

*St. Joseph Church  
92 Hope St  
Providence, RI*



*1st  
Sunday of Lent*

*One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth  
from the mouth of God.*

*Matthew 4:4*

*March 5, 2017*

# SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

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

## LENT

Lent is the special season that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

The celebration of Lent begins with our receiving ashes with the words: "Turn away from sin, and be faithful to the Gospel!"

**During Lent we are called to fast, pray, and give alms.**

Ashes are a symbol of death and repentance. Having ashes placed on our foreheads for all to see reminds us to think about how we are living our life in Christ.

During Lent we pray, fast, and share what we have with others, especially those in need. Such Lenten activities help strengthen our relationship with God and with one another.

The First Sunday of Lent, which is the Sunday after Ash Wednesday, always recounts the temptation of Jesus in the desert, when He was tempted three times by Satan. The temptations Jesus faced are three basic temptations every person faces: the temptation to seek pleasure, power, and popularity in place of God.

During Lent we are called to fast, pray, and give alms to those in need as ways to be purified and enlightened.

It is a time to be changed by the saving grace of God and to renew our Baptismal commitment to be authentic followers of Jesus.

*Understanding the Catechism/  
Liturgy and Sacraments*

### Reception of the Eucharist

When receiving Holy Communion by hand, approach the priest or the extraordinary minister and bow first as a sign of reverence. Then, after taking the Eucharist, step to the side and **stop** to receive Our Lord. If you are receiving the Precious Blood, proceed to the cup, again bow first, then receive.

## 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal

**Our goal for 2017 is:**

**\$75,000.00**

On March 11th & 12th, our parish will begin the in-pew phase of this year's Appeal. Most of us should have received a letter from Bishop Tobin asking for our support for this annual fund-raising campaign, without which the Church in Providence could not provide for those who need our help. If you've already responded with a gift, thank you and God bless! If not, would you prayerfully consider how you can help our brothers and sisters in Christ, some of whom are in desperate need.

**Remember: A pledge can spread out a larger gift over 10 months. Thus, a \$300.00 pledge is \$30.00 a month, or about \$1.00 a day.**



### ‡ ANNOUNCED MASSES ‡

#### **Saturday, March 4**

5:00 p.m. Birthday remembrance, Thomas Jaquinto, requested, Jan

#### **Sunday, March 5** *First Sunday of Lent*

9:00 a.m. Memorial, Edward and Patricia Poirier, requested, children

11:15 a.m. Memorial, John E. Hickey, requested, Daniel S. Harrop III

#### **Monday, March 6**

8:00 a.m. Available

#### **Tuesday, March 7** *St. Perpetua and St. Felicity, martyrs*

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

#### **Thursday, March 9** *Saint Frances of Rome, Religious*

8:00 a.m. Memorial, Bea Greene, requested, sister Mary Ellen

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Benediction

#### **Friday, March 10**

8:00 a.m. 8th Anniversary, Gloria Silva, requested, Florence Gracie

#### **Saturday March 11**

5:00 p.m. 9th anniversary, Josephine DeVecchis, requested Tom and Judy Bruzzese

#### **Sunday, March 12** *Second Sunday of Lent*

9:00 a.m. Month's Mind, Charles Casey, requested, son Victor

11:15 a.m. Anniversary, Theresa Bastia, requested, family

### ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday March 11  
 5:00 p.m. Olivia (SS), Max, Grace, Kirsten  
 Sunday, March 12  
 9:00 a.m. Joseph (MC) Catherine, Laura, Jessica  
 11:15 a.m. Ben (MC), Will, Lily, Sophia

### LECTORS

Saturday, March 11  
 5:00 p.m. Jan Carrara  
 Sunday, March 12  
 9:00 a.m. Jim Vandermillen  
 11:15 a.m. Jeff Harrington

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, March 11  
 5:00 p.m. Pat O'Hara  
 Sunday, March 12  
 9:00 a.m. Shirley Sears  
 11:15 a.m. Dan Harrop

The Seven Pillars of  
CATHOLIC SPIRITUAL LIFE  
 CONFESSION  
 DAILY PRAYER  
**MASS**  
 THE BIBLE  
 FASTING  
 SPIRITUAL READING  
 THE ROSARY

*The Precepts of the Church, which are the rules of the Catholic Church, are as follows: Easter Duties require that you receive the Eucharist and also the Sacrament of Reconciliation between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday.*



**St. Joseph Feast Day Brunch**  
**TICKET PRICES**  
 Adults — \$15.00  
 Children 12 and younger: \$6.00  
 Children 6 and younger: Free  
 Tickets will go on sale  
 March 4th & 5th & 11th & 12th



**Finance Council Meeting**  
 Thursday March 9th in the Rectory immediately following Stations of the Cross  
  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
 Monday March 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory

### 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



## Lent at St. Joseph Church

### Preparation

**Lent is a season of being invited by God in a deeply personal way. "Come back to me, with all of your heart," our Lord beckons. It is an extraordinary invitation to each one of us.**

- 1: Fasting means eating a lesser amount of food. While fasting 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.
- 2: Catholics who are 18 and not yet 60 are asked to observe the fast days established by the Church, which are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- 3: Abstinence means not eating any meat. Dairy products as well as fish and sea food are taken.
- 4: All Catholics age 14 and older are required to abstain on days of abstinence, which the Church has established as Ash Wednesday and each Friday of Lent.
- 5: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, we both fast and abstain. The Church still maintains Friday as a day of abstinence from meat: The faithful are permitted to substitute an alternative penance if they so desire.

### Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. on March 9, 16, and 23, 30 and April 6  
 Good Friday April 14 at 3:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Confessions will be heard at 6:30 p.m. before each of the Thursday Stations of the Cross listed above. This is in addition to the usual schedule of Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.

### Rice Bowls

These are an annual reminder of the social dimension of Lenten fasting. If you have not received a rice bowl, they are available on the tables at the church entrance. As we fast from one meal or activity we place the dollar value in these bowls to support Catholic Relief Services in more than 40 countries, with 25 percent remaining in the United States. The collection will be taken on Palm Sunday Weekend. Please participate in this sacrifice with your family.

### St. John Vianney Church Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents Whose Children of Any Age Have Died by Any Cause No Matter How Long Ago

One-Day Spiritual Retreat  
 Saturday, April 29, 2017  
 Contact Denise, Nicholas' Mother, at  
 sjvdenise@gmail.com or (401) 333-6060  
 Or visit www.emfgp.org

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

	2016	2017
Envelopes	\$ 2,134.00	\$3,539.00
Loose:	\$ 215.00	\$ 535.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 444.00	\$ 848.00
Children:	\$ 1.00	\$ 5.25
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$ 2,794.00</b>	<b>\$4,927.25</b>