



### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:00 am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:  
8:00 a.m. in the chapel  
Holy Day Mass: 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
in the church  
Confessions:  
Saturday 4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.  
or by appointment

#### PASTOR

Rev. Edward A. Sousa, Jr.

#### OFFICE MANAGER

Laurie Ricciardi

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

##### DIRECTOR

Virginia DiMasi (401-258-4558)

#### PASTORAL MINISTER

Sr. Mary Ellen Maytum, R.S.M

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### ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday

(Closed all Civic Holidays)

### 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.

**Sacrament of the Sick And Communion to the Homebound:** 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 2, 2018

*Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.*

*Celebrating 167 years of living faith since the foundation of our parish in 1851.*

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, September 1

5:00 p.m. Available

### Sunday, September 2 *Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00 a.m. Memorial, Belmira and William Anthony, requested Bob and Pauline Anthony

### Monday, September 3

8:00 a.m. Memorial, Teodoline Soares, requested, Cullen Soares

### Tuesday, September 4

8:00 Memorial, Thomas Soares, requested Cullen Soares

### Thursday, September 6

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

### Friday, September 7

8:00 a.m. Available

### Saturday, September 8

4:00 p.m. Available

### Sunday, September 9 *Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m. Intentions for the St. Joseph Church Permanent Endowment donors

11:15 a.m. Memorial, Anne G. Harrop, requested, Daniel S. Harrop

## BUDGET REMINDER

We hope that everyone is having a great summer. Please remember to make up your budgets. Your dependable weekly contributions are necessary in order for the parish to meet its weekly expenses.

## WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

August 26, 2018

	2017	2018
Envelopes:	\$2,102.00	\$3,270.00
Loose:	\$ 357.00	\$ 325.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 891.00	\$ 846.00
Children	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$3,350.00	\$4,441.00

*Currently our weekly expenses  
are exceeding our weekly income.*

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Fr. Sousa's Installation Mass



On Sunday, September 30, 2018, at the 11:15 a.m. Mass, Bishop Robert C. Evans, Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, will formally install Fr. Sousa as pastor of St. Joseph's Parish. All are welcome to attend; There will be NO 9:00 a.m. Mass on this day. More information in the weeks to come.

## SEASONAL MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning September 8th the Saturday afternoon Mass will be celebrated at **4:00p.m.** Confessions will be held from **3:00 p.m.— 3:30 p.m.** during this time. Sunday Mass times will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

## FR. SOUSA IS STILL ASKING FOR ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!

Anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server (5th grade and up, including adults) or a Lector/ Eucharistic Minister please contact Fr. Sousa at 421-9137 for more information. Our liturgies are being affected by the lack of volunteers for these important ministries. Training will be provided.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week and the Altar Bread will be offered in honor of our Lord and in memory of:  
**Belmira and William Anthony**

Requested, Bob and Pauline Anthony

## ALTAR SERVERS

**Saturday September 8**

**4:00 p.m.** Kirsten, Grace, Max

**Sunday September 9**

**9:00 a.m.** Sam, Abby

**11:15 a.m.** Will, Daniel

## LECTORS

**Saturday, September 8**

**4:00 p.m.** Carolyn Piatek

**Sunday, September 9**

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

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

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**Saturday, September 8**

**4:00 p.m.** Florence Gracie, Lorraine  
Beaudoin, Pam DeLuca

**Sunday, September 9**

**9:00 a.m.** Ginny DiMasi, Jim Vandermillen,  
Shirley Sears

**11:15 a.m.** David Gillis, Judy Gillis, Mike  
Reilly



**It's Simple:** Log on to the St. Joseph Church *website*: [www.stjosephprovidence.org](http://www.stjosephprovidence.org), click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration instructions.

**It's Secure:** Parish Giving is Payment Card Industry Compliant and uses the strongest Secure Sockets Layering encryption technology available.

**It's Convenient:** No more searching for the checkbook on Sunday mornings or stops at the ATM

**Tax Benefits:** You will be able to print out a detailed report of all your contributions at the end of the year.

**Parish Benefits:** This provides the Parish with stable monthly Contributions and reduces parish administrative costs.

To sign up for this free service and to begin making secure transactions over the Internet, please go to our website: [www.stjosephprovidence.org](http://www.stjosephprovidence.org), follow the Parish Giving link. Or go to [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org), or call **866-307-7140** and speak to a Parish Giving Representative to walk you through the process.

## LETTER FROM THE BISHOP:

Dear Friends in Christ,

These are indeed very difficult and dark days for our Church. In recognizing the anger, pain and confusion that many Catholics are experiencing over recent allegations of sexual abuse of minors by priests, and negligence of bishops in dealing with the crisis, I humbly ask you to join me in a special day of prayer and penance on **Friday, September 14th**.

The event will begin with the Noon Mass at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, to be followed by three hours of Eucharistic Adoration, and will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 p.m.

I will undertake a personal 24-hour fast from 8:00 am on Friday the 14th until 8:00 am on Saturday the 15th in penance for my own faults and failures as a Christian, priest and bishop, as well as for the sins and failures of all priests and bishops related to the sexual abuse of minors.

In announcing this special day of prayer and penance, I echo the words of Pope Francis in his "Letter to the People of God": "It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable . . . Penance and prayer will help us to open our eyes and our hearts to other people's sufferings."

I invite all the members of our clergy, all the members of our Church, and all those who have expressed their deep concern over this grave issue, to join me in this spiritual endeavor, either in person at our Cathedral, or in their own personal prayer and penance in their local parishes and homes. Our commitment to end the scourge of sexual abuse doesn't end with prayer, but it begins there, knowing that without God's grace and power we can do nothing, that the best of our human efforts will be in vain.

Friday, September the 14th is an important Feast Day for Catholics, the "Exaltation of the Holy Cross of Christ." I have chosen this date as a reminder that from the immense suffering of the Cross came redemption and new life for the world. Through the power of Christ's Cross, and the intercession of our Blessed Mother, our Lady of Sorrows, may God bring healing and peace to all those who have suffered the horrible and long-lasting pain of sexual abuse, as well as true repentance, reform and reconciliation to the Church and our community.

My commitment to provide a safe environment for children and youth in the Diocese of Providence, to purge the Church of these horrible acts and to respond compassionately to all those who have been harmed remains firm. May God forgive us our sins and grant us the grace to follow a path of reform and renewal.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Thomas J. Tobin  
Bishop of Providence