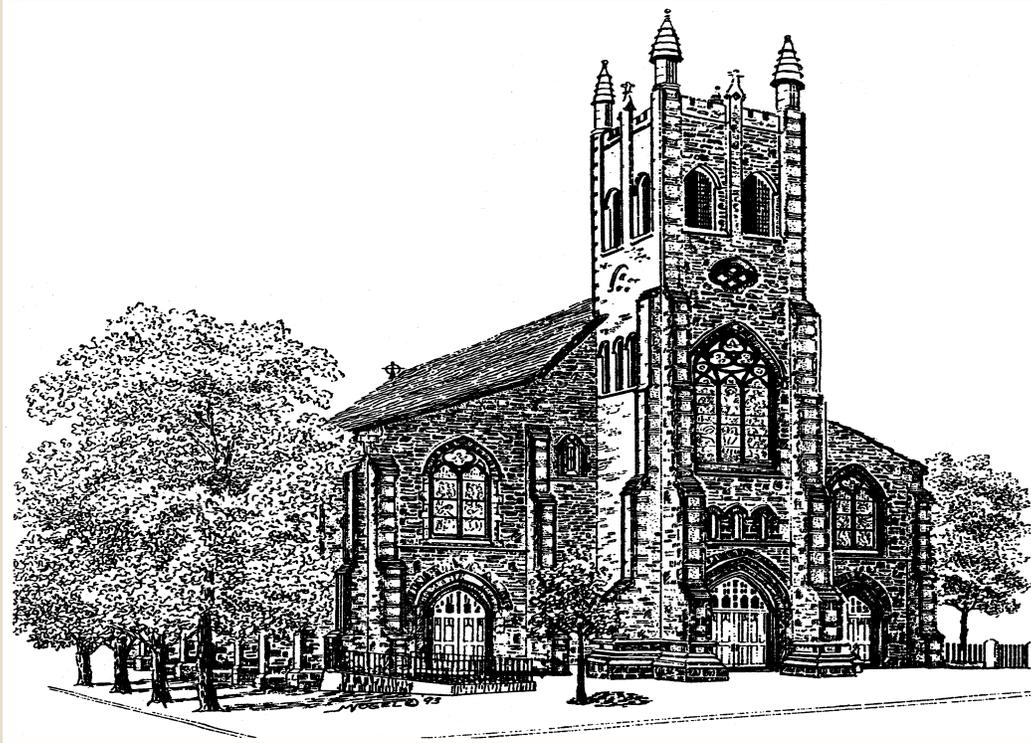


# SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

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## FEBRUARY 19, 2017



### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:15 am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 am in the chapel

Holy Day Mass: 8:00 am and 6:30 pm in the main church

### PASTOR

Rev. Msgr. Raymond B. Bastia

### IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Edward A. Sousa, Jr.

Rev. Roman Manchester

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Virginia DiMasi (401-258-4558)

### PASTORAL MINISTER

Sr. Mary Ellen Maytum, R.S.M

**ORGANIST:** Donald Dame

**CANTOR:** Katie J. Kleyla

**PARISH SECRETARY:** Laurie Ricciardi

### SACRAMENTS

#### BAPTISM

The fourth Sunday of each month.

Registered parishioners should contact the parish office in advance of the birth of their child to prepare for baptism.

#### MARRIAGE

Couples must meet with a priest 12 months in advance of their wedding date.

#### COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the parish office.

#### HOLY ORDERS

If you would like to serve God by preaching the Word of God, celebrating the Sacraments, and serving those in need, you may have a vocation to the priesthood. Please speak to a priest today or contact the Office of Vocations at 401-831-8011.

# SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

February 19, 2017

*"The Lord is kind and merciful" Psalm 103*

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Celebrating 165 years of living faith since the foundation of our parish in 1851.*

## **Holy as God**

We are called to the holiness of God. That is the extraordinary claim made in both the First Reading and Gospel this Sunday. Yet how is it possible that we can be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect? Jesus explains that we must be imitators of God as his beloved children (Eph. 5:1-2).

As God does, we must love without limit—with a love that does not distinguish between friend and foe, overcoming evil with good (see Rom. 12:21).

Jesus himself, in his Passion and death, gave us the perfect example of the love that we are called to.

He offered no resistance to the evil—even though he could have commanded twelve legions of angels to fight alongside him. He offered his face to be struck and spit upon. He allowed his garments to be stripped from him. He marched as his enemies compelled him to the Place of the Skull. On the cross he prayed for those who persecuted him (see Matt. 26:53-54, 67; 27:28, 32; Luke 23:34).

In all this he showed himself to be the perfect Son of God. By his grace, and through our imitation of him, he promises that we too can become children of our heavenly Father.

God does not deal with us as we deserve, as we sing in this week's Psalm. He loves us with a Father's love. He saves us from ruin. He forgives our transgressions.

He loved us even when we had made ourselves his enemies through our sinfulness. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (see Rom. 5:8).

We have been bought with the price of the blood of God's only Son (see 1 Cor. 6:20).

We belong to Christ now, as St. Paul says in this week's Epistle. By our baptism, we have been made temples of his Holy Spirit. And we have been saved to share in his holiness and perfection. So let us glorify him by our lives lived in his service, loving as he loves.

*A service of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology  
www.SalvationHistory.com*

## **2017 Catholic Charity Appeal**



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**The first  
in-pew  
solicitation  
will take  
place March  
11th & 12th**

The 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal is fast approaching. Many parishioners have received a mailing from Bishop Tobin asking for your support of the 2017 Appeal. For your convenience, this is the first time that a pledge card has been enclosed within this mailing. Please be assured that our parish will receive credit for the gift that you make through the mail. Your gift to the 2017 Appeal reaches out to countless people in need throughout our diocese. No matter where you turn, you find someone who will benefit from your kindness. Please give generously to the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal, and thank you.

### ‡ ANNOUNCED MASSES ‡

#### **Saturday, February 18**

5:00 p.m. Available

#### **Sunday, February 19** *Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m. Available

11:15 a.m. Memorial, Clarence V. Hickey, requested, Daniel S. Harrop III

#### **Monday, February 20**

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

#### **Tuesday, February 21** *St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor*

8:00 a.m. Memorial, Edmond Capozzi, requested, Gloria Rayway

#### **Thursday, February 23** *Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 a.m. Available

#### **Friday, February 24**

8:00 a.m. Available

#### **Saturday February 25**

5:00 p.m. 15th anniversary, Marie E. Bastia, requested, family

#### **Sunday, February 26** *Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m. Birthday remembrance, Helen Langton, requested, family

11:15 a.m. Memorial, Peter F. Sullivan, requested, Daniel S. Harrop III

### ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday February 25  
5:00 p.m. Olivia (SS), Max, Grace, Kirsten

Sunday, February 26  
9:00 a.m. Catherine (SS), Joseph (MC), Laura, Daniel  
11:15 a.m. Ben (MC), Will, Sam, Abigail

### LECTORS

Saturday, February 25  
5:00 p.m. Carolyn Piatek

Sunday, February 26  
9:00 a.m. Esther Marion  
11:15 a.m. Ed Bozzi

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, February 25  
5:00 p.m. Pam DeLuca

Sunday, February 26  
9:00 a.m. Michael Reilly  
11:15 a.m. Dan Harrop

### Ash Wednesday March 1

Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m.  
and 6:30 p.m. in the Main Church.

### Fasting and Abstinence

- Catholics who are 18 and not yet 60 are asked to observe the two fast days established by the Church: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- Fasting means eating less food. Only one full meal is taken. Two other smaller meals are usually eaten, but the two smaller meals do not exceed the amount of food taken at the full meal. While fasting, food is not eaten between meals.
- The Church has also established Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent as days of abstinence.
- Abstinence means not eating any meat. Dairy products as well as fish and seafood are taken
- All Catholics older than 14 must abstain on the abstinence days established by the Church.
- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we both fast and abstain. We do not eat any meat, we only eat one full meal, and we do not eat between meals on these days.

### SANCTUARY CANDLE MEMORIAL

Each week the candle will burn and the Bread will be offered to the honor of God and in memory of your intention. The suggested offering is \$15 for the candle and \$15 for the Altar Bread. The names or intention will be listed in the bulletin each week or listed anonymously and will be remembered in the prayers of the Mass. Please



call the

Rectory at 421-9137

## Raffle Donations Needed for St. Joseph Feast Day Brunch

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!**

**March 19th, 2017**

### PROGRAM BOOK ADVERTISING

We are now taking ads for the program book that is handed out at our Feast Day Brunch. Ads come in three sizes and prices:

**One-Line Memorial: \$15; Half-Page: \$35; Full-Page: \$60.**

Ads can be placed for any purpose — typically memorials for deceased loved ones, for special intentions, for thank-yous, or to promote upcoming events or to showcase businesses (whether yours or someone you know). Because the program book is a helpful fund-raiser for our parish, please consider buying an ad and also encourage others to do so. If you would like to place an ad, please contact the parish office at 421-9137.

### Program Book Deadline: March 7th

#### TICKET PRICES

Adults — \$15.00

Children 12 and younger: \$6.00

Children 6 and younger: Free

Tickets will go on sale the weekends of

March 4th & 5th

March 11th & 12th



One week, St. Georges Club (Hotel/Time Share), check-in Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, check-out Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. (DATES CANNOT BE CHANGED!). One bedroom suite at the hotel, overlooking the historic Bermuda town of St. George (the oldest English speaking town in the Western Hemisphere). Suite will sleep up to four (pull-out coach in the living room), full kitchen, easy walking distance to the town (although lots of stairs). Hotel has a **private beach, restaurant, three pools**. Travel sites will quote you a rate of \$400/night. **Package includes \$120 credit at the hotel restaurant**. Does not include travel (direct flights from Boston). MINIMUM BID IS \$500.

**THIS AMAZING PRIZE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BID ON AT THE SILENT AUCTION THE DAY OF THE ST. JOSEPH'S DAY BRUNCH!!!!**

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

	2016	2017
Envelopes	\$2,037.00	\$2,254.00
Loose:	\$ 90.00	\$ 172.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 399.00	\$ 853.00
Children:	\$ 10.00	\$ 1.00
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$2,536.00</b>	<b>\$3,280.00</b>