drop it in the collection basket.
Remember these donations are tax deductible!

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

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Phone Number: (570)823-3791

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

Mon.	8:00am	No Mass	
Tues.	8:00am	Frances Grogan	Marion & Patricia Grogan
Wed.	8:00am	Paul Sinay, Jr.	Wife, Mary & Son, Paul
Thurs.	8:00am	No Mass	
Fri.	8:00am	No Mass	
Sat.	4:00pm	Dolores Richards	Ron & MaryAnn Zaledonis
Sun.	7:00am	Ronald Narcissus Witkowski	Witkowski/Stadulis Family
Sun.	11:00am	John Paul Forlenza	Sister, Sharon



July 12, 2026

*Thank you
and God
bless you
for your
continued
support!*

Sunday (online incl)	\$ 3,178.00
Loose	\$ 277.39
Dues (online incl)	\$ 477.00
Charity	\$ 504.00
Maintenance/Utilities	\$ 25.00
Candles	\$ 53.00
Total	\$ 4,514.39



Both Tabernacle Candles

This week are in loving memory of Paul Sinay. Sr.
Requested by wife, Mary & son, Paul and Sharon



Eucharistic Bread & Wine

blessed at all our weekend masses
in loving memory of
Barbara Kunec requested by husband, Bill .

IN THE HOSPITAL, ASSISTED LIVING, NURSING HOME?

If **you** or a **family member** or **friend** is a patient in a hospital, in assisted living or a nursing home please call the parish office and let us know the name of the patient and where they are.

This becomes more and more important every day because of changing procedures in health care.

Please call us as soon as possible after a relative or friend is admitted into one of these!

Calling all Eucharistic Minister, Lectors and Altar Servers!

If you are interested in serving in one of these ministries please contact the Parish Office for more information.

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Raffle
is a one (1) month Raffle based on the evening
Lottery Number Straight only. It will take place in September.
There are 30 chances to WIN cash prizes from \$50.00 to 2,500.00

Please fill out the bottom portion & return it to the Parish Office.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

I would like _____ Raffle Tickets at \$25.00 each.

Enclosed please find payment of \$_____ for _____ tickets.



ONLINE GIVING

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 the Parish Office or go to stalschurchwb.com and follow the online giving prompt.



July 30, 31, and August 1

**Sign up to work
a night or two!**
**We need to have a
successful bazaar!**
**Thank you to all who have
signed up!!!**

HELP NEEDED

Saturday, July 25th and Sunday, July 26th the men of the parish stop by the church grounds to help with setup for the bazaar beginning at 8am. If you can spare an hour or two please stop by to help make this project go fast.

We are still accepting **gift cards and lottery tickets**, they can be put in the offertory basket.

PLEASE REMEMBER that as of the weekend of July 26/27 our main parking lot will have the Bazaar set up started in it!

There are still 2 more parking lots that can be used, the first is across the street from the rectory on Division Street and the other one is next to the school (where the convent was).

NEEDED! Help on Wednesday, July 29th to cut vegetables for the clam chowder. 9am till done. If you can spare an hour or two please come and help.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

Website: www.exhc.org

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

Phone Number: (570) 823-6242

July 20 - July 26, 2026

Mon.	8:00AM	Carl Ridge	Daughter, Ann
Tues.		No Mass	
Wed.		No Mass	
Thurs.		No Adoration	
Fri.	8:00AM	Marie Gaydos	Frank & Dolores (deceased) Krasnavage
Sat.	5:30PM	Agnes & Anthony Shanders	Joe & Vern Truskoski
Sun.	9:30AM	Samuel & Victoria Ozehoski, Sr.	Ted & Lois Harrison



Bread & Wine
for this weekend are offered:
Health & Blessings for Joan Cunard by
The Ladies of Mary Society.

Candles are lit for 1 week beginning July 19th:

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

Blessed Mother Candle: In Memory of Joan Bohinski by Bernie.

Infant of Prague Candle 1: In Memory of Dolores Krasnavage by Frank.

Infant of Prague Candle 2: In Memory of Matthew Jackowski by The Ladies of Mary Society.

Steubenville Youth Conference!



A delegation from our parish attended the Steubenville Youth Conference with the Diocese of Scranton July 10-12. It was an incredible weekend of prayer, keynote speaker, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, opportunity to connect with others from throughout the diocese and country, and so much more.

Left to Right: Dominick Costantino, Jr.; Director of Youth Ministry, Jarrod Sauerwine, Alyssa Wasenda, Dymond Benninger, Pablo Nunez and Christine Skiro; Youth Ministry.

Big Tent Bazaar 2026 Monday, July 20 8:00AM Help Needed

After Bazaar help is needed for clean-up. We will be finishing up the Bazaar weekend with a clean-up of our grounds, Monday, July 20 at 8:00AM. Any time that can be spared, would be helpful. Some people worked tirelessly all weekend, the more help with the clean up the less time spent.



Honor someone special with Flowers

If you are interested in making a donation in Memory/Honor of someone with flowers at the Altar, Blessed Mother and/or Tabernacle during any weekend. Contact Ann Williams at 570-574-8287.

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

July food collection: Canned Fruit.

Please place items in the containers at the entrances.

Thank you for your generosity!



July 12th
Thank You &
God bless you
for your
Contributions!

Sunday	\$ 3,144.00
Sunday - Online	\$ 526.15
Dues	\$ 525.00
Dues - Online	\$ 100.60
Loose	\$ 181.00
Children	\$ 54.00
Air Conditioning (inc. Online)	\$ 574.00
Candles	\$ 65.00
Perquisites	\$ 400.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,569.75
St. Vincent dePaul Social Concern	\$ 50.00



*The flowers at the Altar, Blessed Mother &
Tabernacle this weekend were given
In Loving Memory of Joseph Gabriesheski, Sr.. &
William Plisko, Sr. by Suzanne & Joseph Gabriesheski, Jr.*

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Sunday, July 26 9:30AM Mass

We will have a donut social on the rectory lawn
after Mass.

Volunteers are needed to visit the Hampton House at 2:30PM. We will play Bingo and award prizes, sing songs, & spend time with residents.

Contact Jane Rinkevich at 570-822-4213 to sign up.



Pick-up times for Bazaar Basket & Wagon of Cheer Winners

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

Monday, July 20 at 10AM-Noon & 6:00-7:00PM.

Tuesday, July 21 at 6:00-7:00PM.



Please contact the parish office at 570-823-6242, option 2 if
you have questions.

Cancer Ministry

If you or someone you know has been recently diagnosed with cancer and/or is in the process of going through treatments, there are many ways our parish can support you. We can:

- Add their name (first name) to the Prayer Chain
- Give a Prayer Shawl and/or Chemo Cap for comfort
- Give a Saint Peregrine card/medal
- Give a care package and much more

If you have questions, please contact Suzanne Gabriesheski at 570-709-1120 for more information.

All inquiries and support are kept confidential.

Saint Peregrine, patron saint of cancer patients, pray for us!



Upcoming Events

8/11 - Ladies of Mary Society Meeting at 7:00PM.

8/26 - Men's Club Meeting at 7:30PM.

8/29 - Food Distribution at Noon -1:00PM.



Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish **BIG TENT BAZAAR 2026**

- Friday, July 17 6PM-11PM.
- Saturday, July 18 4PM Mass, 5PM-Midnight.
- Sunday, July 19 4PM-10PM.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Friday - Souled Out (7:00-11:00PM).

Saturday - OZ (5:00-7:30PM).

Pop Star Drive (8:00PM-Midnight).

Sunday - Triple Fret (4:00-5:30PM)

Lance Thomas Band (6:00-10:00PM).

MEGA RAFFLE

36 chances to win per ticket!

\$30.00 a ticket - *August Evening Pick 3 Lottery Calendar.*

PLUS: A separate Drawing held on Sunday, July 19:

1st prize-\$7,500; 2nd prize-\$1,500; 3rd prize-\$500;

4th prize-\$250; 5th prize-\$250.

Will be sold during the bazaar at a stand when entering the bazaar.

THEME BASKETS

Our Theme Baskets will be located in the parish garage. We have over 200 baskets and will probably get more after this bulletin is published.

If you still want to give a basket, it can be dropped off at the parish office.

Questions? Contact Ann at 570-574-8287.

BAKE SALE

Homemade baked goods are needed for all 3 nights of the Bazaar. Drop off items on Thursday, July 16 under the tent 6-8PM or

1 hour before the Bazaar opens each night.

Questions? Contact Josie at 570-793-7678.

FOOD & FUN

Come and enjoy our delicious food and listen to 4 Bands during the weekend.

Potato Pancakes - 2 stations + our traveling pancake cart, Piggies, Haluski, Clam Chowder, Whimpies, 2 different Pierogi (Potato & Farmers Cheese), Sausage & Peppers, Pulled Pork, Pizza, Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Chicken Sandwiches, Pizza, our homemade Funnel Cakes, Ice Cream, huge bake sale, Games Stands galore, over 200 Baskets, Wagon of Cheer and Mega Raffle.

And lets not forget our Tiki Bar and Beer Stand!

St. Al's Bazaar Information **July 30, 31 & August 1, 2026**

ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday	Triple Fret
Friday	Popstar Drive
Saturday	Strawberry Jam



We are still in need of gift cards and lottery tickets, they can be put in the offertory basket. Please put any gift card or lottery donations in an envelope with your name on outside of envelope. Your donations will be used as prizes

during the bazaar. **Thank you to everyone who has donated so far!!!**



2026 Flea Market **Pre-Sale**

Saturday, July 25th from 8am-12pm.

We will then be open every night during the Bazaar.

BAKE SALE ITEMS NEEDED!!!

Baked goods are being accepted every day of the Bazaar.

Please bring them to the cafeteria 2 hours before the Bazaar begins.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Sign up sheets can be found in the back of the church, on the insert in this weekends bulletin or on Facebook.... Please consider helping. You can sign up in any of these places.

CONFIRMATION - SCHOOL SERVICE HOURS

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

This is a great way to **fulfill your confirmation and/or school requirements** and have fun while doing it! Please contact the Parish Office for more information or any of the places listed above.

If you are able please drop off big paper plates, napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, hand soap and hand sanitizer in the boxes in the back of the church. Thank You!

Prizes Needed!

We are looking for prizes for this years Bazaar.

Items needed: Sports items: (Wiffle Ball Sets, Basketballs, Footballs, Frisbees, College Sports Merchandise). 6 Packs of Regular Soda, 6 oz Gatorade/Powerade, New Stuffed Animals, Glasses and Mugs for the Dime Pitch Stand.

BUCKETS OF FUN!!!



Thank you to all who took and brought back the FILLED BUCKETS!!!! If you took a bucket please return ASAP. We are looking for 70 buckets to still be returned!

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