

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

July 17, 2016

“One who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord” Psalm 15

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

The Kingdom of Heaven

As the Catechism tells us, “The Kingdom of Heaven was inaugurated on earth by Christ.” (567) Because we have faith in Jesus, we are members of that Kingdom. But such membership comes with great responsibilities, as Pope Francis reminds us in his Apostolic Letter *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel):

Faith also means believing in God, believing that he truly loves us, that he is alive, that he is mysteriously capable of intervening, that he does not abandon us and that he brings good out of evil by his power and his infinite creativity. It means believing that he marches triumphantly in history

with those who “are called and chosen and faithful” (Rev 17:14). Let us believe the Gospel when it tells us that the kingdom of God is already present in this world and is growing, here and there, and in different ways: like the small seed which grows into a great tree (cf. Mt 13:31-32), like the measure

of leaven that makes the dough rise (cf. Mt 13:33) and like the good seed that grows amid the weeds (cf. Mt 13, 24-30) and can always pleasantly surprise us. The kingdom is here, it returns, it struggles to flourish anew. Christ’s Resurrection everywhere calls forth seeds of that new world; even if they are cut back, they grow again, for the Resurrection is already secretly woven into the fabric of this history, for Jesus did not rise in vain. May we never remain on the sidelines of this march of living hope!

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July 22: St. Mary Magdalene



Pope Benedict XVI, in his *Angelus* of July 23, 2006, made the following comments about St. Mary Magdalene:

Tuesday we will celebrate the liturgical Memorial of St Mary Magdalene, a disciple of the Lord who plays a lead role in the Gospels. St. Luke lists her among the women who followed Jesus after being “healed of evil spirits and infirmities,” explaining that “seven demons had gone out” from her (Luke 8:2).

Magdalene would be present beneath the Cross with the Mother of Jesus and other women. In the early morning on the first day after the Sabbath she was to be the one to discover the empty tomb, beside which she stood weeping until the Risen Jesus appeared to her (cf. John 20:11).

The story of Mary of Magdala reminds us all of a fundamental truth: a disciple of Christ is one who, in the experience of human weakness, has had the humility to ask for his help, has been healed by him, and has set out following closely after him, becoming a witness of the power of his merciful love that is stronger than sin and death

Noli me tangere, a fresco by Fra Angelico. Noli me tangere is Latin for “touch me not,” the words spoken by Jesus to Mary Magdalene after His Resurrection.

‡ ANNOUNCED MASSES ‡

Saturday, July 16 *Our Lady of Mount Carmel, BVM*
5:00 p.m. 67th anniversary, Rose Bruzzese, requested, Thomas Bruzzese

Sunday July 17 *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
10:00 a.m. 1st anniversary, Pat Houlihan, requested, family

Monday, July 18 *St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest*
8:00 a.m. Memorial, Maurice Mercier, requested niece Lorraine

Tuesday, July 19
8:00 a.m. For the Father’s Day Remembrance donors

Thursday, July 21
8:00 a.m. In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, July 22 *Saint Mary Magdalene*
8:00 a.m. For the intentions of the Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

Saturday, July 23
5:00 p.m. 30th anniversary, Joseph P. Fitzgerald, requested, the Fitzgerald family

Sunday, July 24 *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
10:00 a.m. Available

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, July 23
5:00 p.m. Ariana (SS), Olivia, Max, Grace
Sunday, July 24
10:00 a.m. Danica (SS), Hannah, Abigail, Jessica

LECTORS

Saturday, July 23
5:00 p.m. Jan Carrara
Sunday, July 24
10:00 a.m. Beverly Baar

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, July 23
5:00 p.m. Florence Gracie, Jan Carrara, Pam DeLuca
Sunday, July 24
10:00 a.m. Bob Anthony, Carmen Roy, Lorraine Beaudoin



REPENTENCE is not a one-time event. It is a continual process as we grow in holiness and seek to imitate Christ. A great aid to this conversion process is the daily examination of conscience and the regular practice of confession. These two things will make us much better prepared to receive all of the graces that God

wants to give us.

CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH EVERY SATURDAY FROM 4:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M., OR BY APPOINTMENT.

Throughout the summer months, the need for nonperishable 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!



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

The Diocese of Providence cordially invites you and your spouse to celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th, or over.



Wedding Anniversary Sunday, September 25, 2016, at 1:00pm

Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist.

Please contact the rectory office for applications.

All forms need to be submitted by August 26th

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 \$5,100.00

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.**

AROUND THE DIOCESE:

PROVIDENCE — St. Ann Church will hold its annual novena in honor of St. Ann from July 18 through July 26. There will be a Mass with a healing service and Anointing of the Sick on Friday July 22. The novena will begin at 7 p.m. each night. The theme of this year's novena will be the Jubilee Year of Mercy. For more information, call 861-5111.

CHEPACHET — St. Eugene Parish, 1251 Putnam Pike, to host weekly 'Cruise Night' in the church parking lot each Friday from 4:30 p.m. to dusk. The event welcomes all classic and antique vehicles, cars or trucks and will feature music, food, raffles and door prizes.

CRANSTON — The annual St. Mary's Feast Italian Food and Music Festival, Knightsville's Little Italy, will take place July 20-24, Wednesday and Thursday 6 to 11 p.m., Friday 6 p.m. to midnight, Saturday 3 p.m. to Midnight and Sunday noon to 11 p.m. with a fireworks show on Sunday at 10 p.m. The menu will feature Italian sausage and peppers, Philly cheese steak, fried calamari, raw and fried clams, eggplant and chicken Parmesan, cannoli and more. There will be many vendors, live entertainment as well as amusement rides and games sponsored by Rockwells Amusements.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	2015	2016
Envelopes	\$2,251.00	\$1,814.00
Loose:	\$ 75.00	\$ 130.00
Parish Giving	\$ 227.00	\$1,402.00
Children	\$ 2.00	\$ —
TOTAL:	\$2,555.00	\$3,346.00
Parish Giving Fourteenth Sunday		\$ 766.00
Parish Giving Fifteenth Sunday		\$1,532.00