



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

Rev. Msgr. Raymond B. Bastia

IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Edward A. Sousa, Jr.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Virginia DiMasi (401-258-4558)

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Sr. Mary Ellen Maytum, R.S.M

ORGANIST

Donald Dame

CANTOR

Katie J. Kleyla

PARISH SECRETARY

Laurie Ricciardi

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.-3:45 p.m.

Rectory : 401-421-9137

Email: stjoe1851@cox.net

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

First Sunday of Advent

“Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.” Psalm 80

December 3, 2017

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

Advent

As we begin Advent this weekend, consider what the Catechism has to say about preparing for Jesus’s coming at Christmas:

522 The coming of God’s Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the “First Covenant.” He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming.



ADVENT

St. John the Baptist is the Lord’s immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. “Prophet of the Most High,” John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother’s womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being “the friend of the bridegroom,” whom he points out as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” Going before Jesus “in the spirit and power of Elijah,” John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.

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To read the Catechism of the Catholic Church online, go to usccb.org and search “Catechism.”

December 8th: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** celebrates the solemn belief in the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is universally celebrated on December 8, nine months before the feast of the Nativity of Mary, which is celebrated on September 8. It is one of the most important Marian feasts in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church, celebrated worldwide.

By Pontifical designation and decree, it is the patronal feast day of Argentina, Brazil, Korea, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Philippines, Spain, the United States and Uruguay. By royal decree, it is also designated by as the Patroness of Portugal. It is celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church as well as a few other closely related Protestant Christian churches.

On this day since 1854, the Holy See through the Sacred Congregation of Rites grants the Spanish crown the expressed privilege of permitting blue vestments for their present and former territories.

Since 1953, the Pope as Bishop of Rome visits the Column of the Immaculate Conception in Piazza di Spagna to offer expiatory prayers commemorating the solemn event.

The feast was first solemnized as a Holy Day of Obligation on 6 December 1708 under the Papal Bull *Commissi Nobis Divinitus* by Pope Clement XI⁽⁶⁾ and is often celebrated with Holy Mass, parades, fireworks, processions, ethnic foods, and cultural festivities in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is generally considered a Family day, especially in many Catholic countries.



⚡ MASS INTENTIONS ⚡

Saturday, December 2

4:00 p.m. Available

Sunday, December 3

9:00 a.m. Available

11:15 a.m. Memorial, Barbara Johnson, requested, Dennis Martin

Monday, December 4

8:00 a.m. Memorial, Julia Kistler Cole, requested, daughter in law Lorraine

Tuesday December 5

8:00 a.m. Memorial, Joseph C. Petteruti, requested, son Joseph C. Petteruti Jr.

Thursday December 7

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

Friday, December 8 *Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)*

8:00 am. Available

6:30 p.m. 26th Anniversary, Immacolata Bruzzese, requested, grandson Thomas Bruzzese

Saturday, December 9

4:00 p.m. Available

Sunday, December 10

9:00 a.m. Available

11:15 a.m. Available

First Sunday of Advent

ALTAR SERVERS

Friday December 8 Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 p.m. Olivia (SS), Grace, Abigail, Will (MC)
Saturday December 9
4:00 p.m. Olivia (SS), Grace, Kirsten, Jessica
Sunday December 10
9:00 a.m. Joseph (MC), Lily, Daniel, Will (MC)
11:15 a.m. Danica (SS), Hannah (SS), Sam, Abby

LECTORS

Friday December 8 Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 p.m. David Gillis
Saturday, December 9
4:00 p.m. Jan Carrara
Sunday, December 10
9:00 a.m. Shirley Sears
11:15 a.m. Ed Bozzi

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Friday December 8 Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 p.m. Judy Gillis
Saturday, December 9
4:00 p.m. Florence Gracie
Sunday, December 10
9:00 a.m. Bob Anthony
11:15 a.m. Dan Harrop

Due to the upcoming "Flu Season", as of **this weekend** St. Joseph's will temporarily discontinue the distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ during all Masses. St. Joseph Church, therefore, will only distribute the Holy Eucharist. We will also temporarily suspend the "sign of peace" at all Masses.



RECEPTION OF THE EUCHARIST:

If receiving Holy Communion in the hand, approach the priest or the extraordinary minister and bow as a sign of reverence to our Lord. After receiving the host, step to the side and STOP to receive our Lord.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 8
 This is a Holy Day of Obligation, with Masses celebrated at **8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

Rosary

Please join us in reciting the Rosary on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the chapel following the 8 a.m. Mass



CONGRATULATIONS!

William Medeiros who was commissioned as a Master of Ceremonies for St. Joseph Church on November 26, 2017. Also, congratulations to **Angelina Costa** and **Samantha Mocco** who have recently finished their training to be Alter Servers.

St. Joseph Church

PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m.
All Religious Education Students are Required to attend



Mass Schedules

Christmas

Christmas Eve Vigil — 5:00 p.m.
 Christmas Day — 10:00 a.m.

New Year's

New Year's Eve 9:00 a.m. 11:15 & 5:00 p.m.
 New Year's Day 11:15



Christmas Flower Donations

Envelopes are provided in your budgets if you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT:

HOPE



ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE GIFTS TO BENEFIT: FOX POINT BOYS AND GIRLS' CLUB



GIFT CARDS CAN COME FROM: **STOP & SHOP, CVS, WALMART OR TARGET.**

THESE STORES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE RECEIVING THE CARDS AND WILL ALLOW THEM TO SHOP FOR THOSE ITEMS THAT THEY KNOW THEIR FAMILIES CAN TRULY USE!

WOULD LIKE OR PLEASE put the amount of the Gift Card on the tag. IF PURCHASING A GIFT

"CLOTHES ONLY" PLEASE

REMEMBER: **BUY A CARD OR GIFT, WRAP IT UP, AND USE THE ANGEL AS A TAG.**

PLEASE RETURN BY DECEMBER 10th



THANK YOU to everyone who bought and baked pies for St. Joseph's **Annual Pie-A-Thon**. Again this year, because of everyone's generosity and hard work we are able to provide holiday dessert for the homeless at Emmanuel House and Mary House raising **\$541.00**. Thank you to all of the members of the Parish Council for all your work and dedication that helped to make this event such a success! **Again, thank you and God Bless!**



SACRIFICIAL GIVING
November 26, 2017



	2016	2017
Envelopes:	\$2,015.00	\$2,030.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 788.00	\$ 751.00
Loose:	\$ 245.00	\$ 40.00
Children	\$ 2.00	\$ 7.00
TOTAL:	\$3,050.00	\$2,828.00
Keep the Heat On:		\$809.00