

December 16, 2018
Third Sunday of
Advent

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 of Obligation:

8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

or by appointment

PASTOR

Rev. Edward A. Sousa, Jr.

OFFICE MANAGER

Ms. Laurie Ricciardi

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Ms. Virginia DiMasi (401-258-4558)

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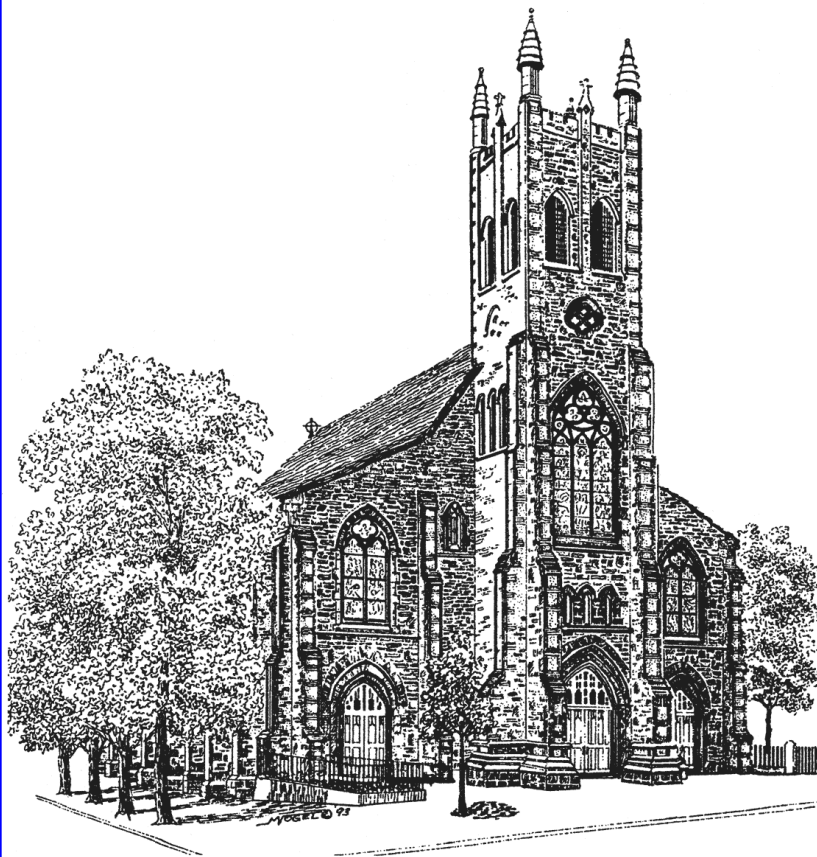
Ms. Katie Kleyla

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

Monday-Friday

(Closed on Civic Holidays)

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Registered parishioners should contact the parish office in advance of the birth of their child to prepare for baptism.

Marriage: Couples must meet Fr. Sousa 12 months in advance of their wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick: If you or a loved one are in the hospital or homebound and wish Father Sousa to make a visit, please call the Rectory and inform the Parish Secretary to make the arrangements for Father to make a visit.

Holy Orders: If you would like to serve God by proclaiming the Word of God, celebrating the Sacraments and by serving those in need, you may have a vocation to the priesthood. Please speak to Fr. Sousa or contact the Office of Vocations at: **401-831-8011.**

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 15

4:00 p.m. Available

Sunday, December 16

Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Available

11:15 a.m. Memorial, Arthur A. Sears Jr., requested, Shirley Sears

Monday, December 17

8:00 a.m. Available

Tuesday, December 18

8:00 a.m. For the Christmas Flower donors

Thursday, December 20

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

Friday, December 21

8:00 a.m. Memorial, Joseph Machado, requested, Shirley Sears

Saturday, December 22

4:00 p.m. Available

Sunday, December 23

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 Available

11:15 a.m. Memorial, Cecile and Robert Pelletier, requested, daughter Lorraine

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, December 22

4:00 p.m. Kirsten, Grace

Sunday, December 23

9:00 a.m. Jessica, Lily

11:15 a.m. Sam, Abby

LECTORS

Saturday, December 22

4:00 p.m. Carolyn Piatek

Sunday, December 23

9:00 a.m. Beverly Baar

11:15 a.m. David Gillis

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, December 22

4:00 p.m. Jan Jaquinto

Sunday, December 23

9:00 a.m. Brian Medeiros

11:15 a.m. Judy Gillis

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

Weekend of December 8 & 9

Envelopes: \$2,119.00

Loose: \$ 65.00

Children \$ —

Parish Giving (EFT) \$ 616.00

TOTAL \$2,800.00

Weekly Budget Goal to Meet Our Expenses: \$5,412.00

◇ *Time and Talent — We wish to thank all those parishioners who are always so willing to pitch in and lend a helping hand. Their participation contributes to the vibrancy of our community.*

◇ *Treasure — Thank you for your financial support.*

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

Please notify the Parish Office of any changes in name, address, email, telephone and Parish Giving information, etc.

It is very important that we keep the parish registration data updated.

Electronic Giving!

Saint Joseph has enlisted Parish Giving to provide its members with the opportunity to use Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) as an alternative method for giving. Parish Giving is being offered to you free of charge. At the same time, **St. Joseph Parish** will benefit from a reliable, more efficient and more convenient means to process the contributions that make it possible to support its mission. On this giving site, you will be able to select from the various opportunities to contribute to our parish and other initiatives. Keep in mind that all contributions are processed once a month. Following is an overview of some of the features:

- Ability to make one-time contributions
- Ability to make recurring contributions
- Ability to select your billing date
- Ability to use Credit Card or Bank Transfer
- Ability to access end of year contribution reports

Create or login to your Parish Giving account: www.stjosephprovidence.org, follow the Parish Giving link. Or go to www.paritygiving.org, or call **866-307-7140** and speak to a Parish Giving Representative to walk you through the process.

HELP SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER



There are several homebound parishioners from St. Joseph Church who would love to receive a Christmas card from you or your child. Have your child or children make a homemade card and mail it to someone on the Christmas Card List found on the tables at the church entrance

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH



Please come and help decorate the church on **Friday December 21st, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.**

Sign-up sheets are located at the church entrance. All are welcome to help us prepare for the birth of Jesus.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: **5:00 p.m.**
Christmas Day: **10:00 a.m.**

New Year's Eve, December 31st: **NO VIGIL**

January 1st:
Feast of Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)
10:00 a.m.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who gave to this year's Giving Tree. Because of your generosity we were able to provide a Merry Christmas to needy families who are served by the Boy's and Girl's Club of Providence who may not otherwise have had a gift.

SHOP AT AMAZON HELP OUR PARISH

The holiday shopping season is upon us! Do you shop at Amazon? If yes, please consider doing so through our website, 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.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

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. Perhaps there is a deceased relative, a living friend or family member in need, or even an intention that you hold in your heart. Consider having a Mass celebrated for your intention, especially during this month that we remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Please call the rectory to book an upcoming Mass.