

# SAINT JOSEPH'S PARISH

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<u>ADORATION</u>	<u>HOLY MASS</u>		<u>CONFESSIONS</u>
<u>St. Joseph's</u>	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Joseph's</u>	<u>St. Joseph's</u>
Tuesdays	<u>Daily Mass (9am)</u>	<u>Daily Mass (9am)</u>	Saturday 9:30-10:30
6-7pm	Monday (Port.)	Tuesday	Tuesday 6pm-6:45
Benediction 6:45	Wed. (Eng.) (School)	Thursday	
	Friday (Port)	Saturday	
<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>Weekends</u>	<u>Weekends</u>	<u>St. Michael's</u>
Wednesdays	Saturday 4pm (Eng)	Saturday 4:30	Saturdays 3-345pm
9:30-6pm	Sunday 8am (Port)	Sunday 7am	Sundays 9am-9:45
Benediction 5:45pm	10am (Eng.)	10am	Mondays 6-7pm
	11:30 (Port.)		Any time by appointment

## Fourth Sunday of Easter—April 26, 2015

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 25h—(Vigil—Fourth Sunday of Easter)**

4:30 P.M.— Gerard Lachance

**Sunday, April 26h—(Fourth Sunday of Easter)**

7:00 A.M. – Rosemary Sullivan

10:00 A.M. – Olive Caroa Tyrrell

**Tuesday, April 28h—(St Peter Chanel)**

9:00 A.M.— For the People of the Parish

**Thursday, April 30th—(St. Pope Pius V)**

9:00 A.M.— John Sweeney

**Saturday, May 2nd—( St Athanasius )**

9:00 A.M.— Hilda Mello

11:00A.M.— For the First Communion Receipts

**Saturday, May 2nd —(Vigil—Fifth Sunday of Easter)**

4:30 P.M.— Robert and Theresa Ouellette

**Sunday, May 3rd—(5th Sunday of Easter)**

7:00 A.M. – Raymond Boulanger

10:00 A.M. – Eveyln Botelho

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Please pray for Omer Servant, Doris Heyworth, Rita Landry, Madeline Tomlinson and all our deceased friends and relatives.

### **SANCTUARY LAMP:**

Will be lit this week in memory of Gerard Lachance .

### **MASS INTENTION BOOK IS NOW OPEN:**

Mass intentions are now being taken for the second half of 2015 (July to December). Remembering those who have died by having Masses said for them is the greatest thing we can do for them. Mass stipends are \$10.00 and Masses can be booked in the office with Eileen.

### **THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION:**

The second grade students in the religious education program will receive the Sacrament of First Communion on Saturday, May 2nd at 11:00 A.M. Please keep them in your prayers.

### **SPONSOR CERTIFICATES:**

It is a great honor when we are asked to be a Godparent (or Sponsor) for a baptism or confirmation. To obtain a sponsor certificate, please see Fr. Jay in the parish office or after one of the Masses. To be a Godparent, one must be a registered parishioner, have received their Confirmation, attend Mass regularly and be in a valid marriage (Church wedding) and live a good moral life.

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES:**

The Diocesan Catholic Charities appeal will be beginning on May 1st. You will be receiving a mailing soon highlighting some of the appeal's work as well as asking for your continued generous support. I am positive that we can surpass last year's total. If you have any questions, please contact call the office.

### **WITNESSES OF THE RESURRECTION:**

As we continue to celebrate the Easter Season throughout these next few weeks, we are reminded of the words of our Lord who told His disciples to go out into the world and share the news of His resurrection. As we celebrate this Holy Season of Easter, let us continue to share our faith with family and friends, and in particular to invite them to join us at Holy Mass.

### **UPCOMING CHANGE:**

In order to consolidate much needed resources and to better serve both St. Michael's and St. Joseph's parishes, we will be moving to have one parish office, which will be located at St Josephs parish, leaving St Michael's rectory as a residence only. Eileen Garant who has served this parish for so many years will be retiring this summer. I am so grateful for her years of service to the parish. The secretary position at each parish will be eliminated and I will hire a "director of pastoral services" who will handle much of the "administrative" work for both parishes, allowing the priests to focus on more "ministerial" work, such as visiting the sick and homebound. **Because of an unexpected illness, Mrs Eileen Garant will not be returning to the parish as secretary and the transition will be taking place much sooner than expected. There are always challenges with any change or transition, and so, I humbly ask your patience and cooperation.**

### **HOLY HOUR ON TUESDAY NIGHT:**

A number of people have asked about the structure of the Tuesday night Holy Hour. Allow me the opportunity to explain: At 6:00 P.M., I place the Eucharist in the Monstrance (called Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament). After a few moments of quiet prayer, I read a Gospel passage and give a brief reflection. Following the reflection, I hear confessions until about 6:45pm. During that time, people sit/kneel in quiet prayer before our Lord, present to us in the Eucharist (called Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament). Some pray the rosary, read from the bible or other spiritual books. At 6:45 P.M., we begin Solemn Benediction in which those present are blessed as the priest makes the sign of the cross with the Monstrance holding our Eucharistic Lord. All are invited to join us each Tuesday night for the Holy Hour for as much time as they are available. You do not need to be there the entire time.

### **SAVE THE DATES!!!**

This Spring, our parish will be hosting a number of Friday night concerts. These concerts will give us the opportunity to open up our Church to visitors, displaying both our beautiful church and wonderful acoustics. These concerts will also serve as opportunities for prayer as some of the music will be spiritual in nature. The first will be an Acapella group from Bridgewater State University on **May 8th at 7:00 P.M.** The second will be on **MAY 29th at 7:00 P.M.** in which Ryan Tremblay, a local artist will be leading us in worship and a testimony to how God has worked in his life. Ryan's CDs will also be available! I encourage you to save the dates and make every effort to attend and to also invite family and friends!

### **THE "HAPPINESS CLUB" WINNERS**

**April 18th** Linda Serejczyk  
**April 25th** Ana Cloutier

### **FATHER JAY'S RETREAT:**

Each priest is required to take a week long retreat each year. Fr. Jay will be away on his retreat from Monday April 27th until Friday May 1st. Please keep Fr. Jay in your prayers. He will respond to all emails and phone calls when he returns. Thank you for your patience.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Sun., Apr. 26th Religious Education Classes Meet
- Tues., Apr. 28th Blood Pressure Screening following the 9:00 A.M. Mass
- Tues., Apr. 28th Adoration and Benediction from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
- Tues., Apr. 28th Confession from 6:00 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.
- Fri., May 1st First Friday Mass at 6:00 P.M.
- Sat., May 2nd Confession from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.
- Sat., May 2nd First Communion at 11:00 A.M.
- Sun., May 3rd Last Religious Education Class
- Sun., May 3rd Coffee Social following 10:00 A.M. Mass

**COFFEE SOCIAL:**

Please join us for a coffee social in the parish hall on Sunday, May 3rd after the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Plan to gather with your fellow parishioners for friendly conversation, coffee, tea and a sweet snack. We hope to see many parishioners there.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:**

Classes will resume Sunday, April 26th at the usual time. Classes are dismissed following the 10:00 A.M. Family Mass.

**LECTORS NEEDED:**

We are currently in need of more people to read at Holy Mass. Those interested in being a Lector (Reader) at Holy Mass should speak with Fr. Jay after one of the weekend Masses.

**HOUSE BLESSING:**

Having our houses blessed is a great way to bring our faith into our homes. It can also be a great way to encourage family and friends who may have fallen away to come back to the Church. It is also a great way for the new pastor to get to know you and your family. If anyone is interested in having their home blessed, please contact Fr. Jay.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:**

If anyone is interested in singing in the choir, practice is held on Wednesdays nights starting at 6pm! All are welcome! We are looking for more members to enhance the music at our 10am Mass, so please consider joining.

**DEVOTION TO ST JOSEPH**

Each Tuesday morning following the 9am morning Mass, the litany to St. Joseph is prayed. It is a great way to build devotion to the patron of parish as well as asking for his intercession for our parish and our particular needs. Please join us on Tuesday mornings

**PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS**

Each Thursday morning, following the 9am Morning Mass, the diocesan prayer for vocations is prayed. It is the responsibility of each of us to pray for increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, in particular here in our own parish. Please join us on Thursday Mornings to pray for vocations

**PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE:**

Have you “Liked” our parish Facebook page? It is a great way to stay up to date with things that are going on in the parish as well as stay connected with other parishioners and reach out to new ones. If you haven’t already done so, check out the page and share it with friends.

**FIRST FRIDAY MEN’S CLUB OF FALL RIVER**

The First Friday Club consists of a group of Catholic Men who continue to honor the devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the first Friday of each month. It is the longest continuous running First Friday group in the United States. The group has a Mass at 6:00 P.M. followed by a hot meal and a guest speaker. The evening ends at 8:00 P.M. There are no other commitments or activities. This is a wonderful way to connect with other Catholic men in the city and grow in your faith. I encourage you to come when you are able, as well as invite others to join you. The next gathering will be on **May 1st**. The 6:00 P.M. Mass is open to the public. To reserve a seat for dinner and speaker (\$11.00), call Daryl Gonyon at 508-672-4822.

**MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES:**

Praying for our loved ones who have died, and having Masses offered, is the greatest thing that we can do for them. I am aware that there are limited Masses in which to remember your loved ones, and so, I have asked a priest friend of mine who is working at the Vatican and does not have a parish, to take some of these Mass Intentions. For those who would like to utilize this special opportunity, please do so with Eileen in the parish office. Please know that these Mass intentions will NOT be published in the weekly bulletin, but the list of names will go directly to the priest himself. I am able to send him approximately 10 intentions per month.

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS:**

Bishop da Cunha will preside over a Holy Hour for Vocations on Sunday, April 26th at 3pm in the Cathedral to celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**SAINT MICHAEL’S SOUP KITCHEN:**

The next soup kitchen will be held on Saturday, May 16th in Saint Michael’s Parish Hall. Help is needed from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Please consider volunteering your time to help those who are less fortunate

<p><b>CORRECTION:</b> April 11/12th Collection was \$1972.00 not \$1871.00</p> <p><b>LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION: (April 18/19th)</b> Parish Offering: \$ 2107.00 Energy Collection: \$ 1058.00</p> <p><b>UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:</b> May 2nd/3rd Catholic Charities Collection May 9th/10th Sewer Discharge Fee</p> <p>Thank you for your generous support of the parish!!</p>
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