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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.



**Holy Family
Cycle C
December 27, 2015**

**The Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp
will burn this week in Memory of
Armand Barchiesi,
Rita Bouley & Arthur G. Bouley, Sr.**

Stewardship Thoughts (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?

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Sat 5:30** In Memory of Russell Tucker (1st Anniv. & Birthday Remembrance) by his Family
- Sun 8:00** In Memory of Earl Fontaine, Raymond Lanctot, Sr., Claire Lanctot, Paul Lanctot, & Raymond Lanctot, Jr. (Christmas Remembrance) by their Family
- Sun 11:00** For Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph's Parish
- Mon 8:00** For Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish
- Wed 8:00** For Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish
- Thu 7 pm** Vigil – Solemnity of Mary
St. Patrick's Church
- Fri 8:00** Solemnity of Mary
First Friday
St. Joseph's Church
- Sat 5:30** In Memory of Bill Griffin, Sr. (25th Anniv.) & Jane Griffin (17th Anniv.)
by their Family
- Sun 8:00** In Memory of Frank Rambone (1st Anniv.)
by John & Suzanne Lynes
- Sun 11:00** In Memory of Helen F. Fortin (Birthday Remembrance) by her Family

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- SUN** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Lk 2:41-52
- MON** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18
- TUE** 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35
- WED** 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40
- THU** 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18
- FRI** Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
- SAT** 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28

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

Financial Update

	<u>Dec 12-13, 2015</u>
Regular Collection	\$2,577.00
Mail-Ins	333.00
Total	\$2,910.00
Parish Outreach	22.00
Dino's Receipts	69.18
Candles	308.00
Monthly	230.00
Annual Fall Appeal	70.00
Annual to Date	8,794.00
Immaculate Conception	264.00
Christmas Flowers	123.00
Retired Religious	663.00
Fuel	75.00

***There is no 2nd collection this week
Next week's 2nd collection is the Monthly Parish
Offering***

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.

Inter-Parish Loan Update. As of 12/16/2015 our inter-parish loan balance is **\$10,537.55**. 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.

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

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.

50 Club tickets are available for \$50 each. All paid-to-date tickets are eligible for 20 weekly drawings of \$25, dinner at Bella's Restaurant on June 10th, and a \$1,000 grand prize, \$500 1st prize, \$250 2nd prize, and \$100 3rd prize, drawn the night of the dinner. Tickets are now available after all Masses. You may also call the Rectory during normal business hours, Monday through Thursday, 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

**Merry Christmas
Incarnate Mercy is born today!**

Today we celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ, salvation and mercy has come to us in the form of a baby in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. Among all our Christmas presents the Incarnation of Jesus is our greatest present of all. We have many reasons to be Merry about Christmas.

We believe and confess that Jesus of Nazareth, born of a Jew, Mary, a daughter of Israel in Bethlehem at the time of King Herod the Great and Emperor Caesar Augustus, a carpenter by trade, who died crucified in Jerusalem under the procurator Pontius Pilate during the reign of Emperor Tiberius, is the eternal Son of God made man.

He came from God, descended from Heaven, and “came in the flesh” (1Jn 4:2). For “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father...And from His fullness have we all received grace upon grace” (Jn 1:14,16).

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 that 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).

We have much to give thanks for on this Christmas. Among other presents we should give thanks that Divine Mercy came to the earth to forgive and distribute God’s Mercy! Even more poignant is the Holy Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis! May we share our Merry Christmas with all we meet and wish peace upon humankind!

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

Advent Wreath Stand. A special thank-you to Ron Lemieux for the beautifully constructed stand for our Advent wreath and to Pauline Prew for the matching linens under the wreath and on the Lectern. The gifts of your talents and time are appreciated.

*2015-2016 St. Joseph/St. Patrick Religious Education
Calendar for January - March:*

January 6, 13, 20, 27

February: 3, 6, 10, 24

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

March: 2, 9, 16, 23, 25, 30

25 Good Friday Retreat (grades 3-10) at St. Patrick’s, 9 am – 3:30 pm

Burrillville Catholic Community Christmas Giving Tree Project 2015. A combined effort among the following parishes: St. Joseph, St. Patrick, St. Theresa. Gifts were distributed to 40 families. Your kindness and generosity brought joy to 94 children this Christmas. Thank you!

Our Lady of Guadalupe. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy various tools are suggested for Mercy and Reconciliation if we expect to move forward to fix our relationships when we have sinned. Mercy is an essential ingredient when we have erred, when we have hurt other people, and when we have been hurt by others. In order to move forward, we must find ways to forgive others as well as ourselves.

You are invited to pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe to end abortion, to strengthen family life and to begin the journey to healing following an abortion experience.

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting many parishes from January 9 to January 31, 2016. All are invited to attend the various Masses, holy hours, presentations, and veneration opportunities during this time. For a schedule of these events, please go to: www.dioceseofprovidence.org or e-mail cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org or call the Office of Life and Family Ministry at 401-421-7833, ext. 218.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats (a post-abortion healing program under the umbrella of Project Rachel) will be offered in March and April, and once again during the month of October. More information will be provided at a later date. To learn more about the program, retreat dates, and/or to register, contact Carol at 401-421-7833, ext. 218. **All calls are confidential.**

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations continues every Thursday during the academic year in the Chapel of the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, 485 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence. All are invited to come pray for your priests, seminarians, and for vocations from 12 – 5 pm. Join us in praying that the “master of the harvest send out laborers for His harvest”. www.catholicpriest.com.

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