

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

August 28, 2016

“God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor” Psalm 68:4

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Taking Up Our Cross and Following Jesus

When our hour has really arrived, God’s grace will also be there, and very small things may suffice to help in our simple acceptance of and cooperation with grace. What counts is the recognition of our real cross. Often it is much more difficult to recognize the cross Jesus intends for us personally than to accept it once we have recognized it. We are inclined to think, furthermore, that our crosses would not be so painful if we could immediately see them. There lies the rub which usually disturbs those who have opted for a life of detachment. Their temptation consists in imagining that they already know beforehand what their cross or time of testing will be.



Unfortunately, a cross one knows in advance, even if it is fairly heavy, is no longer the cross of Jesus. Our real cross is always to some degree unanticipated and always seems to far surpass our strength. As a rule, we would never have chosen it. Passionately to cling to a cross of our own choosing and perhaps unconsciously but equally passionately to reject the cross that Jesus intends for us is perhaps the heaviest and most discouraging cross. It could keep us forever from taking up our real cross if Jesus did not at some time intervene.

For what is our cross other than Jesus Himself? To accept this cross is to accept Him. It is simultaneously “to take up the cross” and follow Him.

Father André Louf, O.C.S.O.

Father Louf (2010) served for 35 years as abbot of the Cistercian monastery of Mont-des-Cats, France.

August 29th: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

John the Baptist was a man of courage. This feast urges us to stand firm in our faith and resist the temptation to compromise the gospel teaching. *Patrick Duffy* gives some background to the feast.

The tradition is that after his beheading the disciples of John the Baptist took his body and buried it at Sebaste (Samaria) near modern-day Nablus in the West Bank. His relics were certainly honoured there at the middle of the fourth century and although the tomb was desecrated by Julian the Apostate, it was restored and still even today is housed in the Nabi Yahya Mosque (“John the Baptist Mosque”) at that same place.

Various relics of the head of John the Baptist are claimed at Rome and elsewhere, but there is little likelihood that any of them are authentic.

The feast commemorating the Beheading of St. John the Baptist is almost as old as that commemorating his Nativity: it is one of the oldest feasts introduced into both the Eastern and Western liturgies to honour a saint.

The story of his beheading is told in Mark 6:14-29 in the context of Herod hearing about Jesus and the miraculous powers at work in him. Herod feared that this Jesus was John whom he had beheaded risen from the dead. John had reproached King Herod saying it was against the Law for him to have taken his brother Philip’s wife, Herodias, in marriage. Herod arrested John and put him in prison. On Herod’s birthday, Herodias’s daughter danced so beautifully before Herod and his guests that he promised her anything she asked. Prompted by her mother, she asked for the head of John the Baptist on a plate. Herod granted her wish and John was then beheaded.



ANNOUNCED MASSES

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

Monday,

August 29 *The Passion of St. John the Baptist*

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

Tuesday, August 30

8:00 a.m. Birthday remembrance, Mary Pavao, requested, Florence Gracie

Thursday, September 1

8:00 a.m. Available

Friday, September 2

8:00 a.m. 16th anniversary, Marion Maytum, requested, Sr. Mary Ellen

Saturday, September 3 *St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church*

5:00 p.m. Available

Sunday, September 4

10:00 a.m. Memorial, Anne G. Harrop, requested, Daniel S. Harrop III

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, September 3

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

Sunday, September 4

10:00 a.m. Catherine, Joseph, Laura, Jessica

LECTORS

Saturday, September 3

5:00 p.m. Jonathan Samit

Sunday, September 4

10:00 a.m. Esther Marion

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, September 3

5:00 p.m. Pat O'Hara, Michael Reilly, Jan Carrara

Sunday, September 4

10:00 a.m. Bob Anthony, Florence Gracie, Carmen Roy



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday September 5th in observance of Labor Day. The fall Mass schedule will begin the following weekend: September 10th & 11th.

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Senior Priest Retirement Fund



On September 17th and 18th, our parish will join others throughout the diocese in a special second collection in support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. Although retired, many such priests continue to serve where they are needed, including here at St. Joseph. Since priests are paid a modest wage, they cannot rely on Social Security alone for such basic needs as food, housing, and medical care. Please consider a generous donation. To learn more about this fund, or to make an online donation, please visit www.srpriestri.org.

Pizza on the Patio



The Office of Vocations will be kicking off the monthly discernment meetings with the 3rd annual **Pizza on the Patio** night at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence (485 Mount Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI 02908) on Friday, September 16th at 6:00 PM. For more information or to RSVP if you plan to attend, please contact

Fr. Chris Murphy,
Assistant Vocation Director at 331-1316 or
FatherCJM@gmail.com.



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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE:

PROVIDENCE — The diocesan Ministry for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing has announced the following Masses: St. Charles Borromeo, Woonsocket, 9 a.m., held on the first Sunday of every month; St. Jean Baptiste, Warren, 9 a.m., every Sunday; Christ the King, South Kingston, 11 a.m. (11:35 a.m. after Labor Day) held on the second Sunday of every month; St. Michael's, Providence, 9:30 a.m., lower hall, held on the third Sunday of every month. For more information, call 278-4578.

CHARLESTOWN — St. James Chapel, Matunuck School House Road, will host a rosary in memory of all fallen police officers and the continued safety of all law enforcement on Sunday, August 28 at 11:30 a.m. under the tent. Light refreshments to follow. All are welcome.

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.



FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, September 2, is First Friday. From 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the chapel there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Benediction.



Rosary

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

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

August 2016

	2015	2016
Envelopes	\$3,647.00	\$1,990.00
Loose:	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 70.00
Electronic giving	\$ 287.00	\$ 816.00
Children:	\$ —	\$ —
TOTALS:	\$5,484.00	\$2,876.00
Mission Appeal:	\$ 1,022.00	