

**ST. JOSEPH & ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES**

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

**April 12, 2020**



## PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**HE IS RISEN!! HE IS TRULY RISEN!!**

Even during this time of pandemic and the suspension of public Masses. Even during a time where people are growing in fear, worry, and anxiety from what they watch on the news. And even during a time when the coined phrase of "social distancing" are impacting the way we interact with others as well as our natural concern of being away from family and friends. We enter this Easter season with renewed faith and hope at the announcement that **CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS TRULY RISEN!**

This announcement reaches to the depth of our souls, reminding us that we are made for more. The celebration of Easter is to refresh our spirit with the knowledge of eternal life. Our spiritual life of prayer and growth as Catholic Christians is to see beyond all the Good Fridays of our life. We see Good Friday in the context of Easter Sunday. Thus every suffering, fear, doubt, grief, anxiety and stress has a remedy. The remedy is what the Lord has done for us to stand strong through the rocks and valleys and bumps along the way. The remedy is a God, who is Father, who sends us His Son, who died for each of us to experience salvation and freedom. This is so that we can truly live as His sons and daughters.

The struggle that we have met individually, as a community, as a nation and on a global level have given way once again for humanity to recognize that our immortal souls are in need of a God who brings Resurrection out of a Crucifixion. The news and other media sources have been highlighting, over the last few weeks, the good that is being done by the generosity and creativity of people around our state, in New England and around the world. Let these glimmer of lights point us to reflect on our spiritual lives. May what is good in the world point us back to a God, who is Good. He has done great things to lift us out of our waywardness and restore us, with His grace, to a life of holiness and fellowship with Him. May this Easter Season renew us and fill us with peace. The road we travel may be longer than expected. But let us travel it with faith, hope and charity.

Saint John of Damascus writes this about Easter, "*O day of resurrection! Let us beam with festive joy! Today indeed is the Lord's own passover, for from death to life, from earth to heaven, Christ has led us as we shout the victory hymn! Christ has risen from the dead! Yesterday I was buried with you, O Christ, today I rise with you as you arise. Yesterday I was crucified with you; glorify me with you, savior, in your kingdom. Amen.*"

May the graces and blessings of the Resurrection of our Lord fill your heart and mind,

Father Scott

## TIME/TALENT/TREASURE

**"Blessed are they who have not seen and have believed."** For those who have not seen to believe, however, we must be good stewards of our faith, living it joyfully and sharing it generously. Then, in our time too, "men and women in great numbers" will be "added to the Lord."

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

<b>MON</b>	Acts 2:14, 22-33; 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15
<b>TUE</b>	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18
<b>WED</b>	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35
<b>THU</b>	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48
<b>FRI</b>	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14
<b>SAT</b>	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15
<b>SUN</b>	Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

*"Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name."*

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



The MISSION of the parish communities of Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick is to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel."

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

- Apr 11 Sat**      **Easter Vigil**
- Apr 12 Sun**      **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
**In Memory of Mary "Hope" Murphy**  
**(20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
 by her Family
- Apr 13 Mon**      **Easter Monday**  
**Intention of the Priest**
- Apr 15 Wed**      **Easter Wednesday**  
**In Memory of Normand Robitaille**  
**(32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)**  
 by his Family
- Apr 18 Sat**      **Vigil Mass – Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
**Intention of the Priest**
- Apr 19 Sun**      **Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
**In Memory of**  
**Carolina Philomena DeFranza Fisher**  
**(2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)**  
 by her Son Allen

**SANCTUARY/TABERNACLE LAMP** will burn this week in memory of **Deceased Members of the Clift, McCombs & Murphy Families.**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – Workshops have been suspended until further notice.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Even though public Masses have been suspended in the Diocese of Providence until further notice, please know you may still support your parish via Parish Giving online as well as mailing your weekly budget directly to the parish. *Due to current circumstances, financial information will be published in future bulletins.*

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

<b>This Week</b>	<b>Easter Offering – for Catholic Charities</b>
<b>April 19</b>	<b>Monthly Parish Collection</b>
<b>April 26</b>	<b>Fuel Collection</b>

### SAVE THE DATES

<b>Sat, 06/06/2020</b>	<b>20-Week Club Sponsored by St. Joseph Church</b>	<b>The Village Haven Restaurant</b>
<b>Sat, 06/20/2020</b> <b>RESCHEDULED</b>	<b>Spring Dinner Dance Sponsored by St. Patrick Church</b>	<b>St. Patrick Church Hall</b>

**20-WEEK CLUB, Sponsored by St. Joseph Church** (formerly known as the 50 Club) tickets are still available! The cost for tickets remains \$50.00 each. Twenty (20) weekly drawings and dinner at the Village Haven in Forestdale on Saturday, June 6, 2020 are included.

*Due to publication date, 20 Week Club winner for week #12 will be published in next week's bulletin.*



**ST. PATRICK CHURCH**



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Apr 11 Sat **Easter Vigil**
- Apr 12 Sun **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
Intention of the Priest
- Apr 14 Tue **Easter Tuesday**  
In Memory of Sandy Houle  
by Jane Jurkiewicz
- Apr 16 Thu **Easter Thursday**  
In Memory of Larry Castonguay  
by his Wife & Family
- Apr 18 Sat **Vigil Mass – Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
In Memory of Joseph LeClair  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
by his Family
- Apr 19 Sun **Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
In Memory of Marcia Tramonti  
(Birthday Remembrance)  
by her Husband & Family

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**Mini-Splits Update**

Total Cost	\$27,285.00
To-Date Donations**	\$25,820.00
Remaining Balance	\$ 1,465.00

\*\*Donations to help defray the cost of the mini-splits are still being accepted. If you choose to make a donation, please specify on the envelope that your gift is for HVAC.

**UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

This Week	Easter Offering-for Catholic Charities
Apr 19	Building & Maintenance Fund

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**SPRING DINNER DANCE** – Sponsored by St. Patrick’s Church has been **POSTPONED** and rescheduled for Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. More information to come. If you have any questions, please call the rectory, Mon-Fri, 8 am – 12 pm, 401-568-5600.



## 10 THINGS YOU SHOULD DO UNTIL PUBLIC MASSES RETURN

NCR, [Patti Armstrong](#) BLOGS | MAR. 17, 2020

1. Watch or listen to the Mass. EWTN broadcasts it daily, live at 8 a.m. Eastern. You can watch on TV or <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>. Find EWTN on your local cable/satellite provider **Cox Communications** – **Cable:**Eternal Word Television NetworkChannel 022 or **Verizon Fios Providence - Digital** Eternal Word Television NetworkChannel 285 or <https://www.ewtn.com/radio/schedule> to find their radio schedule.

In the **Diocese of Providence** go to <https://www.dioceseofprovidence.org/news/fyi-television-masses>

2. Read the daily Mass readings at <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings>.

Read *Magnificat*. Temporarily, are available for free as a service to the Church (<https://us.magnificat.net/free>). This resource offers spiritual inspiration and the Mass readings and is also available in [Spanish](https://latina.magnificat.net/gratis) (<https://latina.magnificat.net/gratis>).

4. Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, two of our most powerful prayers after the Mass.

5. Make a [Spiritual communion](#) in your own words, or use this prayer written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

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.

### **How do I make a Spiritual Communion?**

Below are recommendations for how to make a ‘spiritual communion’ when unable to participate in the Holy

Sacrifice of the Mass. These are only recommendations and can always be adapted based upon personal needs.

- Gather with others in your household and begin a time of prayer with the sign of the cross.
- Take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. The readings are available at [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) and a Sunday Gospel reflection can be found at the same website or during Lent at [dioceseofprovidence.org](http://dioceseofprovidence.org)
- Share prayer intentions quietly or aloud.
- Pray the Lord’s Prayer.
- Pray one of the following prayers of spiritual communion
- Close with the sign of the cross.

6. Go to adoration and make a Holy Hour at Saint Philip Church in Greenville. Or go to [Online Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration](#) for a listing of 13 chapels that broadcast adoration 24/7: <https://virtualadoration.home.blog/>.

7. Pray to [Our Lady Help of the Sick](#) for all those who have contracted the coronavirus and those who will in the future and [a novena](#) to Our Lady of Monte Berico, for protection against it.

8. Develop a devotion to the dying to help escort them safely into the arms of Jesus. The whole reason Masses are getting suspended is due to the risk of death. Venerable Sister Mary Potter (1847-1913) promoted devotion to the dying in her book *Devotion to the Dying: Mary’s Call to Her Loving Children*. She wrote that we *must* pray for the salvation of dying sinners and that those graces will return to our own loved ones when they are dying: “How pleasing this devotion is to Our Lord, who is Love Incarnate, and to Our Lady, who is the Spouse of the Holy Spirit! The saints tell us that we can do nothing more charitable than pray and offer sacrifices for the dying. They are on the threshold of eternity; the state in which they die will determine their eternity; for ‘in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be’ (Ecclesiastes 11:3).”

9. Watch “[The Veil Removed](#)” to deepen your appreciation of the Mass. This five-minute video removes the veil of this world to reveal the supernatural celebration of the Eucharist depicted in Revelation and given to us by Jesus at the Last Supper.

10. Open your Bible and read it.

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