

# SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

## June 19, 2016

"My Soul Is Thirsting for You, O Lord My God" Psalm 63:2

### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrating 165 years of living faith since the foundation of our parish in 1851.



#### The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Christians have long interpreted the life of John the Baptist as a preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ, and the circumstances of his birth, as recorded in the New Testament, are miraculous. John's pivotal place in the gospel is seen in the emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus.<sup>[1]</sup>

The sole biblical account of the birth of John the Baptist comes from the Gospel of Luke. John's parents, Zechariah or *Zachary* — a Jewish priest — and Elizabeth, were without children and both were beyond the age of child-bearing. During Zechariah's rotation to serve in the Temple in Jerusalem, he was chosen by lot to offer incense at the Golden Altar in the Holy Place. The Archangel Gabriel appeared to him and announced that he and his wife would give birth to a child, and that they should name him John. However, because Zechariah did not believe the message of Gabriel, he was rendered speechless until the time of John's birth.<sup>[2]</sup> At that time, his relatives wanted to name the child after his father, and Zechariah wrote, "His name is John", whereupon he recovered his ability to speak (Luke 1:5-25; 1:57-66). Following Zechariah's obedience to the command of God, he was given the gift of prophecy, and foretold the future ministry of John (Luke 1:67-79), this prophecy forming the text of the Benedictus canticle.

The Nativity of John the Baptist on June 24 comes three months after the celebration on March 25 of the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel told Mary that her cousin Elizabeth was in her sixth month of pregnancy,<sup>[3]</sup> and six months before the Christmas celebration of the birth of Jesus. The purpose of these festivals is not to celebrate the exact dates of these events, but simply to commemorate them in an interlinking way. The Nativity of John the Baptist anticipates the feast of Christmas.

The Nativity of John the Baptist is one of the oldest festivals of the Christian church, being listed by the Council of Agde in 506 as one of that region's principal festivals, where it was a day of rest and, like Christmas, was celebrated with three Masses: a vigil, at dawn, and at midday.<sup>[4]</sup>

## CATHOLIC CHARITY Catholic Charity 2016 Fund Appeal

We have received a total of:

# \$83,854.00



**Thank you to all those  
who have so generously  
given to this year's  
Appeal and helped us to reach our goal!!**

**St. Joseph's participates in *PARISH SHARE* which means any monies collected over our goal will come back to our Parish to help with expenses.**

## ‡ ANNOUNCED MASSES ‡

**Saturday, June 18**

**5:00 p.m.** Birthday remembrance, Bartholomew J. McElroy, requested, daughter Lynn

**Sunday June 19** *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**10:00 a.m.** Memorial, George and Matilda Reilly, requested, family

**Monday, June 20**

**8:00 a.m.** Available

**Tuesday, June 21** *St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious*

**8:00 a.m.** For the intentions of the Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

**Thursday, June 23**

**8:00 a.m.** For the intentions of the Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

**Friday, June 24** *The Nativity of St. John the Baptist*

**8:00 a.m.** Available

**Saturday, June 25**

**5:00 p.m.** Available

**Sunday, June 26** *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**10:00 a.m.** Birthday remembrance, Mitchell Robbins, requested family

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday, June 25**

**5:00 p.m.** Danica (SS), Michael, Abigail, Hannah

**Sunday, June 26**

**10:00 a.m.** Ben (MC), Lily, Will, Jessica

**LECTORS**

**Saturday, June 25**

**5:00 p.m.** Carolyn Piatek

**Sunday, June 26**

**10:00 a.m.** Helen Langton

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday, June 25**

**5:00 p.m.** Jan Jaquinto, Jan Carrara, Florence Gracie

**Sunday, June 26**

**10:00 a.m.** Brian Medeiros, Carmen Roy, Shirley Sears



*With gratitude to Almighty God the Church in the Diocese of Providence joyfully announces and requests the honor of your presence at the Presbyteral Ordination of*

**REV. MR. JORGE V. ROCHA  
REV. MR. NATHAN J. RICCI**

*Through the Imposition of Hands and the Prayer of Ordination by*

*His Excellency*

**THE MOST REVEREND THOMAS J. TOBIN, D.D.**  
*Bishop of Providence*



**IN THE JUBILEE OF MERCY**

**SATURDAY  
25 JUNE 2016 10:00 AM**

**THE CATHEDRAL OF  
SAINTS PETER & PAUL**  
*One Cathedral Square  
Providence, Rhode Island*

**Prayer for Fathers**

St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor and weariness. But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

*Pope John XXIII*

**ROSARY:**

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



**St. Joseph Church  
Permanent Endowment Fund**

is administered by the Catholic Foundation of Rhode Island. Established in 2000, it receives gifts, memorial bequests, planned gifts, and other estate gifts.

**The 2016 Endowment  
Appeal now totals  
\$3,600.00**

This Appeal will offer us an opportunity to **build this lasting legacy for the future of St. Joseph Church**

Please be as generous as you can. Also consider remembering our parish in your will or trust as a permanent way to enable those who follow us to enjoy the treasure of St. Joseph Church as a home of faith for many more years to come

**Masses will be offered on six major holy days each year for living and deceased members of our St. Joseph Church Legacy Society.**

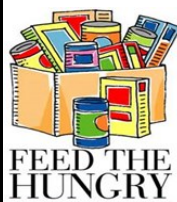
**FACE of RI Corporate Tax Credit Program**

June is the month in which we can actively solicit corporations to support our students through the form of the State of Rhode Island Educational Tax Credit Program. A corporate tax credit allows a deserving student the opportunity to enroll in a Catholic school at no cost to the Local Educational Authority or State of Rhode Island.

**The deadline for applications in July 1**, so please do not delay. The Catholic School Office will be happy to pick up their 2017 tax credit applications and submit them on July 1 to the State Division of Taxation in order to be sure they are properly received for consideration.

**For complete information, please refer to the insert in next weekend's bulletin.**

**SUMMER FOOD DONATIONS**



Throughout the summer months, the need for non-perishable food items **INCREASES**, since children who would normally eat lunch at school are home for the summer. Unfortunately, food donations usually **DECREASE** during the summer months. Several local homeless shelters and soup kitchens rely on your generosity; please make an effort to increase your giving for the summer. Many thanks!

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Envelopes	\$1,912.00	\$2,157.00
Loose:	\$ 260.00	\$ 324.00
Electronic giving	\$ 237.00	\$1,502.00
Children:	\$ 1.00	\$ 4.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,410.00</b>	<b>\$3,987.00</b>