



ADVENT WREATH

2nd Candle (purple) – The Bethlehem Candle or Candle of PREPARATION

God kept His promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to “get ready”. Help us to be ready to welcome You, O God! (Luke 3:4-6)

**2nd Sunday of Advent
December 10, 2017**

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PASTOR'S PAGE



Greetings in the Advent of Christ's Nativity.

This past weekend was a full weekend at Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick parishes. Both communities began the celebration of the Season of Advent. The Advent Wreaths were blessed and lit for the First Sunday of Advent. As we gather to pray, may we begin this new liturgical year with renewed hope and joy as we encounter the Living God who sent us His Son, Jesus, the Word became flesh.

Saint Patrick Church community held its annual Christmas Bazaar. Thank you to all who came together to prepare for this event. A special thanks to Joanne and Kathy for co-chairing this event. The Bazaar was full of cheer and memories. I am grateful for this experience as Pastor. It was an enjoyable time of seeing the community come together. Again, thank you to all who volunteered and assisted with the Christmas Bazaar.

Please be reminded that our Christmas Mass schedule is posted in the bulletin. Please review the Pastor's Page for more details. Another reminder, this is also a good time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A regional day will be offered at Saint Philip Church on December 16 from 8:30 am - 3 pm. The Advent Penance day for Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick will be held at Saint Joseph on Monday, December 18, from 6 pm - 7 pm in the church confessional.

In this Year of Mary, Our Mother, in the Diocese, we honor her in the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe feast day on December 12. May we ask for her powerful intercession as we prepare for the Birth of Christ.

May this Advent season be filled with many blessings to all of you and your families.

Advent Blessings,
Father Scott

Time/Talent/Treasure: Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- SAT Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
- SUN Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
- MON Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
- TUE Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- WED Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30
- THU Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- FRI Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19
- SAT Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- SUN Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Retirement Fund for Religious – Help religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!



Legion of Mary - Our Blessed Mother needs your help. Please consider Her Legion here at our parish. **Our Legion meetings are held on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in St. Joseph Church Hall.** We look forward to seeing you. Come to see if the Lord is calling you to support our parishes with your talents, prayers and presence through the Legion of Mary. If you have any questions, you may contact Father Scott at 401-568-2411 or Alice at 401-722-6388.

Confessions – St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's parishioners are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph's Church on Monday, December 18, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

Christmas 2017 Mass Schedule

Sun, Dec 24	4 pm	St. Patrick's
Sun, Dec 24	10 pm	St. Joseph's
Mon, Dec 25	8 am	St. Joseph's
Mon, Dec 25	9:30 am	St. Patrick's

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

- Dec 09 *St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*
Sat 5:30 In Memory of Paul Lanctot
(Birthday Remembrance)
by his Family
- Dec 10 *Second Sunday of Advent*
Sun 8:00 In Memory of Michael & Amadee Bucci &
Louis A. Venancio (Birthday Remembrance)
by Cheryl & Alexandra
- 11:00 In Memory of Lawrence Flaherty
(13th Anniversary)
by his daughter Kerri-Ann & Family
- Dec 11 *St. Damasus I, Pope*
Mon 8:00 In Memory of Nicholas Ryan Silva &
Vincent E., Jr. & Arlene O'Rourke
by their Family
- 10:00 Overlook Nursing Home
- Dec 13 *St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*
Wed 8:00 In Memory of Leonard Walling &
Christina Walling
by the Garrepy Family
- Dec 16 In Memory of Bill, Sr. (27th Anniversary) &
Sat 5:30 Jane Griffin (19th Anniversary)
by their Family
- Dec 17 *Third Sunday of Advent*
Sun 8:00 In Memory of Raymond R. Lanctot
(17th Anniversary)
by his Family
- Sun 11:00 In Memory of Robert L. Maynard
(1st Anniversary)
by his Wife & Family

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

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 at 568-2411.

FINANCIAL UPDATE- 12/03/2017

Regular Collection	\$3,596.00
Mail Ins	35.00
Total	\$3,631.00
Monthly.....	\$979.00
Jacob's Gift (11/26 and 12/03/2017)	\$104.00
Candles (11/26 and 12/03/2017)	\$95.00
Annual Fall Appeal.....	\$1,490.00
HVAC	\$70.00
Human Development	\$5.00
Christmas Flowers	\$384.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$20.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$35.00

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.

*This week's 2nd collection is for the Retired Religious.
Next week's 2nd collection is the Fuel Offering.
You may place your Christmas flowers envelope in any collection.*

Mini-Splits Update

Total Cost:.....	\$49,590.22
To-Date Donations**:.....	<u>37,726.22</u>
Balance Remaining:	\$11,864.00

****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 since those funds are "restricted" and therefore not subject to the Diocesan assessment.**



The Giving Tree: December 9th & 10th – Deadline for bringing wrapped gifts, with original tags attached to the outside of the gifts to your respective church. At St. Joseph's Church, please place gifts in the candle room or on one of the side altars. **On December 17th**, volunteers are needed to **sort** the gifts following the 11:00 Mass. **Distribution** will take place at both churches on **December 18th** between 5:00-6:30 pm. If you are available to help sort or distribute gifts, please call St. Joseph's at 568-2411.

2019 Mass Book – is now available. If you would like to schedule a Mass or reserve the Sanctuary/Tabernacle Lamp in honor or in memory of a loved one during calendar year 2018 or 2019, please call the Rectory (401-568-2411) during normal business hours (Mon-Thu, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm).

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

FINANCIAL UPDATE – 12/03/2017



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

- Dec 09** *St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin*
Sat 4:00 **In Memory of Lawrence Castonguay**
 by Mark & Silvia St. Pierre
- Dec 10** *Second Sunday of Advent*
Sun 9:30 **In Memory of James & Evelyn Morrison**
 by their Family
- Dec 12** *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
Tue 8:00 **In Memory of Clarence Mayer**
 (Birthday Remembrance)
 by his Wife & Family
- Dec 14** *St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of*
Thu 8:00 *the Church*
 In Memory of Lucille Latta
 (2nd Anniversary)
 by Loretta Mayer
- Dec 16** **In Memory of Timothy Wood**
Sat 4:00 by his Mom, Dad & Family
- Dec 17** *Third Sunday of Advent*
Sun 9:30 **In Memory of Leo & Anna Jolly**
 by their Family

The Sanctuary/Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week in memory of Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick's Church.

2019 Mass Book – is now available. If you would like to schedule a Mass or reserve the Sanctuary/Tabernacle Lamp in honor or in memory of a loved one during calendar year 2018 or 2019, please call the Rectory (401-568-5600) during normal business hours (Mon-Fri, 8:00-12:00 noon).

Regular Collection	\$2,566.00
Mail In's	\$ 402.00
Total	\$2,968.00
Food Pantry	\$ 110.00
Annual Appeal.....	\$ 605.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 232.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$ 10.00

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.

This week's 2nd collection is for the Retired Religious. Next week's 2nd collection is for the Building & Maintenance Fund. You may place your Christmas flowers envelope in any collection.

Mini-Splits Update

Total Cost:	\$27,285.00
To-Date Donations**:	\$23,393.00
Balance Remaining:	\$3,892.00

****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.**

St. Patrick's Lottery Calendar: Lottery calendar tickets will go on sale at the end of November and continue through the end of December. Your \$10.00 donation will provide 31 chances to win during the month of January! These lottery calendars make great stocking stuffers and/or Secret Santa gifts. The lottery calendars will be sold at the end of each Mass, or you can call the rectory to purchase one.



The Giving Tree: **December 9th & 10th** – Deadline for bringing wrapped gifts, with original tags attached to the outside of the gifts to your respective church. At St. Patrick's Church, please place gifts on the right side of the altar. **On December 17th,** volunteers are needed to *sort* the gifts following the 9:30 Mass. *Distribution* will take place at both churches **on December 18th** between 5:00-6:30 pm. If you are available to help sort or distribute gifts, please call St. Patrick's at 568-5600.

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St. Eugene Church Wine Tasting Dinner – Harmony Lodge; **December 10, 2017**; 4:00 pm; 5-course meal and six (6) wines. \$40 advanced tickets only. For more information, call 401-568-5102.

Keep the Heat On Benefit Concert – **Sunday, December 10** at 3 pm. The **Gregorian Concert Choir and Festival Orchestra** will present a concert entitled, “The Sounds of the Season” in the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul in Providence. The concert will feature the music of Advent and Christmas to benefit Bishop Tobin’s **“Keep the Heat On” Campaign**. Proceeds raised from the concert provide heating assistance for struggling individuals and families who have exhausted all other public and private aid. Tickets for the concert are \$10 per person and may be purchased by calling the Cathedral office at 401-331-2434 (also available at the door the day of the concert).

The Office of Life and Family is offering a special **Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Support group**, “Coping with the Holidays,” at St. Lucy Church, 909 West Main Rd, Middletown on **two Monday evenings, 12/11/17 and 12/18/17, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** This group is free and most appropriate for adults at least three months beyond their loss. As you know, the holidays can be a time of great sorrow and apprehension for those who have lost a loved one. Many struggle with great pain, loss, emptiness, apprehension, and countless other difficult thoughts and emotions, but with support and God’s love and grace, those who are grieving can begin to have healing and establish healthy ways to cope during the holidays and in their journey of grief. This is also a wonderful opportunity to offer parish-based support to our communities. If you have any questions about the *Our Lady of Sorrows* Bereavement Support Program, please call 401-421-7833, extension 217.

The Empty Manger - The Diocese of Providence Office of Life and Family Ministry and R.I. Right to Life will be co-sponsoring a prayerful event on Saturday, **December 16** from 10 – 11:00 a.m. at

Planned Parenthood, 175 Broad Street, Providence. We will be caroling and praying in this peaceful vigil as we continue our efforts to create an awareness of the abortion industry in our state and our country. Abortion hurts two people: the mom and the baby! Call 421-7833 ext. 218 for more information or to RSVP.

Misery Meets Mercy – When you approach the confessional, know this: that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this font of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls (**Diary of Saint Faustina, #1602**). Think about God’s mercy waiting for you ... and consider going to **Confession** anytime, all day, **from 8:30 am to 3 pm at St. Philip Church in Greenville on Saturday, December 16.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter – “When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.” Spouses, find value in one another by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are **January 19-21, 2018** in South Kingstown, RI, and **March 9-11, 2018** in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 1-800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmemo.org/>.

Welcome New and Returning Parishioners!



There’s an old saying that goes, “Once a Catholic, always a Catholic.” Maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, but now you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church. Listen to that tug. It’s your Heavenly Father reaching His arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, hoping to draw you home (source: www.catholicscomehome.org). If you wish to join (or rejoin) St. Joseph’s or St. Patrick’s Parish, please introduce yourself to Fr. Scott after any Mass. He will guide you through the registration process.

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