

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

July 31, 2016

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" Psalm 90:3-4

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

God is love

218 In the course of its history, Israel was able to discover that God had only one reason to reveal himself to them, a single motive for choosing them from among all peoples as his special possession: his sheer gratuitous love. And thanks to the prophets Israel understood that it was again out of love that God never stopped saving them and pardoning their unfaithfulness and sins.

219 God's love for Israel is compared to a father's love for his son. His love for his people is stronger than a mother's for her children. God loves his people more than a bridegroom his beloved; his love will be victorious over even the worst infidelities

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and will extend to his most precious gift: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."

220 God's love is "everlasting": "For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you." Through Jeremiah, God declares to

his people, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."

221 But St. John goes even further when he affirms that "God is love": God's very being is love. By sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange.

To read the Catechism of the Catholic Church online, go to usccb.org and search "Catechism."

August 4th: St. John Vianney

During his General Audience on August 5, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI made the following remarks about St. John Vianney (1786-1859), the Holy Curé of Ars, France, and the patron saint of priests:

The pastoral methods of St John Vianney might hardly appear suited to the social and cultural conditions of the present day. Indeed, how could a priest today imitate him in a world so radically changed? Although it is true that times change and many charisms are characteristic of the person, hence unrepeatable,



there is nevertheless a lifestyle and a basic desire that we are all called to cultivate. ... [W]hat made the Curé of Ars holy was his humble faithfulness to the mission to which God had called him; it was his constant abandonment, full of trust, to the hands of divine Providence. It was not by virtue of his own human gifts that he succeeded in moving peoples' hearts, nor even by relying on a praiseworthy commitment of his will. He won over even the most refractory souls by communicating to them what he himself lived deeply, namely, his friendship with Christ. He was "in love" with Christ, and the true secret of his pastoral success was the fervor of his love for the Eucharistic Mystery, celebrat-

ed and lived, which became love for Christ's flock, for Christians, and for all who were seeking God. His testimony reminds us, dear brothers and sisters, that for every baptized person and especially for every priest the Eucharist is not merely an event with two protagonists, a dialogue between God and me. Eucharistic Communion aspires to a total transformation of one's life and forcefully flings open the whole human "I" of man and creates a new "we."

‡ ANNOUNCED MASSES ‡

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

Monday, August 1 *St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 a.m. Month's Mind, Brandon Foster, requested, Philip Greene

Tuesday, August 2

8:00 a.m. Memorial, Charles Gracie, requested, Florence Gracie

Thursday, August 4 *St. John Vianney, Priest*

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

Friday, August 5 *The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major*

8:00 a.m. Memorial, Maria Monaco Conway, requested, Ann Doherty

Saturday, August 6 *The Transfiguration of the Lord*

5:00 p.m. Available

Sunday, August 7 *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00 a.m. Remembrance, David F. Donnelly, requested, wife Connie

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, August 6

5:00 p.m. Danica, Hannah, Michael, Abigail

Sunday, August 7

10:00 a.m. Jessica and Volunteers

LECTORS

Saturday, August 6

5:00 p.m. Helen Valcourt

Sunday, August 7

10:00 a.m. Beverly Baar

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, August 6

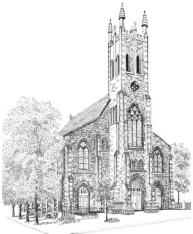
5:00 p.m. Florence Gracie, Pat O'Hara, Michael Reilly

Sunday, August 7

10:00 a.m. Bob Anthony, Shirley Sears, Virginia DiMasi

St. Joseph Church Permanent Endowment Fund

St. Joseph Church will continue to accept gifts to help build up our parish's Permanent Endowment Fund, which provides for the preservation and care of our historic church. Masses will be offered on six major holy days each year for living and deceased members of our St. Joseph Church Legacy Society.



First Friday is August 5th

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

8:30 am - 10:00 am



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 **Decreases** 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!

25th, 40th, 50th, and Over Wedding Anniversary Celebration



The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment of the Diocese of Providence is sponsoring the Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, **September 25, 2016** at 1:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence. Married couples who are celebrating their 25th, 40th,

50th, and over wedding anniversaries in 2016 will be honored at this celebration, which includes Mass, renewal of marriage vows, and a personalized certificate for each couple.

Couples who would like to attend must meet certain criteria and must register for this event by Friday, August 26. For more information and to register, please call the Cathedral office at 401-278-4576.

RECEPTION OF THE EUCHARIST:

If receiving Holy Communion in the hand, approach the priest or the extraordinary minister and bow as a sign of reverence to our Lord. After receiving the host, step to the side and STOP to receive our Lord. Then proceed to the cup, again bow, receive from the cup, and return to your pew.



DIOCESE OF DARU-KIUNGA IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The country of Papua New Guinea is a cluster of islands located south of the equator to the north of Australia and to the east of Indonesia. The Diocese of Daru-Kiunga is one of the 19 Catholic dioceses in this country and covers the entire state of Western Province. The geography of this massive area of approximately 42,000 sq. miles is most challenging: swamps, lakes, rivers and mountains most of which are dense tropical forests cover the area. As the country is close to the equator it is very hot and humid throughout the year.

The tribal people, of Melanesian race, came in contact with the external world when Montfort Missionaries from Canada arrived in the late 1950's. Since then the Church in this remote and undeveloped part of the world has brought faith, health and education to the people. Today the Catholic population is around 40,000 and makes up approximately 40% of the total population of the state.

The church began its work in the remote villages by establishing schools and primary health clinics which have brought considerable improvement in the quality of life of the people. To this day it is the diocese that provides basic health and educational needs of the people, in the absence of such services from the government. The area has few transportation facilities and depends on small planes to transport essential medical supplies and other necessities. In the absence of telephones, electricity and roads our only means of communication between parishes and the diocesan headquarters is two way radios.

August 20-21, 2016

Fr. Masjon Kenedy SMM will preach at St. Joseph Church to support the people of Western Province in Papua New Guinea.

Pawsox Catholic Night

Friday August 5th at 7:05 pm

\$15.00 Ticket Package

Includes:

- \$5.00 Donation to your Parish
- \$5.00 Free Ballpark Credit
- General Admission Ticket
- Pregame on Field Recognition
- Post Game Fireworks Show

Anyone who would like to organize Catholic Night for the Parishioners at St. Joseph's please contact Jack Verducci 401-721-5265



Rosary

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

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING
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	2015	2016
Envelopes	\$2,092.00	\$1,228.00
Loose:	\$60.00	\$80.00
Parish Giving	\$247.00	\$886.00
Children	\$.50	—
TOTAL:	\$2,399.50	\$2,194.00