

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Cycle A**

**May 14, 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 AM**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday Odd Numbered Months 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 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

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, foster mothers, godmothers and stepmothers! May Mary, the mother of Jesus, continue to help you and bless you so that you may be the best mothers you can be! May Jesus give you His peace and strengthen your faith, hope and love.

"Peace" for a lot of people means the lack of war and violence. Others believe that true peace can only come by bombing and shooting the "enemy". That's not the peace Jesus offers us. It is first of all peace within ourselves and the ability for others to find real peace through us. Violence does not bring peace.

The peace Jesus is speaking about comes from faith in God. Jesus says "do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." How is that possible except through faith? The deeper our faith the more at peace we become. I often pray this: "Lord I so believe but help my unbelief", or "Lord, please strengthen my faith".

When I say "May the peace of the Lord be with you" at Mass, I say it knowing that many of you are struggling in so many ways. So those words come not just from my mouth but also from my heart. It is also a challenge to you and me to become better peacemakers, so that the Lord's peace will come into a tough world.

Let's pray to be more faith filled so that the peace of Jesus may little by little overcome the violence and darkness in our world.

*Have a good week, and God bless.*

*Fr. Varghese*

PS – Again, Happy Mother's Day to all our moms. We love you, and we thank you for all you do!

**Time/Talent/Treasure:** Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"?

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SAT Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14  
SUN Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9  
MON Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26  
TUE Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a  
WED Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8  
THU Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11  
FRI Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17  
SAT Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21  
SUN Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18

### QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Adults:** What are the obstacles in my life that hinder or impede me from freely loving as Jesus did—universally, completely, and without reserve?

**Children:** When did I see Jesus's love in the actions or words of someone?



**Pro-Life Rose Sale**, to help **the Mother of Life Center**, will be held after all Masses **this weekend--Sat., May 13 and Sun., May 14**. The cost will be \$3 per rose. **All proceeds** will benefit the Catholic, pro-life counseling services provided free to women who come to the Center's offices. Thank you for your generous support.

## Religious Education (RE)

**Congratulations** to the following **Confirmation** students who received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at St. Joseph's Church: **Stephanie Aubin, Joseph Baffoni, Jacob Beaulieu, Mackenzie Beausoleil, McKayla Beausoleil, Jillian Brissette, Emily Fafard, Samuel Hayden, Dezarae Parkhurst, Benjamin Round, Jake Turcotte, and Jarrod Turcotte.**

**All grade 2 students are required to sign in each week at Mass.**

**Rehearsal for First Holy Communion** will be held on Wednesday, **May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** at St. Patrick's Church. First Holy Communion will be celebrated at the 9:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's Church. The students should arrive at St. Patrick's Church for 8:30 am.

## HAPPY AND BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY



All Masses on Mother's Day, as well as other Masses celebrated during the month of May, are being offered for our mothers, living and deceased. May Mary, our Heavenly Mother, obtain from Jesus a special blessing for all mothers. May our devotion to Mary lead us to imitate her eagerness to do God's will. "The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built any great cathedral, but she is a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body. The angels have not been blessed with such grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God, the creator, than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing the act of this creation." What on God's good earth is more glorious than this: "TO BE A MOTHER!"

**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 Mother's Day Remembrance for the  
May 13 Deceased Mothers of the Walker & Cosetta Families  
by Linda, Paul & Bethany
  
- Sun 8:00 Mother's Day Remembrance for  
May 14 Claire Lanctot  
by her Family
  
- Sun 11:00 Mother's Day Remembrance for the  
Deceased Mothers of the Zontek & Fortin Families  
by their Family
  
- Mon 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners of  
May 15 St. Joseph's Church
  
- Wed 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners of  
May 17 St. Joseph's Church
  
- Sat 5:30 In Memory of Arline O'Rourke  
May 20 (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
by her Family
  
- Sun 8:00 In Memory of Lisa Jones  
May 21 (Birthday Remembrance)  
by Friends & Family
  
- Sun 9:30 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
St. Patrick's Church
  
- Sun 11:00 In Memory of Paul E. Cagnon  
(6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
by his Family



The Sanctuary/Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week in memory of Rita Bouley.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**05/07/2017**

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Regular Collection .....               | \$2,599.00  |
| Mail Ins .....                         | \$548.00    |
| Total .....                            | \$3,147.00  |
| Monthly .....                          | \$902.60    |
| Jacob's Gift/Parish Outreach.....      | \$25.00     |
| Candles.....                           | \$22.00     |
| CCA to Date (per Diocesan Report)..... | \$11,584.00 |
| Easter CCA .....                       | \$20.00     |
| Ascension Offering .....               | \$10.00     |
| Mothers' Day Novena.....               | \$280.00    |
| Fuel Collection .....                  | \$112.00    |

This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is the Fuel Offering.  
Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for the Trinity Dome Mosaic in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.  
You may place your Mother's Day Novena envelope in any collection basket.

**Mini-Splits Update**

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Total Cost:.....         | \$49,590.22 |
| To-Date Donations: ..... | -35,136.00  |
| Balance Remaining: ..... | \$14,454.22 |

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. **Thank you for your generosity.**

**2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL (CCA)**  
**"Faith and Good Works"**

***NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL.***

CCA envelopes will be available next to the weekly bulletins for the duration of the Appeal.

|                               |                   |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 2017 Parish Goal              | \$16,800.00       |
| Amount raised through Week 9* | \$11,584.00 (69%) |

\*As reported by the most recent Diocese's 2017 Parish Donor Report. (Does not include the Easter Collection.)

***"For it is in giving that we receive."***  
***St. Francis of Assisi***

**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.

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH**

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**



**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.

**05/07/2017**

**Budget.....\$2,078.00**

**This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for the Building & Maintenance Fund.**

**Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for the Trinity Dome Mosaic in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.**

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.**

**Mass Intentions**

- Sat 4:00** In Memory of Joseph Menard
- May 13** (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)  
by his Family
  
- Sun 9:30** In Memory of the Deceased Members
- May 14** of the Arruda & Pedro Families  
by their Family
  
- Tue 8:00** For Living & Deceased Members of the
- May 16** Rosary & Altar Society
  
- Thu 8:00** In Memory of Jacob Powell
- May 18** by his Memere
  
- Sat 4:00** In Memory of Norma Johnson
- May 20** (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)  
by her Husband
  
- Sun 9:30** **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**
- May 21** St. Patrick's Church  
In Memory of John J. Egan  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
by Jeanne & John

**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        |
| <b>TOTAL COST:</b>                  | <b>\$27,285.00</b> |
| <b>Donation:</b>                    | <b>( 5,000.00)</b> |
|                                     | <b>\$22,285.00</b> |
| <b>Building/Maintenance to Date</b> | <b>(13,179.00)</b> |
| <b>Balance remaining:</b>           | <b>\$ 9,106.00</b> |

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



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

**2017 Catholic Charity Appeal  
"Faith and Good Works"**

*As Catholics, we are encouraged to share what we have with others, to respect our neighbors as ourselves and to assist those less fortunate. By sharing of ourselves and helping those around us, we are, in essence, practicing Christian stewardship.*

Thank you to those who have generously made a gift to the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal. **To date our Parish has raised \$10,356.00. This represents approximately 61% of our goal.** If you have not made a gift to this year's Appeal, **it is not too late!** Please consider pledging your support to this worthwhile endeavor and help our Parish achieve its new **goal of \$17,000.00.** 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](http://www.providencediocese.org).**

If you would like to schedule Masses in 2017 or 2018 or reserve the Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp in memory of a loved one, please call the rectory, Mon-Fri, 8 am – 12 pm, 568-5600.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Food Pantry. This month, we hope to receive donations of non-perishable food items as well as toiletries.



Monday distributions for May and June are: May 22, and June 5 & 19. We appreciate your support of this community outreach program.

**St. Patrick's – continued on page 5**

## AROUND THE DIOCESE



**To Love and to Cherish** – The Office of Life and Family is offering a program for Catholic marriages, *To Love and To Cherish*, designed to enrich/strengthen marriages. This free program provides topics/discussions in a sharing group environment for married couples. It will be presented on **Wednesdays, May 17 through June 14**, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Saint Catherine Church, upper back entrance, 3252

Post Rd., Warwick. For registration, contact: Peter Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217. (Please note: This program is not for marriage counseling).

**Holy Hour for Vocations** - Please join Rev. Mr. Stephen Battey, Rev. Mr. Jean Joseph Brice, and Rev. Mr. Brian Morris on the eve of their ordination to the priesthood as we pray for priestly vocations in the Diocese of Providence at a Holy Hour for Vocations at **7:00 PM on June 2, 2017** at Holy Apostles Church, 800 Phippen Orchard Road, Cranston, RI.

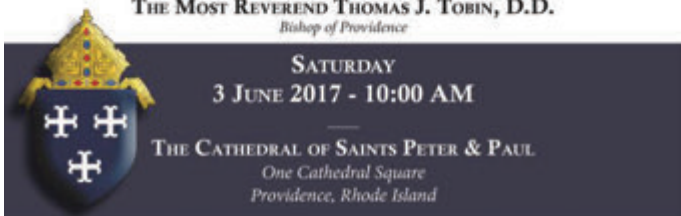


With gratitude to Almighty God the Church in the Diocese of Providence joyfully announces and requests the honor of your presence at the Presbyteral Ordination of

REV. MR. STEPHEN M. BATTEY  
REV. MR. JEAN JOSEPH BRICE  
REV. MR. BRIAN J. MORRIS

Through the Imposition of Hands and the Prayer of Ordination by

His Excellency  
THE MOST REVEREND THOMAS J. TOBIN, D.D.  
Bishop of Providence



## Pastor's Page – continued from page 2

**Budget Envelopes** - If you attend Mass at your sister parish (i.e., St. Patrick's parishioners who attend Mass at St. Joseph Church and St. Joseph's parishioners who attend Mass at St. Patrick's Church), please be sure to use your budget envelope to ensure your generous offering is credited to the parish where you are registered. If you forgot your budget envelope, please use an envelope provided in the pew and be sure to write your parish's name on the outside of the envelope. If you are not currently registered and wish to officially join either parish, please call the appropriate rectory (St. Patrick, 568-5600, or St. Joseph, 568-2411). Thank you.

## SUNDAY SMILE

The cop got out of his car, and the kid who stopped for speeding rolled down his window. "I've been waiting for you all day," the cop said. The kid replied, "Yeah, well I got here as fast as I could." When the cop finally stopped laughing, he sent the kid on his way without a ticket.

## St. Joseph's – continued from page 3

**St. Joseph's 50 Club**: Guest dinner tickets for the 50 Club will be available in the coming weeks. The cost per guest will be \$20.00. 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 17 Ticket #115 Scott Blanchette**

**Thank you for supporting this major parish fundraiser!**

## St. Patrick's – continued from page 4

### **"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](mailto:stpatrickactivities@gmail.com) to add your e-mail address to our mailing list.

We look forward to hearing from you.



**St. Patrick Church's  
Summer Yard Sale  
Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>  
Rain date: June 24<sup>th</sup>**

Cleaning your closets to make way for Spring? Please consider putting some

gently used (or unused) items aside for our upcoming parish yard sale. More details to follow, so be sure to stay informed about this and other St. Patrick's happenings by signing up for our email list at [stpatrickactivities@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickactivities@gmail.com). If you would like to arrange a time to drop off items, please call Linda Coutu at 568-3893 or Jen Bergin at 527-9355. Please be sure to leave a message with a phone number and your call will be returned as soon as possible. Many Thanks!

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