

St. Robert Bellarmine Church



*April 24th, 2016
Fifth Sunday of Easter
856 Euclid Ave • Warrington • PA
www.saintrobertwarrington.org
Phone: 215.343.0315 Fax: 215.343.8592*

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Rev. Msgr. James D. Beisel
Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Joseph T. Kane
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. John P. Stokely
Parochial Vicar

Deacon George Morris
Permanent Deacon

Rev. Mr. Mark J. Cavara
Transitional Deacon

Rev. Francis J. Cornely
Sunday Ministry

Mrs. Sheila Fehrman & Mrs. Mary Landry
Parish Secretaries - strobortsecretary@verizon.net



Mrs. Deborah Jaster
Principal-St. Joseph/St. Robert School

Mrs. Joan Fitzpatrick
Director of Adult Faith Formation

Mrs. Donna Heeney
Director of Religious Education

Mr. Kevin Lutz
Director of Music Ministries

Deacon George Morris
Director of Financial Services

Mrs. Barbara Palo
Director of Teen Ministry

Mr. James Crumlish
Facilities Supervisor

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016

5:00 P.M. - Raymond Riendeau

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016

7:00 A.M. - Beverly Latchum

9:00 A.M. - Peter Mastrocco

11:00 A.M. - Michael Pacitti

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2016

7:00 A.M. - Richard & Elizabeth Burke

9:00 A.M. - Howard Fullerton ~ 1st Anniversary

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016

7:00 A.M. - Mary Louise Westermann

9:00 A.M. - Howard Fullerton

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016

7:00 A.M. - Parishoners

9:00 A.M. - Marti O'Donnell

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016

7:00 A.M. - Peter Pappas

9:00 A.M. - Marti O'Donnell

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2016

7:00 A.M. - Teodoro Spinosa

9:00 A.M. - Marti O'Donnell

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2016

9:00 A.M. - Howard Fullerton

5:00 P.M. - Fred Kiss ~ 11th Anniversary

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016

7:00 A.M. - Bill Rose

9:00 A.M. - Theresa Malandra

11:00 A.M. - Mary F. McCann



Please pray for our sick parishioners, relatives, and friends, especially:



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| Nicholas Chess | Frank Waltrich | Kevin McDevitt |
| Bill Zarkowski | Erica Sheehan | Kevin Christopher Fox |
| Diane Barbier | James Fuges | Rita Ann Leonard |
| Michael Lauria | Michael Matter | Andreas Shaftacolas |
| Dolores McGrath | Mary Wall | Christopher D'Souza |
| Pat Ganther | Joe Ankenbrand | Margaret Prendergast |
| Stella Coyle | John Weigner | Walter Brand |
| Theresa Beisel | Jimmy McIntyre | Konrad Bush |
| Pat Reidy | Carolyn Cole | Lucy McCabe |
| Margaret Snyder | Elaine Teachout | Bridget Anderson |
| Maria Altopiedi | Jared Callan | Caroline Mansour |
| Hazel Lynch | Rose Bilotti | Michael McBride |
| Mary Farano | Paul Elmstorm | Marie McBride |
| Joan McMahan | Ed Barker | Ellyanna Stephens |
| John Barbier | Frank Wagner | Mary Pat Allen |

In an effort to keep our prayer list current, all names will appear for 30 days and then will be automatically taken off. We are happy to keep a name on the list, just call the parish office or email strobortsecretary@verizon.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS (at a glance)

Apr 30 ~ First Communion Class Style

May 1 ~ First Communion Family Style



ST. VINCENT DEPAUL - *In the Gospel today, Jesus says "I give you a new commandment: love one another.... This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*
In the month of April, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families, providing food, assisting with utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

OUR PARISH GIVING

Sunday (4/17/16): \$14,627

Online Bank Services Funds: \$2,025 in 30 envelopes

Year to Date Totals - Sunday Collections:

| | | |
|------------|------------|-----------------|
| FY 2014-15 | FY 2015-16 | Difference |
| \$667,478 | \$662,178 | \$-5,299 |

(Fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30)

Thank you for your Sacrificial Generosity



CLERGY/MUSIC SCHEDULE (4/30 & 5/1)

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| 5:00 PM | Msgr. Beisel | Cantor |
| 7:00 AM | Fr. Cornely | |
| 9:00 AM | Fr. Stokely | Cantor |
| 11:00 AM | Msgr. Beisel/Dcn. George | Cantor |

Subject to change without notice

Fifth Sunday



Of Easter

Dear Friends,

Today as we gathered at God's invitation for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, the scriptures painted a picture of God who loves us so much that the divine dwelling is now among us, with the human race. Jesus was the first physical manifestation of that new reality. As we carry the scriptures with us this week, let us reflect on how God's dwelling is within us and how we manifest this reality to those we meet on the journey each day.

Once again we had a wonderful gathering of volunteers for dinner last Sunday in Monsignor Marley Hall. This annual event gives us an opportunity to show appreciation for the many and varied volunteer ministries and service opportunities that are part of this great parish. I want to once again express my deepest appreciation to all who do anything in sharing their time and talents with those in the community. **THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL!**

Speaking of volunteers, I want to express my appreciation to Christ's Housekeepers who keep our church so spotless, clean and shiny. I want to thank in a particular way **Eleanor Crowley** who for many years coordinated the efforts of these mighty cleaners. Eleanor is stepping away from the leadership role but will continue to serve as a housekeeper. I am deeply grateful that she has identified **Patricia Neely** as her successor who will now coordinate the cleaning efforts. I thank Eleanor and Pat for their generosity and in making this transition so seamless.

Next weekend we will celebrate First Holy Communion for our young members in the third grade. The First Holy Communion class Mass will be celebrated on Saturday at 10:30 AM. We will celebrate First Holy Communion again at the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass on May 1st. Please continue to pray for these young boys and girls as they anticipate the great experience of receiving Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion.

I want to acknowledge with deep appreciation the ten members of our community who have consented to have their names placed in nomination for the upcoming elections for the Parish Pastoral Council. The list of candidates and a brief biography will be published in an upcoming bulletin. There are currently three positions to be filled on the council. Elections will take place the weekend of May 14/15.

Just a quick update on our parish expansion projects. The Parish Office Center is approximately 95% completed. We are awaiting the delivery and installation of the meeting room fixtures as well as the bronze capping for the curtain wall. We anticipate the completion of the Office Center by mid-May. We have yet to determine when we will be relocating to that area of the campus. We will give you fair notice before such a move takes place. The relocation may involve a day or two when normal business may not be possible. We will keep you posted with ample notice if this needs to happen. The narthex project is scheduled to be completed no later than June 21st. We are shooting for an earlier completion date but that may not be possible. I thank all of you for your patience and understanding. This has been a major project which will reap many benefits for the entire community. I am now getting excited to see it completed and operational. I know you will not be disappointed. **THANK YOU** to all who continue to support these efforts through pledges and monthly contributions designated for the expansion projects. Your generosity is admirable!

May Saint Robert Bellarmine bless our efforts to grow in holiness and grace!

With prayers,

Monsignor Beisel



OFFICE FOR CHILD AND
YOUTH PROTECTION

ARCHDIOCESE OF
PHILADELPHIA

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

On December 31, 2014, 23 pieces of Pennsylvania State legislation were enacted that impact the way we prevent and report child abuse. As a result, all people who volunteer for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are required fulfill the following obligations:

CLEARANCES:

- ◆ PA State Police Criminal Record Check
- ◆ PA Department of Public Welfare Child Abuse Clearance Check
- ◆ Federal History Fingerprint Clearance ~ ONLY if you lived outside of PA within the last 10 years
Go to childyouthprotection.org
select Staff & Volunteers,
then select Checks & Clearances

***** MUST BE RENEWED EVERY 5 YEARS *****

- ◆ Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers
Go to childyouthprotection.org
select Staff & Volunteers,
then select Information for Volunteers

TRAINING:

- ◆ Safe Environment Training
- ◆ Technology Addendum
- ◆ Mandated Reporter Training
- ◆ Signed Mandated Reporter Acknowledgement Form
Go to childyouthprotection.org
select Staff & Volunteers,
then select Required Training

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP
FOR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS**

Location: St. Luke the Evangelist, Chapel House
2330 Fairhill Avenue, Glenside, PA

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

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| Date: | Topic: |
| April 26 | Special Days & Dates |
| May 10 | Explosive Emotions |
| May 24 | Belongings & Reminders |
| June 7 | Reinvesting in Life |

For more information: 215.624.8190 or
dgawthropcnlt@verizon.net

ST. ROBERT'S CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We meet every **Tuesday evening at 7:30pm** in **St. Robert's Chapel** to give thanks and Praise to God for all our many blessings. This Meeting is open to everyone in the Parish.



Chick-fil-A SPIRIT NIGHT FOR NATIONAL MS SOCIETY

Wednesday, April 27 from 4-8 pm at Chick-fil-A in Warrington. Please mention "MS Society" when you place your order. 15% of all sales will be donated.

FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

Please call the parish office with the name and branch for relatives who are on active duty.

PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS :

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. AMEN



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

US Navy:

*Michael W. Zarkowski
Barbara Ann Mullen
Jenny Malandra
Joshua Velas*

*Edward W. Devinney II
Connor Fitzgerald
John Wurtenberg III*

US Army:

*Rev. Stephen Mc Dermott
Danny Pritchard
Michael McBride
Matthew Sawaya
Dylan DeMent*

*Robert F. Leimer
Keith Carter
Ryan T. Krawczyk
Philip Mc Cusker
Gerry McGowan*

US Coast Guard:

*Brendan Williams
Todd J. Warga*

Daniel Moschitti

USMC:

*Joseph Mc Menamin
Daniel Harvey
Clint Hajek
Anthony Taylor
Michael Malandra
Nicholas Sabatini
Mark Geib*

*James McMenamin
Elizabeth Harvey
Leo J. Keller Jr.
Mark Piccirelli
Lisa Ann Burgy
Patrick Kilkenny*

US Air Force:

*Karl Weinbrecht
Max J. Sempowski
Anthony Comtois
Thomas Rook*

*Francis Lemma
Michael Sempowski
Andrew J. Velas*

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS Next Class –



Tuesday, May 17th at 7:00 pm in chapel. Pre-registration is necessary in order to attend the class. No date for Baptism can be set until parents fulfill this requirement.

Parents and Godparents should register for this class as soon as they know of the upcoming birth, and always prior to the actual birth of the child. Register by calling the parish office between 9a & 4p weekdays. Classes are held every other month - Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov.

ST FRANCIS INN - The monthly collection of plastic bags for the Inn will be next weekend after all the

Masses. The Inn can only use the bags that your groceries are placed in. They can also use the soaps, shampoos, toothbrushes and toothpaste from your hotel stays. Most important the Inn needs your prayers.



ST. ROBERT PREP PROGRAM

Phone: 215.343.9433

CALENDAR

April

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| Mon | 25 | Class |
| Thurs | 28 | Communion Practice 5:00 to 6:00 pm all students 6:15 pm Parents of Sunday Communion |
| Sat. | 30 | 1st Communion-- Group Mass 10:30am |

May

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| Sun | 1 | 1st Communion-- Family Mass 11:00am |
| Mon | 2 | Family Closing Prayer Service 5:00pm in church. Child(ren) & parent attend and sit together as a family. |



INCOMING 1ST GRADE & NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION

Registration for classes beginning in September 2016 will take place on Tuesday, May 10th from 10:00 AM to noon and from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Registration will take place in the PREP Office which is located in the school building. New students who were not baptized at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish need to bring a copy of their baptismal certificate.

Information on tuition can be found on the parish website saintrobertwarrington.org. Click on the PREP tab and scroll down to Registration and Tuition. For more information you can contact us at strobtprep@gmail.com or call 215-343-9433.



RE-REGISTRATION FORMS

Re-registration information for our current families will be sent home with the youngest child in the family on Monday, March 14th. All forms need to be returned no later than Monday, April 25th. Tuition information is also included in the packet. Tuition is due no later than Monday, June 13th.

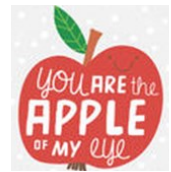


ST. JOSEPH/ST. ROBERT SCHOOL NEWS

Phone: 215.343.5100 Web: www.stjstr.org

FROM THE DESK OF
MRS. JASTER

APPLE OF MY EYE: Congratulations to the following students who were recognized for doing something good: Jenna Butler, Kendrick Brookreson, Hunter Nucera and Samantha Waltrich.



DRESS DOWN DAY: Next Tuesday, April 26th, we will have a dress down day to assist one of our alumnae (Carly Cantwell) with her upcoming mission trip. Carly will be going to Costa Rica over the summer.



95 YEARS YOUNG: Happy Birthday to Father Cornely, weekend assistant at St. Robert parish. Father will be celebrating his ninety-fifth birthday tomorrow! We wish many more happy, healthy years!

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:

- Home and School Meeting: Our final Home and School meeting of this school year will take place tomorrow evening beginning at 7pm in the dining hall. Elections of officers for next year will take place at this time.
- Walkathon: Our annual Walkathon will take place on Friday afternoon following lunch. No child may participate unless the school has a signed permission slip.



UNIFORM ADAPTATION: The children are no longer required to wear their school sweaters each day. Too, the SJR golf shirts may be worn in place of the turtlenecks or long-sleeved shirts. Summer uniforms will begin in May.

JUST A THOUGHT: Friday, April 22nd marks the celebration of Earth Day.

This week, we began and ended our week with a celebration of our World – and our Blessings. On Monday, we gathered several hundred pounds of newspapers to be recycled and reused. In addition, families donated over one hundred bags of clothing and household items to be used by others.

On Friday, we will walk throughout the neighborhood to demonstrate our commitment to SJR and the blessing it is to us! Finally, we will participate in the Archdiocesan Showcase of Excellence at Archbishop Wood High School sharing some examples of the wonderful work our students have produced.

“Oh, what a wonderful world”!!!



FOOTBALL REGISTRATION



Saints "CYO"

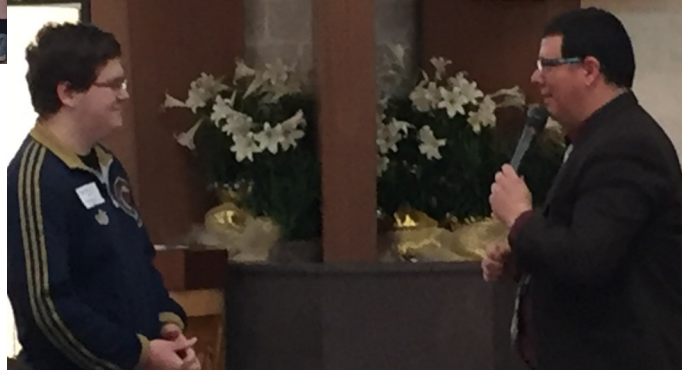
5th to 8th Grades
No Weight Limit

Registration Information

CYO Football registration will be Sunday, April 24th after the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses. There are two teams: JV is 5th & 6th grades, Varsity is 7th & 8th grades, there is no weight limit. All applicants must be registered in our Parish or an affiliated Parish and must attend Catholic School or be registered in their Religious Education Program. Registration fee is \$140, due at signing; camp fee is \$100, due in August. **YOU CANNOT REGISTER ONLINE FOR SAINTS FOOTBALL!!!!** For more info go to saintscyo.com or contact Joe Meehan @267-250-3492, Steve Cantwell @267-261-5736, or Mike Mc Glinchey @484-576-3493

Parish Youth Ministry

Mrs. Barbara Palo (Director of Teen Ministry—mompalo@aol.com) • Facebook: St. Robert Teen Ministry Program



The day with Chris Padgett was definitely better than OK. Chris talked about who Jesus is to us, walking with God and living this relationship. He reminded us that when we want what God wants, it will happen. We also had a great lunch, and time to socialize. Check Chris out on FB, and YouTube and his book I'm not OK, you're not OK, but it's OK

ADOPT A STUDENT PROGRAM

This popular program returns for anyone interested in sponsoring a student for the Summer Youth conference and Mission trip. Your past support of this program has been amazing and very much appreciated.



You are asked to prayerfully consider making a donation in any amount which will go towards a student's trip expenses. We expect the cost of the conference and mission trip this year to be about \$450 per student. You will be assigned a student and they will pray for you and share their experience of the weekend with you when they return. You are invited to join us as we get together prior to the trip as well. Many friendships have developed through this program.

Please fill out the slip below and return to the parish office in an envelope marked Steubenville. Checks can be made to St. Roberts PYM. Questions can be directed to Fr. John or Barbara Palo. The teen ministry thanks you for your generosity and support!

ADOPT A STUDENT PROGRAM

Parishioner Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Donation amount: \$20 ___ \$40 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 ___ other _____

Thank you and God bless you.

FOCUS ON FAITH

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John

13:31-33a, 34-35



At the Liturgy of Holy Thursday, we witnessed the washing of the feet, a reminder that our service to the world must be part of our everyday life. “As I have loved you, so you also should love one another,” Jesus tells his followers.

This week maybe we can perform one concrete act in which we love as Jesus loved. For example, listen compassionately to a coworker, neighbor, or family member we usually find difficult to relate to. Maybe we can find a new way to understand that person.

Parish May Procession - May 11, 2016@ 7:00 pm

One of the most beloved Catholic devotions is a May Procession to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. The ceremony is designed to give praise and thanks to Almighty God and his Son, Jesus Christ through the intercession of our Blessed Mother. The ceremony and procession will be no more than one hour. Our homilist will be **Reverend Sean English,**



Parochial Vicar, St. Christopher's Parish in Philadelphia. You will remember Fr. Sean was assigned here at St. Robert's as a deacon. He was ordained in 2014.

During this Extraordinary Year of Mercy, what a perfect way to ask the Blessed Mother to aide us in seeking and granting forgiveness to those in need!

PLEASE NOTE: The Confirmation and First Communion classes are invited to join us and it would add so much to our celebration if these groups would wear their outfits and robes which designate them as special recipients of God's grace this year.

Check out Archbishop's Chaput's full article on Pope Francis new Apostolic Exhortation, **THE JOY OF LOVE**, at CatholicPhilly.com. Here is the intro...



“We live in an age when people's nerves are rubbed raw by information they don't like, don't trust and very often don't need. We drown in ads, lobbying and a politics of malice. Meanwhile, really vital, life-giving messages float by unnoticed. And on difficult issues, it's easier just to skip the thinking and get straight to the arguing.

Pope Francis takes a different approach. At more than 250 pages, the Holy Father's recent Apostolic Exhortation on love in the family, *Amoris Laetitia* (“The Joy of Love”) can seem daunting — a bit like staring at the summit of Mt. Everest from base camp. But that's where the likeness ends. This is a document accessible to any adult interested in his or her faith. And it deserves to be read thoroughly at a reflective pace. It also needs to be weighed carefully in light of St. John Paul II's *Familiaris Consortio*, the theology of the body, and other preceding Church documents on marriage and the family.”

You can view the entire document at www.vatican.va

Have you signed up for FORMED yet?

A few Suggestions:

- You can always find reflections on the Sunday Gospel at **Open the Word: Year C**
- May— **Focus on Mary** — Symbolon: Knowing the Faith-Session 9: MARY AND THE SAINTS
Catholicism: Session 4: OUR TAINTED NATURE'S SOLITARY BOAST, Mary, the Mother of God (*THIS IS MY FAVORITE!!*) Movie: MARY OF NAZARETH and a beautiful video series on Mary: THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY
- May 15 is Pentecost Sunday: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith Session 7: THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE LIFE OF GRACE

Go to www.formed.org. and go to Sign-Up. St. Robert's Parish Code is **46KPWV**. You will then be asked to

St. Joseph/St. Robert Catholic School Registration



St. Joseph/St. Robert School offers a curriculum from Pre-K – 8th Grade. Registration is now open for the 2016/2017 academic year. Please call the school at 215.343.5100 to schedule a tour and learn about the highlights of our school.

2016/2017 Tuition Rates for Parish Families

(5 Day) Half Day Pre-K & Kindergarten: 8:10a-11:45a
Monthly Tuition - - \$310.00 (10 payments)

(5 Day) Full Day Pre-K & Kindergarten: 8:10a-3:00p
Monthly Tuition - \$375.00 (10 payments)
Before and After School Program Available

Grades 1- – 8th (10 payments)

One Child – Monthly - \$300.00
Two Children – Monthly - \$600.00
Three Children – Monthly - \$675.00
Four Children – Monthly - \$770.00

Before and After School Program Available

MOM'S PRAYER GROUP - The Mom's Prayer Group meets on Thursday evenings at 7pm, Moms gather in the chapel to pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. All mothers are welcome to come and pray for children, supporting them on their journey through this tough world.
More info: Chris Trodden - 215.491.2542
Terry Funk - 215.343. 9781

5th Annual 5K RACE Registration – Friday, May 20th On-Line Registration Now Open

On-line registration is now open and can be accessed by clicking the RACE logo on the front page of our website: www.stjstr.org. Please register each family member for either the 5K run, 2 mile walk or 1K kids run. Each adult & child running/walking must have a separate completed registration.



The RACE will include entertainment, food, age group awards, and prizes. The first 400 runners/walkers will receive a t-shirt. We hope all SJR families will register and enjoy a truly wonderful evening of family fun.

VILLA JOSEPH MARIE HIGH SCHOOL

Villa Joseph Marie High School will host a Spring Open House on Thursday, April 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more information, please visit www.vjmhs.org/admissions.

JOB OPENING - Full time General Maintenance position is open at St. Jude Parish, Chalfont: Responsible for tasks related to HVAC, electrical, plumbing, security, environmental, safety, custodial and event coordination for all buildings on the campus including church, school, rectory, and convent. This position requires collaboration, initiative, and attention to detail, solid interpersonal and communication skills, and project coordination. Please send all inquiries to pbm@stjudechalfont.org



PREP AWARDS: The **Christian Spirit Award** is given to a student who truly lives a Christian life by showing respect and kindness to all. The Awardees are:
Grade 1: Luke Taylor, Liana Notaro, Sean & Caitlin Bulicki
Grade 2: Keira Endy, Evan Loperogo, Bree Trexler
Grade 3: Gregory Listner
Grade 4: Connor Endrick, Caitlyn Decker
Grade 5: Isabella Meehan
Grade 6: Erin McLaughlin, Sean Burke

The **St. Robert Bellarmine Award** is given to a student who has good knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith. The Awardees are:
Grade 1: Nathan Kazmiroski, Cole Rosica, Anthony, Joseph and Luke Grasso
Grade 2: Gianna Bowers, Jessica Malizia, Julianna Tropea
Grade 3: Gavin Roth
Grade 4: Kevin Taylor, Sheamus Kelly
Grade 5: Connor Salmon
Grade 6: Zakary Fischer, Sierra Fucanan



Christian Spirit Awardees



St. Robert Bellarmine Awardees

EVENING MEN'S GROUP - We are endeavoring to start an evening version of the Saturday Men's Prayer Group for those who cannot attend the Saturday morning session. The plan is not to conflict with any Adult Faith Formation programs that are held from time to time. Norm Racine has gratuitously agreed to help us get started. If you are interested please call Bill Fehrman at 215-434-1752 or Jim Tate at 215-675-7272.

WOULD YOU LIKE THE BLESSED MOTHER STATUE VISIT YOUR HOME?



St. Robert's parish has a beautiful little statue of the Blessed Mother of Fatima available. Simply make a request, and the pilgrim statue will be brought to your home for a week or two. Families are encouraged to display the statue prominently and to say the Rosary together.

Contact Bernadette Repisky at 267 261 4612, repisky@aol.com.

Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program – Convert Your Business Tax Dollars into Educational Dollars for SJR Qualified Students
A REWARDING OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE A TUITION GIFT TO OUR SCHOOL FAMILIES THAT MEET INCOME GUIDELINES

The EITC Program allows businesses in Pennsylvania to receive a 75-90% tax credit by directing their state tax dollars to Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS). **Businesses, that re-direct and designate their tax dollar contribution to BLOCS and specify St. Joseph/St. Robert School as the recipient can provide valuable tuition assistance to our qualified students.**

A business that is subject to one of the following taxes can participate in EITC:

- * Corporate Net Income
- * Capital Stock
- * Personal Income Tax of S Corporation Shareholders
- * Bank & Trust Company Shares
- * Insurance Premiums
- * Mutual Thrift Institutions
- * Title Insurance Companies Shares
- * Insurance Company Law of 1921

If you own a business and pay one of the above taxes, please contact me at 215.343.5100 or kwillaimson@stjstr.org to discuss the incredible tax advantages, benefits, and the simple application process involved to direct tax dollars to the EITC Program to assist with student tuition. Please also visit www.newpa.com and www.blocs.org to learn more about the business guidelines and application process.

This is a great time to consider this tax credit as you are filing your taxes. The easy one page EITC application must be submitted electronically on July 1, 2016. If you meet the business guidelines and are interested in participation, I will guide you through the simple process.

The businesses tax dollar contribution will be applied to qualified students' tuitions for the 2017 – 2018 academic year. **I would also encourage individuals who work for a business to share this information with their business owner or administration. Thank you again for all you do to support our students.**

ELECTRONIC FUNDS GIVING CONTRIBUTIONS

Simplify your life, and support our parish! St. Roberts will accept your bank's online bill payment to support our parish. This will allow you to make contributions without having to lift a pen to write a check or reach into your wallet for cash!



2016 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL
"A NEW VISION" Continuing in the SOCIAL SERVICES sector Catholic Charities supports Nutritional Development Services.



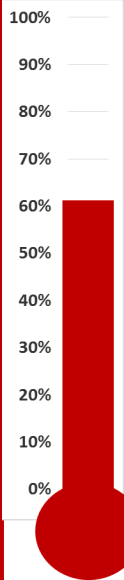
Child Nutrition Programs:

- School Meals – Breakfast available at 55 schools, lunch at 101 schools
- Summer Meals – partners with 450-500 sites
- Child Care Meals – partners with 65 child care centers

- After School Meals
- Homeless Children's Nutrition Program – assists five shelters
- Residential Child Care Programs
- Community Food Program - over 50 sites

We are currently at 61% of our \$65,364 goal with a total of \$39,812 from 241 donors. Compared to last year's appeal, we are ahead of our contributions with fewer donors. Just think of where or parish total could be if more of us contribute to this very worthy cause. Your sacrifice is the measure of your love of God. A single drop causes many ripples that touch many lives.

Should you have any questions please contact the Appeal office at 215.587.3650 or visit www.CatholicCharitiesAppeal.org



IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: Vigil 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 7:00 am
 9:00 am
 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 & 9:00 am - Monday/Friday
 9:00 am - Saturday
 Summer:
 Weekday - 8:00 am
 Saturday - 9:00 am

HOLY DAYS

(Except Christmas & New Years)
 7:00 am & 9:00 am
 12:00 noon
 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm
 Closed on Holy Days

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

First & third Sundays of the month at 12:15 pm. Baptism Classes for parents and godparents are held on an announced day in January, March, May, July, September and November at 7 pm in the Church. Call the Parish Office to pre-register.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

You must be a registered member of the Parish and must notify the priest **at least six months** prior to your marriage date. Visit the parish website for detailed information

Pre-Cana classes (2nd Sat. in March. & 2nd Sat. in November) are required. Contact Parish Office or visit the parish website for registration forms. Forms are due 2 weeks prior to the Pre-Cana Class.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Available to those who are preparing for surgery, sick, elderly or dying. Please contact the parish office to receive this sacrament.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration - **Each Monday (except Summer & National Holidays)** after the 9 am Mass, with simple Reposition (No Benediction) at 4 pm. **At 3 pm the Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited.**

COMMUNION CALLS

Monthly to homebound by the priests. Weekly - Extraordinary Ministers if requested. In an Emergency a Priest Should Be Called Immediately call parish office and dial 400.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Welcome new parishioners! Please ask one of the priests after a weekend Mass to register your family. Please notify the parish office if you are moving from the parish or if you have changed your address. Also, Children who turn 26 years of age, or have completed higher education and continue to reside with in our area, should become individually registered parishioners.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

All parish staff and volunteers who have **regular contact with young people** must have their background checks and training to volunteer with our youth. **For more details look in the bulletin or visit our website, click on Community, then Safe environment. It will direct you to the Child and Youth Protection Site.**

BULLETIN DEADLINE - Monday 11am - Turn in material typed, with your name & phone number at the parish office or

PARISH RESOURCES

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| Adult Faith Formation | Joan Fitzpatrick | 215-343-0315 |
| Afghan Guild | Claire Coleman | 215-343-2299 |
| Al-Anon Contact | | 215-222-5244 |
| Altar Servers | Deacon George Morris | 215-343-0315 |
| Bereavement Committee | Joan Fitzpatrick | 215-343-0315 |
| Bloodmobile | Mary Marquis | 215-343-8635 |
| Catholic Charities | Bill Fehrman | 215-343-1752 |
| Charismatic Prayer Group | Dolores Seif | 215-343/8775 |
| Christ's Housekeepers | Patricia Neely | 215-343-2873 |
| Crisis Pregnancy | 24 Hour Hotline | 610-626-4006 |
| E.P.'s (Seniors) | Jack Forbes | 215-343-1625 |
| Extraordinary Ministers | Deacon George Morris | 215-343-0315 |
| Family Fellowship | Bob Abecasis | 215-343-8113 |
| Knights of Columbus | Rob Hessler | 215-491-0648 |
| Liturgical Environment | Joan Fitzpatrick | 215-343-0315 |
| Men's Prayer Group | Norman Racine | 267-968-5905 |
| Minister of Hospitality | Peter Vreeland | 215-343-2091 |
| Ministers of the Word | Deacon George Morris | 215-343-0315 |
| Mother's Prayer Group | Chris Trodden | 215-491-2542 |
| Msgr. Marley Hall | Jonathan DeMent | 215-421-4407 |
| Music Ministry | Kevin Lutz Kevinlutz920@yahoo.com | |
| Parish Youth Ministry | Barb Palo | 215-343-2083 |
| Pastoral Council | Tom Utermark | 215-343-9528 |
| Pre-Cana | Brian/Colleen Zook | 267-483-8409 |
| Pre-Jordan/RCIA | Joan Fitzpatrick | 215-343-0315 |
| Prison Ministry | Ray Rugarber | 215-672-7678 |
| Respect Life | Len Cline | 215-343-4572 |
| St. Cyprian | Patti Hessler (cell) | 267-250-5721 |
| St. John's Hospice | Msgr. James Beisel | 215-343-0315 |
| St. Francis Inn | Candy Bakasy | 215-343-1002 |
| St. Vincent De Paul Society (Answering machine) | | 267-644-8189 |
| Vocation Office - Priesthood | Fr. De Lacy | 610-667-5778 |
| Visiting Mary Statue | Bernadette Repisky | 267-261-4612 |

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

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|---|-----------------|---------------|
| (Elected Position) | Bob Abecasis | 215/343-8113 |
| | Joann Crescenzo | 215/491-4288 |
| <i>Pastoral issues to be discussed?</i> | Sheila Fehrman | 215/343-1752 |
| | Bill Gibbons | 215/343-4066 |
| | Amy Moffett | 215/343-5436 |
| Contact one of the members. | Dottie Prior | 215/328-9406 |
| | Betty Santoro | 215/ 343-6747 |
| | Mike Speranza | 215/956-9769 |
| | Tom Utermark | 215/343-9528 |
| | Brian Zook | 267/483-8409 |

FINANCE COUNCIL:

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| (Appointed Position) | Carol Bauman |
| | Ed Clark |
| | Thomas Castaldi |
| | Kirk Claus |
| | John Del Vecchio |
| | Terry Funk |
| | Robin Killion |
| | Susan Westermann |
| | Elmer O'Brien |
| | Frederick Reed |

