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Saint Robert Bellarmine Church

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2009





MONDAY, September 21, St. Matthew

8:30am Donald Kilton

TUESDAY, September 22, Weekday

8:30am The Homebound & Hospitalized

WEDNESDAY, September 23, St. Pio of Pietrelcina

8:30am Dennis Mathews

THURSDAY, September 24, Weekday

8:30am Joseph Koziarz

FRIDAY, September 25, Weekday

8:30am Helen Trush

SATURDAY, September 26, St. Cosmas & St. Damian

8:30am The Unborn

5:00pm John White (40th Anniversary)

Richard Pociask, Maryann Knight

Maria Schweitzer

SUNDAY, September 27, Twenty-Sixth Sunday

In Ordinary Time

7:30am Bud Guzzo, Marlene Valent

Catherine & Fred Rzeszutko

Deceased Members of Paul Szymanowski Family

9:00am The People of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish 10:30am Margaret Grabowski, Dean Grabowski (son)

Rosario Libao

12:00pm Mark Holt, Ricardo Amoloria

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP September 12/13

Offertory \$7,492.50 Sharing Ascension/St. Susanna \$ 224.78

Thank you for your generosity!

Catechetical Sunday & Hospitality

This Sunday at the 10:30am Family Mass there will be a special blessing of the catechists and aides in the Saturday Religious Education Program. This is an excellent opportunity to see the dedicated people who are sharing faith with young people in our parish community. There are more catechists on the Middle School level this year because we are utilizing a mini-course format which involves more volunteers.

A "Coffee and" is being offered this Sunday after all masses in church vestibule. This is not only for your enjoyment, but also is a way for the Religious Education families to thank parishioners for their support throughout the year. Approximately 150 children and youth began their Religious Education classes on Saturday, September 12. We ask for your prayer for all these young people and their families.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the reading from the Book of Wisdom we hear that evil doers are plotting against the 'just one' of God, the prophet who calls the people back to the Covenant and repentance for their sins. The wicked plot to revile him, torture him and condemn him to a shameful death. St. James reminds his listeners that the passions of jealousy, envy and selfishness lead to evil and violence. He exhorts the people to peace, mercy and righteousness. In the gospel Jesus tells his disciples that he will be handed over to those who will kill him; and that after three days he will rise from the dead. He then takes a child in his arms and tells the disciples that whoever receives a child in his name receives Jesus himself *and* the father who sent him.

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 James 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Interested in Becoming Catholic? Have questions about the catholic faith but aren't sure who to ask? **The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** is a spiritual and educational journey that allows Christians and people of other faith backgrounds (or no faith background) to explore Catholicism and discern if they feel called to become Catholic. St. Robert Bellarmine will be holding an information session on Thursday, October 1st at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory. This one hour gathering will explain the process and commitment of RCIA and give you a chance to reflect on your own faith journey. For further information contact Fr. Neil at the rectory. Please join us.

Scriptures for the Week

 Monday:
 Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matt 9:9-13
 Friday:
 Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22

 Tuesday:
 Ezra 6:7-8, 12b; Luke 8:19-21
 Saturday:
 Zechariah 2:5-9; Luke 9:43b-45

 Wednesday:
 Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6
 Sunday:
 Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6

Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In today's scriptures we hear how sin distorts our lives and our world. We also hear of God's plan for redemption and our opportunity to participate in that redemption through personal conversion. God calls us back to his covenant through trust in his love for us that gives us the courage to transform our lives. Due to original sin, we often allow our passions to control our lives. Jesus invites us to come to him like little children, confident in his love. In doing so our distorted emotions will be calmed and transformed into that peace which Christ alone can give.

In the Book of Wisdom the prophet calls the people to turn away from sin and to turn back to the Covenant. But the wicked do not want to hear the truth so they contrive to have him condemned to a shameful death. In the gospel, Jesus foretells that he will be handed over to evil men who will kill him. We see in Christ the fulfillment of the Old Testament, that Jesus is the "just one of God' and that he will be put to death because he calls the people back to the Covenant. Our pride often prevents us from seeing or acting on God's Word. In the gospel Jesus also tells his disciples that after three days he will rise from the dead. The resurrection of Christ promises that evil *can* be overcome. The call to conversion is the call to overcome the evil in our own hearts.

St. James tells us that these passions that come from within lead to disorder and *every* foul practice. Jealousy, envy, covetousness, infidelity, insincerity, and selfish ambition lead us into evil. The scriptures call us to return to the Covenant. We do this by first seeking the Wisdom of God and then acting on that Word. We are called to righteousness, purity and peacefulness.

In the second half of the gospel reading Jesus teaches us the path to humility. He tells us that those who wish to be first will be last. If we want to receive the grace of God we must come to him as the children do, by living in simple faith and trust, rather than by the sophisticated cunning of worldly wisdom.

Today is Catechetical Sunday, the day we honor all those who teach and volunteer in our Religious Education program. They are a great blessing to our parish and I am very grateful for their gifts of time and talent in sharing our faith with the children. The religious education families are hosting our monthly "coffee and ..." after all the masses today. Please stop by for a cup of coffee and a donut and to share some fellowship.

Our SPRED group begins this Wednesday evening. We are still looking for additional volunteers. Please see the article on page four for information and consider lending a hand with this wonderful ministry to young people with developmental disabilities.

The Bible Timeline series begins this Tuesday night at 7:30. This series of videos, giving an overview of salvation history, will be offered on Tuesdays throughout the year. See page four for details.

Phase I of our capital construction plan was completed this week, including major masonry and tuck pointing on the school buildings, repaving the back parking lot and some brickwork replacement on the church chimney. The Finance Committee will meet tomorrow night to review costs and to plan for the upcoming work still to be done. We will make an updated report in the near future.

Eucharistic Adoration will begin on **Wednesday**, **October 7th** after the 8:30 mass. Please call the rectory to sign up for a time slot (usually one hour) for adoration.

We are in the process of forming the Parish Pastoral Council. All are invited to an information session on **Saturday**, **October 10th** at **9 a.m**. or on **Thursday**, **October 16th** at **7:30 p.m**. Information can be found on page six.

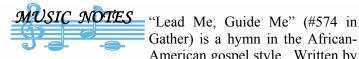
Mark your calendars for our Annual Parish Dinner Dance at the Lido Banquet Hall on **Friday, November 6th**. This is an important event in the social life of our parish as well as a major fundraiser for the church. Thanks go to Kathy Ernst and Trina Eifert for all their efforts. Please see page seven for details.

Have a great week.

Sincerely, Fr. Neil



around campus to support their school



Gather) is a hymn in the African-American gospel style. Written by

Doris Akers in 1953, this is personal testimony, and a plea for divine guidance. The text is influenced by scripture, especially Ps 5:8, Luke 1:79, and Ps 23:3.

Doris Akers has had a long career as a singer, choir director, and songwriter. She wrote her first song at age ten, and has since composed over 300 gospel songs. "Lead Me, Guide Me" has been recorded by many artists over the years, including Elvis Presley.



SPRED NEEDS YOU!

(Special Religious Education for the Developmentally Disabled)

If you are looking for spiritual enrichment while being of service to others, please consider volunteering to work with our SPRED Group (Ages 17-21) and be a part of our faith community. Call Julie Oloroso, (773) 283-4276, for more details.



Bible Study Returns The Story of Salvation

Bible Study Returns to St. Robert's this **Tuesday**, **September 22nd at 7:30 p.m.** in Kernaghan Hall. We will be using Jeff Cavin's Bible Timeline Series, a twenty-four session panorama of the history of salvation. Each session will begin with a video, followed by a period of questions and answers. One exciting feature of this course is that each individual can choose when to attend and how much to prepare before hand. One need not attend all the sessions to benefit from the program. The videos do speak for themselves, but it is helpful to read the scriptures beforehand to get an idea of what's coming up.

Divorce Recovery Program

A Divorce Recovery Program will be held at St. Paul of the Cross (320 S. Washington, Park Ridge) on Monday, September 21 thru November 23 from 7:00-8:45 p.m. Each meeting focuses on a different aspect of the divorce healing process such as grief, stress, anger, blame, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness and happiness. For more information call Kelly Heus at 847-692-6025.



All notices for the bulletin need to be in the rectory office NO LATER than 3:00 pm Friday (9 days in advance) for the following Sunday You may bring your bulletin

notices to the rectory in an envelope labeled "bulletin"; you may fax them to 773/777-2770 or you may e-mail them to: srbbulletineditor@hotmail.com. Thank you!

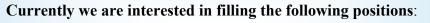


St. Robert Bellarmine Sports Association

We're moving in a new direction, and looking for people to join our team!

The Sports Board is looking for volunteers interested in joining our Sports Board.





Concession Chairperson, Uniform and Equipment Manager & Fund Raising Chairperson



Our board has new members, new ideas, and we're looking for volunteers who are interested in helping us make our Sports Program a positive learning experience for our children.



Anyone interested in joining our board, contact Randy Ernst at 773 401-5570 or via email at randy.ernst@yahoo.com.







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Dear Friends of St. Robert Bellarmine,

Our Catholic faith and values can be passed on, from generation to generation, through Catholic education. With the current state of the nation's economy, many families are experiencing uncertainty with their finances. To help our school families, we are appealing for financial assistance through the Bellarmine Grant Tuition Assistance Program.

Families throughout the world make sacrifices to send their children to a Catholic school. Their personal economic situation causes many of them to take their children out of our school, or simply not enroll them at all. We hope that the Bellarmine Grant Tuition Assistance Program will help qualifying families meet their financial obligations.

We are very proud of St. Robert Bellarmine School and appreciate the support that the entire parish has provided for more than seventy-eight years. The curriculum for Preschool through the Eighth Grade touches hearts, minds and spirit. The needs of the total child are met through spiritual, emotional, academic, physical and social support. Our school faculty and staff are committed to provide an excellent education and a values-based foundation that will remain with the students throughout their lives. Our recent all-school reunion is testimony to the affection that our alumni have for their school.

Please consider adding a tax-deductible contribution, using the blue Bellarmine Grant Tuition Assistance Program envelope that is included with your monthly envelopes. Your donation will make a difference for a child who may not be able to attend our wonderful school without your help. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

God's Blessings Always,

Carrie Mijal, Principal Fr. Neil Fackler, Pastor St. Robert Bellarmine School Board

From the Parish Pastoral Council Steering Committee:

St. Robert Bellarmine needs Christian Leadership to help make decisions about our pastoral life and growth. Please help identify persons in this faith community who could enable us to develop our sense of Liturgy, Education, Service and Community Life through work on the Parish Pastoral Council.

Leaders should have the following characteristics:

- A desire for spiritual growth in themselves and in the parish
- Enthusiasm about the future directions of our parish
- Willingness to listen, to speak honestly, and to work toward consensus
- The ability to inspire and empower others and to delegate
- Flexibility and openness with people and ideas

In order to be considered for the ministry of parish leadership a parishioner must:

- Be a baptized and confirmed Catholic.
- Have been a registered member of our parish for at least one year.
- Be a participant in the ongoing worship life of our parish, especially Sunday Eucharist.
- Be at least 16 years old; mature, confident and comfortable dealing with conflict and consensus.

Please list the names of parishioners whom you identify as having the gifts for pastoral council leadership. These people will receive a call to inform them that they have been named and to ask them to participate in an information session. They will have the option to remain in the selection process or not.

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I suggest the following individuals be invited to consider leadership ministry through service on the St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Pastoral Council. I will continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit during the selection process.					
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Please return this form in the collection basket at mass, to the rectory or e-mail srbbulletineditor@hotmail.com

Thank you for your suggestions.

Please pray for the selection process of the Parish Pastoral Council leadership.

Save the Date for the Autumn Gala Dinner Dance Auction

Friday, November 6, 2009

6:00 p.m.—Midnight at Lido Banquets, 5504 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago

\$45.00 per person includes; Welcome Glass of Champaign Open Bar, Hors d'oeurves, Dinner and Dancing

Same low price as last year!

Tickets will start selling in the back of church after masses the month of October.



If you would like to donate to the Autumn Gala Raffle, items such as; Bears, Bulls, Cubs, Sox, Fire etc tickets, Restaurant Gift certificates or Valuable Items please contact Kathy Ernst 773/640-1488 or Trina Eifert 773/286-6240 for pick-up or more information.

ATTENTION SRB BOWLERS

I am so sorry to announce that for the first time in about 20 years, SRB will not have a "Once a Month Bowling League" for lack of participation. We have four teams at the most. We need at least eight teams to be considered a league. Those of you that want to continue bowling at Mont Clare can join the other existing leagues that played the same time we did. For more information, call Jim at Mont Clare Lanes 773/237-5500. Please inform the rest of your teammates. Thanks!

Maybe we'll see you next year????? Mary Ingargiola

Please help support our Mission!

The mission of the Global Leaders Inc. is to help expand students' horizons through visits to foreign consults, City Hall, and the state capital to see our leaders in action. Furthermore, we plan to develop service learning projects to help enhance members as future leaders. We will be at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish on Sunday, September 27 and October 4 selling Krispy Kreme Donuts in an effort to fundraise for our first international learning experience in Paris, France. The cost for a box of a dozen donuts is \$6.00. When help is given to this organization, we always give back. 10% of the profits will be given back to St. Robert Bellarmine Parish to help with the remodeling of the church and school.

Have you ever thought of being a priest? Mundelein Seminary as Cardinal George so proudly proclaims is one of the finest major.

Mundelein Seminary, as Cardinal George so proudly proclaims, is one of the finest major seminaries in the world. This year 79 men are preparing to be priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Your support enable us to provide these young men with the educational and spiritual formation necessary to face the challenges of priesthood. Because of you, the healing touch of Jesus will live through the work of these future priest for you, your children and your grandchildren, well into this century. Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Seminary System for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Robert Bellarmine at Knights of Columbus Art & Craft Fair—September 19 & 20

St. Robert Bellarmine School will have a booth at the Knights of Columbus Art & Craft Fair in Portage Park (4100 N. Long), which takes place on September 19 & 20 this year. School representatives will be available to talk with prospective families about the school and Parish. The fair runs from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tiny Tots Fall Session will begin on October 1

Tiny Tots, the program for two-year-olds and their parent/caregiver, begins on October 1, from 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m., for an eight week session. The fee for the 8 –week session is \$40. Find more information online at srb-chicago.org or call the office at 773-725-5133 for registration information.

Remember to Pray... for the protection & safety of all our family and friends serving in the Armed Forces.



Edward Bell (Army)
Raymond Weernink (Navy)
Captain Dan Allen (Army)
Mike Janson (Navy)
Bernard Brennan, (Marines)
Private James A. Gaudio (Army)
Sergeant Scott Pekar (Marines)
Micha Barcus (Coastguard)
EM3 Abraham Inoa (Navy)
Matthew Bourbon (Army)

Staff Sergeant Timothy R. Hogan (Marines)
2nd Lieutenant Christopher Engelhardt (Air Force)
Brigadier General Tau'aika 'Uta 'atu (Tongan Defense)
Lance Corporal Kurt Williams (Marines)
Lance Corporal Michael Zuba (Marines)
CM Sergeant Bruce Heinzen (Air Force)
CM Sergeant Diane Foote (Air Force)
1st Lieutenant Albert Eiffes (Air Force)
Ist Lieutenant Lauren Eiffes (Air Force)
First Lieutenant Brian G. Lutz (Army)

Captain Patrick J. Collins (Army)
Captain Kevin P. O'Grady (Air Force)
Sergeant Joseph Konieczny (Army)
Specialist Sean Cheker (Army)
SPC Michael Amenitsch (Army)
CPL Jason R. Reyna (Marines)
Private Colleen McDonald (Army)
Private 2 Michael Rosenthal (Army)
Ewa Dabrowski (Navy)

Weekly Schedule

Monday, September 21

Children's Choir, 3-4pm (C) Sport's Bd. Mtg., 7pm (MR) PA Closed Mtg., 7pm (SMR)

Tuesday, September 22

Novena, 7pm (C)

Wednesday, September 23

8th Grade Recruiting Day, 8-10:45 SPRED, 6-10pm (KH)

Thursday, September 24

Run-a-thon, (KH, S, PL) Choir, 7-9pm (C)

Friday, September 25

No School

Saturday, September 26

Religious Education Classes, 9:30am-12 Noon (S)
Sunday, September 27

2nd Collection-Seminaries (C)

1st Annual Smyser PTO Family Rummage Sale Saturday, September 26th — 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. 4310 N. Melvina Ave., Chicago, IL

We are seeking vendors to sell homemade crafts and used items. The fee is \$20 per 10 x 10 space. You will need to bring your own table and chair. Reservations with payment need to be submitted to the Smyser School Office no later then Mon-

day, September 21. Questions call 534-3780.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD...

- ...is a weekend retreat program that offers healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion.
- ...provides an opportunity to release repressed feeling in a non-judgmental atmosphere.
- ...can help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into love and hope.

RETREAT: October 2—4

The Fullerton Cenacle Retreat Center 513 W. Fullerton, Chicago

The cost for the entire weekend is \$150.00. A non-refundable deposit of \$35.00 is requested.

To register contact:

Catherine Rennert
Cathy.rennert@gmail.com
815-968-1157

Rev. William Lego, OSA <u>Welosa@ameritech.net</u> 773-919-7482

Retreats are held throughout the year in many states. The retreat and registration are strictly private. All inquires will be answered confidentially. For more information visit our website: www.rachelsvineyard.org. If you or friends are hurting from an abortion, please call our toll-free national hotline today: 877-HOPE-4-ME.

MASS SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 26/27				
MASS	PRESIDER	SERVERS	LECTORS	AUXILIARY MINISTERS
5:00pm	Fr. Scott Donahue	Micah Zaker, Evelyn Zaker Lucas Kaiser	Michael Brennan	Jim Kuczma Ed Stecker, Lorraine Samansky
7:30am	Fr. Neil Fackler	Kelly Calcagno, William Calcagno Jenna Carlson	Jaclyn Wente	Patricia Harrison, Bill Frere, Mitchelle Kmiec
9:00am	Fr. Frank Burek	Eric Wilson, Nathan Wilson Tyler Converso	Lee Puttrich	Joanna Markfull, Bill Hennessy, Walter Monco
10:30am	Fr. Frank Burek	Olivia Nugent, Kevin Nugent Becky Borghi	Yolanda Simonsis	Frank Olah, Linda Loudon, Deacon Jim, Mary Anne Glowacz Karen Nelson, Rose Ann Loch, George Ignarski
12:00pm	Fr. Neil Fackler	Mike Shaver, Steven Shaver Freddie Fitte	Marilyn Skowron	Eileen Mullane, Maureen Blake, Sophia Kim

Saint Robert Bellarmine Church



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Rev. Frank Burek, Associate Pastor
Rev. Scott Donahue, Resident
Rev. Michael A. Goergen, Pastor Emeritus
James Schiltz, Deacon
Mrs. Carrie Mijal, School Principal
Alan Schmitt, Coordinator of
Religious Education
Jean Tuohy, Music Director

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday, 3 p.m. in the rectory for the following Sunday (9 days in advance).

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

Friday by 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays - Monday through Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
Weekends - Saturday Evening at 5:00 p.m.
Sundays at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
10:30 a.m. and 12:00 noon

Holy Days - 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

WEDDINGS

Arrangements should be made with a priest or deacon at least six months in advance. Please contact the rectory for date and time availability before making other arrangements.

BAPTISMS

Celebrated the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 1:15 p.m. Parents need to contact the rectory to register for a baptism. Please note: there are no baptisms scheduled during the season of Lent.

Preparation Class is on the last Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

CONFESSIONS/RECONCILIATION

Saturday afternoons from 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Saturday of the month after the 8:30 a.m. mass.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to Saint Robert's! Please register at the parish rectory office.

NOVENA

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena is offered on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Monday through Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

