



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

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 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

or by appointment

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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 9, 2018

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 8 (Birthday of The Blessed Virgin Mary)

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

Monday, September 10

8:00 a.m. Available

Tuesday, September 11

8:00 Anniversary Remembrance, Paul Sloan, requested Mom
and Dad

Thursday, September 13

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

Friday, September 14

8:00 a.m. Special Intention. *Fr. Sousa*

Saturday, September 15

4:00 p.m. 50th Anniversary, Josephine Iapaolo, requested, Thomas
Bruzzese, Esq.

Sunday, September 16 *Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m. Available

11:15 a.m. Available

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

September 2, 2018

| | 2017 | 2018 |
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| Envelopes: | \$2,673.00 | \$1,683.00 |
| Loose: | \$ 112.00 | \$ 570.00 |
| Electronic Giving | \$ 821.00 | \$ 851.00 |
| Children | \$ — | \$ — |
| Total | \$3,606.00 | \$3,104.00 |

*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.

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday afternoon Mass is celebrated at **4:00p.m.** Confessions are heard from **3:00 — 3:30 p.m.**

Sunday Mass times are celebrated at **9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.**

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday September 15

4:00 p.m. Olivia, Max, Kirsten

Sunday September 16

9:00 a.m. Sam, Abby

11:15 a.m. Sophia, Samantha, Will

LECTORS

Saturday, September 15

4:00 p.m. Carolyn Piatek

Sunday, September 16

9:00 a.m. Jim Baar

11:15 a.m. Jim Vandermillen

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, September 15

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

Sunday, September 16

9:00 a.m. Ginny DiMasi, Bob Anthony,
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, 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, follow the Parish Giving link. Or go to www.parishgiving.org, or call **866-307-7140** and speak to a Parish Giving Representative to walk you through the process.

A Letter From Fr. Sousa...



Smiling Heavenward

Sometimes when life weighs you down, you need to take a minute to laugh – and our pets can be a source of laughter and encouragement.

This past Monday (Labor Day) I was relaxing at my home in my quiet and beautiful backyard located in the Coventry/West Warwick area, with Rick Warren's book: *The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For?* He might not be happy to know that I wasn't so much inspired by his words as I was by my dog sitting there watching me. I can only hope that Warren doesn't misconstrue this to be unflattering. Actually, his words *did* get through to me, but not without the help of my dog, Pio, (a purebred Siberian Husky I named after St. Padre Pio, my favorite Saint).

I happened to be reading that our purpose is to make God smile. I had been taught by the classic *Baltimore Catechism* that God made us "*to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world, and to be happy with Him forever in the next.*" Not a word about smiling. So I stopped and glanced over at my dog, who was on the end of the bench in my yard, watching me read as though it were the most fascinating thing she had ever seen. I couldn't help but capture the above picture. This was so amusing to me that I involuntarily, unconsciously smiled. Pio *made* me smile.

Is that how God feels when we turn our eyes and hearts toward him? We wait to hear God's silent words to us, watching for a sign that he's there, that he listens, that he cares. Skeptics might say that the dog was hoping for a treat, but I know better. In that instant I knew something very important: *We* make God smile. Dogs depend on us for everything. They yearn to bring us pleasure and to feel that we love them. Is that not how God wants us to be toward him? Can we say we love God as much as our dogs (or cats) love us?

Unconditional love. Is there a better example of this Godly attribute than our canine friends? Dogs love the desperately poor with the same intensity as the ridiculously wealthy. They don't care if you are ugly or beautiful. They love losers as much as winners. Performance makes no difference to a dog. Performance makes no difference to God's love for us. He cares about faithfulness. Out of that faithfulness comes the fruit of the Spirit which produces performance that counts for eternity. Unconditional love demonstrates the power of the Gospel.

Living in the moment. My dog is such a role model for living in the moment. He can be sound asleep and when a ball bounces by he springs up with sheer abandon. I can have that same kind of spontaneous freedom. Because of Christ I can live without regret of the past. It is forgiven. I can live without fear of the future. It is in God's hands. Because of the finished work of Jesus I can live freely and joyfully in the moment. That may be the most important lesson of all from my Husky friend. Enjoy today and keep smiling.

Fr. Sousa