

# St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Peter John Sheehan, Pastor

Rev. Clifford Cabral, Pastor Emeritus

Mrs. Judy Murphy, Church Administrative Assistant

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Daily: Mon & Wed 8:00 AM

First Friday: 8:00 AM Odd Numbered Months

Holy Day: 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM Check Bulletin for locations

## Confessions

After 5:30 PM Saturday at St. Joseph's or  
3:15 PM – 3:45 PM Saturday at St. Patrick's  
Or by appointment

## Baptism

Baptisms are the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month during the 11:00 AM Mass. Please call the parish office in advance to schedule an appointment with Fr. Sheehan to arrange for your child's Baptism.

## Marriage

For Marriage Preparation please call the rectory at least 6 months in advance.

## Anointing of the Sick

For Anointing or Last Rites please call the Rectory.

## Our 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.



**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Cycle B  
September 20, 2015**

**The Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp  
will burn this week in Memory of  
Jesuino Mello, by his wife Mary.**

**Stewardship Thoughts (Time/Talent/Treasure):**

May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred - or sixty - or thirty fold!

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

- Sat 5:30 In Memory of John Sherman Perry  
(Month's Mind) by his Wife Bertha**
- Sun 8:00 In Memory of Walter & Lillian Robitaille  
(5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by their Family**
- Sun 11:00 In Memory of Carol F. Fortin  
by her Family**
- Mon 8:00 In Memory of Jeremy Lavallee  
(Birthday Remembrance) by his Family**
- Wed 8:00 In Memory of Gabrielle Rondeau  
(10th Anniversary) by her Family**
- Sat 5:30 In Memory of Nicholas Ryan Silva  
(Birthday Remembrance) by his Family**
- Sun 8:00 In Memory of Ruth Hoppe  
(66th Anniversary) by her Family**
- Sun 11:00 For All Living & Deceased Parishioners of  
St. Joseph's Church.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sun Wis 2:12, 17-20 Jas 3:16-4:3**
- Mon Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 9:9-13**
- Tue Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Lk 8:19-21**
- Wed Ezr 9:5-9 Lk 9:1-6**
- Thu Hg 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9**
- Fri Hg 2:1-9 Lk 9:18-22**
- Sat Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Lk 9:43b-45**

**Offertory Gifts at Weekend Masses.** Family members who are having Mass offered for a loved one are encouraged to bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar. For those individuals who are unable to walk the entire length of the center aisle, the gifts may be positioned at the half-way mark. Please identify yourself to one of the Ushers and make the request before Mass begins so that the Priest/Celebrant is aware of the change and can direct the Altar Servers prior to the start of Mass.

**Prayer Ministry:** Do you know someone who could use a special prayer, or would you like someone to pray for you? Please call Rita at 568-7058 or Pauline at 568-5644 so they may begin your prayer line request.

**Financial Update  
September 12 & 13, 2015**

Regular Collection .....	\$3,001.00
Mailed-In Offerings.....	525.00
Total .....	\$3,526.00
Jacob's Gift.....	21.00
Candles.....	30.00
Monthly.....	160.00
Annual Fall Appeal .....	875.00
Mass Stipends .....	75.00
All Souls.....	25.00
Priests' Retirement Fund.....	20.00
Night of Illusion Donation .....	200.00
Night of Illusion Ticket Sales.....	169.00
Religious Ed Registration.....	95.00
Grand Total .....	\$5,196.00

**This week's second collection is for the Priests' Retirement Fund. Thank you for your generosity.**

If you have been away, on vacation or visiting another parish, we kindly ask you to make up your missed budget envelopes. Our Parish depends upon your support to meet our weekly operating budget. Thank you.

**Inter Parish Loan Update:** As of September 14, our inter-parish loan balance is \$16,969.62. At the end of August, 2014, when our Annual Appeal letter went out to parishioners' homes, we owed just under \$63,000.00! **Thank you** for your continued generosity. Without the financial support of our parishioners, we would not have been able to pay this significant amount on our loan balance.

**NEW RECTORY HOURS:** Beginning September 4, 2015, and until further notice, the Rectory office will be **closed on Fridays**. The new business hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**Our Annual Applefest Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 24, 2015 after the 5:30 pm Mass.** We will again be having our wonderful turkey & pork meal, salad, squash, potatoes, green beans, apple sauce and homemade apple crisp for dessert. The cost is \$15.00 for adults, children 10 & under are \$8.00, and children 4 & under are our guests. Donations are needed for our wonderful baskets. Your choice of basket items or monetary donations are welcome (just leave the shopping to us). A marked box is available in the vestibule of the church awaiting your donations. Some baskets you may wish to help fill include Italian, movie night, baby needs, wine & cheese, etc. As in the past, your generosity will again make this dinner a wonderful success. Our raffle ticket prizes are a 32" LG HDTV and 5 cash prizes. The tickets will arrive at your home in the next several weeks. Please make raffle returns either in the basket or in the envelope enclosed with the mailing. As always, we will have door prizes and a special door prize for each child in attendance. We look forward to seeing you there!

## From the Pastor's Desk

### *The Creeds*

Whoever says "I believe" says "I pledge myself to what we believe." Communion in faith needs a common language of faith, normative for all and uniting all in the same confession of faith.

From the beginning, the apostolic Church expressed and handed on her faith in brief formulae for all. But already early on, the Church also wanted to gather the essential elements of its faith into organic and articulated summaries, intended especially for candidates at baptism: *This synthesis of faith was not made to accord with human opinions, but rather what was of the greatest importance was gathered from all the Scriptures, to present the one teaching of the faith in its entirety. And just as the mustard seed contains a great number of branches in a tiny grain, so too this summary of faith encompassed in a few words the whole knowledge of the true religion contained in the Old and New Testaments (St. Cyril of Jerusalem).*

Such syntheses are called "professions of faith" since they summarize the faith that Christians profess. They are called "creeds" on account of what is usually their first word in Latin credo (I believe). They are also called symbols of faith.

The first "profession of faith" is made during Baptism. The symbol of faith is first and foremost the baptismal creed. Since Baptism is given "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," the truths of faith professed during Baptism are articulated in terms of their reference to the three persons of the Holy Trinity. Our parents profess our faith at baptism for us, which the infant will confirm after the age of reason, which is some time around 7 years old.

**In Christ,  
Fr. Peter John Sheehan**

**Choir members wanted!** Would you like to join St. Joseph's choir? If so, call the rectory at 568-2411. New members are always welcome!

**Bible Study** will resume on **Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 6:00 - 7:00 pm** (winter hours), in the home of Lillian Plouffe, 113 Rock Avenue, Pascoag. At that time, we will discuss the Acts of the Apostles. If you would like to join us, please call the Rectory (568-2411) or Lillian (567-0001). Bibles will be available.

**Save the date for a Special Night of Illusion** with David Oliver to be held on Friday, September 25th. David is a Massachusetts native and has entertained millions of people on stage and national TV. The event will include a pasta & meatball dinner and a one-of-a-kind show. Beverages will also be sold. If you want more information, feel free to call the Rectory.

**"A Celebration of St. Francis and a Season of Creation"**. On Thursday, September 24, from 6 to 9 pm, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the Office of Life and Family Ministry will host "A Celebration of St. Francis and a Season of Creation". The event will take place at St. Patrick's Church, 244 Smith Street, Providence. William Patenaude will be the keynote speaker reflecting on Laudato Si'. There will be presentations from organizations, including RI's Urban Forestry Program, RISE, National Grid, Smart-Power, RI Resource Recovery Corp., and others. The event is an opportunity to learn more about how we can help nature and to create a network between you and organizations, which can be used as a resource for you. Among the topics that will be presented are: tree planting, energy efficiency, renewable energy, recycling and waste disposal, parish gardens, local agriculture, farmers' markets, composting, and state grants/programs for solar energy at schools, parishes, and homes. Attendees will have the opportunity to take the St. Francis Pledge. There will be fellowship and light refreshments. For more information and to register contact Carol Owens at 401-421-7833, extension 218.

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK**. Sunday, September 27, 2015, 10 am registration at the Garden City Center Gazebo; 11 am kick-off. Fully 100% of the profits from the Walk are reinvested back into the community. Join the effort to end poverty. For more information, call 401-490-0822, or visit [www.svdpri.org](http://www.svdpri.org).

**LaSalle Academy Open House**. Sunday, October 18, 12 pm. LaSalle Academy is a Catholic, co-educational college preparatory school which has provided continuous service to the RI community for 140 years. The high school entrance exam will be held on Saturday, December 5, at 8 am at the Academy. Call George Aldrich, Director of Admissions, at 401-351-7750, extension 122, for more information.

**Faustina, Messenger of Divine Mercy**, an original 1-woman live drama will be presented in Providence at the Bishop McVinney Auditorium on Friday, October 23, at 7:30 pm. The audience will experience first-hand the spirit and life of St. Faustina (1905-1938), a Polish mystic whose personal encounters with Jesus have inspired a world-wide devotion to Christ's Divine Mercy.

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