

LITUGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday:

5:00 p.m. (at St. Sebastian's Church, 67
Cole Ave. Providence)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (St. Sebastian's Church)
11:00 a.m. (St. Joseph's)

Weekdays:

Mon - Fri 7 a.m. (at St. Sebastian's)

Holy Day Masses: See parish website for
details.

Confessions:

Saturday, 4:15 p.m. (at St. Sebastian's
Church, 67 Cole Ave.) or by appointment.
Contact Fr. Sousa.

Baptism: Registered parishioners should
contact the parish office in advance of the
birth of their child to prepare for baptism.

Marriage: Couples must meet with priest
12 months in advance of their wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick: If you or a loved
one are in the hospital or homebound and
wish a priest to make a visit, please call the
parish office to make arrangements.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Edward A. Sousa, Jr.
Pastor

Michaela Andreozzi
Office Manager

Virginia DiMasi
Faith Formation Director

Pedro Quinilla
Facilities Manager

Maria & Shawn Montalvan
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Church Music

Donald Dame: Organist
Katie Kleyla: Cantor

PARISH ADVISORS

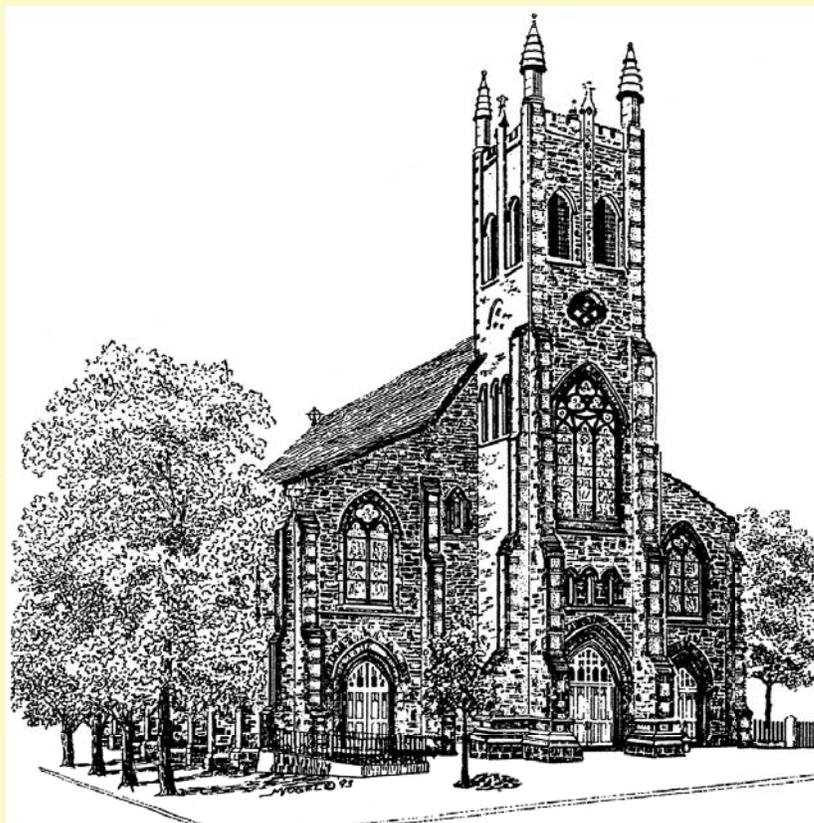
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November 14, 2021

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Closed Thursday & Friday

(office is also closed on all Civic Holidays)

PARISH REGISTRATION

**Please notify the parish office to register with the parish or
to update any change of address, phone number or email.**

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



(November 13/14 & 20/21)

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.: (at St. Sebastian's)
Sunday: 11:00 a.m.: Claire Kortick, req by Ginny DiMasi
Monday - Friday: 7 a.m. (St. Sebastian's) See SS bulletin
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.: (at St. Sebastian's)
11:00 a.m.: Cecelia Silva, req by Shirley Sears

TABERNACLE LAMP

This week, the Tabernacle Lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of:

Rev. John J. Duggan, req. by: Fr. Sousa

Each week the candle will burn to the honor of God and in memory of your loved one's. The names will be listed in the bulletin and will be remembered in the prayers of the Mass. The suggested offering is \$10 for the candle. Contact the parish

NEWS & EVENTS

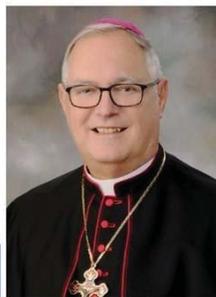
- ◆ **ANNUAL COLLECTION** for St. Joseph Church. For those who have not yet given, we will continue to hold our Annual Collection during this month. This year the monies collected will go toward needed slate repairs to both the rectory and church roofs. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to St. Joseph Church.
- ◆ **Please remember St. Joseph Church in your will or trust.** Such memorial bequests, planned gifts, and other estate gifts provide a permanent way to enable those who follow us to enjoy this treasure and home of faith. Masses will be offered on six days each year for living and deceased members of our St. Joseph Church Legacy Society.
- ◆ **Prayer for Vocations:** *God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*
- ◆ **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. Consider having a Mass celebrated for your intention, especially during the month of November in which we remember in a special way our loved ones who have gone before us. Please call or email the parish to book an upcoming Mass.
- ◆ **St. Joseph's Hope. You help us, help those in need!** We are truly blessed! The generous parish family of St. Joseph supports people in need, in our area with the basics: food, clothing medicine and fuel assistance. If you, or someone in the area that you know, is struggling in one of these areas, please call our parish at 421-9137, and leave a detailed message with the name, address, phone number and type of assistance that you are seeking, then one of our volunteers on our St. Joseph's Hope list will contact you.

- ◆ **Food Basket:** Food Basket collections are back again. The food collected will be distributed to other agencies such as Mary's House and McAuley House. Non-perishable canned goods are preferred. Please place your food donations in the baskets located at the entrance of the Church. **Used clothing is NOT being accepted.**
- ◆ **9th Annual Pie-A-Thon:** St. Joseph's Pie-A-Thon will be taking place on Sunday November 21 after Mass. Volunteers are needed to bring either homemade or store bought pies for the event. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated.
- ◆ **Giving Tree:** St. Joseph's Giving Tree will start Thanksgiving weekend, November 27th, and go to December 12th. Gift cards to CVS, Stop & Shop, Walmart, Target, TJMaxx, etc. would be greatly appreciated. Please put the amount on the Blue Angel.

The

 Imitation of *Christ*

— BY BISHOP THOMAS J. TOBIN —



In reading obituaries I often find a statement that John or Mary passed away peacefully, “surrounded by their loving family.” The death may have occurred in a hospital, care facility or private home, but clearly it brings a lot of comfort to the family knowing that their loved one passed away, “surrounded by their loving family.”

One of the great joys of being a Catholic is that in life and death we are always “surrounded by our loving family.” That’s what the Church is. It’s what we mean when we refer to the “Communion of Saints.”

Our belief in the Communion of Saints affirms that the Church has several dimensions. It is the Church of the faithful, still making our pilgrimage and stumbling along here on earth. It is the Church of the suffering, those souls in purgatory being purified of their sins and awaiting their entrance into heaven. And it is the Church of the triumphant, our brothers and sisters now with Christ and all the angels and saints in the glory of God.

We profess our belief in the Communion of Saints whenever we recite the Apostles Creed, but it is highlighted in a special way in the month of November.

The month begins with All Saints Day on November 1st, when we “celebrate the festival of your city, the heavenly Jerusalem, where the great array of our brothers and sisters already gives you eternal praise.” (The Roman Missal) Devotion to the saints is one of the great blessings of being a Catholic. We look to the saints for inspiration in their holy, heroic lives, and we turn to them for their assistance and protection. And because they are friends of God, we know they can deliver.

On November 2, All Souls Day, we remember and pray for all those who have died, all the faithful departed. All Souls Day often has an intensely personal dimension, as we lovingly retrieve the memory of our family and friends who have gone before us. Of this day St. John Paul said: “Today we are called to live a particular communication with our deceased. In faith and prayer, we reestablish our family links with them; they watch us, follow after us, and assist us.”

In short, the month of November reminds us that both while we live and when we die we are always “surrounded by our loving family,” and what a great blessing that is!

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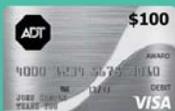
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