

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

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April 2, 2017

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 5:30 PM

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM 11:00 AM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Monday & Wednesday 8:00 AM

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 AM

1st Friday Odd Numbered Months 8:00 AM

1st Friday Even Numbered Months 8:00 AM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:

Vigil 7:00 PM Holy Day 8:00 AM 7:00 PM See inside for specific locations.

NOVENAS:

Tuesday 6:00 PM

SACRAMENTS:

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) – by appointment OR

Saturday after 5:30 PM Mass

Saturday 3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

BAPTISM:

4th Sunday of each month; during the 11 AM Mass

2nd Sunday of each month; during the 9:30 AM Mass

Please call the rectory to start the process.

MARRIAGE:

Please call the rectory at least 6 months in advance.

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Please call the parish office/rectory.

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Sitting comfortably at the table, watching the morning news on TV and enjoying my morning cup of coffee, I began to realize that, for most of us, the troubles of those who live far away, are just that - far away. We can certainly sympathize with those who are the innocent victims of the violence and senseless destruction of Isis and the constant shelling of innocent people in the Ukraine. And, while we are grateful it is not happening here, we do feel somewhat removed from it all.

We are sorry about it, but after all, what can we do? Then, I happened to be watching Pope Francis's weekly blessing from St. Peter's Square last Sunday. In his words to the crowd he asked them to pray for those innocent Christians being persecuted by Muslim extremists in many parts of the world. Suddenly the facts became clear. In Iraq and Syria, Egypt, Libya and Nigeria and even North Korea and places like them, Christians are being tortured, kidnapped, driven from their homes and churches, raped, crucified and beheaded because they are Christians and for no other reason. It is hard to imagine why people would do this to one another, but these atrocities go on every day. And, even though our faith in Christ calls us to be a people of hope, we cannot continue to sit back and be grateful it is not happening to us. In many ways, IT IS US. What happens to one Christian affects us all. After all, St. Paul tells us that we are the Body of Christ and that that Body has many parts and that when one part of the Body suffers, we all suffer. (1 Cor.12-12-26)

Lent is the perfect time for us to perform personal acts of charity and prayer and to offer those prayers for those who suffer so unjustly these sins against God's love, our own brothers and sisters who share with us a place in God's family baptized in Jesus Christ.

As Pope Francis said to the crowd, "The dramatic news from Syria and Iraq about violence, kidnapping of persons and harassment against Christians and other groups does not stop. We want to assure those involved in these situations that we do not forget them, but we are close to them and pray insistently that very quickly the intolerable brutality of which they are victims is put to an end."

Let us join with Pope Francis and Bishop Tobin and all our brothers and sisters in faith as we pray that those who suffer so greatly for their faith will not be forgotten, but will be encouraged by our support and prayers.

Have a good week, and God bless.
Fr. Varghese

Time/Talent/Treasure - St. Paul reminds the Colossians that they have been raised with Christ, exhorting them to "be intent on the things above rather than on things of earth." We, too, have been raised with Christ. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Week's Scripture Readings - see page 5.

LENT SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross - Fridays of Lent - 7 pm

07 April St. Joseph Church
14 April St. Patrick Church

Holy Triduum

13 April 7 pm Holy Thursday St. Patrick
14 April 3 pm Good Friday St. Joseph
15 April 7:30 pm Easter Vigil St. Patrick

Easter Sunday - 16 April

8 am St. Joseph Church
9:30 am St. Patrick Church
11 am St. Joseph Church

PRAYER IDEAS - 5TH WEEK OF LENT

Pause to see Jesus with you, lovingly asking you the question, "Do you want to get well?" Talk to Jesus about any inner pain or hurt you carry within you. Ask to be healed. Then place a Band-Aid on your body. Do this with no intention of receiving God's healing touch. Wear this all day as a reminder of your desire to be healed of old hurts.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

1. Walk or bicycle to places you usually drive.
2. Resolve that each day the family will eat one meal together.
3. Make a study of one group of people who are often a target for prejudice.
4. Spend extra time each week alone with your spouse.

Religious Education (RE) News - see page 5.

SUNDAY SMILE

A guy arrived at the hospital with two burned ears. "How did it happen?" asked the nurse. "I was ironing my shirt and the phone rang," he explains, "Instead of the phone, I picked up the iron." "How did you burn the other ear?" "They called back!"



12 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND & EASTERN EUROPE

SEPTEMBER 18 - 29, 2017

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ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH



Parish Mission Statement: As a Christian Faith Community, we the People of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church of Pascoag, RI, acknowledge God's Blessings and strive to live out the Great Commandments to "love God with all our mind, heart, body, and soul"

and "to love our neighbor as ourselves". Through the sacraments and with the Holy Spirit as our guide we seek to witness to and celebrate the kingdom of God among us; through service, healing and reconciling love.

Mass Intentions

- Sat 5:30 In Memory of David W.R. Salois
Apr 1 (3rd Anniversary)
by his Mom, Dad & Family
- Sun 8:00 In Memory of Rita Brunette
Apr 2 (14th Anniversary)
by her Family
- Sun 11:00 In Memory of Robert R. Drolet
by his Wife Carol
- Mon 8:00 In Memory Arline O'Rourke &
Apr 3 Widgie Simon
by the O'Rourke Family
- Wed 8:00 In Memory of Jane Griffin
Apr 5 (Birthday Remembrance)
by Jack
- Fri 8:00 **FIRST FRIDAY**
Apr 7 *St. Patrick's Church*
7 pm **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
St. Joseph's Church
- Sat 5:30 In Memory of Jean A. (Franklin) Gouin
Apr 8 by Mike & Nancy
- Sun 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners
Apr 9 of St. Joseph's Church
- Sun 11:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners
of St. Joseph's Church

The Sanctuary/Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week for Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph's Church.

Prayer Ministry: Would you like to join the "prayer warriors" of St. Joseph's parish? Do you know someone who could use a special prayer? Or would you like someone to pray for you? If so, please call Pauline at 568-5644 or the Rectory (568-2411) Monday-Thursday, 9 am – 5 pm.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

03/26/2017

Regular Collection	\$2,004.00
Mail In's.....	\$195.00
Total.....	\$2,199.00
Monthly.....	\$20.00
Fuel Collection.....	\$37.00
Jacob's Gift (Parish Outreach).....	\$30.00
Candles	\$30.00
St. Joseph Novena.....	\$10.00
Easter Flowers	\$226.00
Catholic Charity Appeal to Date	\$7,965.00

Mini-Splits Financial Summary

Total Cost:	\$49,590.22
To-Date Donations	(33,326.00)
Balance Remaining:.....	\$16,264.22

This week's 2nd collection is the Monthly Parish Collection. Next week's 2nd collection is for Operation Rice Bowl/Catholic Relief Services. Your Easter Flowers envelope(s) may be placed in any collection basket.

Each week, our parish requires a **minimum 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.

2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL (CCA) *"Faith and Good Works"*

Our parish goal is twofold—100% participation and to reach our goal of \$16,800.00. To date, we have raised \$7,965.00 toward that goal.

A gift of \$180 to the CCA provides 10 days of food for a hungry family of 4 at one of our food pantries; provides 10 days of heat for a family through the Keep the Heat on Program; will provide a crib and mattress for a new born baby; will provide one week of summer camp for a needy child at Mother of Hope Camp.

If you have not yet made a 1-time gift or pledge to the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal, please prayerfully consider doing so. **No gift is too small.**

Thank you for your generosity.

Lost & Found

Please check the Parish Outreach/Jacob's Gift boxes at the front entrance of the church for lost items (gloves, glasses, etc.), AND CALL THE RECTORY (568-2411) IF YOU LEFT A ZIPPERED POUCH CONTAINING 2 ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN THE CHURCH IN MARCH.

May eternal rest be granted to Captain Jerome P. Riehl, USMC (Ret), who passed away on March 20, 2017. Many of us have prayed for Fr. (LT-USN) Vincent Capodanno's intercession on his behalf, while he battled leukemia.



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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH



Parish Mission Statement: St. Patrick Parish is a Roman Catholic Faith Community guided by the Spirit of God, the scriptures and the traditions of the Church. Our mission is to share the Good News of Christ through the celebration of the liturgy, the sacraments, prayer and unconditional service to all humankind.

Mass Intentions

- Sat 4:00 In memory of Edward Rose, Sr.
Apr 1 by His Family
- Sun 9:30 In Memory of Linda Pichie
Apr 2 (35th Anniversary)
by Bill & Family
- Tue 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners
Apr 4 of St. Patrick's Church
- Thu 8:00 For Fr. Peter John Sheehan
Apr 6 (Special Intention)
by a Parishioner
- Fri 8:00 FIRST FRIDAY
Apr 7 *St. Patrick's Church*
7 pm STATIONS OF THE CROSS
St. Joseph's Church
- Sat 4:00 In Memory of John Oliveira
Apr 8 by his Wife & Family
- Sun 9:30 In Memory of Barbara Jolly
Apr 9 by her Family

The Sanctuary/Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week for Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick's Church.

A/C Update - We're pleased to announce that the air-conditioning mini-splits have been installed.

Cost of 6 Mini-splits:	\$22,985.00
Electrical Upgrade:	\$ 4,300.00
TOTAL COST:	\$27,285.00
Donation:	(5,000.00)
	\$22,285.00
Building/Maintenance to Date	(12,242.00)
Balance remaining:	\$10,043.00

The monthly Building and Maintenance collection will continue to pay off this balance. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

03/26/2017

Regular Collection	\$1,669.00
Mail Ins.....	\$290.00
Total Budget.....	\$1,959.00
Building/Maintenance Fund	\$32.00
Food Pantry	\$150.00
Easter Flowers	\$339.00

This week's 2nd collection is for the Building & Maintenance Fund. Next week's 2nd collection is for Operation Rice Bowl/Catholic Relief Services. Your Easter Flowers envelope(s) may be put in any collection basket.

Each week our Parish requires a minimum of \$2,820.00 to meet its expenses. If you miss Mass for any reason, we kindly ask that you make up your missed budget envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

2017 Catholic Charity Appeal

"Use Your Gifts in Service to One Another"
1 Peter 4:10

Thank you to those that have generously made a gift to the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal. If you have not made a gift to this year's appeal, **it is not too late!** Please consider pledging your support to this worthwhile endeavor. ***Our new parish goal is \$17,000.00*** – a goal that can only be achieved with your sacrificial help and support. All gifts regardless of size help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals. **Please make checks payable to Catholic Charity Fund or you may donate online by visiting www.providencediocese.org**

That through our participation in the Annual Catholic Charity Appeal, we continue to be channels of the living and loving presence of Christ in our world... We pray to the Lord.

St. Patrick's Cemetery – Spring clean-up began during the week of March 27th. If you have not already done so, please remove any remaining Christmas decorations from your loved ones' graves. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Food Pantry – Personal hygiene items, including toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, and soap are needed and would be most appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

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AROUND THE DIOCESE



National Day of Prayer - The Office of Life & Family Ministry and R.I. Right to Life will be co-sponsoring a prayerful event on **Saturday, April 29**, from 10-11:30

am, at Planned Parenthood, 111 Point Street, Providence. Please join us in this peaceful vigil as we continue our efforts to create an awareness of the abortion industry in our state and our country. Abortion hurts 2 people—the mom and the baby! Call 421-7833, ext. 218, for more information or to RSVP.

“Songs of the Resurrection” featuring Maestro John Black, organist, composer, and choral director. Proceeds to preserve a historic landmark in Harrisville, The First Universalist Church, future site of historical museum and multi-use facility. Palm Sunday Evening, **April 9, 6:15 pm**. Hymn sing, organ concert, historical display and refreshments. Free-will offering. Limited seating. RSVP & information: 568-8449, 568-4141, or 500-0433.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SAT Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
SUN Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]
MON Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62[41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
TUE Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
WED Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
THU Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
FRI Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
SAT Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
SUN Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 [27:11-54]

Religious Education (RE)

Religious Education Retreat for Grades 2-10, will be held on Good Friday, **April 14th**, at **St. Joseph’s Church**. Doors will open at 8:30am, the retreat will start promptly at 9am. An information sheet was sent home with the children on March 29th.

The children will be fed lunch and participate in the **Ann Rivet Walk for Hunger**. The retreat will conclude at the end of the **Good Friday Veneration of the Cross service, which starts at 3pm**.

We are asking that the children bring in their **Rice Bowls and their Walk for Hunger sponsor sheets** to this retreat.

This retreat counts as 6 classes! If you have any questions, please call Kerri at St. Patrick’s Rectory, at 568-5600.

All students preparing for the Sacraments (First Holy Communion) Grades 1 & 2 and (Confirmation) Grades 9 & 10 are required to sign in each week at Mass.

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Pastoral (Activities) Committee – Tuesday, **April 4, 6:00 pm**, St. Joseph’s Rectory. Agenda: Spring Dinner proceeds and advertising for the upcoming Magic Show.

St. Joseph’s 50 Club: Tickets are \$50 each and include 20 weekly drawings of \$25 for all paid-to-date tickets. Tickets available (and payments accepted) in the vestibule of the church after Mass. Dinner at the Village Haven is scheduled for **June 2**; and prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$250, and \$100 will be awarded. Tickets are available after Masses, or you may call the rectory (568-2411), Mon-Thu, 9 am – 5 pm.

Congratulations:

Week 11 Ticket # 81 Doris Fior
Thank you for supporting this major parish fundraiser!

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"DID YOU KNOW? Parishioners at St. Patrick’s have established the **St. Patrick’s Activities Committee** which is already hard at work on making plans for parish events and activities through the end of 2017. Planning is underway for a parish yard sale, summer picnic, dinner/dance, a new and improved Christmas Bazaar, and more!

Make sure you're in the know on these and other upcoming activities by writing to stpatricksactivities@gmail.com to add your e-mail address to our mailing list. We look forward to hearing from you.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Summer **Yard Sale on June 17th**
Cleaning your closets to make way for Spring? Please consider putting some gently used (or unused) items aside for our upcoming parish yard sale. More details to follow, so be sure to stay informed about this and other St. Patrick’s happenings by signing up for our email list at stpatricksactivities@gmail.com.

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 Ephesians 4:3

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