

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



"MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION."

LUKE 2:30

**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

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Sr. Mary Ellen Maytum, R.S.M

### ORGANIST

Donald Dame

### CANTOR

Katie J. Kleyla

### PARISH SECRETARY

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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.-3:45 p.m.**

**Rectory : 401-421-9137**

**Email: [stjoe1851@cox.net](mailto: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

## *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

*“The Lord remembers his covenant forever” Psalm 105*

### December 31, 2017

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

### **Meditating on the mystery of the Holy Family**

*The following is from Pope John Paul II's Angelus  
on the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, 29  
December 2002:*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The liturgy of this Sunday, a few days after Christmas, invites us to contemplate the Holy Family of Nazareth, a wonderful model of human and supernatural virtues for all Christian families. Let us meditate on the mystery of this unique family: we can find in it values and teachings which today are more indispensable than ever to give human society sound and stable foundations.

**How I  
would like  
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and love of  
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How I would like the peace, harmony, and love of the house in Nazareth to exist in families today! I ask the Lord with insistent prayer to make all Christian parents conscious of their irreplaceable task with regard to their children and to society. A true and

effective Gospel witness is expected of them. Every Christian family is called to show “convincingly that it is possible to live marriage fully in keeping with God's plan and with the true good of the human person — of the spouses, and of the children who are more fragile” (*Novo Millennio ineunte*, n. 47). A united family that follows these principles will more easily overcome the trials and difficulties it encounters on its way. In the faithful love of the parents, a gift ceaselessly to foster and safeguard, children can find the best conditions for their growth, helped by Jesus who “increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52).

Today let us entrust to the Holy Family of Nazareth the families of the whole world, especially those that have been most harshly tried by suffering or are in difficulty.

### **Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

*On Monday we celebrate a holy day of obligation, the Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. The following is taken from Redemptoris Mater: On the Blessed Virgin Mary in the life of the Pilgrim Church, an encyclical given by Pope John Paul II at Saint Peter's on March 25, 1987.*



*The Virgin with  
Angels (1900), by  
William-Adolphe  
Bouguereau*

Only in the mystery of Christ is [Mary's] mystery fully made clear. Thus has the Church sought to interpret it from the very beginning: the mystery of the Incarnation has enabled her to penetrate and to make ever clearer the mystery of the Mother of the Incarnate Word. The Council of Ephesus (431) was of decisive importance in clarifying this, for during that Council, to the great joy of Christians, the truth of the divine motherhood of Mary was solemnly confirmed as a truth of the Church's faith. Mary is the Mother of God (= *Theotókos*), since by the power of the Holy Spirit she conceived in her virginal womb and brought into the world Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who is of one being with the Father. “The Son of God ... born of the Virgin Mary ... has truly been made one of us,” has been made man.

#### ⚡ MASS INTENTIONS ⚡

**Saturday, December 30**

4:00 p.m. Available

**Sunday, December 31**

***The Holy Family***

9:00 a.m. Available

11:15 a.m. Intentions for the Christmas Flower donors

**Sunday December 31 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Vigil)**

5:00 p.m. Available

**Monday, January 1**

***Morning Mass (Holy Day)***

11:15 a.m. Memorial, Alma and Herman Derochers, requested, niece Lorraine

**Tuesday January 2**

8:00 For the deceased Religious who have served St. Joseph Church and Cleary School

**Thursday January 4**

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

**Friday, January 5**

***First Friday***

8:00 a.m. Available

**Saturday, January 6**

4:00 p.m. 24th Anniversary Remembrance, Thomas Jaquinto, requested, wife Jan

**Sunday, January 7**

9:00 a.m. Anniversary, John H. Boland, requested, family

11:15 a.m. 49th Anniversary, Annibale Iapaolo, requested, Thomas Bruzese

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday January 6**

**4:00 p.m.** Olivia (SS), Grace, Kirsten, Volunteer

**Sunday January 7**

**9:00 a.m.** Catherine (SS), Joseph (MC), Laura, Daniel, Angelina

**11:15 a.m.** Danica (SS), Abigail, Michael, Jessica

**LECTORS**

**Saturday, January 6**

**4:00 p.m.** Helen Valcourt

**Sunday, January 7**

**9:00 a.m.** Esther Marion

**11:15 a.m.** Ed Bozzi

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday, January 6**

**4:00 p.m.** Lorraine Beaudoin

**Sunday, January 7**

**9:00 a.m.** Bob Anthony

**11:15 a.m.** David Gillis

**Shop at Amazon, Help Our Parish!**

Do you shop at Amazon? If yes, please do so through our website, [www.saintjoesprov.org](http://www.saintjoesprov.org). By clicking on the logo on our homepage, you'll be taken directly to Amazon's website — where our parish will receive a percentage of every dollar you spend. Tell family and friends, too! This is an effortless way to help St. Joseph Church

**AROUND THE DIOCESE:**

**PROVIDENCE** — There will be a pasta and meatball dinner held in the St. Thomas Church hall, 65 Fruit Hill Ave., on Saturday, Jan. 13, from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Dinner will include pasta and meatballs, salad and desserts. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be for purchase. Cost for the dinner is \$10 a person. Proceeds will benefit a local family in need. For more information, call Steve Diel 401-287-1766, or Email [Sdiel1992@yahoo.com](mailto:Sdiel1992@yahoo.com).

**RIVERSIDE** — The Knights of Columbus Council 1528 in East Providence, working with the Rhode Island Blood Center, will host a Blood Drive on Sunday, Jan. 21, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at 3200 Pawtucket Ave. All presenting donors will receive a Dunkin Donuts gift card. Donors are asked to be certain they eat a good meal and stay hydrated before donating, as well as to bring identification.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY BRUNCH**

St. Joseph Church will celebrate "Volunteer Appreciation Day" on **Sunday, January 14th**, following the 11:15am Mass. In appreciation for all your "Time and Talent" you share here at St. Joseph's, I extend an invitation to you



and your family to join us at the Rectory for brunch. Please call the Rectory by **January 7th** and let us know how many will be in attendance.

I look forward to seeing you and your family.



The 2018 Parish Calendars are available at the Church entrance. Please feel free to pick one up on your way out of Mass. A huge Thank You to Monahan & Drabble for supplying the calendars to St. Joseph Church!



**FIRST FRIDAY**  
Friday, January 5th, is First Friday. From 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the chapel there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction

**CCD**

**PLEASE NOTE:** RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL RESUME JANUARY 7th.



I wish to extend a sincere *THANK YOU* to the members of the Choir, soloists, instrumentalists, servers, ministers, decorators and cleaners and all who helped make the Christmas Liturgies a special occasion at St. Joseph's Church. Please be assured of my prayers and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

*Monsignor Bastia*



**New Year Mass Schedule**

**Saturday December 30 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday December 31 9:00 a.m. & 11:15**

**Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Sunday December 31 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)**

**Monday January 1 (Holy Day)**

**11:15 a.m.**

**A New Year's Prayer**

*Dear Lord, we pray that this New Year will bring us closer to You. May we take the time to get to know You. Help us to truly celebrate the gifts You have graciously given us and to use them to serve You and spread Your word. May we also see and love you in all the people we meet, so that they, in turn, can see You in us. Amen*



**Rosary**

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

**Wishing all a very Happy and Healthy New Year from**

**Monsignor Bastia, Father Sousa, and the entire Parish Staff at St. Joseph Church**  
**God Bless**

**THANK YOU**

to all the parishioners and friends who sent cards, gifts, and personal remembrances during the Christmas Season. Please be assured of our continued prayers for you and your loved ones.

**Monsignor Bastia**  
**Fr. Sousa**

**Mass Book**

The Mass Book for 2018 is now available. Please call the Rectory at 421-9137 to reserve Your Anniversary or Memorial Mass dates



**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**  
**December 24, 2017**



	2016	2017
Envelopes:	\$3,005.00	\$2,025.00
Loose:	\$ 120.00	\$ 45.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 738.00	\$ 756.00
Children	\$ 1.00	\$ —
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,864.00</b>	<b>\$2,826.00</b>
<b>Christmas:</b>	<b>\$3,312.00</b>	<b>\$3,308.00</b>