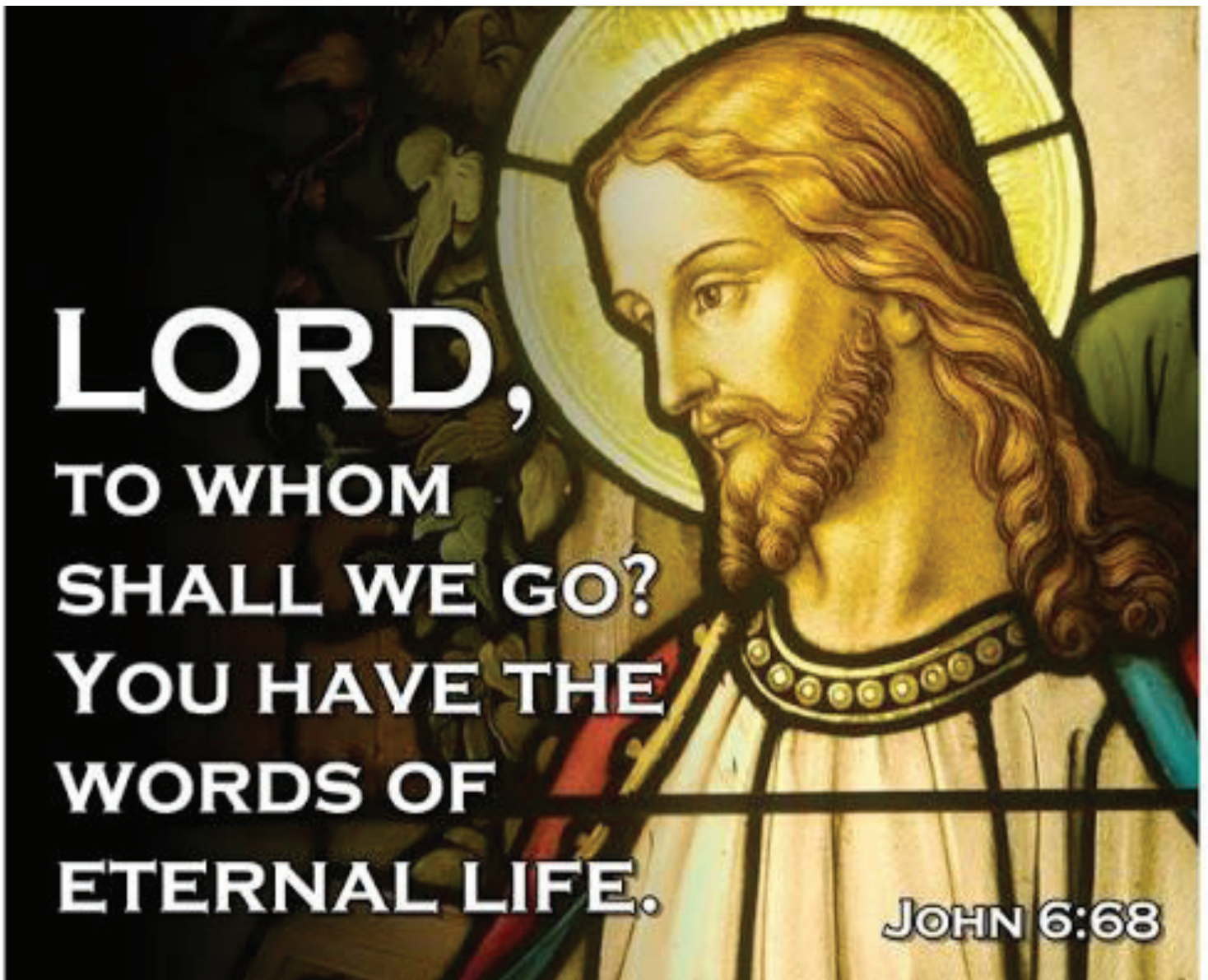


**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 22, 2021**

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH
08 December 2020 – 08 December 2021



ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Pascoag, RI



ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, the Holy Father, Pope Francis has declared this liturgical year as the year of St. Joseph. In many ways, St. Joseph is present in popular piety. There are many beautiful devotions and prayers dedicated to him which are also extremely powerful! However, it is still fair enough to say that St. Joseph can nevertheless be categorized among those saints who are “forgotten” or “overlooked”. When we lose something – St. Anthony is our guy. When we have an extremely important request – the Blessed Mother is our advocate. When we need something that is impossible or find ourselves in a desperate situation, we turn to St. Rita or St. Jude. For loved ones suffering cancer – we look to St. Peregrine. But St. Joseph?

We don't immediately think of his spiritual patronages even though he has them (those who are dying & happy meetings to name just 2) but maybe this is a good thing. Maybe one of the reasons is that he is actually so close to Jesus Christ that his spiritual patronage – similar to the Blessed Mother – is everything. And maybe, if we haven't already done so, we should not only develop and cultivate our religious/spiritual devotion to him but actually go through the formal process of consecrating ourselves to God through him because doing so is just that powerful & important. Today, more than ever – the world is in need of more and more grace from God. The total consecration of ourselves to God through St. Joseph is one great & extremely effective source we can all tap into in order to obtain it.

Father Stephen J. Dandeneau

TIME/TALENT/TREASURE – Jesus, as the quintessential steward, diligently observes all of creation and guides its grace-filled stewardship. Lord, allow me to gracefully shelter and cultivate all that you have entrusted to me.

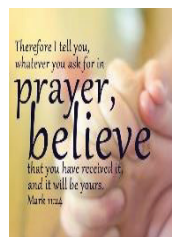
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- MON 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
- TUE Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
- WED 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
- THU 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
- FRI 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
- SAT 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30
- SUN Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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, CONFESSIONS, 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.



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/s 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).



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.



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 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
- Aug 28 **Vigil Mass**
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sat 4:00 **In Memory of Emile Guilbault**
(15th Anniversary)
 by his Family
 &
In Memory of John Emidy
(17th Anniversary)
 by his Wife & Family

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 at 7:45 am. 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

	08/15/21
Regular Collection	\$1,389.00
Monthly Collection	\$125.00
Electronic Giving Weekly	\$214.44
Total Operating	\$1728.44

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

DATE/TIME/LOCATION	EVENT
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)

Be sure to check the weekly bulletin for information regarding upcoming events:

- ✚ St. Joseph’s Annual Applefest Dinner, featuring turkey, ham and Mitch’s world-famous apple crisp. The festivities include a money raffle, theme baskets and lottery tree sales.
- ✚ Bingos
- ✚ Fall mums
- ✚ As in years gone by, we will be offering lottery calendars with daily drawings. They make great stocking stuffers!
- ✚ 20 Week Club tickets will be available for purchase in the fall.




God does not always spare the good from grief. The Father spared not the Son, and the Son spared not the mother.

Source: *365 Days of Inspiration*
The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

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