

# SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

## November 27, 2016

“Rejoicing, let us enter the house of the Lord” *Psalm 122:1*

### First Sunday of Advent

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

## Advent

As we begin Advent this weekend, consider what the Catechism has to say about preparing for Jesus’s coming at Christmas:

**522** The coming of God’s Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the “First Covenant.” He announces him through the

mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming.

**523** *St. John the Baptist* is the Lord’s immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. “Prophet of the

Most High,” John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother’s womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being “the friend of the bridegroom,” whom he points out as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” Going before Jesus “in the spirit and power of Elijah,” John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.

**524** When the Church celebrates *the liturgy of Advent* each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior’s first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor’s birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: “He must increase, but I must decrease.”

To read the Catechism of the Catholic Church online, go to [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) and search “Catechism.”



ADVENT

## November 30th: St. Andrew Apostle

On Nov. 30, Catholics worldwide celebrate the feast of St. Andrew, apostle and martyr. A fisherman from Bethsaida and brother of Simon Peter, St. Andrew is said to have spread Christianity in Russia and Asia minor after Pentecost in the first century. He was crucified by the Romans in Greece on an X-shaped cross, which is now his distinctive symbol as well as the symbol of Scotland, of which he is the patron.



St. Andrew demonstrated his love for his brother as well as his apostolic zeal when, convinced that Jesus was the Messiah, he sought out St. Peter. “Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, we have found the Messiah.’ Then he brought him to Jesus.” (Jn. 1:40-42)

Some of St. Andrew’s remains were brought to Scotland in the fourth century, though parts of his skeleton lie in the crypt of the cathedral in Amalfi, Italy, where they are removed twice a year and produce a clear, water like substance. The substance, called “manna,” is said to have miraculous attributes.

### ✠ ANNOUNCED MASSES ✠

**Saturday, November 26**  
**5:00 p.m.** Available

**Sunday, November 27 *First Sunday of Advent***  
**9:00 a.m.** Birthday Remembrance, David F. Donnelly, requested, wife Connie and daughters Kate and Connie  
**11:15 a.m.** Birthday remembrance, Neil Joseph Gillis, requested, Gillis family

**Monday, November 28**  
**8:00 a.m.** Memorial, John P. Garan, requested, Domingas Alves

**Tuesday, November 29**  
**8:00 a.m.** Intentions for the parishioners of St. Joseph Church

**Thursday, December 1**  
**8:00 a.m.** Birthday remembrance, Beverly Gracie, requested, Florence Gracie

**Friday, December 2**  
**8:00 a.m.** For the souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, December 3 *Saint Francis Xavier, Priest***  
**5:00 p.m.** Memorial, Eugenia Delgado, requested, Domingas Alves

**Sunday, December 4 *Second Sunday of Advent***  
**9:00 a.m.** Available  
**11:15 a.m.** Christmas remembrance, Alfred and Helen Martin, requested, family

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday, December 3**  
5:00 p.m. Olivia, Grace, Kirsten, Volunteer  
**Sunday, December 4**  
9:00 a.m. Catherine, Laura, Lily, Jessica  
11:15 a.m. Sam, Abby, Ben, Will

**LECTORS**

**Saturday, December 3**  
5:00 p.m. Jonathan Samit  
**Sunday, December 4**  
9:00 a.m. Esther Marion  
11:15 a.m. David Gillis

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday, December 3**  
5:00 p.m. Florence Gracie, Pam DeLuca, Jan Jaquinto  
**Sunday, December 4**  
9:00 a.m. Mike Reilly, Bob Anthony, Shirley Sears  
11:15 a.m. David Gillis, Judy Gillis, Dan Harrop



**PARISH ADVENT  
PENANCE SERVICE**

**Monday, December 12th**  
7:00 p.m.

*All Religious Education students  
are required to attend.*

*December 2nd 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.**



St. Joseph Church will hold its  
**Fifth Annual Pie-a-Thon**

at all Masses on **December 3rd & 4th**  
Slices of pie will sell for \$2.00 a slice, with whole  
pies selling for \$12.00. Proceeds will be used to  
purchase commercially baked pies so that more than 400  
hungry and homeless people can enjoy dessert with their  
Holiday meal. Last year we raised enough money that we were  
able to provide pies for Christmas and Easter  
**As always, thanks and God bless!**

**ANNUAL COLLECTION**

**The parishioners of St. Joseph's have been most  
generous supporting the ANNUAL COLLECTION. We  
are very grateful for your generosity. We are  
continuing our campaign for a few more weeks. If  
you have not yet sent in your contribution, please do  
so as soon as possible. You can place your  
contribution in the collection basket at mass and  
mark it Annual Collection**

**To-date we have received  
\$7,045.94**

**We thank all who have contributed so  
generously!**

**Rosary**

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



Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> we  
celebrate the  
**Feast of the Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary.**

This is a Holy Day of Obligation and  
Masses will be celebrated at  
8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.



**First Sunday of Advent**

We will light the  
Advent Wreath at each Mass.

**ALL SOULS ENVELOPES**

During the month of November we remember those who  
have died and are now with the Lord. The All Souls  
Envelopes are reserved in the Sanctuary for the entire  
month of November and the intentions are remembered at  
each Mass throughout the month. There is still time to  
send in your intentions for the deceased.



**Christmas Flower Donations**

Envelopes are provided in your budgets if you  
would like to make a donation in memory of a  
loved one. Thank you.

**ST. JOSEPH CHRISTMAS  
GIVING TREE**

**Gifts to benefit:**

**FOX POINT BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB**



Gift cards can come from Stop & Shop,  
Walmart, Target or CVS. These stores are ac-  
cessible to the people receiving the cards and  
will allow parents time to buy the clothing,  
toys, or games that their children have requested. Remember:  
Buy a gift or card, wrap it, and use the ornament from the  
Giving Tree as a tag.

**The tree will be up on the first weekend of Advent  
November 26th & 27th  
All gifts must be under the tree by  
December 11th.**

**Shop at Amazon, Help Our Parish !!**

Do you shop at Amazon? If yes, please  
consider doing so through our website,  
**www.saintjoesprov.org**. By clicking on the logo  
on our homepage, you'll be taken directly to  
Amazon's website — where our parish will receive  
a percentage of every dollar you spend.



Tell family and friends, too!

**The Christmas shopping season begins soon, and this is an  
effortless way to help St. Joseph Church.**

**Please note: Because of the Thanksgiving  
Holiday, the bulletin had to be printed early.  
Thus, we were unable to provide budget figures.  
They will be reported in next week's bulletin.**

**Thank You**

**NOTE: The St. Joseph Church financial report will be  
available in the bulletin for all parishioners next  
weekend December 3rd & 4th**