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ADVENT WREATH

4th Candle (purple) – The Angel Candle or Candle of LOVE

The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us because He loves us! (John 3:16-17)

5th Candle (white) – Christ Candle

The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless Lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for His death, His death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

4th Sunday of Advent December 24, 2017

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PASTOR'S PAGE



Greetings Friends in Christ,

Blessed 4th Week of Advent! We have arrived to the final Sunday in Advent. I pray that the preparations of this Advent Season prepared each of you in mind, heart and spirit for the Christmas Season. May each one of us grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus Christ who is the New Born King and the Savior of the World.

Thank you all for your support and contributions to the Giving Tree this year. This gift supports many families in the local community who are struggling financially or in need of assistance. May we continue to keep them in our prayers. Thank you to all our coordinators from both parishes who have shared their time in coordinating this outreach.

During Christmas, may we give thanks to God for the greatest gift of His Son. "Then the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'" (Luke 1:30-33)

Let us remember that Christmas is not a 1-day celebration. It is rather a whole season to celebrate in the Church. The Christmas season begins December 25 and closes with the Feast Day of the Baptism of the Lord on January 8th. Let us celebrate the glory of Christ's birth. May He fill all of us with grace and peace.

On behalf of myself and the staff and volunteers of Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick, we offer our prayers to each of you and your families, a Merry and Blessed Christmas Season!

Advent and Christmas Blessings,
Father Scott

Time/Talent/Treasure: Rejoice! The word became flesh and dwells among us! Oh, come, let us adore Him!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SAT Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14;
Lk 1:57-66
SUN 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29;
Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
MON Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13;
Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;
Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18

TUE Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17;
Mt 10:17-22

WED 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

THU 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

FRI 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

SAT 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

SUN Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3;

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5



Legion of Mary - Our Blessed Mother needs your help. Please consider Her Legion here at our parish. Our Legion meetings are held on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in St. Joseph Church Hall. We look forward to seeing you. Come to see if the Lord is calling you to support our

parishes with your talents, prayers and presence through the Legion of Mary. If you have any questions, you may contact Father Scott at 401-568-2411 or Alice at 401-722-6388.

Christmas 2017 Mass Schedule

Sun, Dec 24	4 pm	St. Patrick's
Sun, Dec 24	10 pm	St. Joseph's
Mon, Dec 25	8 am	St. Joseph's
Mon, Dec 25	9:30 am	St. Patrick's

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

Overlook Nursing Home: THANK YOU to Brenda Blanchette and Tammie Parkhurst's class (grades 7 & 8) for making several **Christmas ornaments** to distribute to the residents of Overlook Nursing Home during their visit to sing Christmas carols. A **heartfelt thank you** is extended to those students and parishioners who participated in this Caroling event along with our musicians, Lisa & Bri Brissette. Thank you all for spreading Christmas joy to those residents!

Reminder: There are **No RE classes for the remainder of December.** Classes will resume on **Wednesday, January 3, 2018.**

At Christmas, we reflect on the many blessings that our RE Program has received this past year. Among those blessings are the following individuals who gave so selflessly to the children of our parishes: **Stephanie Aubin, Joe Bentley, Brenda & Scott Blanchette, Bethany Cosetta, Kathy Gagnon, Karen Genereux, Claire Howe, Roger Johnson, Muriel Kogut, Erin LaFauci, Barbara Langlois, Tammie & Mitch Parkhurst, and Kimberley Poirier.** Thank you for your time and dedication to our children.

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

- Dec 23** *St. John of Kanty, Priest*
Sat 5:30 **Christmas Remembrance for the Walker & Cosetta Families**
 by Linda, Paul & Bethany
- Dec 24** *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
Sun 8:00 **In Memory of James Clark**
 by Barbara Gieseke
- 11:00** **In Memory of Deceased Members of the Zontek & Fortin Families**
 by their Family
- 4:00 pm** *Christmas Vigil at St. Patrick's*
- 10:00 pm** *Christmas Mass at Night – St. Joseph's Intention of the Priest*
- Dec 25** *Christmas Mass at Dawn*
Mon 8:00 **In Memory of Christina Walling (Birthday Remembrance) by the Garrepy Family**
- 9:30** *Christmas Mass during the Day-St. Patrick's*
- Dec 27** *St. John, Apostle & Evangelist*
Wed 8:00 **In Memory of James Clark**
 by Ron & Pauline Lemieux
- Dec 30** *6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*
Sat 5:30 **In Memory of Russell Tucker (Birthday Rememb. & 3rd Anniversary)**
 by Doug, Ann Marie & Families
- Dec 31** *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*
Sun 8:00 **For Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph's Church**
- 11:00** **Special Intention: Health for Jimmy**
 by Ray & Odete McMahon

The Sanctuary/Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Armand Barchiesi and Rita & Arthur Bouley by their Family.

FINANCIAL UPDATE - 12/17/2017

Regular Collection	\$3,110.00
Mail Ins	\$10.00
Total	\$3,120.00
Monthly	\$55.00
Jacob's Gift.....	\$35.00
Candles.....	\$30.00
Annual Fall Appeal.....	\$1,325.00
HVAC	\$20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$123.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$60.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$60.00
Retired Religious.....	\$45.00
Donation.....	\$150.00
Fuel.....	\$713.00

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.**

Mini-Splits Update

Total Cost:.....	\$49,590.22
To-Date Donations**:	\$38,166.22
Balance Remaining:	\$11,424.00

****Donations to help defray the cost of the mini-splits are still being accepted. If you choose to make a donation, please specify on the envelope that your gift is for HVAC since those funds are "restricted" and therefore not subject to the Diocesan assessment.**

St. Joseph's 50 Club – Tickets will once again be available after Masses beginning January 6/7. Or, you may call the rectory (401-568-2411) Mon-Thu, 9 am – 5 pm. *Looking for a Christmas gift for someone who seems to have everything?* Weekly drawings will start during the last week of January, 2018. Paid-to-date ticket holders are eligible for weekly drawings. The dinner is scheduled for June 16, 2018, at the Village Haven and will feature 7 cash prizes. Thank you for supporting this major parish fundraiser.

St. Patrick's Church is selling Lottery Calendars through December 31. See page 4 for details.

2018 JANUARY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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

- Dec 23 *St. John of Kanty, Priest*
Sat 4:00 In Memory of Linda Lee
(6th Anniversary)
by her Mom & Family

- Dec 24 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
Sun 9:30 In Memory of Peter G. & Madeline Coutu
by their Family

- 4:00 pm *Christmas Vigil at St. Patrick's*
In Memory of Judy & Francis Malley &
Deirdre Malley-Green by their Family

- 10:00 pm *Christmas Mass at Night – St. Joseph's*

- Dec 25
Mon 8:00 *Christmas Mass at Dawn-St. Joseph's*

- 9:30 *Christmas Mass during the Day-St. Patrick's*
In Memory of Jackie Blanchard
(Christmas Remembrance) by Sis & Johnny

- Dec 26 *St. Stephen, the First Martyr*
Tue 8:00 Living & Deceased Members of the
Rosary & Altar Society

- Dec 28 *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*
Thu 8:00 In Memory of John Gieseke
by his Wife & Family

- Dec 30 *6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity
of the Lord*
Sat 4:00 In Memory of Frank Bradshaw
(Birthday Remembrance)
by his Wife & Family

- Dec 31 *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*
Sun 9:30 In Memory of Tylor Bernard
by his Grandparents, Ken & Carol Lewin

The Sanctuary/Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Elizabeth Byrne.

FINANCIAL UPDATE – 12/10/2017

Regular Collection.....	\$1,945.00
Mail In's	\$442.00
Total.....	\$2,387.00
Food Pantry	\$125.00
Annual Appeal.....	\$250.00
Christmas Flowers	\$15.00
Christmas Offering	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$59.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$559.00

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.**

Mini-Splits Update

Total Cost:	\$27,285.00
To-Date Donations**:	\$23,403.00
Balance Remaining:	\$3,882.00

****Donations to help defray the cost of the mini-splits are still being accepted. If you choose to make a donation, please specify on the envelope that your gift is for HVAC.**

St. Patrick's Lottery Calendar: Lottery calendars continue to be available through December 31. As of December 18, we've sold 159—only 41 more to reach our goal of 200! Calendars are available at the entrance of St. Patrick's Church, or call the rectory (401-568-5600, Mon-Fri, 8 am – 12 pm). Drawings begin January 1, and winners will be announced in the bulletin. **THANK YOU** to all.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe:

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting many parishes in the Diocese of Providence from January 6 to January 29, 2018. All are invited to attend the various Masses, Holy Hours, Presentations and Veneration opportunities during this time. For a schedule of the visits, please visit: www.dioceseofprovidence.org or email: cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org or call Carol Owens at 401.421-7833.218.

“An Invitation to Pray for All Human Life”: The Office of Life and Family Ministry will sponsor the “Annual Respect Life Mass” on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at St. Paul Church in Cranston. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist. The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will remain on the altar during Mass and will be available for veneration at the reception that will immediately follow the Mass. For more information and to R.S.V.P. contact: Carol Owens, Office of Life Family Ministry at 401.421-7833.218.

“2018 MARCH FOR LIFE”: The Office of Life and Family Ministry will be sponsoring a bus trip to Washington DC for the Annual March for Life on the 45th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion. The cost for the overnight ride is \$83.00 per person and will leave R.I. on Thursday, January 18. This year’s trip will take us to the Capital One Arena for the Youth Rally and Mass. There will be confession, Rosary, popular Catholic recording artists, presentations and a Mass for Life. For more information and to register, contact Carol Owens at 401.421-7833.218.

Welcome New and Returning Parishioners!



There’s an old saying that goes, “Once a Catholic, always a Catholic.” Maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, but now you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church. Listen to that tug. It’s your Heavenly Father reaching

His arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, hoping to draw you home (source: www.catholicscomehome.org). If you wish to join (or rejoin) St. Joseph’s or St. Patrick’s Parish, please introduce yourself to Fr. Scott after any Mass. He will guide you through the registration process.

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St. Patrick’s Roman Catholic Church

45 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville, RI 02830

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The parish communities of St. Joseph (Pascoag) and St. Patrick (Harrisville) welcome the new residents to Burrillville and invite you to join current and former parishioners and visitors to celebrate Christmas Mass with us. For those Catholics who have been away from the Church, regardless of why you left or got out of the habit of going to Mass, you can always come home and return to the practice of the Sacraments and the fullness of a relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church He founded. We hope you accept this invitation to rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith.

Rev. Scott J. Carpentier, Pastor

St. Joseph’s Christmas Masses:

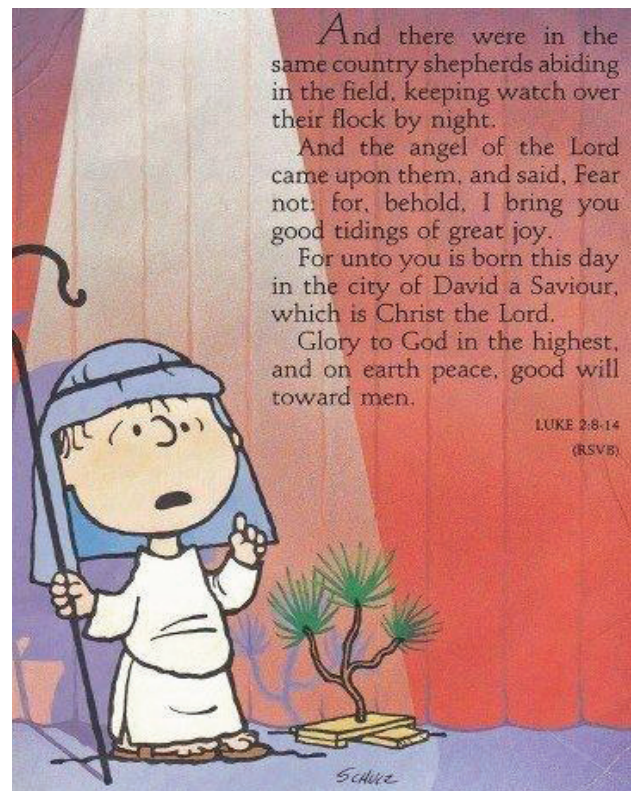
Sunday, 24 December, 10:00 pm

Monday, 25 December, 8:00 am

St. Patrick’s Christmas Masses:

Sunday, 24 December, 4:00 pm

Monday, 25 December, 9:30 am



And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And the angel of the Lord came upon them, and said, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

LUKE 2:8-14
(RSVB)

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