St. Robert Bellarmine Church

“Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus”
Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 30
5:15 PM  Cora Caduto (Birth.), By Dawn and Jeff
Sunday, July 31
8:00 AM  Maryann Mercurio (Rem.), By family
10:00 AM  Angela Milano (Ann.), By family
11:30 AM  Nicola, Teresa and Sergio Scarcella (Rem.), By family
Monday, August 1
9:00 AM  Raymond Baffoni (Month’s Mind), By Veronica Russo
Tuesday, August 2
9:00 AM  Joseph Marcello (Ann.), By Ann and John
Wednesday, August 3
9:00 AM  Hermine Asselin (Birth.), By Pauline
Thursday, August 4
No scheduled Mass today
Friday, August 5
9:00 AM  Fr. Leon Maynard (Rem.), By JLP
Saturday, August 6
5:15 PM  Anna Pereira (1st Ann.), By family
Angelo Mosca, Jr. (10th Ann.), By family
Sunday, August 7
8:00 AM  Rose and Albert Scorpio (Rem.), By family
10:00 AM  Peter Lombardi III (Rem.), By family
Guido Ferrotti & Carmella and Nancy Ciccone (Rem.), By family
11:30 AM  Candace Mendes (3rd Ann.), By family
Armand Muto & Ennis Jones (Rem.), By family
1:00 PM  Baptisms

Sanctuary Lamp
Week of
July 31– August 6
“In Memory of”
Armando, Filomena and Tina Testa (Rem.), By Sophia and Anthony

Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2016

Lord, make haste to help me!

Pastor’s Comments
Borrowed from Paul Turner

Wasted Work

Nobody likes to waste time. If someone has not done the job and it costs us time and effort, we get angry. If a company promised to deliver by a certain date and it misses the deadline, we are furious. If somebody does the job wrong, and we have to redo it, we hate it. We hate to waste time.

But some of the hard work we do is also wasted. Work may feel valuable because it fills our time. It feels worthwhile if we do it faithfully. But not everything we do has value. Some of it keeps us from doing more important things. Workaholics spend less time with family. People concerned with their own lives may volunteer less for others. Our work and our lives are important, but sometimes not as important as we think.

Qoheleth says everything is vanity; everything is worthless. You spend your life gaining wisdom, knowledge and skill, but at the end of your life you give all your property to someone who has not worked for it. You work all day long. You spend your days in sorrow and grief and your nights without rest. The bleak descriptions by this Old Testament writer keep us humble about our work. We may not be as important as we thought.

Perhaps God gets frustrated with us too. Why do we waste our time? The time we spend with God is never wasted at all.

Fr. John

Mass Intentions
(Call for additional Weekday Mass availability)
The following dates and times are available

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On Sunday, April 24, 2016, Pope Francis celebrated Mass for the Jubilee of Young People

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”

Look to the Lord, who is never outdone in generosity. We receive so many gifts from him, and every day we should thank him… Let me ask you something. Do you thank the Lord every day? Even if we forget to do so, he never forgets, each day, to give us some special gift. It is not something material and tangible that we can use, but something even greater, a life-long gift. What does the Lord give to us? He offers us his faithful friendship, which he will never take back. The Lord is a friend forever. Even if you disappoint him and walk away from him, Jesus continues to want the best for you and to remain close to you; he believes in you even more than you believe in yourself. This is an example of genuine love that Jesus teaches us. This is very important! Because the biggest threat to growing up well comes from thinking that no one cares about us – and that is always a sadness – from feeling that we are all alone. The Lord, on the other hand, is always with you and he is happy to be with you. As he did with his first disciples, he looks you in the eye and he calls you to follow him, to “put out into the deep” and to “cast your nets wide” trusting in his words and using your talents in life, in union with him, without fear. Jesus is waiting patiently for you. He awaits your response. He is waiting for you to say “yes”.

God Bless All The Young People

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FOOD SHELF!

The Food Shelf is in need of these items:

- JUICE (Apple, Cranberry, Grape)
- CEREAL
- TUNA
- CANNED FRUIT
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT

$15.00 STOP & SHOP OR PRICE RITE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Thank you for your generosity!

REGISTRATIONS FOR 2016-2017

Please send in the forms as soon as possible so we can order enough books.
Registration fee may be sent in any time before August 1.
Extra forms (if needed) are available on the Community Table on the right side of the lobby as you enter church.

Any Registrations received after July 31st will be charged an additional late fee of $5 per student

Children’s Liturgy Worksheets will be available on the Community table during the Summer

Mr. Rob Mango
OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER

Week # 30  Ticket # 0541
$75: Jo-Ann Fede
Captain: Wini Kelley
Tickets are still available at the Rectory Office or call
Ann @ 944-6792 or Pat @ 647-7461
All payments must be Up-To-Date to be eligible – Thank you for your support!

Mass Book 2017

The Mass Schedule Book for 2017 is now open. Please call between 9:30 – 11:30 AM or from 12:30 – 4:00 PM Tuesday through Thursday. Offerings are $25.00 for weekend Masses and $10.00 for weekday Masses.

ADULT FORMATION
for Sacramental Preparation

The Church’s catechetical mission aims to help people to grow in both human and Christian maturity. Our faith formation ministry addresses the particular needs and interests of adults. Our Adult Program centers around Sacramental preparation and the opportunity to grow in faith and understanding of the Church. Classes are co-taught by Kathy Kelly and David Souza and meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the church vestry. Our first class will start on October 6, 2016 and conclude at Easter Vigil. Contact Kathy Kelly at kellykmo1@verizon.net or the parish office at 232-5600.

Are You Listening to “Relevant Radio”? Turn to 550 AM for a truly Catholic radio station, reporting news about our faith from around the world as well as featuring talks, interviews, presentations and prayers to all Catholics. Want to grow in your faith? Listen to “Relevant Radio” daily!

Volunteers are needed to bring Communion to the residents of Cherry Hill Nursing Home on Sunday mornings. (once a month) See Deacon Joe for more information.

25th, 40th, 50th and Over Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment of the Diocese of Providence is sponsoring the tenth annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 1:00pm, at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, Providence. Married couples who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th and Over wedding anniversary in 2016 will be honored at this celebration. Couples who would like to attend can register for this event through their parish before August 24th.

Throughout the year the Diocese of Providence offers several live and online courses covering the major aspects of our Catholic Faith. These courses are for anyone interested in learning more about Catholicism and can also be used for diocesan Catechist Certification. Below is a list of upcoming courses:

The God of Mercy – A three week online course which begins August 21 – Perfect for the Year of Mercy. Salvation History: Old Testament – A six week live course that will meet on Tuesdays, August 30 through October 4. For more information or to register, call Ed Trendowski at 401-278-4646 or register online at www.discovercatholicfaith.org.
CAN WE JUST PLEASE TALK FOR A WHILE?

RECENTLY A PRIEST I KNOW SHARED THIS STORY WITH ME.

A WIDOW FRIEND OF HIS HAD GONE OUT FOR SUPPER WITH THREE OTHER WIDOWS.

WHILE THEY WERE IN THE RESTAURANT ENJOYING A GOOD MEAL AND CONVERSATION THEY NOTICED A YOUNG COUPLE AT A NEAR-BY TABLE.

DURING THE ENTIRE TIME THE MAN AND WOMAN EACH HAD THEIR SMART PHONES OUT AND WERE ENGROSSED IN WHATEVER WAS GOING ON ELECTRONICALLY IN FRONT OF THEM.

THE FOUR WIDOWS JUST SHOOK THEIR HEADS AND WONDERED WHAT HAD BECOME OF JUST TALKING WITH EACH OTHER OVER A NICE MEAL.

AFTER A WHILE ONE OF THE LADIES GOT UP TO USE THE REST ROOM AND ON HER WAY BACK SHE STOPPED AT THE YOUNG COUPLE’S TABLE.

SMILING SHE SAID: " EXCUSE ME, I REALLY DON'T WANT TO BUTT IN; BUT, YOU SEE THOSE THREE WOMEN AT THE OTHER TABLE? WE ARE ALL WIDOWS AND MAY I SAY TO YOU: WE WOULD ALL GIVE OUR RIGHT HAND RIGHT NOW JUST TO HAVE OUR HUSBANDS TO TALK TO. ENJOY YOUR MEAL"

WITH TEARS IN THEIR EYES THE YOUNG COUPLE WAS STUNNED, AND THEN THEY QUIETLY PUT THEIR SMART PHONES DOWN AND HELD EACH OTHER'S HANDS AND BEGAN TALKING TO EACH OTHER.

MAYBE THERE’S A LESSON HIDDEN IN THIS STORY.