

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**

**Cycle A**

**December 25, 2016**

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

*Saturday* 5:30 PM  
*Sunday* 8:00 AM 11:00 AM

*Saturday* 4:00 PM  
*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:**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month; during the 11 AM Mass

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month; during the 9:30 AM Mass

Please see Fr. Sheehan after any Mass to start the process.

**MARRIAGE:**

Please see Fr. Sheehan after any Mass at least 6 months in advance.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

Please call the parish office/rectory.

**TRUSTEES:**

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Marc R. Genereux, Barbara C. Langlois

## From the Pastor's Desk

### Merry Christmas

In the Liturgical year the various aspects of the one Paschal mystery unfold. This is also the case with the cycle of feasts surrounding the mystery of the Incarnation (Annunciation, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany). They commemorate the beginning of our salvation and communicate to us the first fruits of the Paschal mystery.

Taking up St. John's expression, "The Word became flesh" (Jn 1:14), the Church calls "Incarnation" the fact that the Son of God assumed a human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it.

In a hymn by St. Paul, the Church sings the mystery of the Incarnation:

"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:5-8).

Belief in the true Incarnation of the Son of God is the distinctive sign of Christian faith: By this you know the Spirit of God; every spirit which confesses Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God" (1Jn 4:2). Such is the joyous conviction of the Church from her beginning, whenever she sings "the mystery of our religion"; He was manifested in the flesh" (1Tim 3:16).

Hopefully, we have all grown while waiting in anticipation during this Advent Season, and can now recognize our salvation which began with the Incarnation of Christ, on this Christmas Day.

*Merry Christmas!*

In Christ,  
Rev. Peter John Sheehan, Pastor

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SAT 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Lk 1:67-79

SUN Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17,  
22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; 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 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18  
(1-5, 9-14)

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

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

WED 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

THU 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40

FRI Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5;  
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

SAT 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

SUN Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;  
Lk 2:16-21

Time/Talent/Treasure: Having found the Infant Jesus, the shepherds returned to their work, "glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen." We, too, have seen and celebrated the mystery of the Word made flesh. Will we follow their example when we return to work tomorrow?

Rectory Closures – Both rectories will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2016, in observance of the Christmas holiday.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

Reminder: There are no RE classes for the remainder of December. **Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2017.**

As Christmas we reflect on the many blessings that our RE program has received. Among these blessings are the following individuals who give so selflessly to the children of our parishes: **Scott & Brenda Blanchette, Bethany Cosetta, Kathy Gagnon, Claire Howe, Roger Johnson, Muriel Kogut, Erin LaFauci, Barbara Langlois, Tammie Parkhurst, Holly Picard, Kimberly Poirier, and Karen Round.** Thank you for your time and dedication to our children.

Memorial Donations – The Catholic Church has long been a source of comfort for grieving families during times of illness, tragedy, and loss, as well as times of joyous celebrations, meditation, and prayer. Memorial gifts, honorary gifts, or gifts of thanksgiving in any amount offer an opportunity to express our gratitude for all the blessed moments where we have encountered Christ through the Church. For more information regarding making a memorial donation to St. Patrick Parish or Cemetery or St. Joseph Church, please call Fr. Peter John Sheehan at 401-568-5600 (St. Patrick) or 401-568-2411 (St. Joseph).

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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 Christmas Remembrance for Deceased  
Dec 24 Members of the Walker & Cosetta Families  
by Linda, Paul & Bethany

Sun 8:00 In Memory of Claire, Raymond R., Paul &  
Dec 25 Raymond A. Lanctot & Earl Fontaine, Sr.  
by Paulette

Sun 11:00 Christmas Remembrance for Deceased  
Members of the Murphy, Clift &  
McCombs Families  
by Judy

Mon 8:00 In Memory of Russell Tucker  
Dec 26 (Birthday Rememb. & 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)  
by his Family

Wed 8:00 In Memory of Carol A. Carson  
Dec 28 by Barbara & Jack

Sat 5:30 In Memory of Tylor Bernard  
Dec 31 by his Grandparents

Sun 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners of  
Jan 01 St. Joseph's Church

Sun 11:00 In Memory of Helen F. Fortin  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
by her Family



The Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week in memory of Armand Barchiesi and Rita & Arthur Bouley.

**Financial Update** - Due to the early bulletin submission dates associated with the holidays, **financial updates** may not appear on a weekly basis. However, all monies collected will be reported and should be up to date by mid-January.

**This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is the Christmas collection.**

**Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is the Solemnity of Mary.**

### **Clarification regarding the Christmas Collection:**

All money collected via the Christmas collection remains in the parish's general operating budget. And, unlike in years gone by, the Pastor does not receive any portion of that collection. Thank you for your continued generosity.

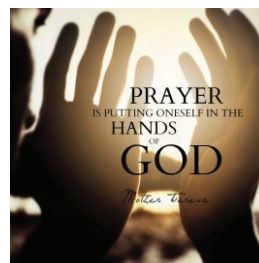
Each week, our parish requires a **minimum of \$3,850.00** to meet our budgeted expenses. If you miss Mass for any reason, we kindly ask you to make up your missed budget envelopes.

### **Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for the person who has everything?**

Please consider purchasing a **50 Club** ticket for him/her. Tickets are \$50 each and include 20 weekly drawings of \$25 for all paid-to-date tickets; dinner at the Village Haven in June; and prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$250, and \$100, drawn the night of the dinner. Tickets will be available after Masses, or you may call the rectory (568-2411), Mon-Thu, 9 am – 5 pm. ***Thank you for supporting this major parish fundraiser!***



**St. Joseph's 2018 Mass Book** has arrived. Please call the rectory, 568-2411, Mon-Thu, 9 am – 5 pm, if you would like to schedule **Masses** or reserve the **Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp** in memory of a loved one.



**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 Rita at 568-7058 or Pauline at 568-5644.

## 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 Judy & Francis Malley &  
Dec 24 Deirdre Malley Green  
by their Family

Sun 9:30 In Memory of  
Dec 25 Peter G. & Madeline Coutu  
by their Family

Tue 8:00 For Living & Deceased Members of  
Dec 27 St. Patrick's Rosary & Altar Society

Thu 8:00 In Memory of John & Sue O'Neill  
Dec 29 by their Family

Sat 4:00 In Memory of Tylor Bernard  
Dec 31 by his Grandparents

Sun 9:30 In Memory of Stanislaus & Antonia  
Jan 01 Kraunelis  
by their Family



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

St. Patrick's 2018 Mass Book has arrived. Please call the rectory, 568-5600, Mon-Fri, 8 am - 12 pm, if you would like to schedule Masses or reserve the Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp in memory of a loved one.

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### Clarification regarding the Christmas

Collection: All money collected via the Christmas collection remains in the parish's general operating budget. And, unlike in years gone by, the Pastor does not receive any portion of that collection. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

Food Pantry – We would like to acknowledge and thank Bishop Tobin for his generous gift of \$2,500.00 from the Diocese of Providence Assistance Fund to St. Patrick's Food Pantry. At a time when the demand is high for assistance, this gift will provide much needed relief for those needy families of our community.

### St. Patrick's Cemetery – Pre-Arrangement

The numerous decisions that must be made following the death of a loved one can prove burdensome, especially in planning a funeral and burial in a short span of time. Please consider pre-arrangement to ease the burden in the midst of grief.

The following is a current price list of cemetery plots:

Single Grave	\$ 950.00
2 Burial Plots	1,700.00
3 Burial Plots	2,500.00
4 Burial Plots	3,300.00

For further information regarding the purchase of cemetery burial plots in advance, please call the rectory (Mon-Fri, 8:00 am–12:00 pm; 401-568-5600).

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church**, 35 Dion Drive, Harrisville, invites you to celebrate New Year's Day with us as we begin the Year of Our Lady of Fatima. **Sunday, January 1**, Holy Mass begins at 11:30 am, followed by a light lunch. At 1:15 pm a presentation will be given on Our Lady's message to the 3 children. Weather permitting, pilgrims will process to her outdoor shrine at 2:15 pm. A Holy Hour in the Church will begin at 2:30 pm.



**2017 – A Year with Mary our Mother.** Bishop Tobin has declared 2017 “A Year with Mary our Mother in the Diocese of Providence. The Office of Life and Family Ministry is pleased to announce that the following 3 events will take place during the month of January—times when we will focus on our Blessed Mother, the Rosary, and an opportunity to promote and celebrate God's gift of Life!

**Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.** The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting several parishes in the Diocese of Providence **from January 6 to January 31, 2017.** 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](http://www.dioceseofprovidence.org) or email: [cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org) or call Carol Owens at 401-421-7833, ext. 218.

**An Invitation to Pray for All Human Life.** The Office of Life and Family Ministry is sponsoring the “Annual Respect Life Mass” on **Saturday, January 21** at St. Paul Church in Cranston. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant, and Rev. Msgr. Albert A. Kenney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, will be the homilist at the 9:00 am Mass. 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 RSVP contact Carol Owens, Office of Life and Family Ministry, 401-421-7833, ext. 218.

**2017 March for Life.** The Office of Life and Family Ministry is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington, DC, for the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life. The cost for the overnight ride is \$80 per person. We will be **leaving RI on Thursday, January 26**, from various locations, beginning at 7:30 pm. This year's trip will take us to the Verizon Center for the Youth Rally and Mass. There will be confession, Rosary, popular Catholic recording artists, presentations, and Mass for Life. For more information and to register, call Carol Owens at 401-421-7833, ext. 218.

**Beacon Hospice** provides quality end-of-life care to local terminally ill patients. We are looking for caring and compassionate individuals in your area to spend time with our patients. **Volunteers** can provide much needed support to patients and their families in a variety of ways. There is a free training course, held locally, that is required on what hospice is and how to interact with hospice patients. For more information, interested persons should contact Ashley Toste, Volunteer Coordinator, at 401-438-0008 or via e-mail at [Ashley.Toste@amedisys.com](mailto:Ashley.Toste@amedisys.com).

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**Parish Websites** - John Patrick Publishing recently reported the following number of visits to our parish websites during the year 2016:  
[www.stjosephri.org](http://www.stjosephri.org) – 32,232  
[www.stpatrickri.org](http://www.stpatrickri.org) – 15,892  
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