

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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January 15, 2017

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

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.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Ordinary Time

Creative people have a sense that their creativity and all that they fashion in the creative spirit are gifts they have received. The Christian can speak of this and the contemplative vision which sees all reality as gift or grace. Our thankful response we call worship or Eucharist.

We cannot speak of Ordinary Time without speaking of Sunday. The every-seven-day celebration of the Lord's Day is the basic structure upon which the Church year is built. The great liturgical seasons of Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter are more expansive celebrations of our particular aspects of the one paschal mystery which we celebrate every Lord's Day (Sunday).

The special seasons focus our attention upon critical dimensions of one mystery, a mystery so overwhelming that we are compelled to separate out its various elements for particular attention. These seasons in no way minimize the critical importance of Sunday celebration throughout the rest of the year.

Ordinary Time is not very "ordinary" at all. Ordinary Time, the celebration of Sunday, is the identifying mark of the Christian community which comes together, remembering that on this first day of the week the Lord of Life was raised up and creation came at last to completion.

Sunday as a day of recreation and worship is a sacrament of redeemed time. How we live Sunday proclaims to the world what we believe about redeemed time, now and forever.

What happens in our churches every Sunday is the fruit of our week. What happens as the fruit of the week past is the beginning of the week to come. Sunday, like all sacraments, is simultaneously a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the Kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the extraordinary fabric of Christian living. See you in Church on Sunday!

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

Time/Talent/Treasure – Jesus, whom God called "my beloved son", is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

Scripture Readings for the Week

SAT	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
SUN	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34
MON	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
TUE	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
WED	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
THU	Heb 7:25-8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
FRI	Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19
SAT	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
SUN	Is 8:23-9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 [12-17]

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

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.

Grade 2 will be celebrating their **First Penance** on **Saturday, February 4, 2017, at 2:00 pm, at St. Patrick's Church.**

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.**

Christmas Food Baskets - A sincere thank you is extended to all parishioners and RE students in grades 1-10 for cash donations and contributions of food items to St. Patrick's Food Pantry for Christmas Food Baskets. Thanks to your generosity, baskets were distributed to 93 families, ensuring 332 individuals enjoyed a delicious meal. St. Patrick and St. Joseph parishes split the cost of Brigido gift cards, turkeys, and other staples, each contributing \$345.07. A special thank you is also extended to Lynn & Gary Rousseau for their ongoing dedication to the Food Pantry.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday – Both rectories will be **closed on Monday, January 16,** in honor of Dr. King's birthday.

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 Weston Wicklund
Jan 14 (5th Anniversary)
by his Wife & Family
- Sun 8:00** In Memory of Paul Lanctot
Jan 15 (4th Anniversary)
by his Family
- Sun 11:00** For Living & Deceased Parishioners
of St. Joseph's Church
- Mon 8:00** In Memory of John S. Perry
Jan 16 (Birthday Remembrance)
by his Wife
- Wed 8:00** Special Intention for Rebekah Philbin
Jan 18 by Doris Angell
- Sat 5:30** In Memory of Dale Puls
Jan 21 by Sandra & Richard Packard
- Sun 8:00** In Memory of Robert Brunette, Sr.
Jan 22 (11th Anniversary)
by his Family
- Sun 11:00** For Living & Deceased Parishioners
of St. Joseph's Church



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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

01/08/2017

Regular Collection	\$1,687.00
Mail In's.....	\$915.00
Total.....	\$2,602.00
Monthly.....	\$413.00
Fuel Collection.....	\$35.00
Jacob's Gift (Parish Outreach).....	\$26.00
Candles	\$30.00
Fall Appeal to Date.....	\$8,349.00
HVAC to Date.....	\$29,116.00
Novena to St. Joseph.....	\$4.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$66.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$113.00

This week's 2nd collection is for the Catholic University.

Ne xt week's 2nd collection is the Fuel Offering.

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.

Snow Removal: Energetic 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 our volunteers: Bill Nickerson, Jack Griffin, Sandy Farrell, Mitch Parkhurst, Chris Parkhurst and Paul Cosetta who helped Fr. Sheehan clean and sand the walkways. Their quick response to our prior bulletin request for help was deeply appreciated.***

St. Joseph's 50 Club: Tickets are \$50 each and include 20 weekly drawings of \$25 for all paid-to-date tickets. The first drawing has been rescheduled to January 23 due to recent inclement weather. **Please be sure to stop in the vestibule of the church this weekend and reserve your tickets so you will be eligible for all 20 drawings.** 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!***

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.

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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 Edmund & Michelle Naylor
Jan 14 by their Daughter Erin & Family
- Sun 9:30** For Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish
Jan 15
- Tue 8:00** For Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish
Jan 17
- Thu 8:00** In Memory Edith Langlois
Jan 19 by Elaine Giguere
- Sat 4:00** In Memory of Timothy J. Wood (3rd Anniversary)
Jan 21 by his Mom, Dad & Family
- Sun 9:30** For Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish
Jan 22



The Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of *Timothy J. Wood*.

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.

Budget.....	\$1,181.00
Mail Ins.....	\$435.00
Total Budget.....	\$1,616.00
Building/Maintenance.....	\$407.00
Anonymous Donation	\$1,000.00
Fall Appeal to Date.....	\$4,980.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$35.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$25.00

This week's 2nd collection is for the **Catholic University**.

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.

A/C Update - We're pleased to announce that the air-conditioning mini-splits have been installed. The total cost of this project was \$27,285.00. We've paid \$15,537.00 off to date. Our new balance owed on the A/C project is \$11,748.00. The monthly Building & Maintenance collection will continue to pay off this balance. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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



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 or email: covens@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 44th 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.

Pilgrimage to Fatima Portugal. Join Bishop Thomas J. Tobin on a pilgrimage to Fatima Portugal commemorating the **100th anniversary of the Marian Apparitions in Fatima, Portugal.** The Diocese of Providence is sponsoring the nine-day pilgrimage that **departs from Boston on August 10, 2017 and returns August 19, 2017.** For further details or to RSVP, please contact Touring International at 1-800-975-1761. An informational meeting on the pilgrimage will be held on **Saturday, January 28, 2017 @1:00pm**, St. Elizabeth Church Hall, 577 Wood Street, Bristol, RI 02809.

Catholic Youth Ministry Award – Nominations are open for the **2017 Diocese of Providence Catholic Youth Ministry Awards.** Please consider nominating someone you know who has made a difference in the lives of youth as we recognize outstanding young people in our communities

and the adults who work with them. **The deadline to nominate a young person or adult is January 27.** Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will preside over the awards celebration on Sunday, March 12, at 1 pm in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. Please visit <https://catholicyouthri.com/> for more information and nomination forms.

Catholic Athletic League (CAL) – School and parish registrations for the 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>. Please note: a January 29 retreat has been added at St. Lucy’s, Middletown.

St. Joseph’s Parish – continued from page 3.

Optional Online Giving Program. We have partnered with “Parish Giving” (John Patrick Publishing’s program for electronic giving—“Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer”) to offer a **simple, secure, and convenient** online giving program.

Simply log on to the church’s website at <http://stjosephri.org>, click on the Parish Giving Logo, and follow the easy registration instructions.

If you require assistance, please call the Rectory (Mon-Thu, 9 am-5 pm, 568-2411). We will be happy to help you.



Capt. Jerome P. Riehl (USMC retired) Update - I am happy to share this picture of Jerome and his beautiful family that I received shortly before Christmas--proof positive of the power of prayer. Many of you prayed for his healing from leukemia through the intercession of Fr. (LT-USN) Vincent Capodanno, and several individuals have inquired about his condition recently. He is currently in remission.




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