



CO - CATHEDRAL OF ST. ROBERT BELLARMINO

Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton

61 Georgia Road, Freehold, New Jersey 07728

MASS TIMES

DAILY

Monday - Friday
Chapel 7:00am &
9:00am

Saturday - Church
9:00am

WEEKEND

Saturday - Church
4:30pm

Sunday - Church
8:30am, 10:00am,
11:30am & 5:00pm

CONFESSION & RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday in the Church
after the 9:00am & 4:30pm
Masses, and by appointment.

HOLY DAYS: Call the office at 732-462-7429
and press #1 for Holy Days and special events.

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Jesus said to his disciples:

*"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,
and on earth nations will be in dismay,
perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.*

People will die of fright

*in anticipation of what is coming upon the world,
for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.*

*And then they will see the Son of Man
coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*

*But when these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand."*

Luke 21:25-28



Happy New Year! Well, liturgical new year, anyway. Our liturgical calendar has reset and we are now in Cycle C for the readings. That means we'll hear a good deal from the Gospel of Luke. Today is also the First Sunday of Advent—our time of preparation before Christmas. The readings are a strong reminder of what we celebrate in Christmas and what we should be doing to prepare our hearts and homes for this great feast. Advent isn't just a warm-up for Christmas, though—it's its own season with its own dignity and importance. We find ourselves between celebrating Jesus as the King of the Universe and Jesus the baby who will be our focus in a few weeks. What's in between? Everything. This is where our lives are—the present moment. It's so easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of Christmas prep, but Advent tells us not to get lost in it. Our Gospel warns us not to let ourselves lose focus from our mission—to make ourselves as ready as we can be for the judgment.

Our first reading promises that Jesus will bring safety, security and justice. Our second reading prays that we will grow in love for one another, and instructs us to strengthen our hearts, be blame-

less in our actions, and follow the instructions that we were given on how to live that justice that Jesus promises to complete for us. The first part of the Gospel ensures us that if we're doing those things, Jesus' coming will be good news for us—our "redemption is at hand." But, if we get caught up in the cares of the world that distract us from working for justice and increasing love for others, then we'll find God's presence scary. Advent tells us to slow down; take some time to reflect on what God is calling us to in the present moment, to prepare our hearts to really receive the gift that Jesus is to us—that life-changing gift that shapes our hearts to make us a gift to others.

What can I do this Advent to prepare my heart for Jesus? How present do I allow God to be in the present moment? How vigilant am I in letting God shape my heart for living justice? What are some practices of justice that I can bring more intentionally into my daily life this Advent season?

What are one or two things that I can do each day in Advent to make sure I'm not losing sight of the season at hand?

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 2, 2018



OFFICE HOURS

Mon: 9am-8pm
Tues - Thurs: 9am-3pm
Fri: 9am-12pm
Sat: 9:30am -12:30pm

CONTACT US

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OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold, NJ of the Diocese of Trenton, united in the faith and traditions of the Roman Catholic Church and empowered by our Baptism are called to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

We respond to this call as a people of faith, hope, and love, through the proclamation of the Gospel, celebration of the sacraments, active participation in the sacred liturgy, and sharing our time, talent and treasure to teach and serve our brothers and sisters in Christ, within and outside our parish community with hospitality, grace and charity.

It is the goal of your Pastoral Staff to support all souls in our parish in fully living the mission of our Church.

Please contact us if we can be of any assistance to you.

PASTORAL STAFF

CLERGY

Rev. Monsignor Sam A. Sirianni, Rector: ext. 119, frsam@strobert.cc

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Rev. Michele Brizio, Adjunct Clergy

Rev. William J. Bausch, Retired Priest

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YOUTH MINISTRY

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youthgroup@strobert.cc

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App: Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, Freehold NJ

Instagram & Twitter: @ccsrbfreehold

YouTube: Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine



ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: To schedule an anointing call the office. For emergencies dial extension 380

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: Following 9:00am Mass until 1:00pm

BAPTISM: We celebrate Baptism most Sundays at 1:00pm. Parents must be registered in the parish and attend a baptismal preparation session. Sponsor certificates must be presented at the time of registration for Baptism, and can be obtained by the Godparent from the parish in which they are currently registered.

MATRIMONY: Couples planning a marriage must notify the Parish Office one year in advance to reserve a date and begin preparation which includes Pre-Can. At least one party must be a registered member of the parish.

RCIA: The process by which adults become Catholic and/or receive Sacraments is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. See bulletin for meeting details.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: To arrange for pastoral visits and Sacraments for homebound or hospitalized parishioners, please call the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN: Children receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation through our Religious Education program. Children seven years old who have been Baptized or have not received their Sacraments through our program may be candidates for RCIA. Please contact the Religious Education office for more information.

REGISTER FOR THE PARISH: We are so happy to welcome new members to our Parish family! Please come and see us at the Parish Office so that we can get your information and introduce you to the many aspects of our Parish life.

OBTAIN A MASS CARD: During office hours we welcome those who would like to request that their special intentions or deceased loved ones be prayed for particularly at a weekday or weekend Mass. We ask a donation of \$10 per Mass.

OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY: Registered parishioners who have been asked to be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor, should call the Parish Office to request a certificate of eligibility. Eligible individuals (according to Cannon Law) are at least 16 years old, fully initiated, married in the Catholic Church (if married) and participating in the life of our faith regularly and are not the child's parents.

FR. BENEDICT MINISTRY: Hotline call 732-462-7429 ext 150.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 2, 2018

Dec. 1st
SAT.

4:30pm Pete Santos
John Bosco

Dec. 2nd
SUN.

8:30am Silvestro & Rose Verde
Guilio Scottio

10:00am Joseph H. McKenna
Michael Pastrana

11:30am The People of the Parish

5:00pm Petronila Rosal Cid
William Moschel

Dec. 3rd
MON.

7:00am The Memorial Mass Society
9:00am Patricia Eletto
Lynn Schilling

Dec. 4th
TUES.

7:00am Charles Nuzzolo
Marian V. Tart
9:00am Anna Dazio
Helen Evanson

Dec. 5th
WED.

7:00am Pia Puzon
(Living Intention)
Michele DiVitto
9:00am Frank Dury
Virginia Somerville

Dec. 6th
THURS.

7:00am Jack Murphy
Beverly Penchenski
9:00am Fran Louro
Marisa Mango

Dec. 7th
FRI.

7:00am Marie Palmieri
Helen Maraldo
9:00am Bob Green
Frank Davis

Dec. 8th
SAT.

9:00am Mark Chilton
Jean Carraher
12:00pm The People of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
DECEASED OF OUR PARISH.

WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE DEC. 1 – DEC. 8

The Blessed Mother Devotional Lamp
will burn in honor/ memory of:

John Pasquariello



The St. Joseph Devotional Lamp
will burn in honor/memory of:

Mary Catherine Young

PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

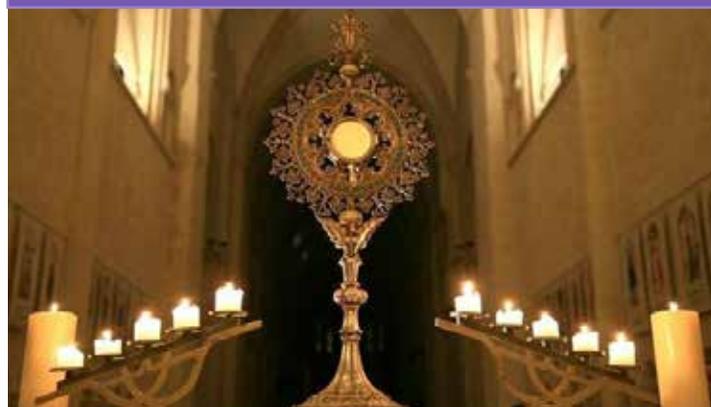
Our Prayer Intention Book is located in the gathering area of the church and is for the names of those who are in special need of prayer. We will pray for these intentions at each Mass that is offered here at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine.



LOW GLUTEN HOST The parish supplies all low gluten hosts for anyone who is in need of them at Mass. Please see the presider 10 minutes before Mass so that he can prepare a host for you. Thank you.

AID FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED We offer the use of radio aids during Mass upon request. The device is tuned to the sound system in the Church so that those who have a hearing impediment might hear more clearly. Please ask an usher or greeter for assistance.

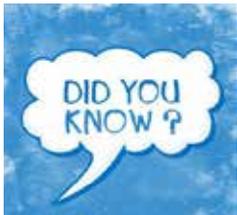
FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



December 7 First Friday Adoration will take place from 9:30 - 1:00PM in the Chapel. Contact Mimma: RosaryGuild@StRobert.cc for more info.

WORSHIP

Music Ministry, Lectors, Sacristans, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Wedding Coordinator's Ministry, Greeters, Liturgy Committee, Art and Environment, Ushers (*Each ministry requires about 1 hour per week, a couple of weeks per month.*)



Advent



Our new liturgical year begins with the First Sunday in Advent. Advent is a four Sunday period that we use to prepare our hearts for Christmas. The weeks leading up to Christmas can be hectic! For some, they are depressing. Our Church sets aside this time to really reflect on what we celebrate in Christmas. It is the coming of the Messiah—Jesus—who reconciled us to God and opened the doors of heaven for us. You will see in the readings that there is much talk of hope, healing, prophesy, what Jesus has already fulfilled, and what we are looking forward to—the Second Coming. We traditionally mark the four Sundays by lighting an Advent Wreath; both in Church and at home. The Wreath is (like any normal wreath) a circle, which symbolizes God's eternal presence, God's perfection and the fulfillment of time. We decorate the wreath with evergreen branches as a sign of God's unending love for us, our undying hope and our everlasting life in God. Three purple candles and one pink one mark the passing of the weeks as we approach Christmas. On each of the first two weeks we light a candle each, followed by the pink candle on the third week, and concluding with the final purple. Purple is a symbol of Jesus' Kingship (which we celebrate today), the darkening of the days as we come closer to the Winter Equinox. The pink candle represents joy—by the third week of Advent, we can almost taste Christmas, and so we are joyful at its approach. The final purple one brings us back to the reality of what we look forward to; the coming of our King and the light that he brought to our dark world, which is what the flame on the candles represents. There are lots of other Advent traditions that families share: the Jesse Tree, decorating the house, putting up lights, the Christmas Tree, setting up the Crèche/Nativity Scene, special foods...the list is as long as each of our families here. What special Advent traditions does your family share? What is your favorite? What meaning does it have for you?

Do you wonder about anything in the Church or in our faith? Send your questions to Jen at: jperry@strobert.cc.

Advent Wreath Blessing

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-6

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

—From *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

*Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and
snares of the Devil.*

*May God rebuke him, we humbly pray:
And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
By the power of God cast into hell
Satan and all the evil spirits who
Wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen*

Why pray this prayer: A call to all Catholics to pray for the protection of the Saints and the Strength of the Sons and Daughters of the Church to effect the change that is needed to prevent the Abuse of Children and young Adults. To sanctify those called to be our bishops and priests, and to work for the end of human trafficking and other crimes and abuse that disfigure the face of Christ.

ADMINISTRATION

Buildings and Grounds, Finance Committee. *(Each group requires a few hours per month.)*

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Dec. 2nd
SUN.

First Sunday of Advent
6:00PM Youth Group Mtg.
(Dentici Hall)

Dec. 3rd
MON.

St. Francis
6:00PM Bethany Support Group
(Room 100)

Dec. 4th
TUES.

7:00PM Healing Prayer Ministry
(Church Bridal Room)
7:00PM RCIA Inquiry (Room 100)
7:00PM – 8:00PM Confessions
(Church)

Dec. 5th
WED.

6:30PM Rainbows – Children
Support Group (Trinity Hall)
7:00PM Comunidad Hijos
de Maria Santisima (Chapel)

Dec. 6th
THURS.

6:00PM Young Adult Bible Study
(Trinity Hall)

Dec. 7th
**FIRST
FRIDAY**

St. Ambrose
***Daily Morning Masses in Church,**
followed by 9:30AM – 1:00PM
FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
(Church)
7:30PM Christmas Carol Festival
(Dentici Hall)
8:00PM Mary Queen of Peace
Healing Mass (Church)

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Dec. 8th
SAT.

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
9:00AM Immaculate Conception
Mass (Church)
12:00PM Immaculate Conception
Mass (Church)

DEC.
9TH

**NEXT WEEK'S
2ND COLLECTION:**
Support for Religious
Retirement



THANK YOU!

Your continued generosity is most appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTION 11/18:

Weekly Offerings	\$13,753.50
Human Development	\$2,926.00
Votive Candles	\$442.00
Fr. Benedict Fund	\$60.00
Building Fund	\$348.00

ONLINE GIVING WEEK ENDING 11/16:

Weekly Offering	\$2,434.00
Building Fund	\$232.00
Fr. Benedict Fund	\$17.00
Grounds & Maintenance	\$25.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$7.00

WEEKLY MASS COLLECTION 11/25:

Weekly Offerings	\$13,334.50
Votive Candles	\$511.00
Fr. Benedict Fund	\$46.00
Building Fund	\$38.00

ONLINE GIVING WEEK ENDING 11/22:

Weekly Offering	\$2,614.00
Building Fund	\$207.00
Fr. Benedict Fund	\$30.00
Grounds & Maintenance	\$25.00
Protecting God's Children	\$5.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$47.00
Human Development	\$92.00

To get started with online giving, go to www.strobert.cc and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration steps. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 732-462-7429 or Parish Giving at 866-307-7140.



Protecting God's Children - Making the Church a safe environment for all, particularly children and at-risk adults, is a major priority of the administration and staff of Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish Family. Please take a look at the posters and "Safe Environment & Standards of Conduct Policy" that are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Center. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how to make our church, homes and community safer, please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator, Lisa Clarke at 732-462-7429, ext. 122 or lclarke@strobert.com. To report the sexual abuse of minors call the diocesan hotline 1-888-296-2965 or email abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org. Please note: The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

OUTREACH

Bereavement Ministry, Fr. Benedict, Hospital Extraordinary Ministers, SRB HelpCenter, Meals Ministry, Christmas Carol Festival, Welcome Ministry, Knights of Columbus, Holiday Food and Gift Drives, Prayer Garden Committee, Respect Life, Annulment Advocacy, Winter Emergency Housing, Parish Social, Parish Picnic, Rosary Makers, Rosary Guild, Golf Outing, Small Faith Sharing Groups, Photography Ministry, Coffee And..., Catholic Conversations.
(Time requirements vary, but you can choose your commitment)



CELEBRATING ANGELS

The Christmas Holiday season is not a happy time for everyone. If you are in the midst of grief, you may feel overwhelmed not only by your loss, but also by the expectations of others. There is an inherent need to remember those you have loved in a special way and, hopefully, we can provide you with such an opportunity.

**PLEASE JOIN US ON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH,
FREEHOLD FOR
“CELEBRATING ANGELS”**



Everyone is welcomed!



SUPPORT GROUP HELP FOR GRIEVING CHILDREN

Freehold site

Rainbows is a free, national, non-profit support group for children grieving from a life altering crisis due to death, divorce, separation, illness, or other painful family transitions. Rainbows has served over 3 million children for 32 years and is for children grades K-11 ages 5-17 and is available to all families in Monmouth County regardless of school enrollment, religious affiliation or town of residence. Meetings are held at the St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Center in Freehold Township from 6:30-7:30 pm on Wednesdays throughout January and February. We are beginning our winter sessions on January 9th. Please let family, friends and colleagues know about Rainbows!

TO REGISTER OR MORE INFORMATION > Visit
www.monmouthrainbows.org or email Joanne Mercadante at: joannemerc.rainbows@gmail.com

COFFEE AND... DEC. 16th



Guess who's coming to our December Coffee And social?!
HO - HO - HO
Bring the whole family, children and grandchildren, to Dentici Hall after the 8:30, 10, and 11:30 AM Masses for some delicious treats and friendly conversation. It's a great opportunity to take pictures with our surprise guest. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE!

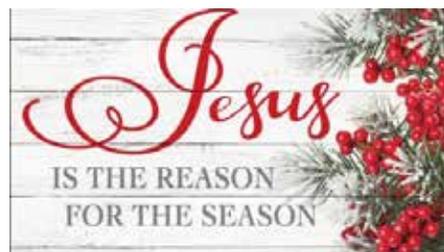


**Sunday, December 16th
FAREWELL MASS
for Deacon Frank Weber
11:30AM**

Light reception to follow in Dentici Hall.
All are welcome!

THE ROSARY GUILD

The Rosary Guild meeting and Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, December 11th at 6 P.M. at an off-site location. Please note change in venue and time, contact Mimma at RosaryGuild@StRobert.cc for more info.



REMINDER: GIFTS ARE DUE TODAY!!



YOUNG ADULTS SOCIAL

#letsgetsocial

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thurs. December 13, 2018 6PM - 8PM Trinity Hall

CHRISTMAS CAROL FESTIVAL

Pope Francis said, "God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it."

Each year one of the gifts of Christmas is the special music of the season. There's just something about a Christmas carol that awakens fond memories! Christmas is a time of memories, of coming home, of being surrounded by loved ones who share our faith.

Do you know someone who's been away from God's home? a child, parent, maybe a sister, brother, or friend? This year, welcome them back home by inviting them to our 8th Annual Christmas Carol Festival.

On Friday, December 7th from 7:30- 9:00 PM in Dentici Hall, we will be journeying to the Manger by singing beloved Christmas carols, sharing favorite Christmas memories and listening to the retelling of the birth of our savior. The evening will continue with light refreshments and fellowship.

Invitation cards will be available after all Masses today. We encourage you to take as many as you need and share them with your loved ones. Please RSVP by emailing us at comehome@strobert.com.

While we are focusing on outreach, this festival is truly for all of us- an opportunity to pause during the hustle and bustle of the season and once again come home to our faith at Christmas. Those of you who have been with us the last seven years know what a very special evening we shared. We would love to have you and your families join us on December 7th.

FAITH FORMATION

Baptismal Prep, Pre-Cana, Adult Faith Formation, RCIA, Religious Education, Being Catholic, Youth Ministry, Bible Study, Formed.



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual direction is a relationship in which a director assists a directee in their spiritual journey by accompanying them under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The director helps the directee to see where God is present and working in their lives, and how to fine-tune their prayer life. We have three certified Spiritual Directors, including Deacon Henry, in the parish who are currently taking on new directees. Please contact Jen at ext. 141, or jperry@strobert.cc if you would like more information.

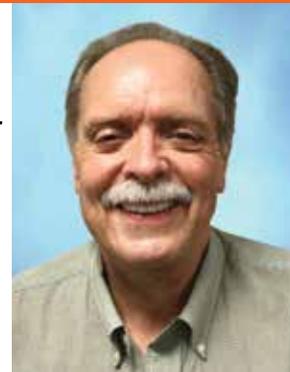
ADULT RCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Or, are you a Catholic who hasn't received all of the Sacraments? Come and See what Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is all about! We offer informal Inquiry Sessions on most Tuesday nights from 7-8 pm in the parish center in Room 100. For more info, contact Jen at the parish office ext. 141 or jperry@strobert.cc

DEACON'S CORNER

"Let the peace of Christ, rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called into one body. And be thankful. And whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father for him."

(Colossians 3: 15 & 17)



Ten days ago, we celebrated Thanksgiving, a time to give thanks to Our Lord for the many blessings in our life: Faith, Family, Friends and course our bounty. Today, on this First Sunday of Advent, we begin our annual four-week journey leading to the celebration of Christ's birth, doing so with "watchful waiting and eager anticipation & hope!"

With these meaningful celebrations in mind, this week's Deacon's Corner serves as an official announcement that my wife Debbie and I will be leaving the Freehold area and our **SRB family** to retire to Delaware. The last day in our Freehold home of almost 28 years, will be Tuesday, December 18.

We do so with "very, very heavy hearts, because we will be leaving many friends and a parish, in the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, that has been a "second home" to us throughout these years. At the same time Debbie & I look forward with excitement and anticipation to beginning this "new chapter" in our life, **retirement!**

I firmly believe God has a plan for your life and places you where he needs you to be.

It's a wonderful blessing too that we will be closer to family, including our son, Michael. Our one regret is that our daughter Renee will be further away, but her work and her ministry at St. Robert's will keep her here. This too I believe is God's plan at work.

So, let me say, **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU**, for allowing me to be a part of your lives. Thank you for allowing me to share in your joys, successes and your sorrows. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, friendship and most of all your love.

Thank you, thank you for the privilege of serving you as a Deacon at SRB for almost 13 years. Words are not enough to express how I feel about **my SRB family**. Know this, you've certainly given me more than I have hoped to have given you. For this I will ever be grateful and SRB will always hold a "special place," in me and my family's hearts.

Debbie and I will be around for a two more weeks and Msgr. informed me that our official farewell will take place on December 16. Look for bulletin and pulpit announcements for details.

In closing, I leave you with this blessing, **"The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"**

**With Christ's peace & much gratefulness,
Deacon Frank**



*For unto us
a child is born*

...AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED

Wonderful, Counsellor,
The Mighty God,
*The Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.*

Christmas Carol Festival • The Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine • December 7, 2018

2018 ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

ADVENT

Sacrament of Penance

Tuesdays of Advent, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays, after 9:00 a.m. Mass & 4:30 p.m. Mass

Christmas Carol Festival

7:30 p.m., Friday, December 7th, Dentici Hall

Christmas Market

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Sunday, December 9th
In Dentici Hall, all proceeds support Parish
Youth Ministries

Oplatki Christmas Wafers

Distribution at all Masses December 15 – 16

Blessing of the Bambino

At all weekend Masses 3rd Sunday of Advent
December 15 – 16

Christmas Novena

December 17th to 24th
Novena prayers available in Church, Co-Cathedral of St.
Robert Bellarmine Facebook and our website www.strobert.cc
on the 3rd Sunday of Advent,
December 15 – 16

4th Sunday of Advent Masses:

Saturday, Dec 22nd 4:30 p.m.
Sunday Dec 23rd 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,
5:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Christmas Eve

No morning Masses
3:45 p.m. Pre-Mass Concert, 4:00 p.m. Mass, Church
4:15 p.m. Mass, Dentici Hall
6:00 p.m. Pre-Mass Concert, 6:30 p.m. Mass, Church
11:30 p.m. Pre-Mass Concert, Midnight Mass @
12:00 a.m., Church

Tuesday, Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Mass, 11:30 a.m. Mass (only)

Masses for New Year's Day

Monday, December 31st, 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 1st, 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. (only)

Baci il Bambino

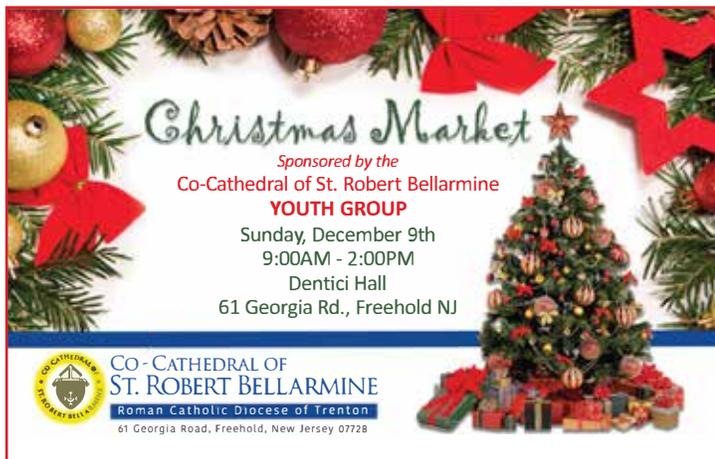
January 6th, 11:30 a.m. Mass
Procession of the Infant with veneration of the Child
Jesus

Parish Open House

Sunday, January 6th, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Clergy Residence

COMMUNITY CORNER

See what's happening in our Community.



Christmas Market
Sponsored by the
Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine
YOUTH GROUP
Sunday, December 9th
9:00AM - 2:00PM
Dentici Hall
61 Georgia Rd., Freehold NJ

CO-CATHEDRAL OF
ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI
Roman Catholic Diocese of Trenton
61 Georgia Road, Freehold, New Jersey 07728



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #1672**

**ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER**

Christmas Trees, Wreaths & Grave Blankets
In The Front of the Council Hall
70 East Main Street, Freehold New Jersey

**Saturday & Sunday, December 8th & 9th
8AM to 4PM** (or while supplies last)

All proceeds go to the various charities supported by the
Knights of Columbus. *PLEASE SUPPORT US!*

PRICES

All Wreaths \$25.00
Grave Blankets \$25, \$35
All Natural Grave Blankets \$55 & \$95
Christmas Trees (Balsam)
5 to 6 feet \$35
6 to 7 feet \$55
7 to 8 feet \$65
Christmas Trees (Frasier)
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6 to 7 feet \$65
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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS magnets will be sold too!

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CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Catholic Daughters Court St. Rose of Lima #737 will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 8, at 7 PM. Our meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 70 East Main Street, Freehold. PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE DATE CHANGE.

As you celebrate the glory of this miraculous season of the birth of the Christ Child, we wish you and your family hearts filled with love, peace, and joy on Christmas and throughout the New Year. Have a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Catholic women who are 18 years or older are eligible to be members. For more information, please contact Joann at (732) 431-0913.

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*Send a
Hero Home*
FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Five years ago the Knights of Columbus Councils in the Trenton Diocese under the direction of State Treasurer Jim Stoever, started a program to enable those in the military stationed within the diocese who do not have the funds necessary to go home for Christmas to do so. The applicants cannot hold rank higher than E3, junior enlisted personnel. The Knights are providing round trip air/bus/train fare with donations received. Anyone knowing someone meeting the criteria who would like to be considered should please contact Tom Ponting of the Knights of Columbus at the number below.

Anyone that would like to make a donation should send it made payable to the Knights of Columbus Trenton Federation with "Send a Hero Home" in the memo field to: William Horton, P.O. Box 175, Keyport, NJ 07735

To learn more about the program contact Tom Ponting at: atponting@gmail.com or call 609-695-5081.