

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

September 18, 2016

"Praise the Lord Who Lifts Up the Poor" Psalm 113:1-2

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness does not mean that God says to me: "Your evil deed shall be undone." It was done and remains done. Nor does it mean that He says: "It was not so bad." It was bad—I know it and God knows it. And again it does not mean that God is willing to cover up my sin or to look the other way. What help would that be? I want to be rid of my transgression, really rid of it.

Again, were one to say: "For-giveness means that I remain a sinner, but that God in His magnanimity attributes me with sanctity, thus giving me a share of His own unimaginable divine grace," the thought would be so complicated and so full of reservations that it would be untenable with the meaning of Scriptures. Forgiveness also does not mean that God gives me the strength never to repeat my sin.

Even if this were so, my old sin would still be there; forgiveness could never spirit it away. That would be deceitful and impure. How could God's immaculateness ever reconcile itself to such a thought?

What possibility then does exist? Only one: that which the simplest interpretation of the Gospel suggests and the believing heart must feel. Through God's forgiveness, in the eyes of His sacred truth I am no longer a sinner; in the profoundest depths of my conscience I am no longer guilty. That is what I wanted—only that! If such complete eradication of my sin cannot be, then it should stand. But it can be; that is the sense of Christ's message.

Monsignor Romano Guardini

September 23rd: St. Pius of Pietrelcina



At the canonization Mass for St. Pius of Pietrelcina — better known as Padre Pio — on June 16, 2002, Pope John Paul II spoke the following words during his homily about the new saint:

"You, Lord, are my only good." This is what we sang in the responsorial psalm. Through these words, the new Saint invites us to place God above everything, to consider him our sole and highest good. In fact, the ultimate reason for the apostolic effectiveness of Padre Pio, the profound root of so much spiritual fruitfulness, can be found in that intimate and constant union with God, attest-

ed to by his long hours spent in prayer and in the confessional. He loved to repeat, "I am a poor Franciscan who prays," convinced that "prayer is the best weapon we have, a key that opens the heart of God."

This fundamental characteristic of his spirituality continues in the "Prayer Groups" that he founded, which offer to the Church and to society the wonderful contribution of incessant and confident prayer. To prayer, Padre Pio joined an intense charitable activity, of which the "Home for the Relief of Suffering" is an extraordinary expression. Prayer and charity, this is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio's teaching, which today is offered to everyone.

‡ ANNOUNCED MASSES ‡

Saturday, September 17 *St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Dr. of the Church*

5:00 p.m. Available

Sunday, September 18 *Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m. Memorial, George Henault, requested, Virginia DiMasi

11:15 a.m. Memorial, Edith Coutanche, requested, Daniel S.

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Monday, September 19 *Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 a.m. Available

Tuesday, September 20

8:00 a.m. Available

Thursday, September 22

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

Friday, September 23 *Saint Pius of Pietrelcina*

8:00 a.m. Available

Saturday, September 24

5:00 p.m. Available

Sunday, September 25 *Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00 a.m. Memorial, Raymond Viti, requested, Virginia DiMasi

11:15 a.m. Memorial, Doris Sullivan Izzi and Alice Sullivan, requested, family

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, September 24
5:00 p.m. Olivia, Grace, Max, Kirsten

Sunday, September 25
9:00 a.m. Catherine, Joseph, Laura, Lily
11:15 a.m. ISam, Abby, Will, Jessica

LECTORS

Saturday, September 24
5:00 p.m. Carolyn Piatek
Sunday, September 25

9:00 a.m. Volunteer
11:15 a.m. Jim Vandermillen

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, September 24
5:00 p.m. Jan Jaquinto, Jan Carrara, Florence Gracie

Sunday, September 25
9:00 a.m. Michael Reilly, Bob Anthony, Shirley Sears
11:15 a.m. Brian Medeiros, Carmen Roy, Lorraine Beaudoin

Annual Human Life Guild Day

This year's event will be held on *Saturday, September 24, from 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at SS. Rose & Clement Church in Warwick.* Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist for the 9 a.m. Mass. All are invited to attend the Mass.



Following Mass there will be a brunch and a speaker agenda focusing on: Amoris Laetitia "The Joy of Love", an overview of public policy and a guide into the world of Down Syndrome. Preregistration is required for the brunch and speaking program. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Deadline to

Diocese to Celebrate Blue Mass to Pray for Police Officers

The Diocese of Providence will host an inaugural Blue Mass for Police Officers on Sunday, **September 18, at 10:00 a.m.** in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant of the Mass with other priests of the diocese concelebrating.



Everyone is invited to come together to support police officers who serve and protect our communities in Rhode Island and pray for their safety.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP

Anyone interested in adult R.C.I.A. Program, please contact Msgr. Bastia at 421-9137

RCIA

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults



The Fall Mass Schedule Has Begun
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Sr. Priest Retirement Fund.

This week's second collection supports the Senior Priest Retirement Fund. If you forgot to make a donation and would like to support this effort that provides critical resources for priests in their retirement years, please visit www.srpriestri.org to make an online donation using a secure server or mail your offering to Sr. Priest Retirement Fund, Office of Stewardship & Development, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903. Thank you for your support of this critical effort to provide for senior priests in their retirement years – years many priests continue to spend very active in ministry.



Haiti Mission Project



Many groups throughout the United States and within Rhode Island sponsor The Haitian Project, Inc. Organizations and parishes host special fund-raising events or have occasional collections to assist this worthy cause. St. Joseph Parish has provided constant support for this organization through what we have called our Haiti Mission Project since the time of the closing of our parish Cleary School in the 1960s. It was sort of a replacement for what was lost. We continue to show our support for the Louverture Cleary School in Haiti and other charitable activities conducted by The Haitian Project.

Quarterly Collection: September 25, 2016

LOUISIANA FLOOD RELIEF



At the request of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Tobin has requested that parishes consider an emergency special collection to assist the victims of the 2016 Louisiana Floods. As many as 60,000 homes have been damaged. Many families have lost everything. Our prayers and material support is urgently needed to help rebuild lives.

Our parish will support this endeavor and take up a special collection at all weekend Masses on September 24-25

Thank you for your support in helping those in need.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

September 11, 2016

	2015	2016
Envelopes	\$4,740.00	\$1,971.00
Loose:	\$ 315.00	\$ 155.00
Electronic giving	\$ 237.00	\$ 838.00
Children:	\$ 110.50	\$.75
TOTALS:	\$5,402.50	\$2,964.75