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Fr. Varghese; Dennis Auger, MA, Director; and Kerri-Ann Caduto, Coordinator

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM 11:00 AM

Monday & Wednesday 8:00 AM

1st Friday Odd Numbered Months 8:00 AM

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Tuesday & Thursday 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please call the parish office/rectory.

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PASTOR'S LETTER

We will welcome the Most Reverend Robert C. Evans, Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, to St. Joseph's Church on Saturday, May 6. Bishop Evans will be celebrating the 1:00 PM Confirmation Mass on that day. Bishop Evans is no stranger to this parish. Born and raised in Providence, he was ordained a priest in 1973. After holding various positions in the Diocese, including Vicar General, he was asked to serve as the Administrative Secretary to the Papal Nuncio in Washington, DC. In 2010, he was named Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, by Pope Benedict XVI. He is a mentor and a good friend, and I am delighted that he is able to be with us. Welcome Bishop Evans!



“Do you love me...?” How many times have we asked or wanted to ask that question? It has profound significance and is full of emotions. When Jesus asked Peter this question 3 times, it was a time of healing of their relationship. Peter had denied Jesus 3 times and he must have carried that guilt, which he felt deeply. So for Peter to say “yes” to that question 3 times was a moment when the guilt was lifted, and he knew Jesus had forgiven him. Notice also that Jesus never mentions the denials. He could have berated Peter and made him feel worse. Jesus was not interested in getting back at Peter or hurting his feelings. Jesus just wanted to renew and deepen their relationship. There are many lessons for us to learn in this story.

Jesus asks that question of you and me over and over again to heal and deepen our relationship with Him. He asks us in the quiet of our hearts. He asks us when we see someone who is hurting or when we have sinned. He's not interested in putting us down, but lifting us up. He asks us to say “yes” by becoming more compassionate and gentle to people and to our environment. Our relationship with Jesus is all about love. Today Jesus asks us, “Do you love me?”“Feed my lambs...feed my sheep”.

Have a good week, and God bless.

Fr. Varghese

Time/Talent/Treasure: Jesus gives His disciples – and us – a new commandment: “Love one another.” Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

Budget Envelopes - If you attend Mass at your sister parish (i.e., St. Patrick's parishioners who attend Mass at St. Joseph Church and St. Joseph's parishioners who attend Mass at St. Patrick Church), please be sure to use your budget envelope to ensure your generous offering is credited to the parish where you are registered. If you forgot your budget envelope, please use an envelope provided in the pew and be sure to write your parish's name on the outside of the envelope. If you are not currently registered and you wish

to officially join either parish, please call the appropriate rectory (St. Patrick, 568-5600, or St. Joseph, 568-2411). Thank you.

SUNDAY SMILE

A truck driver was driving along on the freeway. A sign comes up that reads, “low Bridge Ahead.” Before he knows it, the bridge is right ahead of him and he gets stuck under the bridge. Cars are backed up for miles. Finally, a police car comes up. The cop gets out of his car and walks up to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, “Got stuck, huh!!” The truck driver says, “No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of gas.”

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SAT Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
SUN Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
MON Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29
TUE Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17,
21ab; Jn 6:30-35
WED 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
THU Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
FRI Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
SAT Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
SUN Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn
10:1-10

Religious Education (RE)

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.

As our year comes to a close I'd like to thank all the Students and Parents of St. Patrick and St. Joseph Churches who participated in our combined **2016-2017 Religious Education Program**. The Good Friday Retreat was a great success with almost 100% of students in attendance!

The students also participated in the Ann Rivet Walk for Hunger and raised a total of \$991.00, which benefits the St. Patrick Food Pantry. **Many thanks** to the following volunteers: Muriel Kogut, Barbara Langlois, Kimberley & Kaleigh Poirier, Bethany & Linda Cosetta, Erin LaFauci, Karen Round, Tammie Parkhurst and Brenda Blanchette. A special **thank you** is extended to Scott Blanchette and Mitch Parkhurst for providing lunch to the students.

A sincere **Thank You** is extended to Scott & Brenda Blanchette, who provided the meal for the retreat, and to Barbara Langlois, who provided the Good Deeds bead chain retreat craft for the students. Their generosity knows no bounds.

Rehearsal for Confirmation is scheduled at St. Joseph Church for Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:00 pm. Confirmation will take place on Saturday, May 6th at 1:00 pm at St. Joseph Church. Students and Sponsors should arrive at the Church for 12:00 pm. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Reverend Robert C. Evans, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Providence.

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 the 3 Recently Deceased
- Apr 29 Members of St. Joseph Church's Choir—
Bob, Bernadette & John
by Tom Tatro

- Sun 8:00 In Memory of Rita B. Hoppe
- Apr 30 (12th Anniversary)
by her Family

- Sun 11:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners
of St. Joseph's Church

- Mon 8:00 In Memory of Paul R. & Albertine Leduc
- May 01 by their Family

- Wed 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners of
- May 03 St. Joseph's Church

- Fri 8:00 FIRST FRIDAY
- May 05 St. Joseph's Church

- Sat 1:00 CONFIRMATION
- May 06 St. Joseph's Church (with Bishop Evans)

- Sat 5:30 In Memory Deanne Holland (3rd Anniv.)
by her Family

- Sun 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners
- May 07 of St. Joseph's Church

- Sun 11:00 In Memory of William Cree (5th Anniversary)
by his wife Jane

The Sanctuary/Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week in memory of Arline O'Rourke by her family.

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

04/23/2017

Regular Collection	\$2,142.00
Mail In's.....	\$494.00
Total	\$2,636.00
Monthly.....	\$45.00
Jacob's Gift/Parish Outreach.....	\$29.00
Candles.....	\$46.00
CCA to Date (per Diocesan Report)	\$9,290.00
Easter CCA	\$157.00
Holy Land	\$45.00
Mothers' Day Novena.....	\$10.00
Fuel Collection	\$565.00

There is no 2nd collection this week.
Next week's 2nd collection is the Monthly Parish Collection.
You may place your Mother's Day Novena envelope in any collection basket.

Mini-Splits Update

Total Cost:.....	\$49,590.22
To-Date Donations:	-33,636.00
Balance Remaining:	\$15,954.22

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. **Thank you for your generosity.**

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

NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL.

CCA envelopes will be available next to the weekly bulletins for the duration of the Appeal.

2017 Parish Goal	\$16,800.00
Amount raised through Week 8*	\$ 9,290.00 (58%)

*As reported by the Diocese's 2017 Parish Donor Report. (Does not include the Easter Collection.)

"It helps all of us recognize that we are in this together with Jesus and each other, not just for ourselves. We become a real community of faith when we become more aware of other's needs as well as our own."

Rev. Charles P. Quinn

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

FINANCIAL UPDATE

04/23/2017



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 Francis & Rita Kenney
Apr 29 by their Family

Sun 9:30 In Memory of Irene Minutelli
Apr 30 by Evelyn Heroux

Tue 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners
May 02 of St. Patrick's Church

Thu 8:00 In Memory of Our Parents
May 04 by Arthur & Alice Aubin

Fri 8:00 FIRST FRIDAY
May 05 St. Joseph's Church

Sat 1:00 CONFIRMATION
May 06 St. Joseph's Church (with Bishop Evans)

Sat 4:00 In Memory of Walter Anderberg
(36th Anniversary)
by his Family

Sun 9:30 In Memory of Theresa Corrente
May 07 (3rd Anniversary)
by her Family

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	(13,178.00)
Balance remaining:	\$ 9,107.00

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



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

Regular Collection.....	\$1,642.00
Mail Ins.....	\$270.00
Total Budget.....	\$1,912.00
Ann Rivet Walk to benefit our Food Pantry:.....	\$1,771.00
Rice Bowl	\$92.00
Holy Land.....	\$97.00
Easter CCA	\$65.00

There is no 2nd collection this week or next.

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.

Congratulations is extended to our Catechumen, Stephanie Brianne Aubin, who was received into our Parish Community at the Easter Vigil Mass. May the Light of Christ be with you always!

2017 Catholic Charity Appeal
"Faith and Good Works"

"Jesus comes to save us; we are called to choose his way: the way of service, of giving, of forgetfulness of ourselves." – Pope Francis

"The ministries supported by the annual Appeal include social service ministries providing direct support to the poor, the hungry and homeless, emergency rent and medical aid, and community advocacy for needs in the community."

Thank you to those who have generously made a gift to the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal. To date our Parish has raised \$9,976.00. This represents approximately 59% of our goal. Our new Parish goal is \$17,000.00 – a goal that can only be achieved with your sacrificial help and support. 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. 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.

Easter Basket Distribution Update: As a result of your generosity, the St. Patrick Food Pantry distributed Easter Baskets to 49 families (146 individuals). The total cost was \$657.48. Thank you all for your continued support!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Mount Saint Charles Academy's May Entrance

Exam is taking place on Saturday, **May 6** at 8:15am. \$30 application fee. For more information and to apply online, visit www.mountsaintcharles.org/exam. Or, contact Mr. O'Neill, Director of Admissions, at 401-769-0310 x137 or at oneillj@mtstcharles.org. Walk-ins are always welcome. In the tradition of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, we are a private, Catholic, college preparatory 6th - 12th grade academy committed to academic excellence, moral values, and well-rounded students. Our commitment to caring means that each and every student is known, valued, and treasured.

2nd Annual SVDP RI Friends'

Fund – Dinner, live and silent auction, and penny social; Sunday, **May 7**, 1:00 pm (doors open at 12:30 pm), Quiddnessett Country Club, North Kingstown. Tickets (\$60 each) are available now and will be available on the day of the event (but not at the door). Come join us for an afternoon of fun while helping make a difference in the lives of others. *Two Society members and Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be honored with the Fredric Ozanam Lifetime Achievement Award for their dedication and service to the poor.* Proceeds from the Friends' Fund Benefit will help our 34 parish-based conferences continue to serve our RI friends with such basic human needs as housing, heat, electricity, food, clothing, etc. For tickets or information, call 401-490-0822, x113, or visit www.svdpri.org.



Blessing of the Bikes - Fr. Varghese will be holding the "Blessing of ALL Bikes" Saturday, May 13th, at 1:00 PM in the parking lot of the Church. Anyone who would like to have their motorcycle blessed before they head out for the warm summer riding should stop by. Don't forget to tell all your friends about this important event so that they also will have a safe ride for the summer.



To Love and to Cherish – The Office of Life and Family is offering a program for Catholic marriages, *To Love and To Cherish*, designed to enrich/strengthen marriages. This free program provides topics/discussions in a sharing group environment for married couples. It will be presented on

Wednesdays, May 17 through June 14, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Saint Catherine Church, upper back entrance,

3252 Post Rd., Warwick. For registration, contact: Peter Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217. (Please note: This program is not for marriage counseling).

St. Joseph's – continued from page 3

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 15 **Ticket #62** **Theresa L. Zifcak**

Thank you for supporting this major parish fundraiser!

St. Patrick's – continued from page 4

"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 stpatrickactivities@gmail.com to add your e-mail address to our mailing list.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Summer Yard Sale

Saturday, June 17th

Rain date: June 24th

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 stpatrickactivities@gmail.com.

If you would like to arrange a time to drop off items, please call Linda Coutu at 568-3893 or Jen Bergin at 527-9355. Please be sure to leave a message with a phone number and your call will be returned as soon as possible. Many Thanks!

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