

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

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March 19, 2017

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Fr. Varghese; Dennis Auger, MA, Director; and Kerri-Ann Caduto, Coordinator

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 call the rectory to start the process.

MARRIAGE:

Please call the rectory at least 6 months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please call the parish office/rectory.

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Prayer

Read Scripture 10 minutes a day. Pray as a family before meals. Pray for one another's needs. Participate more in Sunday Mass; go to daily Mass. Continue to pray over the Scriptures proclaimed at Sunday Mass. Take time to listen to what God wants to say to you. Take a walk alone to quiet down and simply be in God's presence. Take time to appreciate God's goodness in nature and in people. Pray your favorite prayers and/or the rosary. Write a letter to God in your journal. Then let God "write" to you. Pray for 10 minutes when you get up or before you go to bed. Pray for acceptance of difficulties that you may not fully understand. Pray for help in changing unhealthy or immoral behavior and attitude patterns.

Fasting

Fast from watching TV. Spend this time with family members or reading Scripture. Fast from snacks. Send the money saved to help the poor through our Parish Outreach/Jacob's Gift fund. Fast from new clothes and other consumer items. Give the money saved to a shelter helping the homeless or Operation Rice Bowl. Fast from a full meal as a family. Make a meal of soup once a week. Fast from selfishness to become more aware of God and others. Fast from social events; instead spend time with family. Fast from gossip.

Works of Charity

Give of your time to become more aware of others. Write letters to relatives. Visit the elderly, people who are homebound or in a nursing home, or prisoners. Help out a brother or sister, neighbor or friend. Spend time with your family. Share your financial resources with those in need. Volunteer your time at a soup kitchen. Give your time to find out more about people in our world who have special needs, such as, people in Third World countries, the homeless, persons with AIDS, and so on. Talk with someone toward whom you feel prejudiced. Bring toiletries for the Food Pantry.

Have a good week, and God bless.

Fr. Varghese

Time/Talent/Treasure – St. Paul says, "For his sake I have forfeited everything: I have accounted all else rubbish so that Christ may be my wealth." Does my stewardship suggest that I could say the same?

Lenten Guidelines. Abstinence from meat on the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Also, Good Friday is a day of **fasting**. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal on those days. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts. Parents are encouraged by Church law to ensure that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are **educated nonetheless in an authentic sense of penance.**

Lent Schedule

Stations of the Cross – Fridays of Lent – 7 pm

24 March	St. Joseph Church
31 March	St. Patrick Church
07 April	St. Joseph Church
14 April	St. Patrick Church

Holy Triduum

13 April 7 pm	Holy Thursday	St. Patrick
14 April 3 pm	Good Friday	St. Joseph
15 April 7:30 pm	Easter Vigil	St. Patrick

Easter Sunday – 16 April

8 am	St. Joseph Church
9:30 am	St. Patrick Church
11 am	St. Joseph Church

Scripture Readings for the Week

SAT	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
SUN	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]
MON	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
TUE	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
WED	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
THU	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
FRI	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
SAT	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
SUN	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Religious Education (RE)

Religious Education for Wednesday, March 22 has been cancelled. We look forward to seeing the students on March 29.

All students preparing for the Sacraments (First Holy Communion) Grades 1 & 2 and (Confirmation) Grades 9 & 10 are required to sign in each week at Mass.

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 James R. Cosetta
Mar 18 (34th Anniversary)
by Paul, Linda & Bethany

- Sun 8:00 In Memory of Claire Lanctot
Mar 19 (7th Anniversary)
by her Family

- Sun 11:00 In Memory of Louise Ducharme
(15th Anniversary)
by Jack, Pam, Rick, Doug & Jeff

- Mon 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners of
Mar 20 St. Joseph's Church

- Wed 8:00 For Abandoned Souls in Purgatory
Mar 22

- Fri 7 pm Stations of the Cross
Mar 24 *St. Joseph's Church*

- Sat 5:30 In Memory of Martha H. Silva
Mar 25 (3rd Anniversary)
by her Family

- Sun 8:00 In Memory of Everett Parkhurst
Mar 26 (25th Anniversary)
by his Wife & Family

- Sun 11:00 In Memory of John Obuchon
(2nd Anniversary)
by his Family



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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

03/12/2017

Regular Collection.....	\$1,557.00
Mail In's	\$1,745.00
Total	\$3,302.00
Monthly.....	\$252.00
Fuel Collection.....	\$438.00
Jacob's Gift (Parish Outreach).....	\$16.00
Candles.....	\$29.00
HVAC to Date.....	\$32,306.00
St. Joseph Novena.....	\$20.00
Easter Flowers	\$30.00
Catholic Charity Appeal to Date.....	\$7,340.00

There is no 2nd collection this week or next.

Your St. Joseph Novena and/or Easter Flowers envelope(s) may be placed in any collection basket.

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"**

Thank you to everyone who made a 1-time donation or pledge to the Catholic Charity Appeal in response to the Bishop's direct mailing or our 2 in-pew solicitation weekends.

Christian stewards recognize Christ as the giver of all our many gifts. Our giving back and returning some of our gifts to those in need show our love for Christ and for one another.

As you know, our parish goal is \$16,800.00. To date, we have raised \$7,340.00 toward that goal.

If you have not yet made a 1-time gift or pledge to the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal, please prayerfully consider doing so. No gift is too small.

Thank you for your generosity.

St. Joseph's Annual Spring Dinner is scheduled for tonight (!), Saturday, March 18, immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass in the Church Hall. The menu will include chicken parmesan, ziti, salad, roasted potatoes, string beans, rolls, coffee, and dessert. Tickets will be available at the door. The cost is \$16 (ages 11 – adult), \$8 (ages 5 – 10), and children 4 and younger will be our guests. There will be 9 cash prizes. Raffles will include theme baskets and various small appliances.

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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

- Sat 4:00 In Memory of Joseph Leclair
Mar 18 (Birthday Remembrance)
by his Family
- Sun 9:30 In Memory of Eva Malley
Mar 19 by Evelyn Heroux
- Tue 8:00 For Living & Deceased Members of the
Mar 21 Rosary & Altar Society
- Thu 8:00 In Memory of Albert & Richard Lozeau
Mar 23 by Arthur & Alice Aubin
- Fri 7 pm Stations of the Cross
Mar 24 *St. Joseph's Church*
- Sat 4:00 In Memory of Gerry Brassard
Mar 25 by Kathy Kenney-Shutt
- Sun 9:30 In Memory of Flora & Steve Pichie
Mar 26 by Bill, Diane & Family



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

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

Cost of 6 Mini-splits:	\$22,985.00
Electrical Upgrade:	\$ 4,300.00
TOTAL COST:	\$27,285.00
Donation:	(5,000.00)
	\$22,285.00
Building/Maintenance to Date	(12,019.00)
Balance remaining:	\$10,266.00

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

03/12/2017

Regular Collection	\$1,787.00
Building/Maintenance Fund	\$546.00
Easter Flowers	\$35.00

There is no 2nd collection this week or next. The **Easter Flowers** donation envelope may be put in any collection basket.

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"

Thank you to those that have generously made a gift to the **2017 Catholic Charity Appeal**. If you have not made a gift to this year's appeal, please consider pledging your support to this worthwhile endeavor. 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 to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals. **Please make checks payable to Catholic Charity Fund or you may donate online by visiting www.providencediocese.org**

That as we share the benefits of our blessings with the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal, we may better know Jesus by following his example of caring and sharing...We pray to the Lord.

"DID YOU KNOW? Parishioners at St. Patrick's have established the **St. Patrick's Activities Committee** which is already hard at work on making plans for parish events and activities through the end of 2017. Planning is underway for a parish yard sale, summer picnic, dinner/dance, a new and improved Christmas Bazaar, and more! Make sure you're in the know on these and other upcoming activities by writing to **stpatrickactivities@gmail.com** to add your e-mail address to our mailing list. We look forward to hearing from you.

Food Pantry - Personal hygiene items, including toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, and soap are needed and would be most appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.



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 either rectory--St. Patrick's (568-5600); St. Joseph's (568-2411). **We hope to see you there!**

AROUND THE DIOCESE

40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign: The Office of Life and Family Ministry and R.I. Right to Life will be co-sponsoring the Lenten campaign **through Palm Sunday, April 9.** We are requesting parishes to adopt a day or for individuals to adopt an hour for prayer at Planned Parenthood, 111 Point Street, Providence or the Women's Medical Clinic, 1725 Broad Street, Cranston, during this 40-day period. If you are interested in learning more about the campaign that calls for prayer, fasting, and community outreach and the Diocesan pregnancy outreach and post-abortion ministries, contact Carol Owens, Office of Life and Family Ministry at 421-7833, ext. 218.

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, 35 Dion Drive, Harrisville is offering **fish and chips every Friday from noon until 7:00 pm during Lent** except Good Friday. Grapenut pudding will also be available. Please call the rectory at 568-8280 for any questions regarding this event. Thank you for your support.

"Sing of Mary" – A concert to honor Our Lady in celebration of "A Year with Mary" in the Diocese of Providence; **Saturday, March 18, 7 pm,** The Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. The Gregorian Concert Choir and Festival Orchestra; Rev. Msgr. Anthony Mancini, Conductor; Mr. Philip Faraone, Organist. A St. Patrick/St. Joseph Day reception will follow in Cathedral Hall; \$10 ticket donation. Tickets available at the door or at the Cathedral Office (331-2434).

Cathedral Lenten Mission – The Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross - The Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence, **March 27, 28, and 29, 2017,** at 7 pm each evening. Mission preachers: Rev. Msgr. Anthony Mancini and Fr. Peter Mongeon. Holy Mass each evening. Confessions will be heard at 6 pm. For further information, please call the Cathedral office at 331-2434.

World Youth Day 2019 – Please join us for a preliminary meeting to gauge interest and discuss possible travel options for the **Diocesan Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Panama, January 22-27, 2019.** How about taking a cruise ship with Bishop Frank Caggiano and other pilgrims from around the country? **We will be meeting at the Diocesan Chancery Building on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 6:30 pm,** One Cathedral Square, Providence. Young adults, priests, deacons, religious, youth ministers, catechists, parents, interested youth, and anyone who like to listen and contribute are welcome.

For more information, please contact Michael Aoyama at mjpaoyama@dioceseofprovidence.org.

St. James Church, 33 Division St., Manville is holding a **Lenten Fish Fry** on **Friday, March 31,** in the Fr. Brindamour Church Hall beginning at 5 pm. We will be

selling fish & chips with cole slaw for \$8 until 7:30 pm. Also included will be a hot or cold beverage. Tickets are available at the door. "Take-out" is also available. All proceeds will benefit our Food Pantry and Parish Outreach projects. For more information, call the parish office at 401-766-1558.

Men's Conference – Diocese of Providence, **"Are You in a Battle? Draw Your Strength from the Lord",** **Saturday, April 29, 2017;** 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Keynote Speakers: Ken Yasinski and Fr. Matthew Williams. The day will begin with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Thomas J. Tobin and will include inspiring talks, live music, prayer, morning coffee, and lunch catered by Venda Ravioli. The Conference will be held at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul and McVinney Auditorium. For more information and to register, please visit www.discovercatholicfaith.org/mens-conference, or call the Office of Faith Formation at 401-278-4646. **Registration deadline is April 22.**

Mother of Hope Camp, a Catholic Charity Appeal agency, is **hiring for Summer 2017.** Positions include: Maintenance/ Groundskeeper (21+ years old, with general groundskeeping experience; Carpentry, and Mechanical Skills, 20 hours/week; April through October. Also Group Counselors, Art Counselor, and Lifeguards for summer employment. Visit www.motherofhopecamp.com for more details.

St. Joseph's Church—continued from page 3

Snow Removal: Volunteers are always needed to clear 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, if you are interested in lending a helping hand. Thank you to Sandy Farrell and Jack Griffin for clearing the snow following the storm on 3/10/2017.

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 9

Ticket #58

Kim Poirier

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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