

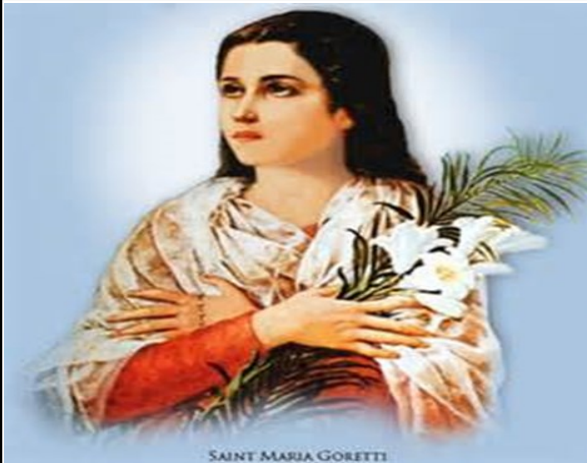
SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

July 3, 2016

"Let all the earth cry out to God with joy" Psalm 66:1

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Saint Maria Goretti

St. Maria Goretti is unique in that she is the youngest canonized saint in the Church. She died tragically on July 6, 1902, at the age of eleven. Born into poverty, her father moved the family when Maria was just six years old from the east side of Italy (near Ancona) to the west side (near Nettuno, about 40 miles south of Rome) in hopes of escaping the grinding poverty that was gripping the area. Just three years later, when Maria was nine, her father died tragically. It fell to her at that time to raise her five siblings while her mother worked the fields to produce the crops with which they would both pay the rent and feed themselves. This was a terrible time of trial and suffering for the whole family. For Maria it was especially difficult. Aside from having the responsibility of caring for her family, she had to also cook and clean for her two next door neighbors—Giovanni Serenelli and his son, Alessandro—who assisted her mother with the farm tasks. It was also during this time that Alessandro began to develop an impure liking for Maria. The big 20-year-old would say rude and crude things to her, things that were inappropriate and embarrassing, and that would cause her to run away. However, at a certain point he began to make direct sexual advances towards her, demanding her virginity and threatening her with violence for non-compliance. Finally, after many months of this, Alessandro forced himself upon Maria in an attempt to rape her. Though she prevented him from violating her, Alessandro brutally stabbed her numerous times. Maria died the next day in the midst of horrendous infection brought on by her lacerations. Her last words were, "I forgive Alessandro Serenelli ... and I want him with me in heaven forever." During his prison sentence Maria appeared to Alessandro and forgave him. That act of mercy and forgiveness—that act of love—filled Alessandro with contrition for his crime. It was also a turning point for him where grace entered his heart. From that point on, he lived a beautiful and converted life of holiness, eventually becoming a Franciscan lay brother.

Catholic Charity Fund Appeal 2016

We have received a total of:

\$84, 104.00



**Thank you all for
supporting the Catholic
Charity Appeal and helping St.
Joseph Church reach our goal
for 2016. God Bless**

‡ ANNOUNCED MASSES ‡

Saturday, July 2

5:00 p.m. Memorial, Mariantonia and Thomas Ricci, Sr. Anna Ricci MPV, requested, Rose and Albert Bonaminio

Sunday July 3 *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00 a.m. Memorial, Raymond Black, requested, brother Patrick Black

Monday, July 4

8:00 a.m. Available

Tuesday, July 5 *Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest*

8:00 a.m. Birthday remembrance, Frank Gracie Jr. requested, Florence Gracie

Thursday, July 7

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

Friday, July 8

8:00 a.m. For the intentions of the Father's Day Remembrance Donors

Saturday, July 9

5:00 p.m. 18th anniversary, Helen Iapaolo, requested, Thomas Bruzzese

Sunday, July 10 *Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00 a.m. Memorial, Dr. and Mrs. W. Henry Rivard, requested, family

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, July 9

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

Sunday, July 10

10:00 a.m. Thomas (SS), Kirsten, Laura, Lily

LECTORS

Saturday, July 9

5:00 p.m. David Gillis

Sunday, July 10

10:00 a.m. Jim Vandermillen

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, July 9

5:00 p.m. Jan Carrara, Pat O'Hara, Jan Jaquinto

Sunday, July 10

10:00 a.m. Bob Anthony, Lorraine Beaudoin, Shirley Sears

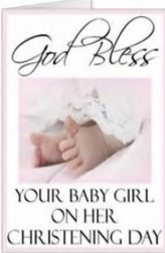
AROUND THE DIOCESE:

PROVIDENCE — In this Year of Mercy, the Ignatian Volunteer Corps is looking for individuals 50 years and older looking for opportunities to serve others and transform lives. Volunteers are strengthened in their Catholic faith by IVC's unique spiritual reflection program, which is rooted in Ignatian spirituality. Volunteers work with the poor, immigrants and those in need in a variety of settings, including schools, homeless shelters, food pantries and parishes. Those who are retired or have some extra hours in their week to share with those in need, contact Dave Hinchin, New England Regional Director of IVC at 617-571-3878 or email hinchin@ivcusa.org.

COVENTRY — SS John and Paul Parish, 341 South Main St., will host the **Deanery Holy Hour for Life** on Thursday evening, July 14, at 7 p.m. The Holy Hour will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Rosary, reflections, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Loreto, and Benediction. All are welcome. Bring a friend. For more information contact Ray, 644-3699.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training will begin at the end of the summer. Any child who has made their First Communion is eligible. Please call the Rectory at 402-421-9137 and speak with Msgr. Bastia if interested.



Congratulations
Stephen and Kelly Gannon
On the Baptism of their daughter
Nora Jane Gannon
June 26, 2016

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, July 4**, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday



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
Continues
The 2016 Endowment
Appeal now totals
\$4,700.00**

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 and generations 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.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." (Psalms 33:12)

Eternal God, stir Thou our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism as we approach the Fourth of July. May all that this day

symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world.

Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of Thy holy name and the good of our Nation and of all mankind. Amen.



Confessions are heard at St. Joseph's every Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

	2015	2016
Envelopes	\$1,301.00	\$1,725.00
Loose:	\$ 260.00	\$ 165.00
Electronic giving	\$ 227.00	\$ Unavailable this week
Children:	\$ —	\$ 2.50
TOTAL:	\$1,788.00	\$1,892.50