



*Then they opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11 (NAB)

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

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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Virginia DiMasi (401-258-4558)

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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

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

“Lord, every nation on earth will adore you” Psalm 72

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

The Epiphany



Adoration of the Magi by El Greco, 1568

Here is what the Catechism has to say about the feast that we celebrate this weekend:

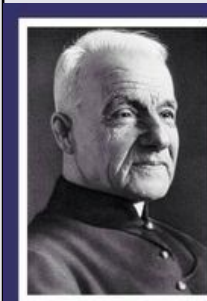
528 The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (*magi*) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi's coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning toward the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that "the full number of the nations" now takes its "place in the family of the patriarchs," and acquires *Israelitica dignitas* (are made "worthy of the heritage of Israel").

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To read the Catechism of the Catholic Church online, go to and search "Catechism."

January 6: St. André Bessette

More commonly known as Brother André, this saint was canonized on October 17, 2010, by Pope Benedict XVI. Parishioners here at St. Joseph Church might be interested to know that Brother André had a special devotion to the foster father of Jesus, and Brother André would recommend to anyone who was ill to seek a cure through the intercession of St. Joseph. Thousands of people are said to have been healed. Here are Pope Benedict's comments on the occasion of Brother André's canonization:



*Saint
André
Bessette,
pray
for us.*

My only ambition is to serve
God in the most humble tasks.
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Brother André Bessette, a native of Quebec in Canada, and a religious of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, experienced suffering and poverty at a very early age. They led him to have recourse to God through prayer and an intense inner life. As porter of the College of Notre Dame in Montreal, he demonstrated boundless charity and strove to relieve the distress of those who came to confide in him. With very little education, he had nevertheless understood where the essential of his faith was situated. For him, believing meant submitting freely and through love to the divine will. Wholly inhabited by the mystery of Jesus, he lived the beatitude of pure of heart, that of personal rectitude. It is thanks to this simplicity that

he enabled many people to see God. He had built the Oratory of St Joseph of Mount Royal, whose faithful custodian he remained until his death in 1937. He was the witness of innumerable cures and conversions. "Do not seek to have your trials removed," he said, "ask rather for the grace to bear them well." For him, everything spoke of God and of God's presence. May we, in his footsteps, seek God with simplicity in order to discover him ever present in the heart of our life!

⚡ MASS INTENTIONS ⚡

- Saturday, January 6** *St. André Bessette, religious*
4:00 p.m. 24th Anniversary, Thomas Jaquinto, requested, wife Jan
- Sunday, January 7** *The Epiphany of the Lord*
9:00 a.m. Anniversary, John H. Boland, requested, family
11:15 a.m. 49th Anniversary, Annibale Iapaolo, requested, Thomas Bruzzese
- Monday, January 8** *The Baptism of the Lord*
8:00 a.m. For the Christmas Flower donors
- Tuesday January 9**
8:00 Available
- Thursday January 11**
8:00 a.m. Intentions for the Parishioners of St. Joseph Church
- Friday, January 12**
8:00 a.m. Available
- Saturday, January 13**
4:00 p.m. Available
- Sunday, January 14** *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 a.m. Available
11:15 a.m. Memorial, Richard M. Hickey Sr., requested, Daniel S. Harrop

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday January 13

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

Sunday January 14

9:00 a.m. Joseph (MC), Laura, Lily, Sophia

11:15 a.m. Will (MC), Michael, Sam (MC), Abigail

LECTORS

Saturday, January 13

4:00 p.m. Jan Jaquinto

Sunday, January 14

9:00 a.m. Jim Vandermillen

11:15 a.m. Helen Valcourt

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, January 13

4:00 p.m. Lorraine Beaudoin

Sunday, January 14

9:00 a.m. Bob Anthony

11:15 a.m. Judy Gillis

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a Parish Council meeting Monday January 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory



SAVE THE DATE!

January 14, 2017

"Little Christmas"

"VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY BRUNCH"

All volunteers, committee members, choir members, altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers, Banking Committee and anyone else who shares their time and talent at St. Joseph Church are invited to join Monsignor Bastia in the Rectory for brunch.

This year we would like to extend this invitation to all who volunteered to help with the Grateful for God's Providence Campaign.

Please bring your family and join us!

PLEASE R.S.V.P. NO LATER THAN JANUARY 8TH



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

ABOUT MASS INTENTIONS

It is the longstanding tradition of the Church that each Mass have an intention, for either a living person, a person who has died, or a particular intention. **The value of ONE Mass is beyond our imagining**, and the practice of having a Mass offered on someone else's behalf is a reminder of our profound interconnectedness as members of the Body of Christ.

The Mass Book for 2018 is now available. Reserve Anniversary or Memorial Mass dates, or dates for special intentions

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

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. Appointments are strongly encouraged. Please contact Joe at Ltutal@aol.com 781-910-7415.

Annual Respect Life Mass

Saturday, January 13, 2018
9:00 a.m.

Bishop Tobin Main Celebrant, veneration of Our Lady of Guadalupe Statue to follow mass
St. Paul's Catholic Church, Cranston



Rosary

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

March for Life

Friday January 19, 2018

The National Prayer Vigil for Life is an all-night pro-life prayer vigil held on the eve of the March for Life each January. Over 20,000 pilgrims from across the nation pray through the night for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life. It is held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Mass Book

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Perhaps there is a deceased relative, a living friend or family member in need, or even an intention that you hold in your heart.



SACRIFICIAL GIVING
January 1, 2018



	2017	2018
Envelopes:	\$2,619.00	\$3,264.00
Loose:	\$ 387.00	\$ 515.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,125.00	\$ 751.00
Children	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00
TOTAL:	\$4,132.00	\$4,532.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 765.00	\$721.00