

# SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

*"May God bless us in his mercy" Psalm 67:2-3*

**January 1, 2017**

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

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



## *A Year with Mary Our Mother Proclaiming a Marian Year in the Diocese of Providence*

**W**ith the world poised to mark the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother to three humble shepherd children on a hillside in Fatima, Portugal, next year, Bishop Thomas J. Tobin has proclaimed that the Diocese of Providence will commemorate this historic moment by devoting itself to a special Year with Mary our Mother.

The celebration of the year will begin with a special Mass at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul on January 1, 2017, the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"Our devotion to Mary is such a beautiful, traditional and important part of our Catholic faith that sometimes we overlook or take it for granted, but this is an opportunity for us to renew it and refresh it for all our people."

While the diocese is planning to observe this Marian Year on a number of special occasions, the bishop is encouraging the faithful to explore more personal ways of deepening their own encounters with Mary. He is also urging parishes, schools, organizations and families to use the time to talk about and to pray to the Blessed Mother "Legitimate devotion to Mary always leads us to Christ who is the heart and soul of our faith," he said. Just as human beings seek ways to keep the memory of a loved one who has passed alive, the bishop would like people to use this time of reflection and introspection to reaffirm their connection with the Blessed Mother, whose prayer and intercession is powerful.

*RI Catholic—Bishop Tobin*

*Marian Devotions will be held one Sunday at St. Joseph Church every month for the entire year of 2017 in honor of The 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of our Blessed Mother to the children of Fatima*

### ‡ ANNOUNCED MASSES ‡

**Saturday, December 31** **Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**

**5:00 p.m.** For World Peace

**Sunday, January 1** **Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**  
**11:15 a.m.** Memorial, Alice Jordan McManus, requested, family

**Monday, January 2** **St. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors of the Church**

**8:00 a.m.** Memorial, Thomas Jaquinto, requested, wife Jan

**10:30 a.m.** Memorial Mass, Carol Cassidy, requested, family

**Tuesday, January 3** **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

**8:00 a.m.** Birthday remembrance, George A. Silva Sr. requested, daughter Shirley

**Thursday, January 5** **St. John Neumann, bishop**

**8:00 a.m.** Available

**Friday, January 6**

**8:00 a.m.** Available

**Saturday January 7**

**5:00 p.m.** Available

**Sunday, January 8** **The Epiphany of the Lord**

**9:00 a.m.** For the Christmas Flower donors

**11:15 a.m.** Available

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**Saturday January 7**

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

**Sunday, January 8**

**9:00 a.m.** Catherine, Laura, Will, Lily, Daniel

**11:15 a.m.** Danica, Hannah, Michael, Jessica, Sophia

**LECTORS**

**Saturday, January 7**

**5:00 p.m.** Carolyn Piatek

**Sunday, January 8**

**9:00 a.m.** Jim Vandermillen

**11:15 a.m.** Ed Bozzi

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

**Saturday, January 7**

**5:00 p.m.** Pam DeLuca

**Sunday, January 8**

**9:00 a.m.** Bob Anthony

**11:15 a.m.** Dan Harrop



***Thank you!***

*My sincere thank you to all parishioners and friends who have sent Christmas cards and baskets, provided baked goods and gifts, etc., during this Christmas Season. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families. I also wish you a very Happy New Year.*

*Monsignor Bastia*

**Raffle Donations  
for the St. Joseph Day Brunch**

The parish invites members of the St Joseph community to consider offering a gift to raffle at the next

**St. Joseph Day Brunch which will be held on  
Sunday March 19, 2017.**

All raffle proceeds will directly benefit the parish and your gift is tax-deductible.

**Parish Giving**

With a new year beginning it might be a good time to consider using **Parish Giving**, which allows you to make your weekly contributions (including second and special collections) to St. Joseph Church by electronic funds transfer from your bank or by credit card. No more writing checks or missing making your donations while you're away—which is especially important since our parish's bills don't take vacations!

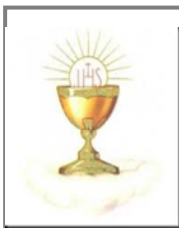
**To sign up for this free service and to begin making secure transactions over the Internet, please go to our website ([www.saintjoesprov.org](http://www.saintjoesprov.org)) and follow the Parish Giving link, or go to [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org)**

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**January 8, 2017  
"LITTLE CHRISTMAS  
BRUNCH"**

All volunteers, committee members, choir members, altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers, and anyone who shares their time and talent at St. Joseph Church is invited to join Monsignor Bastia in the Rectory for brunch.

Please join us!  
Please call and make your reservation by **December 30, 2016.**



**Friday, January 6th 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.**

**Please Note**

Because the flu season is now upon us, effective today we will temporarily suspend the reception of the Precious Blood of Jesus from the cup, as well as the sign of peace, at all Masses. We will resume both once the danger of flu has passed, most likely around Easter. Thank you for your understanding

**Mass Book**

The Mass Book for 2017 is now available. Please call the Rectory at 421-9137 to reserve anniversary or memorial Mass dates.

**Rosary**

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

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
DECEMBER**

**PLEASE NOTE: There are no budget figures for this week because the bulletin was printed earlier than usual for New Years .**

**Christmas and New Years information will be available in next week's bulletin**

**New Year's Prayer**

Remember us, O God;  
from age to age be our comforter.  
You have given us the wonder of time,  
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.

Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ.

You are our God, living and reigning,  
forever and ever. AMEN