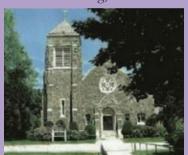
FIRST WEEK OF LENT

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March 5, 2017

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday	5:30 PM	Saturday	4:00 PM	
Sunday	8:00 AM 11:00 AM	Sunday	9:30 AM	
Monday &	Wednesday 8:00 AM	Tuesday &	Thursday	8:00

1st Friday Odd Numbered Months 8:00 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

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

Recently a Bishop went through the metal detector at the airport returning home after a meeting. He paused to wait for his bag which was going through the X-ray screening device. The security attendant looked at the screen and then looked up and said, "I see your cross in the bag. Father, it makes me feel a little guilty. I don't get to Mass, and I should." The Bishop responded, "You really ought to try. You should be at Mass. I am sure you would feel a lot better." To which she replied, "I know, but I work Sundays." At that point, the couple directly behind me who had just gone through the metal detector and were waiting for their bag to be screened said to the attendant, "Why don't you try night?" The agent who initiated this conversation said, "Maybe I should." By that time, the Bishop had his shoes back on and was gathering up his bag. The security agent called out, "Hey Father, I will. I'll try next Saturday!" We all know people who just drifted away or perhaps felt that they had a good reason not to be at Mass. Whatever their situation, maybe it's time for us to invite them home.

God wants our friendship and offers us His. So strong is God's love for us that He chose to come among us, to be with us and never to leave us. The Eternal Son of God, chose to take on human flesh, our human nature, and to become one of us. Lent is about why He chose to do this: to show the incredible depth of God's love for each of us, a love so deep that it would bring Christ to the cross and us to the foot of the cross.

What a fruitful work it would be during this Lenten season to invite back someone who may have drifted away from the faith. The message is simple: "If you have been away, please come back. You are an important part of our family, and we miss you."

Have a good week and God bless. Fr. Varzhese

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.

<u>Time/Talent/Treasure</u> – While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

Ash Wednesday & Lent Schedule			
Ash Wednesday	8 am	St. Josep	h Church
01 March 2017	10 am	Overlook	Nursing Home
	7 pm	St. Patrio	ck Church
Stations of the C	Stations of the Cross – Fridays of Lent – 7 pm		
03 March	St. Patrick Church		
10 March	St. Joseph Church		
17 March	St. Patrick Church		
24 March	St. Joseph Church		
31 March	St. Patrick Church		
07 April	St. Joseph Church		
14 April	St. Patrick Church		
Holy Triduum	Holy Triduum		
13 April 7 pm	Holy Th	nursday	St. Patrick
14 April 3 pm	Good F	riday	St. Joseph
15 April 7:30 pm	Easter V	/igil	St. Patrick
Easter Sunday -	Easter Sunday – 16 April		
8 am	St. Josep	oh Church	
9:30 am	St. Patri	ck Church	
11 am	St. Josep	oh Church	

Scripture Readings for the Week

Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

SAT

SUN	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
	Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11
MON	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
TUE	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
WED	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
THU	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
	Mt 7:7-12
FRI	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
SAT	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
SUN	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10;
	Mt 17:1-9

Religious Education (RE)

Reminder. On Wednesday, March 15, Religious Education classes will be held at St. Joseph's Church for the Parish Penance Service. We are asking that the children be in the church at 5:50 pm. Grades 1 & 2 will have a regular class downstairs in the church hall. Dismissal will be at the regular time.

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 Marie Walker Mar 04* (4th Anniversary) by Linda, Paul & Bethany

Sun 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners of

Mar 05* St. Joseph's Church

Sun 11:00* In Memory of Mary & John Franklin

by Mike & Nancy

Mon 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners of

Mar 06 St. Joseph's Church

Wed 8:00 In Memory of Leonard Walling &

Mar 08 Christina Walling

by the Garrepy Family

Fri 7 pm **Stations of the Cross** Mar 10 St. Joseph's Church

Sat 5:30 In Memory of Helen Fairbrother Moroney

Mar 11 by Barbara Lataille

Sun 8:00 In Memory of Rose Carter

Mar 12 (20th Anniversary)

by her Daughter Sandy & Son-in-Law Roland

Sun 11:00 In Memory of Angela Imondi

(Birthday Remembrance)

by Lil & Leo Plouffe

*Guest Homilist & Speaker - Deacon Greg Albanese



St. Joseph's Parish welcomes the newly baptized:

ASHER REIGN DUMAS

AMARA ANNE HUGUENIN

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	<u>02/26/2017</u>
Regular Collection	\$2,161.00
Mail In's	\$280.00
Total	\$2,441.00
Monthly	\$40.00
Fuel Collection	\$75.00
Jacob's Gift (Parish Outreach)	\$22.00
Candles	\$33.00
HVAC to Date	\$31,106.00
St. Joseph Novena	\$93.00

This week's 2nd collection is the *Monthly Parish Collection*. Next week's 2nd collection is the *Monthly Fuel Offering*. Your <u>St. Joseph Novena</u> envelope can 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"

Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2017 CCA? Won't you help us by being the "Hands of Christ" in supporting the people and the work of the Diocese of Providence?

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

If you have not made a gift to this year's Appeal, you will be able to do so through our in-pew solicitation which begins this weekend. Our parish goal is to attain 100% participation—a goal that can only be reached with your sacrificial help and

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.

St. Joseph's Annual Spring Dinner is scheduled for 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 after Masses or by calling the Rectory (Mon-Thu, 9 am - 5 pm, 568-2411). 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. WANTED: Bottles of wine to fill a wine rack to be raffled.

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-

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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

Mar 04* (1st Anniversary)

by his Wife & Family

Sun 9:30 In Memory of Deceased Members of the

Mar 05* Mousseau Family

by Bill & Diane Pichie

Tue 8:00 In Memory of Tylor Bernard

Mar 07 by his Grandparents, Ken & Carol Lewin

Thu 8:00 In Memory of Scott Latendresse

Mar 09 by his Family

Fri 7 pm Stations of the Cross Mar 10 St. Joseph's Church

Sat 4:00 In Memory of Ann Rivet

Mar 11 (24th Anniversary)

By her Family

Sun 9:30 For Living & Deceased Parishioners

Mar 12 of St. Patrick's Church

*Guest Homilist & Speaker – Deacon Greg Albanese

The <u>Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp</u> will burn this week in memory of <u>Norman Gaucher</u>.

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).

FINANCIAL UPDATE

02/26/2017

Regular Collection	\$1,817.00
Mail In's	\$122.00
Total	\$1,939.00
Building/Maintenance Fund	
Votive Offerings	

There is no 2nd collection this week. Next week's 2nd collection is for the *Building & Maintenance Fund*.

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"

Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal?

Many of you have responded to the Catholic Charity Appeal mailing from Bishop Tobin. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the Catholic Charity Appeal, we thank you for your gifts.

If you have not made a gift to this year's Appeal, you will be able to do so through our in-pew solicitation which will take place this weekend on March 4/5 and next weekend on March 11/12. 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.

That as we participate in the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal to help others, we give thanks to our God for the gifts and blessings we have received...We pray to the Lord.

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.

<u>Food Pantry</u> – 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

40 Days for Life Lenten Campaign: The Office of Life and Family Ministry and R.I. Right to Life will be cosponsoring the Lenten campaign beginning Wednesday, March 1, 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.

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.

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, through April 17, by appointment only.** For more information and/or an appointment, please call Lorraine at 401-421-7070.

Bishop Hendricken High School Open House – Sunday, March 12, noon-3 pm. Information on the academics, college placement, athletic, and extracurricular activities will be available. The entrance exam for prospective freshmen and sophomore transfers will be held on Saturday, April 8, 8:30 am. For more information or to pre-register, please call Admissions Office, 739-3450 x 162.

<u>"Sing of Mary"</u> – A concert to honor Our Lady in celebration of "A Year with Mary" in the Diocese of Providence; <u>Saturday, March 18, 7 pm</u>, 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).

50th Annual Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation—Saturday, March 18; Bryant University, Smithfield, RI. The day begins with Holy Mass at 8:30 am celebrated by the Most Rev. Robert Evans. The schedule runs from 10 am until 5 pm and includes inspirational general sessions, informative workshops, lunch, Confessions, and Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Advance ticket sales only. Purchase tickets and view the full schedule and list of speakers at www.discovercatholicfaith.org. For more information, contact the Office of Faith Formation at 401-278-4646.

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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.

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:

Ticket # 50

Week 7 Ticket # 50 Jackie Lee

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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<u>A/C Update</u> - We're pleased to announce that the airconditioning mini-splits have been installed.

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	(11,463.00)
Balance remaining:	\$10,822.00

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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