

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

5:15 PM Lisa Ann Rossi (1st Ann.),
By family
 Nicholas Iascone (Ann.),
By family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Rotondo
 Family (Rem.),
By family
 Deceased Members of the Theroux
 Family (Rem.),
By family

10:00 AM Nicky Guadagno (Ann.),
By family
 Elvira Paolino (30th Ann.),
By family

11:30 AM Annette Morin (Birth.),
By the Renzi family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 AM Alex Tagliatela (Ann.),
By Peggy
 'A Special Intention'

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 AM Richard Bresette (Ann.),
By wife Dolores

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

12:10 PM Tina and Lou D'Ambrosio (Birth.),
By family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

NO SCHEDULED MASS TODAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:00 AM Vincent Rose (Month's Mind),
By cousin Lucille
 'In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony'
By a parishioner

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

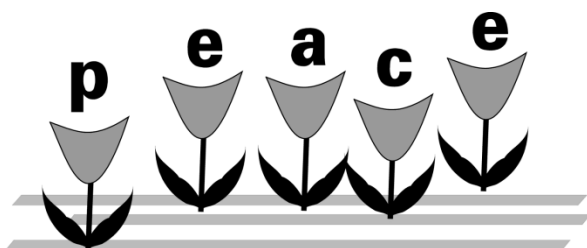
5:15 PM Robert F. McFarland, Sr. (Rem.),
By family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:00 AM OPEN INTENTION

10:00 AM Phyllis Valletta & Louise Votta
 (Rem.),
By children

11:30 AM Albert & Josephine Bucci (Ann.),
By Alberta and Joe



Twenty-fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018

The Lord upholds my life!

PASTOR'S COMMENTS

Borrowed from Paul Turner

War and Peace

A world without wars would be a great place to live. How we yearn for days of peace, when killing stops and soldiers come home.

But peace is not just the absence of war. Peace is the willingness to share from our abundance, to sacrifice for the needy, and to advocate for justice throughout the world. To achieve peace means more than laying down weapons of conflict. It means taking up the tools for a better world.

"Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from?" asks the Letter of James. "Is it not from your passions?" Jealousy and selfish ambition bring about disorder and every foul practice, James says. Habits of self-absorption lead to indifference toward others. That breeds resentment and foments conflict.

We covet what we do not possess. Some with envy even kill others, but they still cannot obtain inner happiness. Many of us are not content with what we have; we want more income to buy more things. But we do not supply the needs of others. We are too busy feeding our own passions. And they will never satisfy.

Peace comes from God. And it can start at home. It comes from the willingness to do with less, to eliminate jealousy, and to promote mercy. That will make the world a great place to live. "The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace."

Fr. John

MASS INTENTIONS

(Call for additional Weekday Mass availability)

The following dates and times are available

SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 30	8:00 AM
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 7	8:00 AM
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 19	9:00 AM

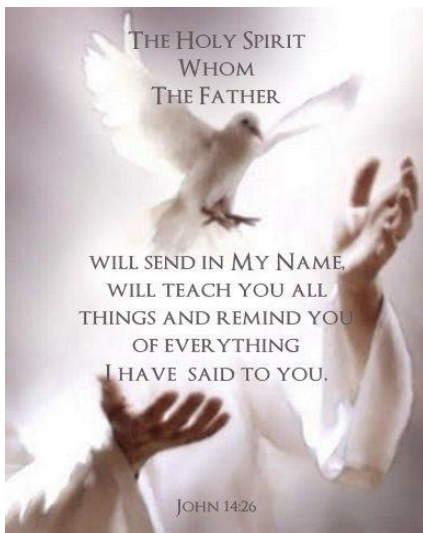


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Office Hours: 9am to 4pm.
Monday – Thursday
Phone : 232-9321
E-mail – srbccd@aol.com

Religious Education Classes

Day	Month	Grade	Time
Sun	Sep-23	9&10	6:30-7:45
Mon	Sep-24	7&8	No Class
Tue	Sep-25	1 thru 3	4:15-5:30
Wed	Sep-26	4 thru 6	4:15-5:30

9th and 10th retreat October 13th from 10 till 3:30 Here at St. Robert's



"There are two loves, the love of God and the love of the world. If the love of the world takes possession of you, there is no way for the love of God to enter into you. Let the love of the world take the second place, and let the love of God dwell in you. Let the better love take over."

— St. Augustine, p. 34

MR. ROB MANZO



THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, ROSARY FOLLOWING 8:00 AM
 MASS IN THE UPPER CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, AAGROUP MEETING AT 7:00
AM IN THE CHURCH HALL (EVERY
 WEDNESDAY)
THURSDAY, NA GROUP MEETING AT 7:00
PM IN THE SACRISTY
FRIDAY, AA AT 8:00 PM IN THE CHURCH
 HALL (EVERY FRIDAY)
FRIDAY, NA GROUP MEETING AT 10:00 PM
 IN THE CHURCH HALL

DAILY READINGS

Sunday Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37
Monday Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
Friday Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51



Call: Jan Zarrella (274-6576) or Charon Souza (231-3962) or Eileen Morrison (349-3601)

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FOOD SHELF!

The Food Shelf is in need of these items:

- TUNA**
- PASTA/ JAR SAUCE**
- PEANUT BUTTER / JELLY**
- CANNED VEGETABLES**
- RAMEN NOODLES**
- CLEANING PRODUCTS**
- \$10.00 STOP & SHOP OR PRICE RITE GIFT CARDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

Thank you for your generosity!



40-WEEK CLUB 2018

OUR MAJOR FUND RAISER

Week # 38 Ticket #0348

\$35 : Lillian Myers

Captain: Fran Zanni

Week # 10 (not drawn that week due to error) Winner # 0193

\$75: Bob Lepore

Captain: Kathy Kelly

Tickets are still available at the Rectory Office or call

Ann @ 944-6792, Pat @ 647-7461 or Judy @ 232-3603

All payments must be Up-To-Date to be eligible – Thank you for your support!

ADULT FORMATION & SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The Church's mission aims to help people to grow in both human and Christian maturity. St. Robert Bellarmine's Adult Formation and Sacramental preparation program provides a comprehensive presentation and exploration of the key elements of our Catholic faith. Our parish's ministry addresses the needs of **Adults preparing to receive Baptism, Communion or Confirmation**. Classes are co-facilitated by Kathy Kelly and David Souza. We meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the vestry. **Classes will begin on October 11, 2018 and will conclude at Easter Vigil. To register please contact Kathy at kellykmo1@verizon.net or call the Parish Office at 232-5600.**



Fundraising team **Raging through the Ages** will hold their **11th ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR** on **Saturday, November 10th**. Once again, all of our team profits will

benefit the ST. ROBERT'S FOOD SHELF. At this time, we are seeking donations of prizes, which will be distributed among our various booths, as needed. Gift cards, as well as new (never used) gift items and handcrafted goods would be most appreciated. Additionally, we have vendor tables available for rent on the day of the event. For general information, call Sandy at 946-3262. To inquire about a vendor table, call Carol at 233-2330. To make a prize donation, please contact Robin at 439-0614.

SAVE THE DATE



Our Annual Macaroni and Meatball dinner will be held on Saturday, September 29th at 6:30PM in the Church Hall. Volunteers are needed and tickets are now on sale. \$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under.



St. Robert Bellarmine Prayer Group

We will meet on Tuesdays, 2 times a month @ 7:30pm in the Church. Join us for prayer, faith sharing and scripture study. **Call Joanne Fede at 465-9916 for details.**

St. Robert's prayer shawl ministry will hold an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 25th at 10:30 am at Brewed Awakenings, 1395 Atwood Avenue, Johnston.

If you knit, crochet or work with fleece, please join us. We will have written instructions for prayer shawls, mini prayer shawls, scarfs along with yarn and some of each finished product.

Prayers shawls and mini pocket/purse shawls are for people who are going through a difficult time due to depression, loneliness, job loss, illness, bereavement, or any situation where comfort is needed. Please contact Carolyn 231-6864 or Marge 231-5376 if you'd like us to leave a shawl or mini pocket cloth for you in the Vestry.

This ministry is a wonderful way to give back and to help others in need.

The Church Downstairs

The pastor calls it the “church downstairs.” They have a good problem: they need more chairs.

For years, Alcoholic Anonymous has met in the church hall every day of the week, sometimes twice a day. The supportive pastor started thinking of those meetings as the “church downstairs” after a new parishioner told him how she came to join the parish after first going “downstairs” for several months.

The priest occasionally sits in on the meetings and it has helped him understand what it means to be “church.” Three things about AA have struck him:

1st, there is a “genuine and low-key sense” of welcoming. But it is not simply a matter of a designated greeter shaking every new hand. In fact, “AA is at its most hospitable *after* the meeting is over. No one is bolting for the door when the last word is pronounced. Instead, people stay around for another cup of coffee, especially if someone new has joined them.”

The 2nd thing the pastor has noticed is how the “church downstairs” rallies around the weak, the powerless, and the hurting. “Even those some might relegate to the social fringe are met with acceptance in the group, not least because a common denominator — *We are all powerless over alcohol* — remains central.”

And the 3rd thing that Alcoholics Anonymous groups demonstrate so well, is “the belief that everyone has a story to tell and a right to be heard. This belief is essential not only to the Twelve Steps, but to the sense of commonality and communion that is generated in the group. Everyone can learn something from another person’s story ” Welcoming strangers. Lifting the weak and struggling. Listening to what everyone has to say. Maybe that’s why they need more chairs at the “church downstairs.”

“The Church Downstairs: What Catholics Can Learn from Alcoholics Anonymous” by Father Nonomen, Commonweal, July 13, 2012.