



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Peter approached
Jesus and asked him,
"Lord, if my brother sins against
me, how often must I forgive?
As many as seven times?"

Jesus answered,
"I say to you, not seven times
but seventy-seven times."

Matthew 18:21-22

Parish Registration: Every family in the parish should be registered. New families (including newly married) should register by completing a parish registration form available at the Church Rectory.

PASTOR

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday: 11:15 a.m.

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 a.m.
in the Chapel**

Confessions: Saturday 3:15 p.m.-3:40 p.m.

Rectory : 401-421-9137

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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, by celebrating the Sacraments, and by 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

September 17, 2017

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“The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.” Psalm 103

Celebrating 166 years of living faith since the foundation of our parish in 1851.

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness does not mean that God says to me: “Your evil deed shall be undone.” It was done and remains done. Nor does it mean that He says: “It was not so bad.” It was bad—I know it and God knows it. And again it does not mean that God is willing to cover up my sin or to look the other way. What help would that be? I want to be rid of my transgression, really rid of it.

Again, were one to say: “For-giveness means that I remain a sinner, but that God in His magnanimity attributes me with sanctity, thus giving me a share of His own unimaginable divine grace,” the thought would be so complicated and so full of reservations that it would be untenable with the meaning of Scriptures. Forgiveness also

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does not mean that God gives me the strength never to repeat my sin. Even if this were so, my old sin would still be there; forgiveness could never spirit it away. That would be deceitful and impure. How could God’s immaculateness ever reconcile itself to such a thought?

What possibility then does exist? Only one: that which the simplest interpretation of the Gospel suggests and the believing heart must feel. Through God’s for-

giveness, in the eyes of His sacred truth I am no longer a sinner; in the profoundest depths of my conscience I am no longer guilty. That is what I wanted—only that! If such complete eradication of my sin cannot be, then it should stand. But it can be; that is the sense of Christ’s message.

Monsignor Romano Guardini

September 23rd: St. Pius of Pietrelcina



At the canonization Mass for St. Pius of Pietrelcina — better known as Padre Pio, on June 16, 2002, Pope John Paul II spoke the following words during his homily about the new saint:

“You, Lord, are my only good.” This is what we sang in the responsorial psalm. Through these words, the new Saint invites us to place God above everything, to consider him our sole and highest good. In fact, the ultimate reason for the apostolic effectiveness of Padre Pio, the profound root of so much spiritual fruitfulness, can be found in that intimate and constant union with God, attested to by his long hours spent in prayer and in the confessional. He loved to repeat, “I

am a poor Franciscan who prays,” convinced that “prayer is the best weapon we have, a key that opens the heart of God.”

This fundamental characteristic of his spirituality continues in the “Prayer Groups” that he founded, which offer to the Church and to society the wonderful contribution of incessant and confident prayer. To prayer, Padre Pio joined an intense charitable activity, of which the “Home for the Relief of Suffering” is an extraordinary expression. Prayer and charity, this is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio’s teaching, which today is offered to everyone.

⦿ MASS INTENTIONS ⦿

Saturday, September 16

4:00 p.m. Available

Sunday, September 17 *Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m. Available

11:15 a.m. Memorial, Edith Coutanche, requested, Daniel S. Harrop III

Monday, September 18

8:00 a.m. Available

Tuesday September 19 *Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 a.m. 3rd Anniversary, Neil Gillis, requested, Gillis family

Thursday, September 21

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

Friday, September 22

8:00 am. Month’s Mind, Robert Lamontagne, requested, Bob and Pauline Anthony

Saturday, September 23 *Saint Pius of Pietrelcina*

4:00 p.m. 70th Wedding Anniversary Celebration, Albert and Rose Bonaminio, requested, Jan

Sunday September 24 *Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m. Available

11:15 a.m. Memorial, Dr. and Mrs. W. Henry Rivard, requested, family

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday September 23

4:00 p.m. Ben (MC), Max, Will, Kirsten

Sunday SEPTEMBER 24

9:00 a.m. Catherine (SS), Jessica, Daniel, Lily

11:15 a.m. Sam (MC), Abby, Hannah, Abigail

LECTORS

Saturday, September 23

4:00 p.m. Jan Carrara

Sunday, September 24

9:00 a.m. Jim Vandermillen

11:15 a.m. Ed Bozzi

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, September 23

4:00 p.m. Pam DeLuca, Carroll Medeiros, Florence Gracie

Sunday, September 24

9:00 a.m. Mike Reilly, Shirley Sears, Ginny DiMasi

11:15 a.m. Bob Anthony, Judy Gillis, David Gillis

Sr. Priest Retirement Fund

This week's second collection supports the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. If you forgot to make a donation and would like to support this effort that provides critical resources for priests in their retirement years, please visit www.srpriestri.org to make an online donation using a secure server or mail your offering to Sr. Priest Retirement Fund, Office of Stewardship & Development, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903. Thank you for your support of this critical effort to provide for senior priests in their retirement years – years many priests continue to spend very active in ministry.

"LITTLE PEOPLE'S CHURCH"

St. Joseph would like to offer its "Little People's Church" for children age 3 to 5 during the 11:15 a.m. Mass this school year (2017-2018). To be cost-effective, however, we must have at least five to six children signed up. If you would like to enroll your child or children for this free service – which is supervised by a certified teacher (with assistance from Confirmation students) and introduces children to a religious atmosphere while parents or guardians attend Mass – please notify the Rectory at 421-9137 by September 24.

ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING CLASSES

will begin in September. Please call the parish office at 421-9137 and leave your child's name if he or she plans to attend. Thank you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2017-2018

Sunday Confirmation classes begin on **Sunday, September 17th at 5:30 p.m.** in the Rectory. Confirmation I and II students' class: 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Parents' meeting: 5:30-6:00 p.m.
NOTE: All students are expected to attend weekly Mass.

Haiti Mission Project



Many groups throughout the United States and within Rhode Island sponsor The Haitian Project, Inc. Organizations and parishes host special fund-raising events or have occasional collections to assist this worthy cause. St. Joseph Parish has provided constant support for this organization through what we have called our Haiti Mission Project since the time of the closing of our parish Cleary School in the 1960s. It was sort of a replacement for what was lost. We continue to show our support for the Louverture Cleary School in Haiti and other charitable activities conducted by The Haitian Project.

Next Collection: September 24th

FINDING HOPE



Divorced? Separated? The Office of Life and Family will offer the "Finding Hope" Program at St Pius X Church, 44 Elm St, Westerly (conference room, right of the altar), Wednesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., October 11 through December 13, except November 1st and 22nd. This free support group embraces our Catholic faith and provides a peaceful place for sharing, healing, and for discussion topics related to separation/divorce. Registration, contact: Peter A Magnotta at 421-7833, ext.217.

AROUND THE DIOCESE:

JOHNSTON – The Social Ministry of St. Brigid's Church, 1231 Plainfield St., will sponsor their Italian Festival on Sunday September 24 at noon in the church hall. Tickets will be going on sale in the foyer of the church beginning the weekend of August 26 and 27. Ticket prices are \$25 per person, children 6 - 10 are \$10 and children 5 and under are free. A full course Italian dinner is being donated by the popular Marchetti's Restaurant in Cranston along with a wine toast and home-made deserts by the ministry. For more information please contact Millie at 949-0617.

PROVIDENCE – The Diocesan Ministry for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has announced the following Mass: First Sunday of every month, 9 a.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Woonsocket; Every Sunday, 9 a.m. at St. Jean Baptiste Church in Warren; Second Sunday of every month, 11:35 a.m. at Christ the King Church in South Kingston; Third Sunday of every month, 9:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Church in Providence, lower hall. For more information, call Irma at 401-278-4578.

ADULT CONFIRMATION



Classes will begin in September for adults who would like to be baptized in the Catholic Church and for those baptized Catholics who would like to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation. For additional information, contact your local parish 401-421-9137



SACRIFICIAL GIVING September 10, 2017



	2016	2017
Envelopes:	\$2,011.00	\$1,884.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 996.00	\$ 781.00
Loose	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00
Children	\$ 52.00	\$ —
TOTAL:	\$3,209.00	\$2,725.00
	Hurricane Harvey.....	\$2,514.00