

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

October 30, 2016

“My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?” Psalm 42: 2

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

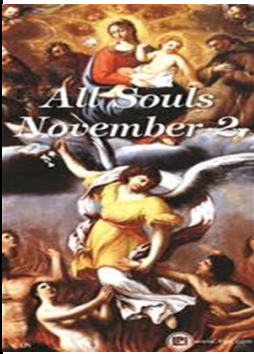
Celebrating 165 years of living faith since the foundation of our parish in 1851.

The Final Purification

This week we celebrate the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, or the feast of All Souls. Here is what the Church teaches about the souls awaiting their final purification in Purgatory:

1030 All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire:



As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come.

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: “Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.” From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead:

Let us help and commemorate them. If Job’s sons were purified by their father’s sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.

All Souls Day Mass
Wednesday November 2, 2016
8:00 a.m.
In the Chapel

November 1: All Saints Day

All Saints’ Day (also called *All Hallows* or *Hallowmas*), often shortened to All Saints, is a feast celebrated on November 1st in Western Christianity, and on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Eastern Christianity in honour of all the saints, known and unknown. In terms of Roman Catholic theology, the feast commemorates all those who have attained the beatific vision in heaven, while the next day, All Souls’ Day, commemorates the departed faithful who have not yet been purified and reached heaven.



In the early Church, Christians would celebrate the anniversary of a martyr’s death for Christ-known as the saint’s “birth day” – by serving an *All-Night Vigil*, and then celebrating the Eucharist over their tomb or the shrine at their place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighbouring dioceses began to transfer relics, and to celebrate the feast days of specific martyrs in common. Frequently, a number of Christians would suffer martyrdom on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. The Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all. A commemoration of “All Martyrs” began to be

celebrated as early as the year 270, although no specific month or date is mentioned in existing records. The first trace of a general celebration on a specific day is attested in Antioch on the Sunday after Pentecost.

‡ ANNOUNCED MASSES ‡

Saturday, October 29

5:00 p.m. Month’s Mind, Patti Chamberlain, requested, family

Sunday, October 30 ***Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time***

9:00 a.m. 20th anniversary, Natalie Anthony, requested Bob and Pauline Anthony

11:15 a.m. Memorial, H. Peter Olsen, requested, family

Monday, October 31

8:00 a.m. Memorial, Paula Maraviglia, requested brother Joseph

Tuesday, November 1 ***All Saints -Holy Day of Obligation***

8:00 a.m. Memorial, Minnie Silva, requested, granddaughter Shirley

Wednesday, November 2 ***All Souls Day Special Mass***

8:00 a.m. Available

Thursday, November 3 ***St. Martin de Porres, Religious***

8:00 a.m. Birthday remembrance, Rev. Americo D. Lapati

Friday, November 4 ***Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop***

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

Saturday, November 5

5:00 p.m. Memorial, Mark Fox, requested, Daniel S. Harrop III

Sunday, November 6 ***Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

9:00 a.m. Anniversary, Frank and Doris Piatek, requested, daughter Carolyn

11:15 a.m. Intentions of the St. Joseph Legacy and Permanent Endowment donors

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, November 5

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

Sunday, November 6

9:00 a.m. Catherine, Laura, Joseph, Jessica

11:15 a.m. Danica, Michael, Sam, Abby

LECTORS

Saturday, November 5

5:00 p.m. Jonathan Samit

Sunday, November 6

9:00 a.m. Virginia DiMasi

11:15 a.m. Dan Harrop

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, November 5

5:00 p.m. Florence Gracie, Jan Jaquinto, Pat O'Hara

Sunday, November 6

9:00 a.m. Shirley Sears, Mike Reilly, Carmen Roy

11:15 a.m. Lorraine Beaudoin, Judy Gillis, David Gillis



THE ANNUAL COLLECTION
for St. Joseph Church will continue
throughout the month of October.

**Thank you for your
continued support and generosity to St.
Joseph Church.**



40 Days for Life Fall Campaign

The Office of Life and Family Ministry and R.I. Right to Life will be cosponsoring the fall campaign beginning **Wednesday, September 28 through Sunday, November 6**. If you are interested in learning more about the campaign that calls for prayer, fasting and community

outreach and the Diocesan pregnancy outreach and Post abortion ministries, contact: Carol Owens, Office of Life and Family Ministries at 421-7833 x 218.



Serving Those Who Serve

November 5th & 6th St. Joseph's will join parishes across the diocese in support of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, which provides chaplains for the more than 250,000 Catholics in our armed forces. The collection will help fund priestly vocations from

the military. These future priests will do more than serve as chaplains. After completion of their military service, they will return home to serve as priests in their diocese. Envelopes will be available next week for this collection.

**The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
and the Altar Bread will be offered
In honor of our Lord
and in memory of:**



Natalie Anthony

**Requested by,
Bob and Pauline Anthony**

Friday, Nov. 4, is First Friday

**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Benediction
will be held in the chapel from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. a.m.**

**All Saints Day—Tuesday November 1st
Holy Day of Obligation**

Masses: 8:00am ~ 6:30 pm

This feast that we know as All Saint's Day originated as a feast of all Martyrs. In order to honor the memory to these unnamed saints, and to recall their example the Church dedicated a special feast day – a sort of “memorial day”-so that all living Christians would celebrate at a special Mass the lives and witness of those “who have died and gone before us into the presence of the Lord.”

All Souls Day – Wednesday, Nov. 2

Special Mass: 8:00 a.m.

The Church Universal designates November as the month in which we celebrate the memory of our beloved dead, and remember them at Masses and in our prayers. All Souls envelopes are included in your budget or they may be found at the church entrance. Place the names of the departed on the envelope, place it in the collection basket, and they will be remembered throughout November.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH



The Gabriel Project, a diocesan program that offers assistance to women and families facing crisis pregnancies is ending. Please show your support if you have not done so already. Thank you

TRUTH, GOODNESS, and BEAUTY

Servants of Christ for Life and the Portsmouth Institute present the second Truth, Goodness, and Beauty event on Saturday, November 5 at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul (11:00 AM). The keynote speaker will be Dr. John Bruchalski. The doctor from Virginia performed abortions, prescribed contraception, and promoted in-vitro-fertilization for years. Hear about his former life dedicated to the 'Culture of Death' and his miraculous conversion to the Catholic Church that began in Guadalupe before the Image of Our Lady. There will also be a musical performance that is not to be missed! Eric Genuis is a world-renowned Catholic composer who travels the world converting hearts to Christ through the beauty of music. In addition, many Catholic artists will be displaying their work in the church hall. Lunch will be served. Tickets are only \$25 at abortionconvert.eventbrite.com. All proceeds will help Servants of Christ for Life stop abortions in Rhode Island. Family, student, and group rates available. Call or email Tyler Rowley: 401-290-7201, t3rowley@gmail.com.

Little People's Church

St. Joseph is again offering its “Little People's Church” for children age 3 to 5 during the 11:15 a.m. Mass this school year (2016-2017). If you would like to enroll your child or children for this free service – which is supervised by a certified teacher (with assistance from Confirmation students) and introduces children to a religious atmosphere while parents or guardians attend Mass, please notify the Rectory at 421-9137.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

October 23, 2016

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Envelopes	\$1,976.00	\$2,481.00
Loose:	\$ 70.00	\$ 135.00
Electronic giving	\$ 717.00	\$ 828.00
Children:	\$ 6.75	\$ 7.50
TOTAL:	\$2,769.75	\$3,451.50

World Mission Sunday \$862.00