

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

August 21, 2016

“Go out to all the world and tell the Good News” Psalm. 117:1, 2

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

COME AWAY AND REST

When you feel that you have done your best to amend your life according to the laws of the Church, give yourself in earnest to the contemplative work. And if the memory of your past sins or the temptation to new ones should plague your mind, forming an obstacle between you and God,

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crush them beneath your feet and bravely step beyond them. Try to bury the thought of these deeds beneath the thick cloud of forgetting, just as if neither you nor anyone else had ever done them. If they persist in returning, you must persist in rejecting them. In short, as often as they rise up you must put them down. ...

When distracting thoughts annoy you, try to pretend that you do not even notice their presence or that they have come between you and your God. Look beyond them—over their shoulder, as if it were—as if you were looking for something else, which of course you are.

For beyond them, God is hidden in the dark cloud of *unknowing*. Do this and I feel sure you will soon be relieved of anxiety about them. I can vouch for the orthodoxy of this technique because in reality it amounts to a yearning for God, a longing to see and taste Him as much as is possible in this life. Desire like this is love, which always brings peace.

The Cloud of Unknowing

The Cloud of Unknowing was written in Middle English by an unknown mystic of the 14th century.

Sharing Grief and Joy

Those who are gathered together in community are witnesses to the compassionate Lord. By the way they are able to carry each other's burdens and share each other's joys, they testify to God's presence in our world.

From: Living God's Justice

August 22: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Son speaks: “I am a crowned king in my Godhead, without beginning and without end. A crown has neither beginning nor end, thus signifying my power which had no beginning and shall have no end. But I had still another crown in my keeping; and this crown is I myself, God. This crown was prepared for the one who had the greatest love for me; and you, my sweetest Mother, won it and drew it to yourself with your justice and your charity. For the angels and the other saints bear witness to the fact that in you there was a love for me more ardent than any other and a chastity more pure; and this pleased me more than all else.

Truly, your head was like gleaming gold and your hair like the rays of the sun. For your most pure virginity—which in you is, as it were, the head of all your virtues—and your freedom from all illicit impulses pleased me and shone in my sight with all humility. Therefore, you are deservedly called a crowned queen over all that is created: ‘queen’ because of your purity and ‘crowned’ because of your excellent dignity. Your brow was of an incomparable whiteness—signifying the modesty of your conscience, in which resides the fullness of human knowledge and in which the sweetness of divine wisdom shines upon all. Your eyes were so lucid in my Father’s sight that in them he gazed upon himself; for, in your spiritual vision and in your soul’s intellect, the Father saw all your will—that you wanted nothing but him and desired nothing which did not please him. Your ears were most pure and were open like the fairest windows when Gabriel made my will known to you and when I, God, became flesh in you. Your cheeks were of the finest color—namely, white and ruddy—for the fame of your praiseworthy deeds and the beauty of your character daily burning within you pleased me. At the beauty of your character, God my Father truly rejoiced; and he never turned his eyes away from you. And, out of your love, all have obtained love.”

Saint Bridget

ANNOUNCED MASSES

Saturday, August 20

5:00 p.m. 66th anniversary, Thomas Bruzzese, requested, grandson
Thomas Bruzzese

Sunday August 21 *Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00 a.m. Intentions for the donors of the St. Joseph Church Permanent Endowment Fund

Monday, August 22 *The Queen ship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 a.m. Available

Tuesday, August 23

Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

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

Thursday, August 25

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

8:00 a.m. Available

Friday, August 26

8:00 a.m. Available

Saturday, August 27

Saint Monica

5:00 p.m. Available

Sunday, August 28 *Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00 a.m. Anniversary remembrance, Anthony Bastia, requested, family

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, August 27

5:00 p.m. Ben, Will, Jessica, Kirsten

Sunday, August 28

10:00 a.m. Sam, Abby, Joseph, Laura

LECTORS

Saturday, August 27

5:00 p.m. Jan Jaquinto

Sunday, August 28

10:00 a.m. Beverly Baar

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, August 27

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

Sunday, August 28

10:00 a.m. Bob Anthony, Lorraine Beaudoin, Jan Jaquinto

Mission Prayer

Lord, our God, help us to walk with you

On the pathway to the beatitudes and

To live out your mission in today's world.

Bind us to all men and women of our time

So that together we may bring the

Good News to the ends of the earth.

Open our hearts and our Christian communities

To the needy, the afflicted, the oppressed.

May we radiate the Living Christ

And transform our lives in the hope of the Resurrection.

This prayer we make to you

Who is the living God, now and forever.

AMEN

AROUND THE DIOCESE:

WEST WARWICK — St. Mary's Church will host a Holy Hour for Mercy on the Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday evening, August 22, at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, 70 Church Street. Opening hymn, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary, scripture readings, homily, divine mercy chaplet, litany and benediction. All are welcome. Bring a friend. For more information call Ray, 644-3699.

NORTH KINGSTOWN — St. Francis de Sales Church, 381 School St., to sponsor Dance of the Decades. The parish will host a dance party on Saturday, August 27 from 7 - 11 p.m. in the parish center, with appetizers and desserts. A DJ and the Ed Pepe Trio will be playing music from the 40s thru the 80s, song requests will be accepted. There will be line dancing, dance contests and prizes for the best era dressed attendees. Drinks will be available for purchase along with old style root beer floats. Even if you do not want to dance the night away, come be with friends and enjoy the music. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the parish office at 884-2105.



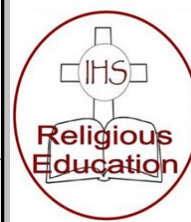
Rosary
Please join us in reciting the Rosary on
Tuesdays and
Thursdays in the chapel following the 8 a.m.
Mass.

REMINDER: The fall Mass Schedule will begin the weekend **AFTER** Labor Day (**September 10th & 11th**)
The Mass Schedule is as follows:
Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am & 11:15am



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



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.

ALTAR SERVERS' TRAINING CLASSES

will begin in September. Please call the parish office at 421-9137 and leave your child's name if he or she plans to attend.
Thank you.



BUDGET REMINDER: We hope that everyone is having a great summer. Please remember to make up your budgets. You can mail them to the Rectory or drop them in the collection basket during any Mass.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

August 2016

	2015	2016
Envelopes	\$1,839.00	\$3,728.50
Loose:	\$ 55.00	\$ 82.00
Electronic giving	\$ 237.00	\$ 846.00
Children:	\$ —	\$ —
TOTALS:	\$1,391.00	\$4,656.50