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Parish Staff

Rev. Peter John Sheehan, Pastor

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Daily: Mon & Wed 8:00 AM

First Friday: 8:00 AM Odd Numbered Months

Holy Day: 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM Check Bulletin for locations

Confessions

After 5:30 PM Saturday at St. Joseph's or
3:15 PM – 3:45 PM Saturday at St. Patrick's
Or by appointment

Baptism

Baptisms are the 4th Sunday of each month during the 11:00 AM Mass. Please call the parish office in advance to schedule an appointment with Fr. Sheehan to arrange for your child's Baptism.

Marriage

For Marriage Preparation please call the rectory at least 6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

For Anointing or Last Rites please call the Rectory.

Our 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.



**Third Sunday of Advent
Cycle C
December 13, 2015**

**The Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp
will burn this week in Memory of
deceased members of the Fortin and Zontek families.**

Stewardship Thoughts (Time/Talent/Treasure. A blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

**Financial Update
12/05 – 06/2015**

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Sat 5:30 In Memory of Weston & Sandra Wicklund (Christmas Remembrance)**
by Mary & Family
- Sun 8:00 In Memory of Paul Lanctot (Birthday Rem.)**
by his Family
- Sun 11:00 In Memory of Marguerite Lambert**
by the Brissette Family
- Mon 8:00 For Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph's Parish**
- Wed 8:00 For Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph's Parish**
- Sat 5:30 For Deceased Members of the Walker and Cosetta Families (Christmas Remembrance)**
by Linda, Paul, & Bethany
- Sun 8:00 In Memory of Raymond Lanctot, Jr. (15th Anniv.)** by his Family
- Sun 11:00 For Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph's Parish**

Regular Collection.....	\$3,240.00
Mail-Ins	524.00
Total.....	\$3,764.00
Fuel.....	90.00
Parish Outreach	86.00
Candles	95.00
Monthly	1,055.00
Annual Fall Appeal.....	50.00
Annual to Date.....	8,724.00
Christmas Flowers	219.00
Immaculate Conception.....	35.00

This week's 2nd collection is for the **Retired Religious**.
Next week's 2nd collection is the **Fuel** collection.

Inter-Parish Loan Update. As of 12/01/2015 our inter-parish loan balance is \$11,124.10. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Budget Envelopes. If you have been away, on vacation or visiting another parish, we kindly ask you to make up your missed budget envelopes. Our Parish depends upon your support to meet our weekly operating budget. Thank you.

Clergy Sexual Abuse Reporting and Assistance. The Diocese urges anyone who has been the victim of sexual abuse or has credible knowledge of such abuse, by any member of the Catholic Church in Rhode Island, to report the information to Kevin O'Brien, Director of the Diocesan Office of Compliance, at 401- 941-0760. To seek assistance for victims or family members affected by such abuse, please contact Paula Loud, Director of the Diocesan Office of Outreach & Prevention, at 401-946-0728.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- SUN Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18**
- MON Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27**
- TUE Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:28-32**
- WED IS 45:6b-8, 21b-25 Lk 7:18b-23**
- THU Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17**
- FRI Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25**
- SAT Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25**

Burrillville Catholic Community Christmas Giving Tree Project 2015. A combined effort among the following parishes: St. Joseph, St. Patrick, St. Theresa.

Dec. 13. Gift sorting, with assistance from volunteers, following 11 am Mass.

Dec. 14. Distribution of gifts at churches, 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

Schedule for Masses – Christmas 2015

Thursday, 12/24/2015	4:00 pm	St. Patrick
	5:30 pm	St. Joseph
	11:30 pm	St. Patrick
Friday, 12/25/2015	8:00 am	St. Joseph
	9:30 am	St. Patrick
	11:00 am	St. Joseph

2017 Mass Book is now available. Please stop by or call (568-2411) the Rectory to reserve desired dates.

2016 Calendars are now available in the back of the Church. Please take a complimentary calendar and hang it in your home.

Schedule for Masses – Solemnity of Mary

Thursday, 12/31/2015	7:00 pm	St. Patrick
Friday, 01/01/2016	8:00 am	St. Joseph

Parish Outreach Boxes (Jacob's Gift): Due to recent security threats and vandalism to the school, the Jacob's Gift boxes are now locked. Thank you for your generosity which helps with the essential needs of the poor in our local area. Again, thank you.

From the Pastor's Desk

The Immaculate Conception & Divine Mercy

This past Tuesday on December 8th we celebrated The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was also the date that Pope Francis chose to inaugurate the Year of Mercy.

To become the mother of the Savior, "Mary was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role," (Vat II, LG 56). The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace." In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne of God's grace (free from Original Sin).

Through the many centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception (Immaculate Conception). That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854:

"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."

The splendor of an entirely unique holiness by which Mary is enriched from the first instant of her conception comes wholly from Christ: she is redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son. God the Father blessed Mary more than any other created person.

The Fathers of the Eastern tradition call the Mother of God "the All-Holy" (Panagia) and celebrated her as free from any stain of sin, as though fashioned by the Holy Spirit and formed as a new creature. By the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long.

Divine Mercy became flesh in Jesus and entered the world through Mary. Next week-more mercy!

**In Christ,
Rev. Peter John Sheehan**

Are you still searching for the perfect Christmas Gift? St. Joseph 50 Club will begin in January. Tickets are \$50.00 and include 20 weekly drawings of \$25.00 for all paid-to-date tickets, dinner at Bella's Restaurant on June 10th, and a \$1,000.00 grand prize, \$500.00 1st prize, \$250.00 2nd prize, and \$100.00 3rd prize, drawn the night of the dinner. Tickets are now available by calling the rectory during normal business hours, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, or you may call Tina Brunette at 568-4282, Linda Cosetta at 568-4049 or Judy Murphy at 568-4568. Our 50 Club tickets would make the perfect Christmas gift for that special person on your list!

2015-2016 St. Joseph/St. Patrick Religious Education Calendar for December - February:

December 2, 6, 9, 13, 16

6 Rite of Commitment (9th grade) at the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's Church

13 Rite of Enrollment (10th grade) at the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's Church

January 6, 13, 20, 27

February 3, 6, 10, 24

6 First Penance, 2 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church
10 Ash Wednesday

Boy Scout Troop 100 Pascoag will be selling beautiful poinsettias after all Masses through December 19th & 20th. Two sizes will be offered: 4" pots will be sold for \$6.00 each or 2 for \$10.00, and 6 1/2" pots are \$8.00 each or 2 for \$15.00.

Mount St. Charles Academy Annual Celebration of Lessons and Carols. Sunday, Dec. 13, 6 pm, Precious Blood Church, Woonsocket. A traditional English Advent event that involves Scripture readings, prayer, music, and dance; a meditative ceremony in preparation for the birth of Christ. An hour-long celebration, featuring students, parents, and staff of Mt. St. Charles, providing a peaceful break from the busy Christmas rush. Tickets are free, but necessary for admission and are available at the Mt. St. Charles Main Office, 401-769-0310, ext. 100.

A Morning of Prayer and Caroling at Planned Parenthood, Point Street, Providence--the 3rd peaceful prayer vigil sponsored by the Office of Life and Family Ministry and R.I. Right to Life. Saturday, December 19, 9-11 am. Our mission is to pray for an end to abortion and for all those who have experienced an abortion. For more information, contact Carol Owens at 421-7833, ext. 218.

St. Theresa's Christmas Concert. Performed by Christian music group, Manna. Saturday, December 19, 5:30 pm, church hall (handicapped accessible), 35 Dion Drive, Nasonville/Harrisville. Goodwill donations will be accepted to benefit Special Religious Education (SPRED). Soup and refreshments will be served.

Thanksgiving Baskets. Were distributed through St. Patrick's Food Pantry to needy families in our area. We are awaiting totals from the Food Pantry. When they become available we will put an update in the bulletin.

Prayer Ministry. Do you know someone who could use a special prayer, or would you like someone to pray for you? Please call Rita at 568-7058 or Pauline at 568-5644 so they may begin your prayer line request.

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