

SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE PARISH + EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH

TWENTY-SECOND 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 - 2:00pm

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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.

August 30, 2026

A Welcoming Community

Pastor

Reverend Richard J. Cirba, V.F.

Senior Priest

Reverend Andrew Amankwaa

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

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish



**Exaltation of the
Holy Cross Parish**
420 Main Road
Hanover Twp, PA 18706

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 12:00pm

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Hanover Twp., PA 18706

Phone: 570-823-6242

Fax: 570-829-4732

E-mail: exhc@aol.com

Web: www.exhc.org

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

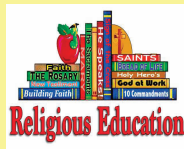
Please remember your Parish with Memorial gifts at the time of death or with a bequest in your will. Make a return to the Lord for all the good He has given you.

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFIRMATION - FIRST COMMUNION CCD Classes and Registration will be held:

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish
Sunday, September 20th, 8:30am in the Church Hall.

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

Sunday, September 20th, 9:45am in the Cafeteria to register.

Our 8th Graders will continue preparation for Confirmation beginning this school year to receive Confirmation in 2027. Please remember Confirmation is a 2 year program.

If your child is in CATHOLIC SCHOOL and is a 2nd or 8th Grader they will receive First Communion and/or Confirmation with their Parish. Please contact your Parish Office for more information.

If you, or anyone you know would like to offer their services and help as a teacher, teacher's aide please call your Parish Office at St. Robert Bellarmine 570-823-3791 ext 2 or Exaltation of the Holy Cross 570-823-6242 ext 2.

King's College 80th Anniversary Mass

King's College will celebrate its 80th Anniversary with a special Mass on Tuesday, September 8 at 4:00pm at the Chapel of Christ the King at King's College. Bishop Bambara will preside and Fr. Tom Looney, C.S.C., President of King's College, will preach. September 8th is the anniversary of the first convocation Mass at the College in 1946. The Chapel of Christ the King is located at 29 W. North Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711. The Mass is open to the public.

Next weekend, Sept. 4-6, the Oblates of St. Joseph will host their annual Labor Day Triduum of Masses honoring St. Joseph the Worker in their chapel located at Route 315, Laffin. Masses will be offered each day at 12 Noon only. Confessions will precede all Masses and devotions to St. Joseph the Worker will follow. On Labor Day morning (Sept. 7), a special Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. for all area workers and the unemployed. Bread will be blessed & distributed to all as a symbol of the fruit of our labor.

11TH ANNUAL DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

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Saturday, OCT. 10, 2026

8 AM - 3:00 PM Holy Redeemer High School
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Stand fast with the Church founded by Jesus Christ, Who "is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Through the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, God has called men, not to be lukewarm, but to become strong in order to contend with a hostile world.

Christus Vincit!

Information & Online Registration: BeACatholicMan.com



St. Casimir Cemetery

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 name on the envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Remember these donations are tax deductible!

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

Phone Number: (570)823-3791

email address: stalschurchw@staloysiuswb.com

Weekend & Daily Masses in: St. Aloysius Church

August 31-September 6, 2026

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Mon.	8:00am	No Mass	
Tues.	8:00am	George Daru	Bob & Peg Warmouth
Wed.	8:00am	Thomas Martin	Carolyn Sromoski
Thurs.	8:00am	No Mass	
Fri.	8:00am	No Mass	
Sat.	4:00pm	Eleanor Kosloski	Frank & Gloria Phillips
Sun.	7:00am	Michelle Martin Blower	Camille Kramer
Sun.	11:00am	John & Judy Forlenza	Daughter



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

August 23, 2026

Sunday (online incl)	\$ 3,107.55
Loose	\$ 549.87
Dues (online incl)	\$ 190.00
Insurance & Taxes	\$ 52.00
Candles	\$ 100.00
Assumption of the BVM	\$ 37.00
Maintenance	\$ 410.00
Total	\$ 4,446.42



Both Tabernacle Candles
this week are in loving memory of
Linda Wozniak
requested by Stan, Jess & Kelly.



Eucharistic Bread & Wine
blessed at all our weekend masses
in loving memory of Ron Zaledonis
requested by John & Rachel Holko



Blessed Mother Candle
This week is in loving memory of Anna E. Aregood
requested by Family.

St. Joseph Candle

This week is in loving memory of
Roseann Garrison requested by Family.



**The Tabernacle, Blessed Virgin Mother & St. Joseph
Candles and the Eucharistic Bread & Wine**

are available to be offered on a weekly basis in memory
of, for health & blessings or to honor a special occasion.
Please call the Parish office to schedule any of these.

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Raffle
is a one (1) month Raffle based on the evening
Lottery Number Straight only. Begins September 1st!

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.

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
stalschurchw.com and follow the online
giving prompt.

Calling all Eucharistic Minister, Lectors and Altar Servers!

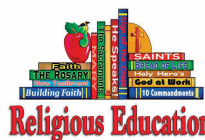
If you are interested in serving in one of these ministries
please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Music Ministry

Adult and youth singers are needed to help provide
music for our liturgies and to help lift the voices and
spirits of our parish in song and praise.
Sign-ups for our Jr. and Sr. Choirs will occur in
September. Contact Tony Wozinski at 570-814-2831
or any choir member for more information.

Parish Membership:

Anyone who worships with us should consider
becoming a registered member of the parish.
Unfortunately, unless there is a formal registration,
we are unable to write letters of recommendation and/or
fill out sponsor forms for Baptism and Confirmation.



Religious Education Classes
will begin on
Sunday, 9-20-2026,
Catechetical Sunday

Classes will begin on Catechetical Sunday (September
20) at 9:45AM for students in Preschool - 8th grade.
Everyone will meet in the cafeteria before going on to
their classrooms.

If you should have any questions you can contact
**Nancy Welles (570) 262-5318 or Tess Grimm at (570)
793-3251** our new Directors of Religious Education.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

Website: www.exhc.org

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

Phone Number: (570) 823-6242

August 31 - September 6, 2026

Mon.	8:00AM	Stephie Wrazen	Tony and Susan
Tues.		No Mass	
Wed.		No Mass	
Thurs.		No Adoration	
Fri.	8:00AM	Pat Failla	The Tippins family
Sat.	5:30PM	Karen Kowalski	Tony & Rosemary Gawat
Sun.	9:30AM	Joseph & Ann Kotch	Tony & Rosemary Gawat



Bread & Wine for this weekend are offered:
In Memory of Dolores Krasnavage by Frank.

Candles are lit for 1 week beginning August 30th:

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Karen Kowalski by Tony & Rosemary Gawat.

Blessed Mother Candle: In Memory of Dolores Krasnavage by Frank.

Infant of Prague Candle 1: Health & Blessings for Joe Yozviak by Dorothy.

Infant of Prague Candle 2: Health & Blessings for Joan Cunard by Dorothy.

Religious Education/CCD Classes

Classes will begin on Catechetical Sunday (September 20) at 8:30AM in the church hall for students in Preschool - 8th grade. Online registration for new students can be found on our website: www.exhc.org.

For more information, contact Jennifer Wilson, our new Director of Religious Education at 570-899-1891.

Men's Club

Potato Pancake Fest (September 26 & 27).

50/50 Cash Raffle tickets are now on sale. \$100.00 a ticket. \$25,000 in cash prizes! Tickets can be purchased in the office, from any Men's Club member or online at www.exhc.org.

Bazaar Mega Raffle Winners!

August 16	684	\$200.	Joe & Kathleen Yurkoski
August 17	197	\$100.	NO WINNER
August 18	541	\$100.	Meredith & Sandy Bogdon
August 19	816	\$100.	Bethany DeVito
August 20	926	\$100.	Josie Fox
August 21	927	\$100.	Sandy Lewis Smith
August 22	807	\$150.	Frank Philips
August 23	121	\$200.	Ivy Costantino
August 24	303	\$100.	Tom Bogarowski

Congratulations & Thank you for your support!!

Food Collection for Ashley Food Pantry at St. Leo's
August food collection: 64 oz. Drinks
Apple/Grape/ Orange

Please place items in the containers at the entrances.
Thank you for your generosity!



August 23rd
Thank You &
God bless you
for your
Contributions!

Sunday	\$ 3,366.15
Dues	\$ 325.00
Loose	\$ 198.00
Children	\$ 25.00
Assumption	\$ 100.00
Air Conditioning	\$ 10.00
Utilities	\$ 30.00
Maintenance & Improvements	\$ 75.00
Candles	\$ 139.00
Donation	\$ 25.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,293.15
St. Vincent dePaul Social Concerns	\$ 160.00



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, October 11

9:30AM Mass

Honoring our First Responders!

Online Giving

Give Anytime, Anywhere!

Did you know you can support our parish through **Online Giving**? It's a safe, secure, and convenient way to make your weekly or monthly offertory—even when you're away, traveling, or unable to attend Mass. Your generosity helps sustain the ministries and mission of our parish. **Consider signing up today and make supporting your parish easier than ever!**

Visit our website: <https://osvhub.com/exhc/giving/funds>.

If you need help or have any questions, contact the office.



Ladies of Mary

The Ladies of Mary Society will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00PM.

New members are always welcome!

Fall in Love with Cash BINGO!

Sunday, October 4 at the Warrior Run Fire Hall

Sponsored by The Ladies of Mary Society

- Doors open at 11AM and games begin at 1PM.
- Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door.
- Regular games (15) pay \$100, specials pay \$250, final special pay \$1,000.
- There will be food, 50/50, baskets, bake sale and a lot of fun!
- Tickets can be purchased in the office, from any Ladies of Mary member or online at www.exhc.org.

Upcoming Events

9/13 - Parish Feast Day at 9:30AM Mass.
9/19 - September Food Distribution Noon-1PM.
9/20 - Religious Education Begins at 8:30AM.
9/28 - Prayer Shawl Gathering at 5:00PM.
9/26-9/27 - Potato Pancake Fest Noon - 5:00PM.
10/4 - Cash Bingo at Warrior Run Fire Hall.
10/11 - Hanover Township Blue Mass at 9:30AM Mass.



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✠ AUGUST 30, 2026 ✠

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS, HIS WORD TODAY

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

“Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect” ... “For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.”

From our infancy, until now, we have been taught and learned what is good and bad, healthy and dangerous, what to avoid and what to do... Unfortunately, other forces surround and distract us from pursuing the right goal. Saint Paul, and later Saint Ignatius, both teach us to spend time searching for what is best for us and pursue it. The key is found in the word discern, to weigh, ponder and then decide.

When I follow this method or process, I will fear no evil and look forward to my loving God showering me with His reward.

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First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

In this particularly poetic passage, Jeremiah complains that while teaching the Lord’s word, he is subjected to insults and derision. He determines to remain silent, but he cannot because the desire to speak the Lord’s name is “like a fire burning in my heart.”

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Paul tells the Christians to make sacrifices to avoid the trappings of the times, and to do God’s will.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus tries to make his disciples realize that by following him, they will endure suffering, degradation, and death. He tells them that they must deny themselves and take up the cross in order to be his disciples.

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Gospel Today

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 16:21-27

The message Jesus had for His disciples is the same for us today. Being a follower of God requires love, strength and difficulty. When we follow Jesus, He is with us and hears our prayer when we need help.

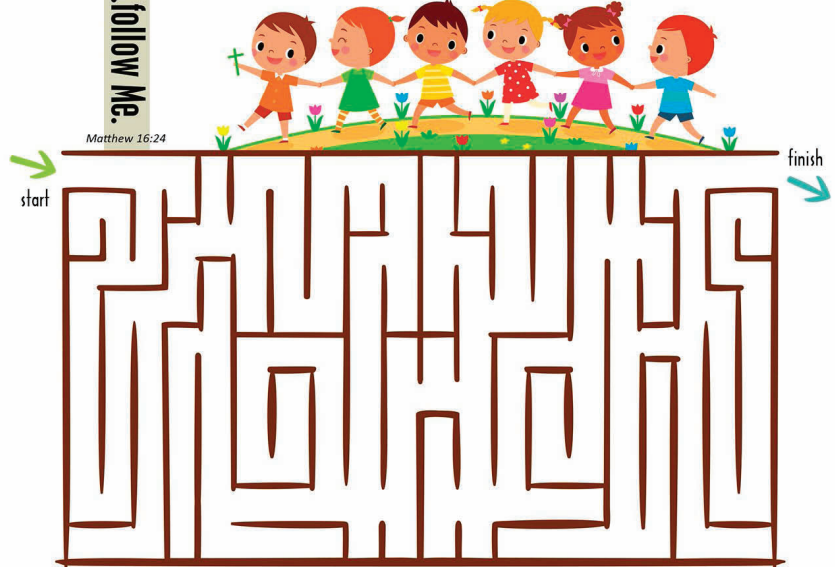
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TAKE UP YOUR CROSS
...follow Me.

Matthew 16:24

For the Son of Man will come with His angels in His Father’s glory, and then He will repay everyone according to his conduct.

Matthew 16:27



Do not be afraid to follow God’s way!

Peter had a hard time accepting God’s way - Jesus had to remind him God and man do not think alike (Peter was thinking like a man).

What do you have trouble accepting?




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MARCH for LIFE

September 21, 2026

PRE-RALLY PRAISE & WORSHIP 10AM
RALLY 11 AM | MARCH 12 PM
PENNSYLVANIA STATE CAPITOL
501 N 3rd St, Harrisburg, PA

MarchforLife.org/Pennsylvania

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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