

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 25, 2021

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



ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Pascoag, RI



ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

There is a story that you might have heard about a gentleman who had a reawakening of his faith. Upon his newfound desire to devote himself to his faith, he went to the local church and spoke with the pastor. After listening to the man for a while, the pastor said that it was wonderful the man had a reawakening of his faith and wanted to take God and Jesus Christ more seriously, that he wanted to worship the one true God and learn more about what it meant to follow him. As the conversation progressed, the pastor told the man that they have a great but small parish community and really depended upon the people to keep the place going. So, the pastor continued, "Would you like to help out with worship in some capacity-say reading the readings or the choir or helping with the collection?" The man replied, "No". "Would you be able to assist with one of the parish fundraisers?" The man said that he wasn't all that interested in doing that. "You seem pleasant enough, would you be able to help out with hospitality and greeting people as they come to Mass and join for fellowship at our weekly "Coffee And" afterwards?" The man said, "I don't think so". After a few more questions like this, the pastor then told the man, "I definitely think that it is great you want to devote yourself to the practice of the faith again, but I'm not sure this is the right church for you. Go to the church whose address I am writing down for you. Come back afterwards and let me know what you think". Understanding, the man left the priest on cordial terms. However, two days later he returned. The pastor asked, "Did you get the chance to visit the church I recommended?" The man replied, "Sort of, but I'm confused. I went to the address you listed on the paper but only saw what looked like the foundation of a torn down church and sign. Did I get the address wrong or did it move?" The pastor responded, "No. It didn't move. It's just that when someone expresses that they wish to be devoted to their faith but are unwilling to be involved, that is what happens. Unless you are willing to help that is the most appropriate church for you because that is what happens when a person does not do his or her part. Faith without works is dead.

Father Stephen J. Dandeneau

TIME/TALENT/TREASURE – What is the greatest symbol of love? To give of yourself with no expectation of reciprocation. Selfless acts mark the path of a good steward.

BACKPACKS WANTED – St. Vincent dePaul 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 the rectory, and we will ensure they are delivered to St. Vincent dePaul via St. Eugene's. Thank you for your generosity.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- MON** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35
- TUE** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43
- WED** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
- THU** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27
- FRI** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
- SAT** Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
- SUN** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

BUDGET ENVELOPES – Registered parishioners who receive budget envelopes are encouraged to use them. Budget envelopes of St. Joseph's parishioners who attend Mass at St. Eugene's, St. Theresa's, Our Lady of Good Help or St. Patrick's will be delivered to St. Joseph's rectory for processing. If writing a check and attending another church, please be sure to make your check payable to St. Joseph Church. Likewise, budget envelopes of St. Eugene parishioners who attend Mass at St. Joseph's, St. Theresa, Our Lady of Good Help and St. Patrick will be forwarded to the proper rectory. Loose cash that is deposited into the collection baskets will remain at the parish where it is deposited. If you choose, you may deposit cash in an envelope with your parish's name clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. Such envelopes will be treated as budget envelopes. If you wish to register at St. Joseph's Church, please call Judy at 401-568-2411.

CLARIFICATION REGARDING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) – Families who are registered at St. Joseph's Church whose children attend RE at another parish need NOT register at the parish where RE is offered. You are encouraged to remain part of the St. Joseph faith community.



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

July 24 **Vigil Mass**
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sat 4:00 **In Memory of Betsy Zifcak (2nd Anniversary) & Mark Zifcak**
 by their Family
 &

In Memory of Roland Rivet
 by his Friends & Employees of the
 Harrisville Post Office

July 31 **Vigil Mass**
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sat 4:00 **In Memory of Gerald LeClair (Birthday Remembrance)**
 by his Family
 &

In Memory of Richard Senecal (Birthday Remembrance)
 by his Family



SANCTUARY LAMP – This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in loving memory of Jim Murphy (64th Birthday Remembrance), by his Wife & Family.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. EUGENE’S
(All are invited)

Eucharistic Adoration
 Wednesdays, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
 Confession is available.



Prayer Garden is open to anyone who is looking for a quiet spot to pray and meditate. A small group gathers and prays the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** every day at 3:00 pm. Please feel free to join them.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	07/18/21
Regular Collection	\$1,036.00
Mail-Ins	\$530.00
Monthly Collection	\$153.50
Electronic Giving Weekly	\$215.44
Mass Stipends	\$25.00
Candles	\$35.00
Donation – Stained Glass Windows	\$1,000.00
Total Operating	\$2,994.94
Parish Outreach (Jacob’s Gift)	\$7.00

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 for your generosity.

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Aug 01	Peter’s Pence Collection
Aug 08	Monthly Parish Collection

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



to honor couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2021. *The Celebration will be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021, at 1:00 pm in the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul in Providence.* Some important points regarding participation in the celebration:


- The Celebration is for couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2021.
- One or both of the spouses must be Catholic, with the marriage recognized by the Church.
- The celebration is for couples. If it is not possible for both to be present, a certificate can be mailed to the couple.
- Reservations are made via registration forms which can be obtained from the rectory (Mon-Thu, 9 am – 3 pm; 401-568-2411).
- In order for attendees to have their names and anniversaries published in the Mass booklet, *registration forms must be received by AUGUST 27.*

If we direct our work towards God, we shall work better than we know.
 Source: The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

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