

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Cycle A**

**January 22, 2017**

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday 5:30 PM**

**Sunday 8:00 AM 11:00 AM**

**Monday & Wednesday 8:00 AM**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday Odd Numbered Months 8:00 AM**

**Saturday 4:00 PM**

**Sunday 9:30 AM**

**Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 AM**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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## From the Pastor's Desk

### The Lamb of God

St. John the Baptist is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare His way. The Prophet of the Most High, John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being the friend of the bridegroom, whom he points out as the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Going before Jesus in the spirit and power of Elijah, John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom.

The baptism of Jesus is in part the acceptance and inauguration of His mission as God's suffering Servant. He allows Himself to be numbered among sinners; He is already "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). Already He is anticipating the "baptism" of His bloody death. Jesus will submit Himself entirely to His father's will. Jesus is the unblemished lamb offered for the sins of the world.

Consequently, St. Peter can formulate the apostolic faith in the divine plan of salvation in this way: "You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers...with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of the times for your sake" (1Pet 1:18-20). By sending His own Son in the form of a slave, in the form of fallen humanity, on account of sin, God "made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor 5:21).

After agreeing to baptize Him along with the sinners, John the Baptist looked at Jesus and pointed Him out as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). By doing so, he reveals that Jesus is at the same time the suffering Servant who silently allows Himself to be led to the slaughter and who bears the sin of the multitudes, and also the Paschal Lamb, the symbol of Israel's redemption at the first Passover in the escape from Egypt" (Isa 53:7). Christ's whole life expresses His mission: "to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mk 10:45).

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

Time/Talent/Treasure — St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits—the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

### Scripture Readings for the Week

**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]  
**MON** Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30,  
**TUE** Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35  
**WED** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18  
**THU** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35  
**FRI** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34  
**SAT** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41  
**SUN** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 Dale Puls  
Jan 21 by Sandra & Richard Packard
- Sun 8:00** In Memory of Robert Brunette, Sr.  
Jan 22 (11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
by his Family
- Sun 11:00** For Living & Deceased Parishioners  
of St. Joseph's Church
- Mon 8:00** For Abandoned Souls in Purgatory  
Jan 23
- Wed 8:00** For Living & Deceased Parishioners  
Jan 25 of St. Joseph's Church
- Sat 5:30** In Memory of Martha H. Silva  
Jan 28 (Birthday Remembrance)  
by her Family
- Sun 8:00** For Living & Deceased Parishioners  
Jan 29 of St. Joseph's Church
- 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.***

**St. Joseph's 2018 Mass Book** - 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.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**01/15/2017**

Regular Collection .....	\$2,459.00
Mail In's.....	\$737.00
Total.....	\$3,196.00
Monthly.....	\$271.00
Fuel Collection .....	\$150.00
Jacob's Gift (Parish Outreach).....	\$23.00
Candles .....	\$38.00
Fall Appeal to Date.....	\$8,599.00
HVAC to Date .....	\$29,286.00
Solemnity of Mary .....	\$33.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$30.00
Catholic University .....	\$274.00

This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is the **Fuel Offering.**  
Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for the **Church in Latin America.**

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:** 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.

**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 or the Rectory (568-2411) Monday-Thursday, 9 am – 5 pm.



**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 Timothy J. Wood  
Jan 21 (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)  
by his Mom, Dad & Family
- Sun 9:30** For Living & Deceased Parishioners  
Jan 22 of St. Patrick's Parish
- Tue 8:00** In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Nolan  
Jan 24 by their Family
- Thu 8:00** In Memory of Donald Giguere  
Jan 26 by his Wife
- Sat 4:00** For Living & Deceased Parishioners  
Jan 28 of St. Patrick's Parish
- Sun 9:30** In Memory of Ernest & Roselda  
Jan 29 Ciummo  
by Evelyn Heroux



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Budget .....	\$2,119.00
Mail Ins .....	\$623.00
Total Budget.....	\$2,742.00
Building/Maintenance .....	\$155.00
Food Pantry.....	\$305.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$45.00
Christmas Offering .....	\$55.00
Catholic University.....	\$332.00
Church in Latin America .....	\$5.00

There is no 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this week.  
Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for the **Church in Latin America.**

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 cost of this project was \$22,985.00 for the mini-splits and \$4,300.00 for the electrical upgrade needed. The total cost was \$27,285.00. We've paid \$15,692.00 off to date. Our new balance owed on the A/C project is \$11,593.00. 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).

**St. Joseph's 50 Club.** Join your sister parish for a delicious meal, night of fellowship, and a chance to win cash prizes. Cost of ticket (\$50) includes dinner on June 2, 2017, at the Village Haven. Twenty weekly drawings of \$25 each, beginning January 23; prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$250, and \$100 on the night of the dinner. Tickets available at St. Patrick's Rectory (Mon-Fri, 8 am – 12 pm, 568-5600) or at St. Joseph's Rectory (Mon-Thu, 9 am – 5 pm, 568-2411).

## 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 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); email [cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org); or call Carol Owens at 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.

**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

**Pilgrimage to Fatima Portugal.** Join Bishop Thomas J. Tobin on a pilgrimage to Fatima Portugal commemorating the **100<sup>th</sup> 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 Schools Week** – Celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Saint Philip School. **Sunday, January 29, 2017. Mass at 11:30 am, followed by Open House from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm, 618 Putnam Pike, Greenville, RI;** call 401-949-1130 or visit [www.stphilipschool.com](http://www.stphilipschool.com).

Come and see how a Roman Catholic education nurtures the whole child. Registrations accepted for age 3 through grade 8.

**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](http://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.

**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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