

**January 20, 2019  
2nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**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**

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**DIRECTOR**

**Ms. Virginia DiMasi (401-258-4558)**

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**Sr. Mary Ellen Maytum, R.S.M.**

**ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR**

**Mr. Donald Dame**

**CANTOR**

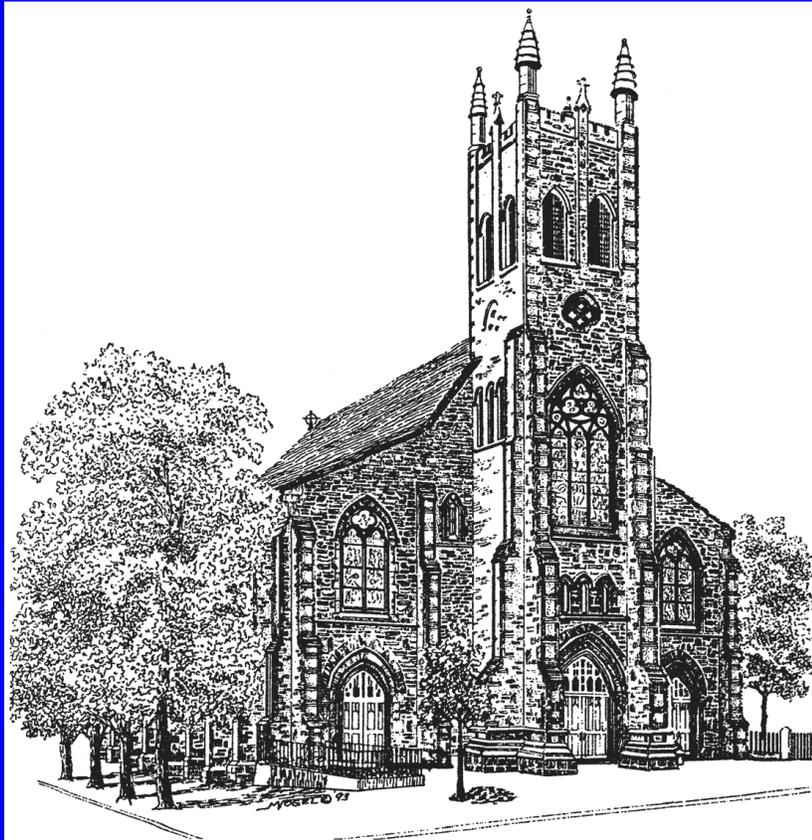
**Ms. Katie Kleyla**

**TRUSTEES**

**Dr. Daniel Harrop,  
Mrs. Suzanne Hall**

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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 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, January 19**

4:00 p.m. Available

### **Sunday, January 20**

9:00 a.m. Available

11:15 a.m. Available

### **Monday, January 21 (Holiday)**

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

### **Tuesday, January 22**

8:00 a.m. Birthday Remembrance, Cecile Cloutier, requested,  
Lorraine Beaudoin

### **Thursday, January 24**

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

### **Friday, January 25**

8:00 a.m. 1st Anniversary, Jill Rabczak, requested, Lorraine  
Beaudoin

### **Saturday, January 26**

4:00 p.m. 12th Anniversary, Joseph Soprano, requested,  
daughters Judy, Joanne and Jane

### **Sunday, January 27**

9:00 a.m. Available

11:15 a.m. Available

## ALTAR SERVERS

### **Saturday, January 26**

4:00 p.m. Grace, Olivia

### **Sunday, January 27**

9:00 a.m. TBD

11:15 a.m. Sophia, Samantha

## LECTORS

### **Saturday, January 26**

4:00 p.m. Carolyn Piatek

### **Sunday, January 27**

9:00 a.m. Esther Marion

11:15 a.m. Ed Bozzi

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

### **Saturday, January 26**

4:00 p.m. Jan Jaquinto

### **Sunday, January 27**

9:00 a.m. Mike Reilly

11:15 a.m. David Gillis

## WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

### **Weekend of January 12 & 13**

Envelopes:	\$1,883.00
Loose:	\$ 145.00
Children	\$ —
Parish Giving (EFT)	\$ 591.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,619.00</b>

◇ *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.

## SAVE THE DATE!

*Our St. Joseph Feast Day Brunch will be held on Sunday, March 17th, 2019. More info coming.*

One of the major components of our annual brunch is the Silent Auction, during which attendees bid on gift baskets that are filled with goods based on various themes — for example, Italian Basket, Beauty Basket, etc...If you would like to donate a basket to this year's event, *Please see the board at the back of the church or contact the rectory at 421-9137.*

### Program book advertising

We are also now beginning to solicit advertising for the program book that is handed out at our Feast Day Brunch. Ads are in three sizes:

**One Line Memorial: \$15**

**Half-page: \$35**

**Full-page: \$60**

Ads can be placed for any purpose — typically memorials for deceased loved ones, for special intentions, for a thank-you, or to promote upcoming events or to showcase businesses. Because the program book is a helpful fund-raiser for our parish, please consider buying an ad and also encourage others to do so. If you would like to place an ad, please contact the parish office at 421-9137.

## **FROM YOUR PASTOR...** **A SPECIAL THANK YOU!**

St. Joseph's Church is blessed with many people who give generously of their time, talent and treasure. Many times, it is in quiet ways that go unnoticed. And that's just how they like it! It's good for us to say thank you when we see these quiet stewards at work, and it's good to sometimes call them out.

- 11/15/2018: \$5,000.00 (Mr. Thomas J. McAndrew, Esq., general parish support)
- 11/19/2018 \$2,000.00 (Mr. Thomas J. McAndrew, Esq., for parish outreach to those in need)
- 11/26/2018 \$2,500.00 (general parish support)
- 12/10/2018 \$2,500.00 (Sloan Family, general parish support)
- 12/18/2018 \$6,607.00 (Patrick Kelley Estate, Bequest, Parish Endowment Fund)
- 12/21/2018 \$10,000.00 (parish special support)
- 1/9/2019 \$500.00 (Myrna Hall, parish general support)

Thank you for the offerings you have made and are making to St. Joseph's. Your ongoing support, of your time, of your God-given talents, and of your financial means, help support all that we do at St. Joseph's. St. Joseph's could do nothing without the faithful offerings of its members. Together, we are the Body of Christ. When we are giving, we are being the faithful people God calls us to be. Our offerings bring about blessings on many levels. We are transformed, made new, through our offerings. We believe in a God who is generous. And we are created in God's image. So we are called to be generous as God is generous. THANK YOU.

I hope to sit down with every single individual and family in the parish to be able to say "thank you" for all the ways you support St. Joseph's and our mission here in the Diocese of Providence. I know how many of you are "prayer warriors" on behalf of St. Joseph's and all we are trying to accomplish in our parish and beyond its doors, into the surrounding neighborhoods. Many of you are generous especially with gifts of food, whether special treats around holiday times or deliveries of things like pies during Thanksgiving and Christmas to the less fortunate. Your time and financial generosity are humbling, especially given the challenges so many face in our uncertain and difficult financial environment.

Your generosity is evident in so many ways. Even the smallest things -- a word of thanks after a homily touches your heart, or a small picture your child draws and gives to me after Mass, the occasional invitation to your home to join you for dinner or coffee and "get away" for a few hours. Yes, these things (and much, much more) make such a difference. Especially in these trying times for the Church, having this sort of support from all of you is humbling beyond measure. Such gestures are *priceless gifts* that bring me strength, consolation, and hope in my wonderful vocation as a priest.

As I have tried to transition and settle into a very different world from fulltime hospital ministry, *I am especially most grateful to those around me that are open and appreciative of new ideas and fresh eyes.* I especially recognize our part-time financial bookkeeper, Mrs. Brandy O'Donnell for the selfless dedication she has shown to our parish, along with being a fulltime employee of the Diocese of Providence. She is punctilious in *every* detail of her job. I also recognize the members of both the Finance and Pastoral Councils, Auditors and Trustees, whom are all positive and encouraging individuals. Special thank you to Mr. David Gillis who (among many other things he does for our parish) maintains our parish website and puts our bulletin online, Ms. Ginny DiMasi, our Religious Education Director, Mrs. Tania Montilla, and Mr. Pedro Quinilla, who tirelessly keep the rectory and the church so beautiful, and last (but certainly not least) Sister Mary Ellen Maytum, whom have all been very respectful, supportive and encouraging to me as your new pastor.

And besides these few heartfelt words of thanks, and a promise of my prayers for all of you, I now swing back around to where this letter started. Recognizing the importance of the support that so many give to our parish, every year we offer Masses for all those who have in any way been friends or benefactors to us. Which means that, for all of you who are so good to St. Joseph's now, know that once you have passed on from this life, there will be Masses offered for you every year until the end of the world. It is the ultimate "thank you" gift from St. Joseph's to you. May the infinite merits of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass hasten the final purification of all our deceased friends & benefactors, and bring them quickly into the vision of heavenly glory, where they might share in the joy of St. Joseph and all the saints for all eternity.

*Sincerely and God Bless You,*

***Fr. Edward A. Sousa, Jr.***