



## ADVENT WREATH

*Candle (purple) – The Prophecy Candle or Candle of HOPE*

*We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)*

### **1st Sunday of Advent December 3, 2017**

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## PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Liturgical Year!! We enter a New Liturgical Year in the Universal Church. All over the world millions of people are preparing for the celebration of the Birth of the Messiah. May our preparation this Advent Season bring a new birth to our relationship with Christ as we prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord later this month.

During our preparation this Advent Season, there will be a limited amount of Advent guides available at both parish locations. One of them is "The Word among Us", a booklet that provides the readings of the day and daily meditations. Another guide available is the "Prepare His Way!" booklet that has daily reflections from saints, spiritual writers and our Holy Father, Pope Francis. I pray that these guides assist you and your families on your journey of faith as we once again reflect on the Life of Christ our Savior.

In addition to the booklets, there is a resource that is available online. After you sign up, an email will be sent to you daily with Advent reflections. This is called "Best Advent Ever". This is provided by The Dynamic Catholic Institute. Simply sign up for FREE at [BestAdventEver.com/Youreinvited](http://BestAdventEver.com/Youreinvited). Follow the directions and be ready to receive the emails with videos, quotes and more. Many blessings to our whole communities during this time of year.

As we begin a New Liturgical Year, the Communion stations during Mass will be rearranged, utilizing the mid-section of the church. Please be advised, beginning this weekend there will be two stations at the Sanctuary and two stations at the mid-section of the church. I pray this arrangement will help the flow of the Communion line.

Looking ahead, in preparation for Christmas, I encourage both parish communities to receive the Sacrament of Confession before Christmas. Even if you have been away from the Sacrament for a long time, please prayerfully consider meeting the Lord in His great Mercy for Christmas. Our regional date is on Saturday, December 16 from 8:30 am - 3 pm at Saint Philip Church, Greenville. Confessions are offered on Saturdays from 3:15-3:45 at Saint Patrick or from 6:30 - 7 pm at Saint Joseph. In honor of Advent, an additional time to receive the Sacrament of Confession will be offered at Saint Joseph Church on Monday, December 18 from 6 pm - 7 pm. Jesus, I trust in You.

**NOTE:** Christmas falls on a Monday this year. Please prepare to attend Mass twice on the weekend of December 23 & 24. One Mass will be for the 4th Sunday of Advent; the other Mass is for Christmas.

Please see the schedule of Masses for both the Immaculate Conception and Christmas on this page and on each Parish's page.

The weekend schedule is the same. *Our Christmas Schedule begins on Sunday, December 24: 4 pm at Saint Patrick & 10 pm at Saint Joseph. Monday, December 25: 8 am at Saint Joseph and 9:30 am at Saint Patrick.*

Peace and blessings,  
Father Scott

**Time/Talent/Treasure:** "Be on guard," Jesus warns, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SAT Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36  
 SUN Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37  
 MON Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11  
 TUE Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24  
 WED Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37  
 THU Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 FRI Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
 SAT Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  
 SUN Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



**Legion of Mary** - We have had a successful Legion of Mary Recruitment Drive. 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.

### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

<i>Thu, Dec 7</i>	<i>7 pm</i>	<i>St. Patrick's</i>
<i>Fri, Dec 8</i>	<i>8 am</i>	<i>St. Joseph's</i>
<i>Fri, Dec 8</i>	<i>7 pm</i>	<i>St. Joseph's</i>

### Christmas 2017 Mass Schedule

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

## ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH



the Kingdom of God among us; through service, healing and reconciling love.

**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

### Mass Intentions

- Dec 02**      **In Memory of Al Blanchette**  
**Sat 5:30**      **(13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
 by Annette & Family
- Dec 03**      **First Sunday of Advent**  
**Sun 8:00**      **In Memory of Paul R. Pelletier**  
**(11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
 by his Wife Donna
- Sun 11:00**    **In Memory of Jacqueline Blanchard**  
 by her Cousin Kay Latondress & Family
- Dec 04**      **St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor**  
**of the Church**
- Mon 8:00**    **In Memory of Fr. Gabriel Healy**  
 by his Nephew Patrick & Kerri
- Dec 06**      **St. Nicholas, Bishop**  
**Wed 8:00**    **In Memory of Paul Cote**  
 by Richard Cagnon
- Dec 07**      **St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**  
**Immaculate Conception Vigil**
- Thu 7 pm**    **St. Patrick's Church**— Intention of the Priest
- Dec 08**      **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin**  
**Mary (Patronal Feastday of the USA) Holy Day**
- Fri 8 am**      **St. Joseph's Church**— Intention of the Priest  
**7 pm**            **St. Joseph's Church**— Intention of the Priest
- Dec 09**      **St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**  
**Sat 5:30**      **In Memory of Paul Lanctot**  
**(Birthday Remembrance)**  
 by his Family
- Dec 10**      **Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Sun 8:00**      **In Memory of Michael & Amadee Bucci &**  
**Louis A. Venancio (Birthday Remembrance)**  
 by Cheryl & Alexandra
- 11:00**        **In Memory of Lawrence Flaherty**  
**(13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
 by his daughter Kerri-Ann & Family

The Sanctuary/Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week in memory of Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph's Church.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>11/19/2017</u>	<u>11/26/2017</u>
<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>\$2,737.00</b>	<b>\$2,515.00</b>
<b>Mail</b>	<b>130.00</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,867.00</b>	<b>2,515.00</b>
<b>Monthly</b>	<b>180.00</b>	<b>7.00</b>
<b>Jacob's Gift (Outreach)</b>	<b>26.00</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Candles</b>	<b>35.00</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Annual Fall Appeal</b>	<b>2,310.00</b>	<b>820.00</b>
<b>HVAC</b>	<b>60.00</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Human Development</b>	<b>506.00</b>	<b>28.00</b>
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>149.00</b>
<b>All Souls</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>All Saints</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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.**

*This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is the monthly Parish Collection. Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for the Retired Religious. You may place your Christmas flowers envelope in any collection.*

### Mini-Splits Update

**Total Cost:..... \$49,590.22**  
**To-Date Donations\*\* :..... 37,576.22**  
**Balance Remaining: ..... \$12,014.00**

**\*\*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.**

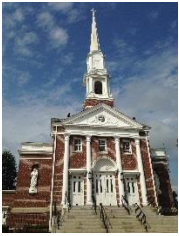


**The Giving Tree:** December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for bringing wrapped gifts, with original tags attached to the outside of the gifts to your respective church. At St. Joseph's Church, please place gifts in the candle room or on one of the side altars. On December 17<sup>th</sup>, volunteers are needed to sort the gifts following the 11:00 Mass. Distribution will take place at both churches on December 18<sup>th</sup> between 5:00-6:30 pm. If you are available to help sort or distribute gifts, please call St. Joseph's at 568-2411.

**2019 Mass Book** – is now available. If you would like to schedule a Mass or reserve the Sanctuary/Tabernacle Lamp in honor or in memory of a loved one during calendar year 2018 or 2019, please call the Rectory (401-568-2411) during normal business hours (Mon-Thu, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm).

**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 at 568-2411.

# 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 02 Sat 4:00** In Memory of Mary Margaret Karmozyn by Paul & Donna Leduc
- Dec 03 Sun 9:30** *First Sunday of Advent*  
In Memory of Peter H. & Anna Coutu by their Family
- Dec 05 Tue** In Memory of Jeanette Ethier (Birthday Remembrance) by George & Linda Wayland
- Dec 07 Thu 8:00** St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
In Memory of Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Church  
**Immaculate Conception Vigil**  
Thu 7 pm *St. Patrick's Church*– Intention of the Priest
- Dec 08 Fri 8 am 7 pm** **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Patronal Feastday of the USA) **Holy Day**  
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- Dec 09 Sat 4:00** *St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*  
In Memory of Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Church
- Dec 10 Sun 9:30** *Second Sunday of Advent*  
In Memory of James & Evelyn Morrison by their Family

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**The Giving Tree:** December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for bringing wrapped gifts, with original tags attached to the outside of the gifts to your respective church. At St. Patrick's Church, please place gifts on the right side of the altar. On December 17<sup>th</sup>, volunteers are needed to sort the gifts following the 9:30 Mass. Distribution will take place at both churches on December 18<sup>th</sup> between 5:00-6:30 pm. If you are available to help sort or distribute gifts, please call St. Patrick's at 568-5600.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>11/19/2017</u>	<u>11/26/2017</u>
Regular Collection	\$1,593.00	\$1,463.00
Mail In's	506.00	267.00
Total	2,099.00	1,730.00
Candles	60.00	63.00
All Saints	151.00	N/A
All Souls	60.00	N/A
Pro-Life Billboards	29.00	N/A
Building/Maintenance	605.00	20.00
Annual Appeal	N/A	575.00
Christmas Flowers	N/A	40.00

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.**

There is no 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this week. Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for the Retired Religious. You may place your Christmas flowers envelope in any collection.

### Mini-Splits Update

Total Cost: .....	\$27,285.00
To-Date Donations**:	\$23,393.00
Balance Remaining: .....	\$3,892.00

**\*\*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 Christmas Bazaar, 2017

**We hope to see you there!**

**There's still time to attend our Bazaar:**

**Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> until 6 pm**

**Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 am–1 pm**

**St. Patrick's Lottery Calendar:** Lottery calendar tickets will go on sale at the end of November and continue through the end of December. Your \$10.00 donation will provide 31 chances to win during the month of January! These lottery calendars make great stocking stuffers and/or Secret Santa gifts. The lottery calendars will be sold at the end of each Mass, or you can call the rectory to purchase one.

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## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**Advent Parish Mission at St. Joseph (Woonsocket) Church** – St. Joseph Church, 1200 Mendon Road, Woonsocket, RI, will be having an Advent Parish Mission, **Monday through Thursday, December 4-7, 2017**, at 6:30 pm (Mass and Mission Talk each evening). The Franciscans of the Primitive Observance will preach the Mission, entitled “The Assisi Option: Living the Spirit of St. Francis”.

For more information, call 401-766-0626 or go to [www.saintjosephwoonsocket.org](http://www.saintjosephwoonsocket.org) for the titles of each night’s talks.

**Mount Saint Charles Academy December Entrance Exam** – A second session will be held on **Saturday, 12/09/17**, beginning at 8:15 am. There is a \$30 application fee. For more information and to apply online, visit [www.mountsaintcharles.org/exam](http://www.mountsaintcharles.org/exam). Or, contact Mr. O’Neill, Director of Admissions, at 401-769-0310, ext. 137 or at [oneillj@mtstcharles.org](mailto:oneillj@mtstcharles.org). Walk-ins are welcome. In the tradition of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, we are a private, Catholic college preparatory, 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade academy committed to academic excellence, moral values, and well-rounded students. Our commitment to caring means that each and every student is known, valued, and treasured.

**THE FIRST CHRISTMAS: Sunday, December 3.** A multi-media presentation of the birth of the baby Jesus with Bible readings and music. The presentation begins at 2 pm in the community room of Kennedy Manor, 547 Clinton Street, Woonsocket. Free will offering will be accepted. Proceeds to benefit the Milk Fund.

**St. Eugene Church Wine Tasting Dinner** – Harmony Lodge; **December 10, 2017**; 4:00 pm; 5-course meal and six (6) wines. \$40 advanced tickets only. For more information, call 401-568-5102.

**Keep the Heat On Benefit Concert** – **Sunday, December 10 at 3 pm.** The Gregorian Concert Choir and Festival Orchestra will present a concert entitled, “The Sounds of the Season” in the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul in Providence. The concert will feature the music of Advent and Christmas to benefit Bishop Tobin’s “Keep the Heat On” Campaign. Proceeds raised from the concert provide heating assistance for struggling individuals and families who have exhausted all other public and private aid. Tickets for the concert are \$10 per person and may be purchased by calling the Cathedral office at 401-331-2434 (also available at the door the day of the concert).

The Office of Life and Family is offering a special **Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Support group**, “Coping with the Holidays,” at St. Lucy Church, 909 West Main Rd, Middletown on **two Monday evenings, 12/11/17 and 12/18/17, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** This group is free and most appropriate for adults at least three months beyond their loss. As you know, the holidays can be a time of great sorrow and apprehension for those who have lost a loved one. Many struggle with great pain, loss, emptiness, apprehension, and countless other difficult thoughts and emotions, but with support and God’s love and grace, those who are grieving can begin to have healing and establish healthy ways to cope during the holidays and in their journey of grief. This is also a wonderful opportunity to offer parish-based support to our communities. If you have any questions about the *Our Lady of Sorrows* Bereavement Support Program, please call 401-421-7833, extension 217.

**The Empty Manger** - The Diocese of Providence Office of Life and Family Ministry and R.I. Right to Life will be co-sponsoring a prayerful event on Saturday, **December 16** from 10 – 11:00 a.m. at Planned Parenthood, 175 Broad Street, Providence. We will be caroling and praying in this peaceful vigil as we continue our efforts to create an awareness of the abortion industry in our state and our country. Abortion hurts two people: the mom and the baby! Call 421-7833 ext. 218 for more information or to RSVP.

**Misery Meets Mercy**– When you approach the confessional, know this: that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this font of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls (*Diary of Saint Faustina*, #1602). Think about God’s mercy waiting for you ... and consider going to **Confession** anytime, all day, **from 8:30 am to 3 pm at St. Philip Church in Greenville on Saturday, December 16.**

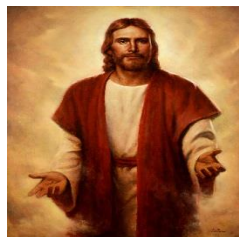
**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** – “When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.” Spouses, find value in one another by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are **January 19-21, 2018** in South Kingstown, RI, and **March 9-11, 2018** in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 1-800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.memo.org/>.

### **Bazaars Around the Diocese**

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> (until 6 pm) and 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 am–1 pm), St. Patrick’s (Harrisville) Christmas Bazaar, 2017** – New items are being requested for the Penny Social Table and new and gently used items are being requested for the White Elephant Table. Please drop off all items at the Rectory during regular business hours between 8:00 am – 12:00 noon, Monday-Friday, or you may call to make arrangements to leave items. **Reminder: Please do not leave anything outside or on the porch.**

**St. Mary School’s 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Shopping Boutique** – **Sunday, December 3, 9 am – 3 pm**, Parish Center on Vallone Road, Cranston. Over 40 vendors, baskets, 50/50, straw raffles, food court, bake sale, and kids’ activities!

### **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](http://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.