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February 12, 2017

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Fr. Sheehan, Dennis Auger, and Kerri-Ann Caduto - Coordinators

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM 11:00 AM

Monday & Wednesday 8:00 AM

1st Friday Odd Numbered Months 8:00 AM

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Tuesday & Thursday 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:

4th Sunday of each month; during the 11 AM Mass

2nd 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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From the Pastor's Desk
God's Wisdom

Faith in God the Father Almighty can be put to the test by the experience of evil and suffering. God can sometimes seem to be absent and incapable of stopping evil. But in the most mysterious way God the Father was revealed by God's almighty power in the voluntary humiliation and Resurrection of His Son, by which He conquered evil. Christ crucified is thus 'the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men' (1Cor 1:24-25). It is in Christ's Resurrection and exaltation that the Father has shown forth "the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe" (Eph 1:19-22).

Each creature of God's creation possesses its own particular goodness and perfection. For each one of the works of the "six days" it is said: "And God saw that it was good" (Genesis). "By the very nature of creation, material being is endowed with its own stability, truth, and excellence, its own order and laws" (Vat II, GS-1). Each of the various creatures, willed in its own being, reflects in its own way a ray of God's infinite wisdom and goodness. Humankind must therefore respect the particular goodness of every creature, to avoid any disordered use of things which would be in contempt of the Creator and would bring disastrous consequences for human beings and their environment.

Man and woman have been created, which is to say, willed by the Wisdom of God: on the one hand, in perfect equality as human persons; on the other, in their respective beings as man and woman. "Being man or being woman is a reality which is good and willed by God: man and woman possess an inalienable dignity which comes to them immediately from God their Creator" (Gen 2:7, 22). Man and woman are both with one and the same dignity in the image and likeness of God. In their being man and being woman they reflect the Creator's wisdom and goodness.

We believe that God created the world according to God's wisdom. It is not the product of any necessity whatever, nor of blind fate or chance. We believe that it proceeds from God's free will; God wanted to make God's creatures share in God's own being, wisdom, and goodness: "For you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created" (Rev 4:11). Therefore the Psalmist exclaims: "O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all"; and "The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that God has made" (Ps 104:24; 145:9).

In Christ,
Rev. Peter John Sheehan, Pastor

Time/Talent/Treasure – Both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do I hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am I prepared to answer, "Here I am. Send me!"?

Scripture Readings for the Week

SAT Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
SUN Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;
1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 (20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37)
MON Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
TUE Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10;
Mk 8:14-21
WED Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
THU Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
FRI Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34-9:1
SAT Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
SUN Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Parish Lenten Mission

Monday, 3/13/17 6 pm St. Joseph Church
Tuesday, 3/14/17 6 pm St. Patrick Church
Wednesday, 3/15/17 6 pm St. Joseph Church
w/Penance service
Details to follow in future bulletins.

2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL (CCA)
"Faith and Good Works"

The CCA is the main source of support for our Diocesan agencies providing for the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of Rhode Islanders each year.

Parish-specific information regarding the CCA may be found on pages 3 and 4 and on bulletin inserts throughout the Appeal.

You may have already responded to Bishop Tobin's letter requesting your support. If so, thank you!

Our in-pew solicitation will begin at all Masses (both parishes) on March 4 and 5.

Religious Education (RE)

Congratulations to the Second Grade Class for making their **First Penance** this past Saturday, February 4! A special thank you is extended to Kimberley Poirier and Scott Blanchette for their dedication in preparing the children for the Sacrament of Penance.

Reminder - If your child is a member of St. Joseph's or St. Patrick's religious education program and in grade 1 & 2 or 9 & 10, they must sign in each week at Mass.

First Holy Communion Date Change – The date has been changed to **Sunday, May 21, at the 9:30 am Mass at St. Patrick Church**. The new **First Holy Communion rehearsal dates are Wednesday, May 10, and Wednesday, May 17, at St. Patrick Church—at 6 pm on both days**.

Confirmation Date – Our 10th grade Candidates will be Confirmed on **Saturday, May 6, at 1:00 pm, at St. Joseph Church**. **Rehearsal for Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, at 6:00 pm, at St. Joseph Church**.

Presidents' Day – Both rectories will be closed on **Monday, February 20, 2017**.

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 In Memory of Salvatore & Stella Saccoccio
Feb 11 by their Daughter Carol

Sun 8:00 In Memory of Joan Riley Greenlief
Feb 12 (1st Anniversary)
by her Family

Sun 11:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners
of St. Joseph's Church

Mon 8:00 In Memory of Rene Lemieux
Feb 13 (14th Anniversary)
by Ron & Pauline

Wed 8:00 In Memory of Arline O'Rourke &
Feb 15 Nicholas Ryan Silva
by their Family

Sat 5:30 In Memory of David W.R. Salois
Feb 18 (31st Birthday Remembrance)
by his Mom, Dad & Family

Sun 8:00 Special Intention for Rebekah Philbin
Feb 19 by her Grandmother

Sun 11:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners
of St. Joseph's Church

St. Joseph's 50 Club: Tickets are \$50 each and include 20 weekly drawings of \$25 for all paid-to-date tickets. **Please be sure to stop in the vestibule of the church after Mass to purchase your ticket(s) or to make a payment.** Dinner at the Village Haven is scheduled for June 2; and prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$250, and \$100 will be awarded. Tickets are 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!**

Congratulations:

Week 4 Ticket #82 Ron Lemieux

FINANCIAL UPDATE

02/05/2017

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| Regular Collection | \$2,906.00 |
| Mail In's..... | \$735.00 |
| Total..... | \$3,641.00 |
| Monthly..... | \$785.00 |
| Fuel Collection | \$115.00 |
| Jacob's Gift (Parish Outreach)..... | \$28.00 |
| Candles | \$57.00 |
| Fall Appeal to Date | \$8,624.00 |
| HVAC to Date | \$29,396.00 |
| Church in Latin America | \$6.00 |

This week's 2nd collection is the **Fuel Offering**. There is no 2nd collection next week.

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.

2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL (CCA) ***"Faith and Good Works"***

The CCA is the main source of support for our Diocesan agencies providing for the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of Rhode Islanders each year.

St. Joseph's CCA goal is once again \$16,800.00.

Last year, we raised \$15,901.00, or 95% of our goal, with 23% of our families (118 of 514 families) participating. Imagine the number of Rhode Islanders who would benefit from your generosity if we have 100% participation this year!

Our parish goal is to attain 100% participation—a goal that can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support. **All gifts, regardless of size, help make a difference in the lives of many Rhode Islanders**—caring for the poor, feeding the hungry, counseling families, sheltering the homeless, comforting the sick, bringing hope, strengthening faith, spreading the gospel message, to name a few.

We ask those of you who have donated in the past to match or exceed your past donation, and we ask those who have not donated in the past to consider making a donation this year—regardless of the size of your gift.

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 (568-2411) Monday-Thursday, 9 am – 5 pm.

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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 Ann Kapitulik
Feb 11 (Birthday Remembrance)
by her Family
- Sun 9:30 In Memory of Dr. Ernest J. Smith, Jr.
Feb 12 by his Family
- Tue 8:00 In Memory of M/M Romeo Coutu
Feb 14 by their Family
- Thu 8:00 For Living & Deceased Members of
Feb 16 the Rosary & Altar Society
- Sat 4:00 In Memory of Norman Gaucher
Feb 18 by M/M Glen Gaucher & Family
- Sun 9:30 In Memory of Joseph Colangelo
Feb 19 (1st Anniversary)
by his Wife & Family

The Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week for *Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick's Church.*

St. Patrick's 2018 Mass Book - 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.

St. Joseph's 50 Club. Please join your sister parish for a delicious meal on June 2, 2017, at the Village Haven. Cost of ticket (\$50) includes 20 weekly drawings of \$25 each; and cash prizes on the night of the dinner. Tickets available at St. Patrick's Rectory (568-5600) or at St. Joseph's Rectory (568-2411).

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| Regular Collection..... | \$2,666.00 |
| Mail In's | \$519.00 |
| Total | \$3,185.00 |
| Building/Maintenance Fund | \$10.00 |
| Church in Latin America..... | \$144.00 |

This week's 2nd collection is for the **Building & Maintenance Fund.**

There is no 2nd collection next week.

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.

2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

"Faith and Good Works"

Once again, the **Catholic Charity Appeal for 2017** is fast approaching! Many parishioners have received a mailing from Bishop Tobin requesting your support of this Appeal that serves the needs of many individuals and families in Rhode Island who experience hardships.

No matter where you turn, you will find someone who will benefit from your kindness and generosity. Whether your gift is Twenty-five cents or Twenty-five Hundred Dollars, it is all appreciated and needed. Ninety-two cents of every dollar raised by the Catholic Charity Appeal goes directly to those in need.

The Good News is that the Diocese of Providence has reestablished an attainable goal of \$17,000.00 this year for St. Patrick Church. Surely, this is a goal that our Parish can achieve! Please be assured that our Parish will receive credit for any gift that you make through the mail, an online credit/debit payment, or the upcoming in-pew solicitation scheduled in March.

Please consider making a donation in support of the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal!

St. Patrick's Rosary & Altar Society will be hosting an **Annual Pot Luck Supper and Auction on Tuesday, March 7, at 6 pm in the Church Hall.** Ladies from both St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's parishes are invited. Please bring your favorite dish to share. We will be having our "Famous Fun Auction" immediately following the meal. Please come and join us for an evening of good food, great conversation, and lots of laughs. Please **RSVP** to Loretta Mayer at 568-6650 or Pat Russell at 568-0105.

Food Pantry – In honor of our Super Bowl Champs, the New England Patriots, let's have a "Souper Bowl" here at the Food Pantry. Please donate any type and size can of soup to benefit our Food Pantry.

St. Patrick's A/C Update – see page 5.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Rhode Island Catholic's annual February Subscription Campaign is underway. To receive or renew a year of in-home delivery of the Diocese's national award-winning weekly newspaper for \$30, visit www.thericatholic.com/subscribe with a credit or debit card; or call the newspaper's Circulation Desk at 272-1010 to subscribe by phone. Rhode Island Catholic depends on its faithful readers to continue its more than 140-year mission of bringing the good news of the church to your home each week.

Have You Experienced an Emmaus Retreat?

Emmaus is a retreat for men and women (ages 20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith or practice. We want to invite you to join us on our next Emmaus weekend. You will be welcomed by a loving community, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and celebrate the sacraments.

The next Emmaus is **March 10-12, 2017** at Cathedral Camp in East Freetown, MA. For more information or to apply online, email us at emmausretreats@gmail.com or visit our website: www.emmausretreats.com.



Eucharistic Ministers Needed at R.I. Hospital

If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC), we are in need of your help at R.I. Hospital to administer Holy Communion to the Catholic patients. You may choose the day and time of your ministry. Training is held at the Hospital. If you feel called to a ministry of compassion and comfort to our sick brothers and sisters, please call Caroline Vierra at 401-444-7644.

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 number of ways. If interested, please contact Ashley Toste via phone at 401-438-0008 or via e-mail at Ashley.Toste@amedisys.com.



'Keep the Heat On' is a heating assistance program of last resort for those individuals who have exhausted all other public and private means of assistance. Since it was established in 2005, the program has raised and provided more than \$2.45 million in heating assistance to more than 10,750 Rhode Island households in need.

If you would like to help local families this winter, please send tax-deductible donations to: Keep the Heat On, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903. A text donation of \$10 can also be made by texting the word HEAT to 27722 or a \$25 donation by texting the word HEATRI to 27722. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please visit the web site www.heatri.com or call (401) 421-7833 for additional information.

Catholic Athletic League (CAL) – School and parish registrations for CAL spring sports (soccer and volleyball) will begin soon. Please refer to the new CAL website for details: www.calsportsri.org.

Multi-Parish Gathered Thematic Retreats - A reminder that the Office of Catholic Youth Ministry is accepting registrations for multi-parish gathered thematic retreats through March, 2017. Please call the Office at 401-278-4626 for more information or visit <https://catholicyouthri.com/multiparish-gathered-thematic-retreats>.

FREE Income Tax

Preparation – For individuals and families making \$55,000 or less, Project Hope is sponsoring free income tax preparation by IRS-certified volunteers at **St. Patrick Academy, 244 Smith**

Street in Providence, on Mondays 4:30 – 8:00 pm from February 6 through April 17, by appointment only. For more information and/or an appointment, please call Lorraine at 401-421-7070.



St. Joseph's – continued from page 3

Snow Removal: Volunteers are always needed to assist Fr. Sheehan in clearing the snow and ice from church steps and sidewalks, rectory steps and walkways, sidewalks, and walkways to/from the parking lot. Please see page 1 for the Mass schedule, and call the rectory (401-568-2411) Mon-Thu, 9 am – 5 pm or speak with Fr. Sheehan after any Mass if you are interested in lending a helping hand.

THANK YOU to Jack Griffin and Paul Cosetta for helping Fr. Sheehan following the 31 Jan snowstorm during which approximately 5" of snow fell.

St. Patrick's – continued from page 4

A/C Update - We're pleased to announce that the air-conditioning mini-splits have been installed.

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| Cost of 6 Mini-splits: | \$22,985.00 |
| Electrical Upgrade: | \$ 4,300.00 |
| TOTAL COSTS: | \$27,285.00 |
| Donation: | (5,000.00) |
| | \$22,285.00 |
| Building/Maintenance to Date | (10,702.00) |
| Balance remaining: | \$11,583.00 |

The monthly Building and Maintenance collection will continue to pay off this balance. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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