

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

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ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Pascoag, RI



ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

I hope your summer is going well. As we continue to enjoy what is left of this great season and all of the joy that it brings and as we look forward to the upcoming school year, it is important that we take a step back, turn our attention to God, and express our gratitude and appreciation towards Him for everything that He has both done and given to us.

Gratitude towards God is one of the most important qualities for a Christian to have. Technically speaking, it doesn't simply mean being thankful or appreciative for the goodness and, or, generosity of another. It actually means loving in response to being loved. The Scriptures tell us that "We love because He (meaning God) first loved us". This is exactly what gratitude is and what it means.

It can, of course, be difficult at different moments to be grateful. When we have trying and challenging times in our lives and when we suffer it can be difficult to recognize how God is blessing and loving us. As a matter of faith, we can rest assured that He is, even if we don't seem to be experiencing it, but the difficulty is still there.

Consequently, it is of the utmost importance to set aside at least 5-10 minutes each day to count our blessings and thank God for each one of them so that we have the grace and insight we need to wholeheartedly love to God in return for His loving us.

Father Stephen J. Dandeneau

TIME/TALENT/TREASURE – The gift of myself—my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God—is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

TUITION ASSISTANCE – If you are a registered St. Joseph parishioner who is contemplating sending your child(ren) to a Catholic school in the Diocese of Providence, or if your child(ren) already attend a Diocesan Catholic school, and you wish to apply for tuition assistance, please call the rectory (401-568-2411; Mon-Thu; 9 am–3 pm).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

TUE Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

WED Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

THU Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14

FRI Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

SAT Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

SUN Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 or 2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69



PRAYER MINISTRY - Would you like to join the "prayer warriors"? Do you know someone who could use a special prayer? Would you like someone to pray for you? If so, please call Pauline at 401-568-5644.

DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY - Our Diocesan Youth Day "EMPOWERED" will be held on Saturday, September 11th from 11am - 8pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Cumberland. This event will be held rain or shine and is for high school and college aged young people. It includes, MUSIC, GAMES, WORKSHOPS, MASS, ADORATION, CONFESSION, FOOD, FUN AND SO MUCH MORE. Please visit www.catholicyouthri.org or our Facebook page for more information. If you are interested, please contact the Youth Ministry Office at 401-278-4626. This day provides a tremendous opportunity to rouse young hearts to passionately grow in relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.



10 WAYS YOU MIGHT BE LETTING THE DEVIL SLIP IN WITHOUT EVEN REALIZING IT [from the National Catholic Register; (<https://www.ncregister.com/>)]

- Horoscopes
- Mediums
- Paranormal Tourism
- Wishing for Someone to Burn in Hell
- "Knock on Wood" and Other Superstitions
- Fortune Tellers, Palm Readers, Tarot Card Readers and the Like
- Consumer Products that Offer Powers (such as crystals and essential oils)
- Unforgiveness
- Pornography
- Following Apparitions Condemned by the Church

This list is not exhaustive but simply points out ways the devil slips into even Catholic circles as harmless. Yearning for the supernatural is inborn but entering through the wrong door leads to spiritual harm. The Church and the light of Jesus Christ shine a light onto the darkness to reveal it for what it is—snares of the devil.



The **MISSION** of the parish community of Saint Joseph is to “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel.”

Our **VISION**: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material and emotional needs of our greater community.

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 14 Vigil Mass
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat 4:00 In Memory James & Ellen Redding
 (Parents of Bridget Gieseke)
 by their Family
 &
 Special Intention for Mary (Fortin) White
 (Healing)
 by her Family

Aug 21 Vigil Mass
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sat 4:00 In Memory of Betsy & Mark Zifcak
 by their Family
 &
 In Memory of Irene & Ernie Stevens
 (90th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance)
 by their Children

SANCTUARY LAMP – This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph’s Church.

WEEKDAY MASSES – Beginning the first full week of September, weekday Masses will be celebrated at St. Joseph Church on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Monday, Friday and Saturday morning Masses will remain at St. Eugene Church.

PARKING AT ST. EUGENE’S – Please note that St. Eugene Church’s parking lot is accessed from the rear. In other words, use the driveway to the left of the Rectory, follow it behind the Rectory, and enter the parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	08/08/21
Regular Collection	\$1,657.00
Mail-Ins	\$230.00
Monthly Collection	\$558.70
Electronic Giving Weekly	\$287.74
Sanctuary Lamp	\$25.00
Annual Collection	\$71.87
Total Operating	\$2830.31
Peter’s Pence	\$45.00

Each week, our parish requires a minimum Total Operating Revenue of \$3,850.00 to meet our budgeted expenses. If you miss Mass for any reason, we kindly ask you to make up your missed budget envelopes. Thank you.

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

September 5	Monthly Collection
September 12	Fuel Collection
September 19	Priests’ Retirement Fund

SAVE THE DATES – EVENTS FOR LIFE IN SEPTEMBER, 2021

<u>DATE/TIME/LOCATION</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sat., Sept. 18; 10 am Gate of Heaven Cemetery 550 Wampanoag Trail East Providence	National Day of Remembrance
Sat., Sept. 25; 10 am St. Patrick Church 244 Smith Street Providence	A Jericho Walk for Life (Peaceful walk to the State House)
Wed., 9/22 – Sun., 10/31	40 Days for Life Visit 40daysforlife.com/ Providence

Questions? Contact Lisa Cooley, Coordinator of Life and Family, lcooley@dioceseofprovidence.org.

Update on school supplies for area

needy – Thank you! - on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Eugene Church, St. Joseph Church collected **new backpacks and school supplies** for girls and boys of all ages (elementary through high school). They will be distributed to those in need prior to Labor Day. **Thank you for your generosity!**



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