

# SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

## August 7, 2016

*"Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own" Psalm 33:1*

### **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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



#### **TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**Mark 9:2-10**

Sometimes we need something spectacular to free us from weariness or discouragement. Perhaps this was where Peter, James, and John were at as this story opens. We can well imagine how upsetting Jesus' words about his coming death must have been to them (Mark 8:31). Surely they needed a boost!

But then these disciples saw Jesus transfigured in all of his divine glory. The Greek word that Mark used to describe Jesus' appearance could also be used to describe light flashing off gold or the brilliance of the shining sun. Then, as if that weren't enough two great heroes of the faith, Moses and Elijah, appeared as well. Finally a cloud overshadowed them all, and the disciples heard God's majestic voice declaring: "This is my beloved Son, Listen to him" (Mark 9:7).

How vital this awe-inspiring experience was to these disciples! As the events leading up to the cross unfolded, they would be able to remember how God reassured them and gave them a glimpse of the glory that was coming. As the Pharisees and scribes challenged Jesus' every word and action, they could recall Moses and Elijah giving him their seal of approval. As they saw their Master arrested, beaten, and crucified, this vision would help them remember that Jesus' death was not the end of the story but really the beginning.

In a similar way, God wants to give us a powerful revelation today so that we too can take heart. He wants to assure us of Jesus' glory so that we will have the courage and desire to follow him, even to Calvary.

Brothers and sisters, Jesus is alive! He is with us! Day after day, he wants to unveil a little more of His glory to us, until that final day when we will see Him face to face—that final day when we too will be transfigured and shining like a million diamonds. So let God reveal Jesus to you today so that you can find strength for the journey before you. Jesus is God's beloved Son! May we all listen to Him with hearts wide open!

***"Jesus, you are the star that lights my path. Open my eyes to your glory. Strengthen my faith and keep me close to your side. I want to be a light of hope and consolation to others"***

### **August 8th: St. Dominic, Priest**

The Martyrology gives the following: "At Bologna (upper Italy) the holy confessor Dominic, the saintly and learned founder of the Order of Preachers. He preserved his virginity inviolate and gained for himself the grace of raising three dead persons to life. By his word he crushed heresy in the bud and led many souls to piety and to religious life."



Born about 1175 in Castile (Spain), Dominic hailed from the illustrious Guzman family. First he was a canon regular at Osma; then he founded the Dominican Order, which was approved in 1216. Alongside the Franciscans, it became the most powerful Order in medieval times, giving the Church illustrious preachers -- St. Vincent Ferrer, and contemplatives, Sts. Thomas of Aquinas and Pius V -- and contributing immeasurably to maintaining the purity of the faith. Through the example of apostolic poverty and the preaching of the word of God the Friar Preachers were to lead men to Christ. To St. Dominic is attributed the origin and spread of the holy rosary.

The two contemporaries, Dominic and Francis, effected a tremendous spiritual rejuvenation through their own spiritual personalities and through their religious foundations. Of the two, Dominic was the realist who surpassed the other intellectually and in organizational talent. His spirit of moderation, clarity of thought, and burning zeal for souls have become the heritage of the Dominican Order. Legend has contributed the following rare anecdote as preserved in the Breviary: "During pregnancy, Dominic's mother dreamed she was carrying in her womb a little dog that held a burning torch between its teeth; and when she had given birth, it set the whole world on fire. By this dream it was made manifest beforehand how Dominic would inflame the nations to the practice of Christian virtue through the brightness of his holy example and the fiery ardor of his preaching." He died at Bologna on August 6, 1221. He died upon hearing the liturgy's prayer for the dying: "Come, ye saints of God, hasten hither, ye angels!" His friend, Gregory IX, canonized him three years later.

#### **‡ ANNOUNCED MASSES ‡**

**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

**Monday, August 8** ***St. Domenic, Priest***

**8:00 a.m.** Wedding anniversary remembrance, Vincent and Josephine DeMasi, requested, son-in-law Ed

**Tuesday, August 9**

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

**Thursday, August 11** ***Saint Clare, Virgin***

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

**Friday, August 12** ***St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious***

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

**Saturday, August 13**

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

**Sunday, August 14** ***Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**10:00 a.m.** 3rd anniversary, Walter Tivnan, requested, wife Elizabeth

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday, August 13**

5:00 p.m. Olivia, Grace, Max, Jessica

**Sunday, August 14**

10:00 a.m. Ben, Sam, Abby, Will

**LECTORS**

**Saturday, August 13**

5:00 p.m. Jan Carrara

**Sunday, August 14**

10:00 a.m. Helen Valcourt

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday, August 13**

5:00 p.m. Pam DeLuca, Pat O'Hara, Florence Gracie

**Sunday, August 14**

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

*Thank You Very Much!*

**Alexandra Medeiros  
Thomas Vandermillen  
Meaghan Gillis**

**For your service, dedication and time  
while serving as Master of  
Ceremony and Senior Servers at St.  
Joseph Church**

*An Altar Server is a unique and special ministry by which  
our young persons develop good habits or virtues that will  
help facilitate their search for holiness. Being an Altar  
Server opens the path to receiving the graces from God that  
will help them live their lives, outlook, actions and relation-  
ships with others similar to Christ's, not only upon reaching  
heaven, but even here on earth.*

**25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>,

50<sup>th</sup>, 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, ap-  
proach 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**

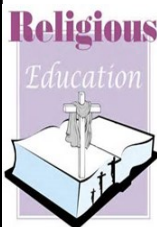
The country of Papua New Guinea is a cluster of islands located south of the equator to the north of Australia and to the east of Indonesia. The Diocese of Daru-Kiunga is one of the 19 Catholic dioceses in this country and covers the entire state of Western Province. The geography of this massive area 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.**



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Parents with  
children enrolled in the program (grades 2 to 8) are  
asked to attend a meeting on

**Monday, September 12th, at 6:30 pm** in the  
Rectory. Please have the registration forms that have  
been mailed to you returned to the Rectory by  
**August 21st** Religious Education classes begin  
**Sunday, Sept. 18,** following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at  
10:00 a.m. in the Rectory.

**All students are expected to attend  
weekly Mass.**



**Ariana Andrade for your time and  
dedication while serving at St. Joseph  
Church as a Senior Server. Wishing you the  
very best in all you do!**

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Envelopes	\$1,338.00	\$2,258.00
Loose:	\$ 264.00	\$ 250.00
Parish Giving	\$ 292.00	\$ 796.00
Children	\$ 8.25	\$ —
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1903.00</b>	<b>\$3,304.00</b>