

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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April 9, 2017

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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.

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Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil is the highlight of the Church's liturgical year and is the culmination for those preparing for full reception into the Church. The new fire, the new paschal candle, the new holy water and the renewal of baptismal promises mark this memorable liturgy as an opportunity to experience the grace of Our Lord's Resurrection.

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

Time/Talent/Treasure – “Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed.” For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, “men and women in great numbers” will be “added to the Lord.”

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Prayer Idea for Holy Week

The prayer of service begins in the heart and then extends in action. This week pray by meeting others with loving openness. Serve others not so much by taking on extra things to do for them, but rather by fully entering into each personal encounter. Whether on the telephone, in the store, at your desk, or at the kitchen table, your presence with others can be a source of love. Say the prayer: “O Loving God, I bow to Your presence in myself and in each one I meet today.”

Activity Ideas

1. Join your parish community for liturgy one evening.
2. Write a letter to God each day; afterward sit quietly and listen for an answer.
3. Do something special for the teachers of your children or your priest.
4. Answer each phone call in a friendly and happy manner.

LENT SCHEDULE Stations of the Cross – Fridays of

Lent – 7 pm

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

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HOLY WEEK: As the penitential season of Lent draws to a close, we are entering the holiest of weeks in which we recall the most important events of salvation history: Christ's saving passion, death and glorious resurrection. The liturgies of Holy Week are the most memorable, moving and efficacious of the Church's entire cycle of worship and provide a unique opportunity to enter into the paschal mystery, that is, to identify with Jesus in His suffering (How have we suffered for Christ and His Church?), in His death (Have we died to some particular sin during Lent?) and in His resurrection (Have we grown in self-knowledge, grace and wisdom by our Lenten discipline?).



Palm Sunday: An opportunity to examine our consciences, since we who cry “Hosanna to the Son of David” today may well be the ones who cry out on Good Friday “Crucify Him!” The palms we hold so triumphantly in our hands will become the ashes with which we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday next year. They should remind us how fleeting human respect and praise are, and how much more important it is to honor God in word and deed.



Chrism Mass: On Monday, April 10, at 5:00 PM, Bishop Tobin will celebrate the *Chrism Mass* at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul. All are welcome as the Bishop blesses the holy oils to be used throughout the year at Baptisms, Confirmations and the Anointing of the Sick, as well as witness the priests renewing their priestly promises.



Holy Thursday: *Mass of the Lord's Supper* includes the washing of feet and procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Chapel of Reposition, where we can keep watch with Christ in our own Garden of Gethsemane. This Mass commemorates the institution of the Sacraments of Holy Orders and Eucharist.



Good Friday: Both the Stations of the Cross and the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion help us appreciate the great sacrifice made by Jesus, out of obedience to the Father and out of love for each and every one of us.

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 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
- Mon 8:00 In Memory of Thelma Kinter
Apr 10 by Ed Rose
- Wed 8:00 In Memory of Fr. Gabriel Healy
Apr 12 by his Nephew Patrick & Kerri
- Thu **HOLY THURSDAY**
Apr 13 7 pm – *St. Patrick's Church*
No 8 am Mass at St. Patrick's Church
- Fri **GOOD FRIDAY – Rectory closed**
Apr 14 **VENERATION OF THE CROSS**
3 pm – *St. Joseph's Church*
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7 pm - *St. Patrick's Church*
- Sat **HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL**
Apr 15 7:30 pm – *St. Patrick's Church*
No 4:00 pm Mass at St. Patrick's Church
No 5:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph's Church
- Sun 8:00 **EASTER SUNDAY**
Apr 16 For Healing – Marilyn Pautler
by her Husband Al
- Sun 11:00 In Memory of Normand Robitaille
(29th Anniversary)
by his Family



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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

04/02/2017

Regular Collection	\$2,844.00
Mail In's.....	\$669.00
Total.....	\$3,513.00
Monthly.....	\$1,415.00
Fuel Collection.....	\$112.00
Jacob's Gift (Parish Outreach).....	\$64.00
Candles	\$43.00
Easter Flowers	\$275.00
Electronic Giving (March).....	\$365.03
Catholic Charity Appeal to Date.....	\$8,215.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$10.00
Holy Land.....	\$30.00

Mini-Splits Financial Summary

Total Cost:.....	\$49,590.22
To-Date Donations:.....	-33,396.00
Balance Remaining:.....	\$16,194.22

This week's 2nd collection is for Operation Rice Bowl/Catholic Relief Services.

Good Friday's collection is for the Holy Land.

Your Easter Flowers envelope(s) may be placed in any collection basket.

The Easter collection is for the Catholic Charity Appeal.

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"

If you have not yet responded to this year's Catholic Charity Appeal, it is not too late! *The Easter collection is for the CCA.*

Our parish goal is twofold—100% participation and to reach our goal of \$16,800.00. To date, we have raised \$8,215.00 toward that goal, thanks to your generosity.

All gifts, regardless of size, make a difference in the lives of countless individuals.

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 12 Ticket #16 Joseph Tundis

Thank you for supporting this major parish fundraiser!

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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 John Oliveira
Apr 8 by his Wife & Family
- Sun 9:30 In Memory of Barbara Jolly
Apr 9 by her Husband & Family
- Tue 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners
Apr 11 of St. Patrick's Church
- Thu 8:00 **HOLY THURSDAY**
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Apr 15 7:30 pm – *St. Patrick's Church*
In Memory of Thomas Riley
by M/M Glen Gaucher & Family
No 4:00 pm Mass at St. Patrick's Church
No 5:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph's Church
- Sun 9:30 **EASTER SUNDAY**
Apr 16 In Memory of Agnes Pichie
by Evelyn Heroux

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	(12,915.00)
Balance remaining:	\$ 9,370.00

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

04/02/2017

Regular Collection.....	\$2,062.00
Mail Ins.....	\$442.00
Total Budget.....	\$2504.00
Candles	\$287.00
Easter Flowers	\$105.00
Building/Maintenance	\$673.00

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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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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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]
MON Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
TUE Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
WED Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
THU *Christ Mass*: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9;
Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13,
15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
FRI Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25;
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
SAT (a) Gn 1:1 - 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-
14, 24, 35 (b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5,
8-11 (c) Ex 14:15 - 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18 (d) Is 54:5-14;
Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 (e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6 (f) Bar 3:9-15,
32-4:4; Ps 19:8-11 (g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5;
43:3-4 (h) Rom 6:3-11 (i) Mt 28:1-10
SUN Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4

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Religious Education (RE)

Good Friday Retreat--Friday, April 14th

Religious Education Students in Grades 3-10 will be participating in an all day Retreat to be held at St. Joseph Church Hall and Church which will include Class, the Ann Rivet Walk for Hunger, Lunch and Good Friday Service (Celebration of the Lord's Passion) at 3:00 pm.

Ann Rivet Walk for Hunger The Annual Ann Rivet Walk for Hunger will take place on Good Friday, April 14, 2017 at noon, from St. Patrick's Church. (This year the religious education students walk will take place from St. Joseph's Church). If you are unable to join us in the walk, please consider "walking with us in spirit" by making a donation either by mailing it to the rectory or dropping it in the collection basket at Mass. **All proceeds go directly to the St. Patrick Food Pantry.**

Sponsor sheets are available at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please call St. Patrick's rectory.

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.

SUNDAY SMILE



I've given up social media for the New Year and am trying to make friends outside Facebook while applying the same principles. Every day, I walk down the street and tell passersby what I have eaten, how I feel, what I did the night before, and what I will do tomorrow. Then I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and me gardening. I also listen to their conversations and tell them I love them. And it works. I already have three people following me – two police officers and a psychiatrist!

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St. Joseph's Annual Spring Dinner – Thank you again to everyone who participated in our Spring Dinner. The profit from this family-friendly evening is \$3,048.36. *Thank you for supporting this parish fundraiser.*

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.

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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 stpatrickactivities@gmail.com to add your e-mail address to our mailing list. We look forward to hearing from you.



Summer Yard Sale – Date to be Determined

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.

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