

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

July 24, 2016

“Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me” Psalm 138:1

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Healing our deafness

The deaf-mute, of whose marvelous cure by our Lord we have heard, represents those members of the human race who merit being freed by divine grace from the error brought on by the devil's deceit. Man became deaf, unable to hear the word of life. Puffed up as he was against God, he listened to the serpent's deadly words; he was made mute and unable to declare the praises of his Maker



Saint Bede the Venerable (735) was an English Benedictine monk, a biblical scholar, and the first English historian

from the time when he presumed to have a conversation with his seducer.

Rightly did God close man's ears from hearing the praises of his Creator along with the angels — those ears which the unsuspected enemy by his speech had opened to hearing denunciation of this same Creator. Rightly did God close man's mouth from proclaiming

the praises of his Creator along with the angels — that mouth which the proud deceiver had filled with his lies about the forbidden food, in order, as the devil said, to improve upon the work of this same Creator.

And alas, the unfortunate rebellion of the human race, which sprouted in a corrupt manner at the root, began to spread in a much more corrupt way in shoots from the branches, so that when our Lord came in the flesh, with the exception of a few of the faithful from among the Jews, almost the entire world, now deaf and mute, was wandering away from recognition and confession of the truth.

But where sin abounded, grace abounded all the more. Our Lord came to the Sea of Galilee, where He knew that there was a disabled person whom He would heal. He came by His benevolent grace to the proud, disordered, and inconstant hearts of the nations, since He knew that among them were some who would be receptive to His grace.

Saint Bede the Venerable

Saints Joachim and Anne Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

According to tradition, Saint Anne was born in Bethlehem, and married Joachim of Nazareth, both descendants of David.^[4] In the Protoevangelium of James, Joachim is described as a rich and pious man, who regularly gave to the poor and to the synagogue at Sepphoris. Tradition has it that the parents of the Blessed Virgin, who, apparently, first lived in Galilee, came later on to settle in Jerusalem.^[5] However, the high priest rejected Joachim and his sacrifice, as their childlessness was interpreted as a sign of divine displeasure. Joachim consequently withdrew to the desert where he fasted and did penance for forty days. Angels then appeared to both Joachim and Anne to promise them a child.^[6] Joachim later returned to Jerusalem and embraced Anne at the city gate. There was ancient belief that a child born of an elderly mother who had given up hope of having offspring was destined for great things. Parallels occur in the Old Testament in the case of Hannah, mother of Samuel.^[7] Joachim and Anne Meeting at the Golden Gate was a popular subject in artistic renditions of the Life of the Virgin. The cycle of legends concerning



Joachim and Anne were included in the Golden Legend and remained popular in Christian art until the Council of Trent restricted the depiction of apocryphal events. No liturgical celebration of Saint Joachim was included in the Tridentine Calendar. It was added to the General Roman Calendar in 1584, for celebration on March 20, the day after the feast day of Saint Joseph. In 1738, it was transferred to the Sunday after the Octave of the Assumption of Mary. As part of his effort to allow the liturgy of Sundays to be celebrated, Pope Pius X transferred it to August 16, the day after the Assumption, so that Joachim may be remembered in the celebration of Mary's triumph. It was then celebrated as a Double of the 2nd Class, a rank that was changed in 1960 to that of 2nd Class Feast. In the 1969 revision of the General Roman Calendar it was joined to that of Anne, for celebration on July 26.

✠ ANNOUNCED MASSES ✠

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

Monday, July 25

Saint James, Apostle

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

Tuesday, July 26 Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Available

Thursday, July 28

8:00 a.m. 26th anniversary, Benny Thibeault, requested, Bob and Pauline Anthony

Friday, July 29

Saint Martha

8:00 a.m. Memorial, Catherine Flynn Doherty, requested, daughter Nancy

Saturday, July 30

5:00 p.m. Birthday remembrance, Paul Sloan, requested, Mom and Dad

Sunday, July 31 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. Available

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, July 30
5:00 p.m. Volunteers
Sunday, July 31
10:00 a.m. Volunteers

LECTORS

Saturday, July 30
5:00 p.m. Carolyn Piatek
Sunday, July 31
10:00 a.m. Ed Bozzi

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, July 30
5:00 p.m. Florence Gracie
Sunday, July 31
10:00 a.m. Virginia DiMasi



Catholic Charity Appeal Update

As of July 8th, 2016

The total amount raised is

\$84, 479.16

Thank you all for your continued generosity and support



ADULT CONFIRMATION

Classes will begin in September for adults who would like to be baptized in the Catholic Church and for those baptized Catholics who would like to receive the Sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation.

For additional information, contact your local parish or call Ed Trendowski, Director Office of Evangelization and faith Formation at 401-278-4646

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



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week and the Altar Bread will be offered in honor of our Lord and in memory of:



BENNY THIBEAULT
 requested,
Bob and Pauline Anthony



St. Joseph Church Permanent Endowment Fund Continues

The 2016 Endowment Appeal now totals \$5,100.00



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**

AROUND THE DIOCESE:

BLOCK ISLAND — Our Lady of Providence Class of 1976 will celebrate its 40th reunion with a luncheon. The following dates are available for a reunion gathering at Ballard's Restaurant on Block Island at 2:30 p.m.: August 13, 20, 27. Families are welcome for fun, shopping, swimming and sight-seeing. Please call 401-345-8741 by August 2 to RSVP with date preferred and how many will be attending

TIVERTON — Holy Ghost Church, 316 Judson St., is proud to announce the second annual Altar Boy Camp. This is a three-day event, August 8-10, with prayer, training, food and fun, closing with a Solemn Mass and family cookout. All boys who serve at the altar, as well as non-parishioners are gratefully welcome. For more information and registration form, visit Altar Boy Camp.com or call 624-8131.

WEST WARWICK — SS. John and James Parish invites all to celebrate a Mass with healing service on Saturday, August 20 at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served in the school cafeteria following the Mass. Both areas are handicapped accessible. Please RSVP no later than August 13 to Jacki, the parish secretary, at 821-7661.

Charity bears all things,
 believes all things,
 hopes all things,
 endures all things.

Be a Pilgrim of **CHARITY**
 Support the Peter's Pence Collection.

The weekend of **August 6th & 7th** the Second Collection will be taken for **Peter's Pence**. This collection allows the Holy Father to cast the light of Christ upon the world by providing emergency assistance to those who need it most around the globe.

The Solemnity of the Assumption Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pope Benedict XVI writes: "Precisely because Mary is with God and in God, she is very close to each one of us. While she lived on this earth she could only be close to a few people. Being in God, who is actually 'within' all of us, Mary shares in this closeness of God." Our Lady "knows our hearts, can hear our prayers, can help us with her motherly kindness. She always listens to us and, being Mother of the Son, participates in the power of the Son and in his goodness. We can always entrust the whole of our lives to this Mother." The Blessed Mother's birth into heaven generates in us "an ever new capacity to await God's future" (Pope John Paul II).

Monday, August 15, 2016
Masses are at 8:00am and 6:30pm

SACRIFICIAL GIVING
 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	2015	2016
Envelopes	\$1,517.00	\$1,626.00
Loose:	\$ 175.00	\$ 290.00
Parish Giving	\$ 227.00	\$1,156.00
Children	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL:	\$1,919.00	\$3,072.00