Alleluia!

Happy Easter!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 21, 2019
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.

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Anointing of the Sick: To schedule an anointing call the office. For emergencies dial extension 380.

Weekday Masses: Mon. - Fri. 7:00am & 9:00am Sat. 9:00am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:30pm Church
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am, and 5:00pm Church

Holy Days: To Be Announced. Call 732-462-7429 and press #1 for Holy Days and special events.

First Friday Adoration: Following 9:00am Mass until 1:00pm

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

Matrimony: Couples planning a marriage must notify the Parish Office one year in advance to reserve a date and begin preparation which includes Pre-Cana. 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 Canon 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
On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

John 20:1-9

We are an Easter People, and our readings today express that offering implications for how we should live in response to the Resurrection. Our first reading is from Acts of the Apostles—a book sometimes referred to as the Gospel of the Holy Spirit, written by Luke (the same one who wrote the Gospel of Luke)—which chronicles the early Church after the Ascension of Jesus. Paul talks about “bearing witness” to the Resurrection. The Apostles were commissioned by Christ to tell people what they had seen and experienced for themselves—that is what an authentic witness does—shares what they know to be true because of the evidence they have experienced. There are options for the second reading, but regardless of which one you heard, they remind us that if we were raised with Christ in our baptism (and we were), then we have to live differently than those who have not been given the hope of the Resurrection. Harkening back to Peter’s speech, we begin to live differently when we have experienced this hope personally. It’s not enough to rely on other people’s faith—if it’s not our own, if it hasn’t taken root in us personally, it will not change us.

The Gospel is an interesting commentary on this theme as well. Mary and Peter were in Jesus’ inner circle; they had followed, learned from, witnessed his healings, and grew very close with Jesus. When they saw the empty tomb, you would think they would have known what had happened—Jesus certainly gave them enough hints before he died. But, it was only the beloved disciple, John, who immediately knows that Jesus is risen. It’s the same with us—we have been given plenty of information about our faith over the years, but as Mary and Peter “did not as yet understand the Scripture”, we may not have received the understanding necessary for conversion.

Is my relationship with Jesus a personal relationship? If not, how can I develop my relationship with Jesus to make it a personal one? Who has been the most authentic witness of faith in my life? What did they have that made their witness believable? If I truly believe in the Resurrection, how can the way I live reflect that belief to the world?
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**Saturday, April 20th** (No 9AM & 4:30PM Masses)
- 9:00 to 10:00AM Confessions
- 12:00PM Blessing of Easter Food - Church
- 8:00pm Easter Vigil

**Sunday, April 21st**
- 8:30am The People of the Parish
- 10:00am The People of the Parish
- 11:30am The People of the Parish
- 1:00pm The People of the Parish
- 5:00pm NO MASS

**Monday, April 22nd**  
**OFFICE CLOSED**
- 7:00am NO MASS
- 9:00am Patrick Pearse  
  James Connolly

**Tuesday, April 23rd**
- 7:00am NO MASS
- 9:00am Margaret Cosgrove  
  Joseph Spuler

**Wednesday, April 24th**
- 7:00am NO MASS
- 9:00am Dec'd Manetto Family Mem.  
  Howard & Florence Kutchenrider

**Thursday, April 25th**
- 7:00am NO MASS
- 9:00am Jeffrey Hilser  
  Mark Hendricks

**Friday, April 26th**
- 7:00am NO MASS
- 9:00am Joseph R. Dowalo  
  Joseph Telle

**Saturday, April 27th**
- 9:00am The People of the Parish

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**Easter Flower envelopes** will be accepted through Sunday, May 4 & 5th. A booklet listing the names of those being honored/memorialized will be available in the gathering space on Sunday, May 19th.

The are no 7AM Masses Easter week. **Daily Masses will be celebrated in the church at 9 AM.**

**LOW GLUTEN HOST**
The parish is now supplying 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.

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**Weekly Mass Intentions**

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**From Msgr. Sam, Fr. Arian, the Deacons, and Staff**

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**Weekly Remembrance April 21 – April 27**

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**The St. Joseph Devotional Lamp will burn for:**

- The victims for sexual abuse

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Want to be more up on what’s going on in the parish?
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We are so happy that you’ve chosen to belong to the parish family of the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine! Belonging is a wonderful thing; it means that you can rely on us to help fulfill your needs, and that others can rely on you to help fulfill theirs. There’s a specialness in being part of something bigger than yourself—it brings purpose, satisfaction, comfort and strength. It brings the opportunity to express your gratitude to God for the many gifts you have been given, by sharing them with people who need them. And this community needs what you, in your uniqueness, have to offer.

There are many opportunities to serve and be served, to nurture and be nurtured in our parish. We offer many prayer, education, family, outreach and social events and ministries where anyone of any age or circumstance can be involved.

Our parish takes our ministry beyond our geographical boundaries by partnering with organizations throughout the community; particularly through our four-parish Cohort, and the Freehold Clergy Association. We are in a collaborative relationship with the parishes of St. Rose in Freehold, St. Thomas More in Manalapan and St. Joseph’s in Millstone to strengthen and enliven our parishes by sharing efforts, programs and resources. The Freehold Clergy Association (the interfaith community) sponsors Open Door, a food pantry, as well as the Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program (EHAP) for homeless men throughout the winter months, and multiple prayer and educational programs throughout the year.

Please take a look at the Ministry Directory to see where you might find your niche. Spend a little time in prayer asking God to help you discern where God wants you. If there’s something you’d like more information on, please contact the parish office at 732.462.7429 so we can get you connected.

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**Ministry Directory**

### Worship

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

**Music Ministry**
We have ministries of choir, contemporary group, praise group, youth choir, folk group—diverse groups looking for voices and instruments! Each of the groups is open to new members any time. Some require an audition.

**Adult Choir**
Our adult choir and our folk group practice weekly and sings throughout the school year months at the 10:00 am Mass. The choir sings traditional hymns from the Breaking Bread selection.

**Folk Group**
Our folk group includes drum, piano and guitar instrumentation and plays traditional folk hymns at the 4:30 Saturday Mass.

**Praise Group**
Our praise group sings at the 11:30 am Mass and, accompanied by piano and guitar, sings hymns from the Breaking Bread selections.

**Contemporary Group**
Our contemporary group encourages fully, conscious, active participation during the Mass. To help connect parishioners, inactive Catholics and seekers with Christ and the life of the Church through modern worship music. The group plays at the 5:00 pm, uses a variety of instruments and selects contemporary songs that you would find on Christian radio.

**Youth Choir ★**
Our children's choir sings for regularly scheduled Masses and special events.

**Altar Servers ★**
All children 3rd grade and up who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to serve the altar. It's a wonderful way to serve God and your community. Training is provided.

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**Bereavement Ministry**
Our ministry assist our parishioners with planning of funeral liturgies for their deceased family member. We attend the wake, funeral and follow up with a call or note a month later. We assist the priest as lector, sacristan, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion if needed.

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**
The Source and Summit of all that we do, service to the community as an EM brings the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful. Training is provided.

**Greeters ★**
Anyone who can be friendly and say “Hello” can be a Greeter! We invite individuals and families with children of all ages to participate in this ministry.

**Lectors**
Proclaim the Word of God at Mass—the Word of God, along with the Eucharist, nourish us so that we have what we need to be Christ to those we meet throughout the week. Share the gift of God’s Word with our community. Training is provided.

**Living Stations of the Cross**
Each year our Youth Group presents the Living Stations on Good Friday night. If you are interested in participating, contact the youth group.

**Media Ministry**
In an effort to be green and to make words and music more accessible to the community, we have Power Point presentations at each weekend Mass. Please consider assisting us in keeping the presentation going. This is a great opportunity for middle and high school students to participate in the liturgy. Training provided.

**Sacristan**
Help our clergy prepare for Mass and keep the Church in order for worship—we need daily and weekend assistance.

**Ushers**
Men and women who can, in a friendly way, assist the congregation in finding a seat, taking up the collection, bringing up the gifts, and whatever comes up are encouraged to sign up.
We are always in need of ushers—please consider becoming a part of this very important ministry of hospitality.

**Wedding Coordinators**
If you love weddings and would like to assist couples in making their wedding day go smoothly, please consider this ministry. We set up the Church prior to a wedding ceremony and assist during the rehearsal, pre and post-ceremony. The wedding coordinator assists the groom and his party with getting ready and placement prior to the ceremony, and helps the bride and her party prepare and get down the aisle in a timely and efficient manner. The coordinator cleans up the Church (chairs, decorations, etc.) after the ceremony. Training is provided.

**Worship Ministry**
Participate in the planning and implementation of the Liturgy and special liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Through prayerful reflection on the Scriptures, we plan the arrangement of the Church and Chapel for each season and liturgical event. If you have a heart for liturgy and an eye for decoration, please consider becoming part of this ministry. Training provided.

**PRAYER GROUPS/ENRICHMENT**

**Comunidad Hijos de Maria Santisima**
Spanish Prayer Group meets on Wednesday nights in the Chapel.

**Faith Journeys--Faith Sharing Groups**
During the seasons of Advent and Lent we offer small faith sharing groups both in homes, and on the grounds of the parish to any adults who would like to participate. Using materials to guide the conversations, these six week programs are led by trained volunteers. In a large parish like St. Robert’s, small communities are a gift.

**Healing Prayer Ministry**
The Healing Prayer Ministry is called to intercede for individuals seeking the healing touch of Jesus Christ.

**Prayer Chain**
Prayer intentions can be forwarded to this group and they will pray for them. Call the parish office to have your intention included.

**Mary Queen of Peace Prayer Group**
To gather people of faith together for praise and worship, to deepen their personal relationship with God, thus reaching out to others, to feel God’s presence in their lives. We pray for all people in need especially those who are sick.

**Rosary Guild**
The Rosary Guild calls people to praise and honor Our Lady and her Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, through praying the Rosary, good works and fostering devotional spirituality for the good of all. Women who are devoted to praying the Rosary meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Center. Our prayer should flow into action—come and see what graces God wants to help you bring to our community.

**Rosary Makers ★**
Our mission is to make and provide Rosaries to those who need/want to pray in the tradition of our Blessed Mother’s request to the children of Fatima. Come make Rosaries each 3rd Friday of the month. This is a fun and prayerful activity for people of all ages.

**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 in the parish who are currently taking on new directees.

**Outreach**

**CHARITABLE OUTREACH**

**Fr. Benedict Ministry**
The mission of the Father Benedict Ministry is to provide temporary emergency assistance to those in financial distress by paying utilities, rent, mortgage and other expenses to help avoid a financial crisis. The applicant must reside within the physical boundaries of the Co-Cathedral. The ministry fund is supported through the generosity of the parish family’s Mass collections six times during the year and other donations made by parishioners.

**Holiday Food and Gift Drives**
The parish hold dinner basket drives during three major holidays (Thanksgiving/Christmas/Easter). Volunteers might assist in organization of food basket donations; researching families in need, and managing and volunteering to pack and deliver baskets the Sunday before holiday. Hot meals are also provided Thanksgiving morning through the generosity of the Court Jester in Freehold which our volunteers pick up and deliver to homes.

**Hospital and Homebound Ministers of Communion**
Bring the Word of Jesus, the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist to all our brothers and sisters in faith who are hospitalized and homebound due to age or illness. Training is provided.

**Meals Ministry**
Provides support for families in need (birth of child; death of a loved one; hospitalization; sickness) by preparing meals. Meals Ministry also supports EHAP (Emergency Housing Program) by providing meals in Months of December through March.

**SRB Help**
SRB Help Center will assist those of any faith, in Monmouth and Ocean Counties, who come upon hardships including illness, fires and natural disasters; by soliciting to the wider community to provide services and materials, or by purchasing items that will help them begin to reestablish their lives.

**Affiliations**

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group**
When their brother, Lazarus died, Martha and Mary of Bethany were surrounded by their community who shared their grief, and gave them the emotional support they needed in their time of loss. In this tradition, our Bethany Support Group is an informal, faith-based gathering for all adults who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We offer an environment of safe, secure, confidential sharing.

**Caregiver Volunteers of Monmouth County**
The Caregiver Volunteers are a non-Church affiliated group who keep their headquarters at St. Roberts, and who service parishioners and community members of the Freehold area. Their efforts are aimed at assisting elderly and homebound individuals to remain in their homes by providing them with food shopping, rides to doctor’s visits and visiting. Clients are always welcome, and volunteers are always needed. All volunteers are insured through Caregiver Volunteers. Contact them at: 732-876-3900
Catholic Charities Counseling Services
Through a joint effort of the Diocese of Trenton & Catholic Charities, licensed professional counselors are available to help parishioners with difficult issues that interfere with day to day functioning. The fee is $25 per session. If needed, financial assistance for short term counseling (maximum 6 sessions) is available through the Diocese of Trenton Parish Counseling Services. This service can be accessed by contacting our Parish Associate, Jen, at the parish office EXT. 141 who will provide additional information and a referral.

Emergency Housing and Advocacy Program (EHAP)
In compliance with Jesus’ command to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless, our Parish Center is open Thursday nights during winter months to provide homeless men overnight shelter. Male parishioners act as chaperones. Assistance needed in areas of providing meals; laundry services and transportation for homeless men to and from St. Rob-er-ts on Thursday nights and Friday mornings. Donations of toiletries, pillows, undershirts and socks are always welcome during the winter.

Open Door
Open Door is a non-profit, ecumenical food pantry and soup kitchen established by the Freehold Clergy Association, serving the needy of the Freehold Community. Open Door is always in need of volunteers, non-perishable food items, paper products and toiletries. In addition Open Door provides a Christmas gift giving program to children of families in need, and an after school tutoring program.

Rainbows For All Children ⭐
Rainbows For All Children is dedicated to being the premier source of support for all youth as they navigate grief and heal from loss, whether from death, divorce, deployment, or other trauma. Rainbows fosters awareness that youth require support to heal. We nurture a community of effective Rainbows-trained facilitators, supported with a repository of resources designed to guide youth in their grieving process.

Young Adults in Faith Bible Study
Young Adults in Faith Bible Study is a non-parish affiliated young adult group 18-39 who meets at St. Robert’s Thursdays.

Addiction and Recovery Ministry
Addiction is a disease; not the determination of a person’s worth. We are here to help. If you are in immediate need, call 833-28-SOBER or check out raftsnj.org, or for a 24 hour AA hotline, call 800-245-1377. We offer a few meetings here, including a Life Recovery Bible Study: Wednesdays 10:00 am, 7:30 p.m.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS/EVANGELIZATION

Catholic Conversation
Have you been away from the Catholic Church? Have you felt prompted to rediscover your Catholic faith? Let’s talk. You won’t find preaching or pressure here. Just friendly answers to some questions you may have so you can make an informed choice. Let’s sit down and have a cup of coffee together, and perhaps you will find you have come home. We’d love to have you back! See our insert for more info.

Christmas Carol Festival
The Christmas Carol Festival is a means of reaching out to those within our community who have, for whatever reason been inactive, left the faith entirely or who have issues with the church. The Christmas Carol Festival is an evening of singing favorite Christmas Carols and sharing precious memories; something we can all relate to wherever we are in our faith journey.

Knights of Columbus
The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious and social welfare works, rendering mutual aid and assistance to sick and needy members and their families and the community. Founded in 1882 by Father Michael McGivney, in New Haven, Conn. Membership is open to all practicing Catholic men 18 years or older. The Knights of Columbus has over 2 million members and over 15,000 council throughout the world. The Freehold Council 1672 is located at 70 East Main Street, Freehold NJ 07728.

Prayer Garden Ministry
All are welcome to join this very important ministry which takes care of and maintains our prayer garden, located between the main Church and the Parish Center. This serene place provides parishioners with a tranquil place to meditate and pray.

Respect Life Committee
Work with our Diocesan Office promoting the mission of the Catholic Church’s teachings and promulgations on the transmission of human life.

SRB Roamin’ Catholics
Committee is formulated to provide fun day trips for parishioners in a social setting. Day trips may consist of bus trips to local/tri state attractions, plays, concerts and/ or spiritual sanctuaries. Excellent way to enhance fellowship outside parish grounds. Committee members needed to create & plan outings as well as recruit participants.

Welcome Ministry
St. Robert’s Welcome Ministry has as its primary purpose hospitality and invitation. Through the acts of hospitality and invitation it is the Ministry’s goal to have all who enter St. Robert’s feel as if they are a valued member of the faith family contributing to the overall good of the parish and the greater community. The Ministry seeks to foster a warm environment for all parishioners. Our goals are accomplished through awareness, leadership, service at parish events and information.

Youth Group ⭐
Our Youth Group the LIFT Team stands for Living In Faith Together. We seek to bring young people (grades 8-12) closer to their faith through fellowship, community service and discussion. The group currently meets every other week (see bulletin for dates). We do service for our parish and community, get together for meetings, and gather with kids from around the Diocese for events. Contact: youthgroup@strobert.cc

SOCIAL EVENTS

Coffee And... ⭐
On the 3rd Sunday of the month, our ministries provide donuts and fellowship in the Parish Hall after the 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 Masses. All are welcome!

Discussion Series
The Discussion Series sessions focus on how we in the community can grow financially, physically, and spiritually fit through shared life experiences. The vast resources of the
wider community are drawn upon to present a variety of informative and educational topics. They are free, non-sectarian, non-sales and open to all. The series is sponsored by Kathy LoBue.

Parish Irish Social
Annual Parish Social is held last weekend in February. Event is focused on St. Patrick’s Day and Irish dance & music. Committee members are needed to help organize, sell tickets, set up and clean up the event. Planning usually starts 4 months prior and progresses from monthly meetings to weekly meetings leading up to the event.

Parish Picnic ★
The Annual Parish Picnic is held in September close to our Feast Day of September 17. The event is focused on building parishioner fellowship. Committee members are needed to plan, market, solicit, prepare & run this event. Planning usually starts 6 months prior and progresses from monthly meetings to weekly meetings leading up to the event. Adult and teen volunteers are most welcome to assist, and all are welcome to attend.

Rev. Thomas J. O’Connor Golf Outing
This Annual Golf Outing is held in August. It is in honor of St. Robert’s late Pastor Fr. Thomas J. O’Connor who served the Parish 1988-2008. Committee members are needed to plan, market, solicit, prepare & run this event. Planning usually starts 4 months prior and progresses from monthly meetings to weekly meetings leading up to the event. Golfers are also needed, so if you golf, come on out for some fun, food and prizes.

St. Joseph’s Feast ★
We bless and distribute bread on the Feast of St. Joseph at morning Masses. On the weekend closest to the Feast of St. Joseph, our parish gathers for traditional Italian food and fellowship to honor this great Saint and adoptive father of Jesus. Whether you come and help, or come to enjoy, it’s a great celebration for all ages.

Religious Education Program ★
Religious education program is a ministry devoted to faith development and grounded in the traditional teachings and practices of the Catholic faith. It is a gradual and continuous program from grade 1 through grade 8. This ministry supports parents as the primary educators of the faith for their children and fosters a partnership between families and the whole parish.

Sunday School for Pre-schoolers ★
This class is held during the 10 o’clock Mass. It is designed for pre-school students age 3 and above. During the class time, the students have time to play and socialize, pray, sing, and enjoy a snack together. The lesson each week corresponds to the Gospel for that Sunday. The children discuss the Gospel message and complete an activity related to it. This is a great volunteer opportunity for middle and high school students.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
Annulment Advocacy and Convalidation
Ministers provide information and assist Catholic individuals who have been divorced through the annulment process with the Diocese. We also provide assistance with marriage convalidations (having your civil marriage recognized as a Sacrament in the Church).

Baptismal Preparation
Pre-baptism class instruction on the Sacrament of Baptism and the rite itself. Class takes place every other month and is required for first time parents. Godparents are welcome and encouraged to attend these classes.

Pre-Cana/Marriage Prep
The Pre-Cana is a program for couples preparing to receive and commit to the sacrament of matrimony. The Pre-Cana Team at St. Robert’s is diocesan trained to present this program of marriage preparation, with seven team couples participating in the program. Pre-Cana conferences are held twice a year in the Parish Center, with team members presenting on topics ranging from finances to sexuality. New members will be required as current members leave this ministry.

RCIA and Adult Confirmation
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a process that invites unbaptized persons and baptized Christians of other faiths to learn more about becoming Roman Catholic. The process also calls/invites baptized Catholics to complete full communion with the Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. The people in the process consist of a team that plans and leads the process; candidates who are considering joining the Church or receiving the Sacraments; and sponsors who provide one-on-one assistance to the candidates.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION
Adult Faith Formation
This advisory committee plans educational programs and events for adults to deepen the understanding of their faith and promote the moral and spiritual growth of adult parishioners.

Bible Study
Bible Study is an effort to open the Scriptures to all who participate and allow those present to share insights they derive from the readings with one another. The group meets on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm during the school year. Call Parish Office for more info.

Formed
Want to learn more about your faith at home? Formed is an online video self-study that’s free for our parishioners. Get more info on our website or app.

Administration
Buildings and Grounds
As a welcoming parish community, our goal at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine is to welcome people into a well-managed facility, providing adequate space, accommodations, and a safe environment to accomplish the liturgical and spiritual needs of the people of God. This will be accomplished by a) Properly maintaining all buildings and grounds; b) Planning for change, repair and replacement of worn or obsolete assets as warranted; and c) Constructing new spaces or facilities.

Finance Council
This committee advises the pastor on all financial matters pertaining to general operations of the church to include but not limited to all income and expenses of the church, budgeting and financial reporting.