

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

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March 26, 2017

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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

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, he wrote in the sand: Today my best friend slapped me in the face. They kept walking until they found an oasis, where they decided to bathe. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but his friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: Today my best friend saved my life. The friend, who had slapped and saved his best friend, asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand, and now, you write on a stone, why?" The other friend replied: "When someone harms us, we should write it down in sand, where the winds of forgiveness can erase it away, but when someone does a kindness for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it." *Learn to write your hurts in the sand, and to carve your blessings in stone.*

How are your Lenten sacrifices going? Usually by this time we're beginning to feel the weight of them—or maybe have given up. All of us struggle with the good intentions of Ash Wednesday, and some (perhaps many) of us fail. The important thing is to get up and try again! God loves our efforts and is ready to help us to keep going or start anew when we fail. Keep the faith—stay the course—try again! God is blessing you through it all! Again, I strongly encourage you to attend daily Mass. The Eucharist is the most powerful force on earth—and the greatest gift we could ever receive! Strengthening the presence of Jesus in your heart brings peace and joy beyond imagining. Come and see—you won't be disappointed.

Have a good week, and God bless.

Fr. Varghese

Time/Talent/Treasure – In the Gospel story of the first Palm Sunday we hear that the owners of the ass had only to be told, "The Master has need of it," to give the animal gladly. Do I give as readily to the Lord's work?

Week's Scripture Readings – see page 5.

Lent Schedule

Stations of the Cross – Fridays of Lent – 7 pm

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

A Lenten Recipe: "How to Fast"

Fast from judging others; feast on Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from worry; feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from negatives; feast on positive.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from hostility; feast on nonresistance.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from yourself; feast on a silent heart.

Religious Education (RE)

Reminder: Classes resume 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.

SUNDAY SMILE

My 80-year-old grandmother suffers from crippling arthritis and impaired vision to the point of near blindness. So when I booked her on a flight, I made sure to tell the airline about her special needs, including a wheelchair and an attendant. "Everything will be taken care of," the representative assured me. "Thank you," I said. "You are welcome," she said. I was about to hang up when she cheerfully asked, "And will your grandmother need a rental car?" 😊

POLAND & EASTERN EUROPE PILGRIMAGE

12 DAYS; DEPARTING FROM BOSTON ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2017; \$3,179; DOUBLE OCCUPANCY. VISITING WARSAW, BUDAPEST, VIENNA & PRAGUE. HOSTED BY VERY REV TJ VARGHESE.

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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 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

- Mon 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners of
Mar 27 St. Joseph's Church

- Wed 8:00 In Memory of Ida Roy
Mar 29 by Ron & Pauline Lemieux

- Fri 7 pm Stations of the Cross
Mar 31 *St. Patrick's Church*

- Sat 5:30 In Memory of David W.R. Salois
Apr 1 (3rd Anniversary)
by his Mom, Dad & Family

- Sun 8:00 In Memory of Rita Brunette
Apr 2 (14th Anniversary)
by her Family

- Sun 11:00 In Memory of Robert R. Drolet
by his Wife Carol

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



May Eternal Rest be Granted to:

DONALD A. DINGES

FINANCIAL UPDATE

03/19/2017

Regular Collection.....	\$2,650.00
Mail In's.....	\$392.00
Total.....	\$3,042.00
Monthly.....	\$135.00
Fuel Collection.....	\$181.00
Jacob's Gift (Parish Outreach).....	\$12.00
Candles.....	\$43.00
HVAC to Date.....	\$32,326.00
St. Joseph Novena.....	\$5.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$71.00
Catholic Charity Appeal to Date.....	\$7,490.00
Catholic Relief – Rice Bowl.....	15.00

There is **no 2nd collection this week.** Next week's 2nd collection is the **Monthly Parish Collection.** Your **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"**

Our parish goal is twofold—100% participation and to reach our goal of \$16,800.00. To date, we have raised \$7,490.00 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.***

A gift of \$150 provides 2 weeks emergency shelter for a homeless man at Emmanuel House; purchases religious supplies for St. John Bosco Chapel and Camp Yawgoog to benefit Catholic scouts; a crib for a newborn, a car seat, or a dressing table; materials for children in the SPRED (Special Religious Education) Program.

Thank you for your generosity.

St. Joseph's Annual Spring Dinner – Thank you to all who helped make the evening a success—St. Joseph's Activities Committee, those who prepared the food, donated raffle items, sold meal & raffle tickets, set the tables, served the guests (RE students), donated and made the centerpieces, cleaned, and of course, purchased tickets. We were honored to welcome Bishop Evans and Fr. Varghese to this event. ***Congratulations to the raffle winners:*** Marjorie McCarthy, Lorraine Contre, Dorothy McGee, Barbara Orlando, Cecile Cormier, Maybelle St. Pierre, Bethany Cosetta, Mitchell Parkhurst, Jeanne Rivet, and Jim Barber.

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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 Gerry Brassard
- Mar 25 by Kathy Kenney-Shutt

- Sun 9:30 In Memory of Flora & Steve Pichie
- Mar 26 by Bill, Diane & Family

- Tue 8:00 In Memory of Charles Stahl
- Mar 28 by Dennis & Elaine Auger

- Thu 8:00 For Fr. Peter John Sheehan
- Mar 30 by a Parishioner

- Fri 7 pm Stations of the Cross
- Mar 31 *St. Patrick's Church*

- Sat 4:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners
- Apr 1 of St. Patrick's Church

- Sun 9:30 In Memory of Linda Pichie
- Apr 2 (35th Anniversary)
- by Bill & 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	(12,210.00)
Balance remaining:	\$10,075.00

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

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

03/19/2017

Regular Collection	\$1,809.00
Mail Ins.....	\$1,345.00
Total Budget.....	\$3,154.00
Building/Maintenance Fund.....	\$191.00
Food Pantry	\$151.00
Easter Flowers	\$35.00

There is no 2nd collection this week. Your Easter Flowers envelope(s) 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

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 new parish goal is \$17,000.00*** - a goal that can only be achieved 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 those who have not taken the opportunity to support the 92nd Catholic Charity Appeal will find it in their hearts to respond in gratitude to those who need our outreach and support... 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 stpatricksactivities@gmail.com (**CORRECTED E-MAIL ADDRESS**) to add your e-mail address to our mailing list. We look forward to hearing from you.

St. Patrick's Cemetery - Spring clean-up will begin during the week of March 27th. Please remove all Christmas decorations from your loved ones' graves. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



May Eternal Rest be Granted to:

JOHN HARRISON

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.

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 will be celebrated each evening. Confessions will be heard at 6 pm. For further information, please call the Cathedral office at 331-2434.

Catholics Come Home – Tom Peterson, former national advertising executive, prime-time TV host, and Catholic author, will be at **Holy Ghost Catholic Church**, 311 Hooper Street, Tiverton, on **Thursday, March 30, 7-8:30pm.** The TV evangomercials™ have helped more than a half million people come home to the Catholic Church. Now learn how to go deeper in your faith during Tom's presentation. Book-signing to follow the presentation. A free will offering will be accepted.

Pastoral Care Fundraiser – The Office of Life & Family Ministry is sponsoring a fundraiser-dinner on **Saturday, April 22**, from 6-10 pm, at St. John Paul II Church (St. Cecilia's), 1253 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket. This fundraiser supports the Diocesan pastoral care programs—St. Gabriel's Call (pregnancy outreach), Project Rachel/Rachel's Vineyard (post-abortion ministry); and My Child...My Gift (pre-natal diagnosis ministry). The Italian Buffet Dinner tickets are \$30 per person. The evening will begin with a social hour and include a 50/50 raffle and penny social. For more information and to purchase tickets, call Carol Owens, 421-7833, ext. 218, or email cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org.

National Day of Prayer – The Office of Life & Family Ministry and R.I. Right to Life will be co-sponsoring a prayerful event on **Saturday, April 29**, from 10-11:30 am, at Planned Parenthood, 111 Point Street, Providence. Please join us 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 2 people—the mom and the baby! Call 421-7833, ext. 218, for more information or to RSVP.

A Spiritual 1-Day Retreat for Parents who have Experienced the Death of a Child of any Age, by any Cause – **Saturday, April 29**, from 9:30 am – 7:30 pm, St. John Vianney, Cumberland. All are welcome! Donation \$25 individuals; \$40 couples. Scholarships are available. **Pre-registration by April 21 is requested.** For more information, contact Denise, Mother of Nicholas, at St. John Vianney Church, 333-6060 or sjvd Denise@gmail.com or call Diane or Charley, Paul's parents, 800-919-9332. To register, www.emfgp.org.

Special Religious Development – Come share your faith in a small parish community with people with developmental and cognitive disabilities. Many are waiting for someone to help them grow and journey in faith. Training is provided by the Diocesan **SPRED** office. This ministry offers spiritual growth in the love of God for parishioners who answer "Yes" to this call and people with disabilities who join a SPRED parish, small faith community. Please call Irma at 278-4578 if you would like more information about SPRED for yourself or if you know anyone with disabilities who would like to be part of a community of faith. May God bless you abundantly!

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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]
MON Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
TUE Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
WED Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
THU Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
FRI Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
SAT Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
SUN Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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Snow Removal: Volunteers are always needed to clear the snow and ice from steps, sidewalks, walkways, and driveways. Please call the rectory (568-2411) Mon-Thu, 9 am – 5 pm, if you are interested in lending a helping hand. **Thank you to Paul Cosetta, Jack Griffin, Richard Farrell, Tom Lace, and John DeMelim for clearing the snow following the 03/14/17 storm; and, as always, to Joe Franco for plowing the parking lots across the street and behind the church.**

St. Joseph's 50 Club: Tickets are \$50 each and include 20 weekly drawings of \$25 for all paid-to-date tickets. **Tickets available (and payments accepted) in the vestibule of the church after Mass.** 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.

Congratulations:

Week 10 Ticket #24 Jennifer Tundis

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.

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