

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 7, 2021

*YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH*

*08 December 2020 – 08 December 2021*



**SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH & SAINT PATRICK CHURCH**

**BURRILLVILLE, RI**

## PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Friends in Christ,

How have you been with your personal Lenten practices? How have you been with keeping the practices of the Church, i.e., abstaining from meat on Fridays? How has your prayer time been so far? I hope that each day is filled with grace in all these areas.

The first reading this weekend reveals the Commandments. The Commandments that God gives to His people reveal how to love God and to love our neighbor. By telling us what not to do, we quickly realize what we are called to do. As we grow in love for the Lord, we grow in showing God how much we love Him. I pray that this Lenten season renews our hearts and minds toward the love of God and neighbor. May the Holy Spirit fill us with the strength, courage, and gifts we need to live out our faith in word and deed.

Our patronal Feast Days are approaching. In honor of our Patron Saints, the following devotions will be offered on both feast days; Saint Patrick Wednesday, March 17th & Saint Joseph Friday, March 19th:

11:15 - 11:45 am	Sacrament of Confession
12 Noon	Mass for the Patronal Feast Day
12:30 pm	Adoration
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Sacrament of Confession
2:00 pm	Rosary
3:00 pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:30 pm	Benediction

Please join us for all or some of the devotions offered for either day. May the intercession of Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph encourage us on our journey of faith and grow closer to our Lord and God, Jesus.

*"O most gentle Jesus, by your precious blood, deliver us from all evils. By your most bitter death give us a lively faith, firm hope and perfect charity, so that with our whole hearts we may love you with all our soul and strength. Make us persevere in your service, firm and steadfast in good works, so that we may be always able to please you. Amen."* -Saint Clare of Assisi

Lenten Blessings,  
Father Scott

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30  
 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, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23  
 FRI Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34  
 SAT Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14  
 SUN 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

TIME/TALENT/TREASURE – While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

SEVEN-SUNDAY DEVOTION OF ST. JOSEPH - Please join us immediately after Masses for this Devotion, which honors the seven sorrows and seven joys of St. Joseph. May the intercession of St. Joseph protect us and guide us to Jesus Christ.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS; 6:00 PM (NOTE NEW TIME)

March 12	St. Patrick Church
March 19	St. Joseph Church
March 26	St. Patrick Church
April 2	6 pm St. Joseph Church

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH – We welcome Fr. Farrell E. “Mac” McLaughlin of Cross Catholic Outreach who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

ALL-DAY CONFESSIONS – In one way or another, we have all neglected God. None of us have lived a perfect life. *No matter what we have done*, we can always return home. An opportunity to do just that is the Sacrament of Confession. You are invited to **All-Day Confessions**, Saturday, **March 13**, 8 am to 2 pm, at St. Joseph’s Parish, **1200 Mendon Road, Woonsocket, RI**. Never doubt God’s readiness to forgive you!

THREE EVENINGS OF REFLECTION FOR THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT – Mon, 03/15; Tue, 03/16; and Wed, 03/17. Fr. Peter Mongeon, Homilist. Holy Mass will be celebrated each evening. Confessions will be heard each evening from 6 pm until 6:45 pm. *“For God so loved the world that He gave us His only Son that whoever believes in Him may not perish but have everlasting life.”* (John 3:16)

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



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Our **VISION**: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material and emotional needs of our greater community.

### MASS INTENTIONS

- Mar 06**  
Sat 4:00 **Vigil Mass; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
In Memory of Nancy Campbell  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)  
by her Family  
&  
In Memory of Marie Walker  
(8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
by Linda, Paul & Bethany
- Mar 07**  
Sun 8:00 **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
In Memory of David W. Shaw  
by Dottie, Judie, Erin & Family
- Mar 08**  
Mon 8:00 **St. John of God, Religious**  
In Memory of Dorothy Pleet  
by Andre & Donna Carpentier
- Mar 10**  
Wed 8:00 Intention of the Priest
- Mar 12**  
Fri 6 pm **Stations of the Cross**  
St. Patrick Church
- Mar 13**  
Sat 4:00 **Vigil Mass; 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
In Memory of James Cosetta (38<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
by Paul, Linda & Bethany  
&  
In Memory of Kathleen Nee (50<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
by her Family  
&  
In Memory of Joseph LeClair  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
by his Family
- Mar 14**  
Sun 8:00 **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
In Memory of Donald Dingas (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
by his Family

**SANCTUARY LAMP** – will burn this week in memory of Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Church.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

	02/28/21
Regular Collection	\$1,392.00
Mail-Ins	\$379.00
Monthly Collection	\$85.00
Electronic Giving Weekly	\$466.44
Annual Fall Appeal	\$25.00
Fuel	\$106.70
Mass Stipends	\$20.00
Donations - RE	\$5.00
Christmas	\$100.00
Easter Flowers	\$99.75
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>\$2,698.89</b>

Each week, our parish requires a minimum Total Operating Revenue 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.

### UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

March 7	Monthly Parish Collection
March 14	Fuel Collection
March 28	Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl Diocese of Providence
April 2	Holy Land – Good Friday
April 4	Easter Offering <b>FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES</b>
April 11	Monthly Parish Collection

### 20-WEEK CLUB

#### Sponsored by St. Joseph Church



**Mark your calendars for Friday, June 4, 2021!** Our annual 20-Week Club family style chicken dinner at the Village Haven is scheduled for **6:30 pm**. Tickets will be sold after select Masses and during

regular business hours (Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am until 3:00 pm) at St. Joseph’s Rectory (401-568-2411). The ticket price remains \$50 each, and includes eligibility for twenty (20) weekly drawings of \$25 each and \$1,850 in cash prizes the night of the event.

***Congratulations to weekly drawing winners for weeks 1-7!***

#72 Mary Wicklund	#57 Roger Johnson
#70 Pauline Proulx	#56 Roger Johnson
#83 Leo Plouffe	#85 Joseph Lavallee Jr.
#43 Pauline Lemieux	

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 07 **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
Sun 10:00 In Memory of Tylor Bernard  
by his Grandparents, Ken & Carol Lewin

Mar 09 **St. Frances of Rome, Religious**  
Tue 8:30 In Memory of Marcel Bouvier  
(1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
by Dennis & Elaine Auger

Mar 11 In Memory of William “Bill” Griffin  
Thu 8:30 by Jane, Bess, Mark & Matthew

Mar 12 **Stations of the Cross**  
Fri 6 pm St. Patrick Church

Mar 14 **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
Sun 10:00 In Memory of Ann Rivet  
(28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
by Marie & Family



SANCTUARY LAMP – will burn this week in loving memory of NORMAN GAUCHER, requested by Steve & Rhonda.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

	02/28/21
Regular Collection	\$1,083.00
Mail-Ins	\$842.00
Building & Maintenance	\$38.00
Electronic Giving Weekly	\$111.74
Donations	\$50.00
Donations - RE	\$7.00
Easter Flowers	\$35.00
Total Operating	\$2,166.74
Food Pantry	\$1,786.00
Holy Land	\$10.00
Rice Bowl	\$35.00

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Mar 07 (this week)	Building & Maintenance
Mar 28	Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl Diocese of Providence
April 2	Holy Land – Good Friday
April 4	Easter Offering FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES
April 11	Building & Maintenance

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FEBRUARY LOTTERY CALENDER WINNERS (February 21 – 28 plus 2 bonus drawings)

Jen Bergin	Izaura Bradshaw
Marie Castonguay	Steph Arpin
Steph Arpin	Jane Moreau
Catherine Forrest	Joe Hoppe
Zachary Letourneau	Mark Bussell

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



### Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

- Abstinance from meat on Ash Wednesday & the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days 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 that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts.
- Pastors and parents are encouraged by the law of the Church to ensure that minors who are not bound by the law of fast & abstinence are educated nonetheless in an authentic sense of penance.

"AS LENT IS THE TIME FOR GREATER LOVE,  
LISTEN TO JESUS' THIRST...  
'REPENT AND BELIEVE' JESUS TELLS US.  
WHAT ARE WE TO REPENT?  
OUR INDIFFERENCE, OUR HARDNESS OF HEART.  
WHAT ARE WE TO BELIEVE?  
JESUS THIRSTS EVEN NOW,  
IN YOUR HEART AND IN THE POOR --  
HE KNOWS YOUR WEAKNESS.  
HE WANTS ONLY YOUR LOVE,  
WANTS ONLY THE CHANCE TO LOVE YOU."


~ BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA



## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

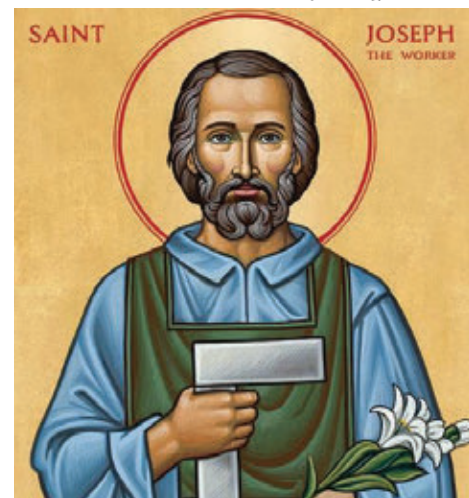
- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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## COME HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your spirit, and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who has instructed the hearts of Your faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may have a right judgment in all things and evermore rejoice in His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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