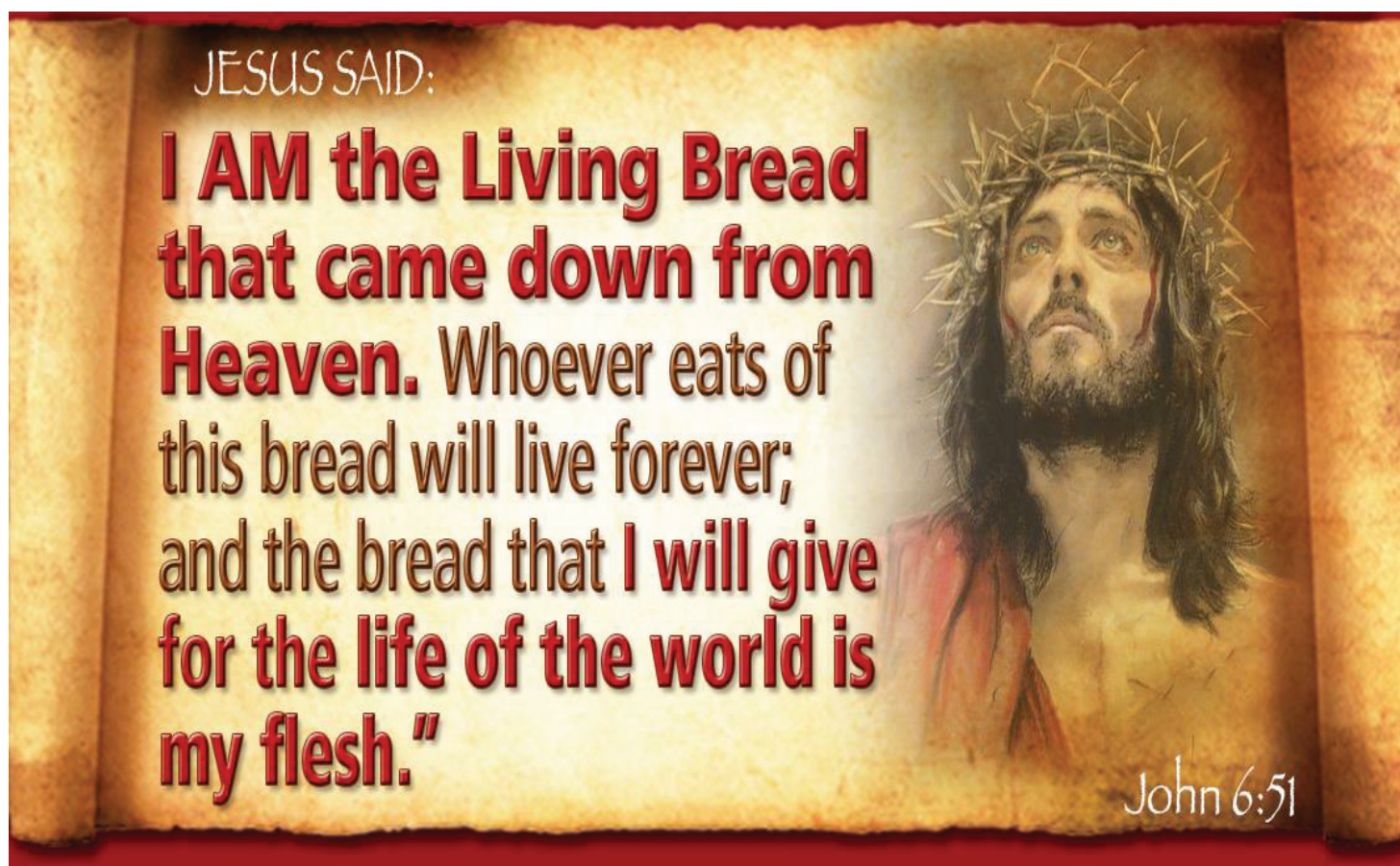


NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 8, 2021

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



ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Pascoag, RI



ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

Last week and weekend I had the great privilege and blessing of being able to help facilitate a retreat for a small group in Putnam, Connecticut. The group consisted of a few members of the St. Eugene Church Legion of Mary Praesidium, Our Lady Queen of the Clergy Praesidium and one additional guest. The retreat was a small adapted version of a retreat called the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. It consisted of a mostly silent atmosphere with one 2-hour break to speak and recreate by playing games (especially Can Jam) in the afternoon, one guided meditation each day, 3 additional prayer/meditation assignments, keeping a spiritual journal, the celebration of daily Mass, a charismatic prayer meeting, a penance/reconciliation service with the opportunity for individual confession, and a healing prayer service. Those who participated prayed extremely fervently and worked really hard to ensure that the retreat was truly blessed and it was. It was extremely powerful for all those who participated and there were actually a few miracles that were recounted/testified to.

The reason I bring all of this up-besides the fact that it just happened and I want to bear witness to the goodness and generosity of our Lord-is because retreats are a very important practice within our faith. They are only required under particular circumstances-such as when one is preparing to receive one of the sacraments such as Confirmation or Holy Orders-but they are good to do even when they are not required. So often we live our lives and take our faith and our commitment to it seriously and we even have good and developing prayer lives and spiritual lives, but the hustle and bustle of life-the daily grind, if you will-places a great amount of pressure on us and this can often lead us to turn our attention away from God and thus miss out on many of the blessings and gifts that God wishes to give to us. It is often only when we take the opportunity to take a step back, to get away from all of our many and great responsibilities for a short period of time, that we are able to regain an appropriate focus in our lives, to put God first, and to receive what the Lord wishes to bless us with.

Many have not had or at least not taken the opportunity to go on a retreat for many years-for some people it has even been since they were preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I suggest and encourage anyone and everyone who can to look into the possibility of doing one insofar as it is possible. There are many opportunities for it. So please look into it. Insofar as I am able, I will look into providing information about some different retreats that are available in the local area. And,

of course, if and when you are able to make one, please pray for me and all of your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ! We always need it!

Father Stephen J. Dandeneau

TIME/TALENT/TREASURE – St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
TUE 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26
WED Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
THU Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21-19:1
FRI Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
SAT Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
SUN Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

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 (much of it will be outdoors) 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 278-4626. This day provides a tremendous opportunity to rouse young hearts to passionately grow in relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.



VICTORY DAY – The rectory will be closed on Monday, August 9, 2021 in observance of Victory Day. Have a blessed and safe weekend!



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 07 Vigil Mass**
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sat 4:00 In Memory of Marie Walker
(Birthday Remembrance) &
Roger Walker (22nd Anniversary)
 by Linda, Paul & Bethany
 &
In Memory of Lois Simpson
(13th Anniversary)
 by her Family
- Aug 14 Vigil Mass**
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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

SANCTUARY LAMP – This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in loving memory of Josephine Nickerson (wedding anniversary remembrance) by her husband Bill.

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

	08/01/21
Regular Collection	\$1,656.00
Mail-Ins	\$696.00
Monthly Collection	\$221.25
Electronic Giving Weekly	\$215.44
Mass Stipends	\$50.00
Candles	\$68.00
Fuel	\$12.00
Total Operating	\$2,918.69
Peter’s Pence	\$197.00
Parish Outreach (Jacob’s Gift)	\$21.00

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

Aug 08	Monthly Parish Collection
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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)
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.

BACKPACKS WANTED – On behalf of the St. Vincent dePaul Society, St. Joseph Church is collecting *new backpacks and school supplies* for girls and boys of all ages (elementary through high school). They will be distributed to those in need. Please bring donations to church or the rectory (during regular business hours), and we will ensure they are delivered to St. Eugene’s to be distributed prior to Labor Day. Thank you for your generosity!



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