

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

January 15, 2017

"Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." Psalm 40:2

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Marian Devotions



A *Marian Devotion* in Christianity is directed to the person of Mary, mother of Jesus. The term "devotions" is commonly understood to refer to those external practices of piety by which the faith of an individual finds expression.

Such prayers or acts may be accompanied by specific requests for Mary's intercession with God. There are many Marian devotions, ranging from multi-day prayers such as novenas, the celebration of Canonical coronations granted by the Pope, the veneration of icons in Eastern

Christianity, and pious acts which do not involve prayers, such as the wearing of scapulars or maintaining a Mary garden Devotion to the Virgin Mary does not, however, amount to worship - which is reserved for God; e.g., both Catholics and the Eastern Orthodox view Mary as subordinate to Christ, but uniquely so, in that she is seen as above all other creatures. In 787 the Second Council of Nicaea affirmed a three-level hierarchy of *latria*, *hyperdulia* and *dulia* that applies to God, the Virgin Mary and then to the other saints.

Marian devotions are important to the Roman Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican traditions, but most Protestant views on Mary do not accept them, because such devotions are not recorded or promoted in the Bible. They believe this devotion may distract attention from Christ. There is significant diversity of form and structure in Marian devotions practiced by different groups of Christians. Orthodox Marian devotions are well-defined and closely linked to liturgy, while Roman Catholic practices are wide-ranging

January 17th: St. Anthony of Egypt

Following the death of his parents when he was about 20, Anthony insured that his sister completed her education, then he sold his house, furniture, and the land he owned, gave the proceeds to the poor, joined the anchorites who lived nearby, and moved into an empty sepulchre. At age 35 he moved to the desert to live alone; he lived 20 years in an abandoned fort.

Anthony barricaded the place for solitude, but admirers and would-be students broke in. He miraculously healed people, and agreed to be the spiritual counselor of others. His recommendation was to base life on the Gospel. Word spread, and so many disciples arrived that Anthony founded two monasteries on the Nile, one at Pispir, one at Arsinoe. Many of those who lived near him supported themselves by making baskets and brushes, and from that came his patronage of those trades.

Anthony briefly left his seclusion in 311, going to Alexandria, Egypt to fight Arianism, and to comfort the victims of the persecutions of Maximinus. At some point in his life, he met with his sister again. She, too, had withdrawn from the world, and directed a community of nuns. Anthony retired to the desert, living in a cave on Mount Colzim.

Descriptions paint him as uniformly modest and courteous. His example led many to take up the monastic life, and to follow his way. Late in life Anthony became a close friend of Saint Paul the Hermit, and he buried the aged anchorite, leading to his patronage of gravediggers. His biography was written by his friend Saint Athanasius of Alexandria.

His relationship with pigs and patronage of swineherds is a little complicated. Skin diseases were sometimes treated with applications of pork fat, which reduced inflammation and itching. As Anthony's intervention aided in the same conditions, he was shown in art accompanied by a pig. People who saw the art work, but did not have it explained, thought there was a direct connection between Anthony and pigs - and people who worked with swine took him as their patron.

‡ ANNOUNCED MASSES ‡

Saturday, January 14

5:00 p.m. 49th anniversary, Annibale Iapaolo, requested, Thomas M. Bruzzese

Sunday, January 15 **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Memorial, Bea M. Greene and Marion Maytum, requested, granddaughter Jessica

11:15 a.m. Available

Monday, January 16

8:00 a.m. Birthday remembrance, Arthur A. Sears Jr., requested, wife Shirley

Tuesday, January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

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

Thursday, January 19

8:00 a.m. For the Christmas Flower donors

Friday, January 20

St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Available

Saturday January 21

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 22

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Available

11:15 a.m. Available

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday January 21

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

Sunday, January 22

9:00 a.m. Catherine, Laura, Jessica, Lily, Daniel

11:15 a.m. Hannah, Michael, Abigail, Danica, Sophia

LECTORS

Saturday, January 21

5:00 p.m. Carolyn Pieatek

Sunday, January 22

9:00 a.m. Esther Marion

11:15 a.m. Dan Harrop

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, January 21

5:00 p.m. Jonathan Samit

Sunday, January 22

9:00 a.m. Mike Reilly

11:15 a.m. Judy Gillis

**Our St. Joseph Feast Day Brunch
will be held on
Sunday, March 19th**

One of the major components of our annual brunch is the Silent Auction, during which attendees bid on gift baskets that are filled with goods based on various themes — for example, Italian Basket, Beauty Basket, etc.

If you would like to donate a basket to this year's event, please contact the rectory at 421-9137. Thanks and God bless.

Please Save the Date!



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) and follow the Parish Giving link, or go to www.parishgiving.org

Catholic School Tuition Assistance

for the school year 2017-2018 is available from St.

Joseph Parish. Parents who would like to receive assistance should call and make an appointment with Msgr. Bastia at 401-421-9137.



"LITTLE CHRISTMAS"

The "Little Christmas" Volunteer Brunch has been rescheduled for

Sunday February 5, 2017

immediately following the 11:15 Mass

Please Note: The 2016 Contribution Statements will be sent out by January 31st.

ABOUT MASS INTENTIONS

It is the longstanding tradition of the Church that each Mass have an intention, for either a living person, a person who has died, or a particular intention. **The value of ONE Mass is beyond our imagining**, and the practice of having a Mass offered on someone else's behalf is a reminder of our profound interconnectedness as members of the Body of Christ. Perhaps there is a deceased relative, a living friend

or family member in need, or even an intention that you hold in your heart.

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



Because the flu season is now upon us, we have temporarily suspended 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 at Easter time.

AROUND THE DIOCESE:

CRANSTON — On January 21, the Office of Life and Family Ministry will host the annual **Respect Life Mass** at St. Paul's in Cranston. This Mass begins at 9 a.m. and is followed by a reception at the school. The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be on the altar during the Mass. Thirteen children of St. Charles Borromeo in Providence will be presenting a rose to Our Lady during the Mass. The image will then be transferred to St. Paul's School auditorium for the reception and veneration.

PROVIDENCE — The Office of Life and Family Ministry is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington, D.C., for the **44th Annual March for Life** — a peaceful and prayerful march to the U.S. Supreme Court. The cost for the overnight ride is \$80 per person and will be leaving R.I. on Thursday, Jan. 26 from various locations beginning at 7:30 p.m. Participants will visit the Verizon Center for the Youth Rally and Mass. There will be confession, rosary, popular Catholic recording artists, presentations and a Mass for Life. For more information and to register, call Carol Owens at 401-421-7833 ext. 218.

EAST PROVIDENCE—Our Lady of Loreto, 346 Waterman Ave., will host the **Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe** on Tuesday, Jan. 17, beginning with the rosary on 6:40 a.m., followed by a 7 a.m. Mass, Veneration throughout the day, a presentation at 4 p.m., and a Holy Hour at 7 p.m., during which Father Dean Perri will present a homily on Our Lady of Guadalupe. If there are any questions, please call the Office of Life and Family Ministry at 421-7833 x 218

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

	2016	2017
Envelopes	\$3,334.00	\$1,794.00
Loose:	\$ 60.00	\$ 52.00
Electronic giving	\$ 676.00	\$ 893.00
Children:	\$ 5.00	\$ 14.00
TOTALS:	\$4,075.00	\$2,753.00