

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2020



A voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'" Mark 1:3

**SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH & SAINT PATRICK CHURCH
BURRILLVILLE, RI**

PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter the Season of Advent, we are challenged to make a more intentional preparation for the coming of Christ. We prepare our hearts and minds to encounter the Lord in the Eucharist, in prayer, in Sacred Scripture, celebrating Christmas and when He comes at His second coming. Let us be vigilant in our preparations, as well as persevere in faith, hope and charity.

The state has entered a "pause" from some social gatherings. Let us try to connect it to our spiritual lives. We need those moments of "pause" to quiet our hearts and minds to remind us of the presence of God. We should break up the day and "pause" to pray and give thanks to God or take time to meditate on the mysteries of our faith, especially at this time of year, pondering that the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, the Word, became flesh and dwelt among us (Incarnation). A lot to ponder as we continue our journey of faith.

As we enter the Advent Season the beautiful tradition of Lessons and Carols will be offered on Thursday, December 10th at 6:30 pm in Saint Joseph Church. May the Lord continue to fill us with His grace and peace.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped in setting up the Christmas Bazaar sponsored by Saint Patrick Church.

Giving Tree wrapped gifts with their tags attached should be returned next weekend, December 12th & 13th. Thank you for your participation and support to our neighbors. May the Lord continue to bless the work of our hands to build up His Kingdom.

A guest priest has been invited to assist me with the Christmas Mass Schedule. The Schedule is as follows:

Thursday, December 24th at 4 pm Saint Joseph Church and Hall (live streaming for those at home and sitting in the hall)

Thursday, December 24th at 6 pm Saint Patrick Church

Thursday, December 24th at 8 pm Saint Patrick Church

Friday, December 25th at 8 am Saint Joseph Church

Friday, December 25th at 10 am Saint Patrick Church

Friday, December 25th at 10:30 am Saint Joseph Church

All social distancing and guidelines will be in place for these celebrations. All seating is first come, first seated. No guaranteed access to a particular Mass. If the Mass is full,

please be ready to attend the next scheduled Mass. Note: Live streaming times (other than at 4 pm on December 24) have not been determined. More information to come as we approach the celebration of Christmas. I appreciate your understanding. Let us celebrate the Nativity of the Lord with great joy and peace.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to give us the strength we need on our journey of faith. May the blessed Mother intercede for us. May we continue to trust in the love and mercy of God.

Sincerely in the Advent of Christ,
Father Scott

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14;
k 5:17-26
TUE Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6,
11-12; Lk 1:26-38
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 Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38
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

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!"

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS – Help our Elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous. The collection will be taken next weekend. Please be as generous as your means allow.

CHRISTMAS 2020 MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24	
4:00 pm	St. Joseph Church
6:00 pm NEW	St. Patrick Church
8:00 pm NEW	St. Patrick Church
Friday, December 25	
8:00 am	St. Joseph Church
10:00 am	St. Patrick Church
10:30 am NEW	St. Joseph Church

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

- Dec 05 **Vigil Mass**
Sat 4:00 **Second Sunday of Advent**
In Memory of Dr. John R. Payne
by his Family
&
In Memory of Jeannette Ethier
(Birthday Remembrance)
by George & Linda Wayland
- Dec 06 **Second Sunday of Advent**
Sun 8:00 In Memory of Paul Pelletier
(14th Anniversary)
by his Wife Donna
- Dec 07 **St. Ambrose**
Mon 8:00 **Bishop & Doctor of the Church**
In Memory of Richard Snow
by Ed Rose
- Dec 08 **The Immaculate Conception of the**
Tue 7 pm **Blessed Virgin Mary**
In Memory of Kathleen Nee
(Birthday Remembrance)
by her Family
- Dec 09 **St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**
Wed 8:00 In Memory of Louise & Joseph Pigot
Parents of Barbara Gieseke
- Dec 10 **Lessons & Carols**
Thu 6:30 pm **St. Joseph Church**
- Dec 12 **Vigil Mass**
Sat 4:00 **Third Sunday of Advent**
In Memory of Bill Griffin, Sr. (30th Anniv.) &
Jane Griffin (22nd Anniv.)
by the Family
&
In Memory of Timothy J. Wood (7th Anniv.)
by Mom, Dad & Family
- Dec 13 **Third Sunday of Advent**
Sun 8:00 In Memory of Roland "Twiggy" Champagne,
Barbara Pariseau Degnan &
Constance Laquerre Champagne
by Crystal Champagne & Family



SANCTUARY LAMP – will burn this week in loving memory of BILL & JANE GRIFFIN, requested by their family.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	11/22/20	11/29/20
Regular Collection	\$1,266.00	\$1,660.00
Mail-Ins	\$405.00	\$1,150.00
Monthly Collection	\$125.00	\$112.00
Electronic Giving Weekly	\$199.34	\$209.82
Immaculate Conception	\$15.00	\$25.00
Fuel	\$130.00	\$104.00
Mass Stipends	N/A	\$60.00
Donations	N/A	\$3.00
Christmas Flowers	\$138.00	\$65.00
Christmas	N/A	\$225.00
Candles	\$126.00	N/A
IGA Community Fund (Receipts)	N/A	\$93.83
Total Operating	\$2,404.34	\$3,707.65
Campaign for Human Development	\$154.00	\$10.00
Community Outreach (Jacob's Gift)	\$4.00	NA
Retired Religious	N/A	\$25.00

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

Dec 06 (this week)	Monthly Parish Collection
Dec 08	Immaculate Conception
Dec 13	Retirement Fund Religious
Dec 20	Monthly Fuel Collection
Dec 25	Christmas

20-WEEK CLUB

Sponsored by St. Joseph Church

Watch future editions of the bulletin to see when tickets will be available.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH



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MASS INTENTIONS

- Dec 06 **Second Sunday of Advent**
Sun 10:00 In Memory of Peter H. & Anna Coutu
by their Family
- Dec 08 **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Tue 8:30 am In Memory of Gilbert Perron
by Arthur & Alice Aubin
- Dec 10 In Memory of
Thu 8:30 am Jeanne Couture DeCellis
by Arthur & Alice Aubin
- Dec 10 **Lessons & Carols**
Thu 6:30 pm St. Joseph Church
- Dec 13 **Third Sunday of Advent**
Sun 10:00 In Memory of Mary & Edgar Rivet
by Marie



SANCTUARY LAMP – will burn this week in memory of **DECEASED PARISHIONERS OF ST. PATRICK CHURCH.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	11/22/20	11/29/20
Regular Collection	\$857.00	\$1,223.00
Mail-Ins	\$597.00	\$80.00
Monthly Collection	\$15.00	\$15.00
Electronic Giving Weekly	\$92.09	\$92.09
Electronic Giving Monthly	\$33.62	N/A
Tree of Life	\$75.00	N/A
Candles	N/A	\$492.00
Mass Stipends	\$50.00	\$120.00
Christmas Flowers	\$70.00	\$85.00
Total Operating	\$1,789.71	\$2,107.09
Food Pantry	\$265.00	\$1,440.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$123.00	\$74.62
Tree of Life – Cemetery	N/A	\$25.00
Annual Cemetery Collection	\$70.00	\$10.00
Retired Religious	N/A	\$30.00

Each week, our parish requires a minimum Total Operating Revenue of \$2,820.00 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

Dec 06 (this week)	Building & Maintenance Fund
Dec 08	Immaculate Conception
Dec 13	Retirement Fund Religious
Dec 25	Christmas

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2021 LOTTERY CALENDARS

Sponsored by St. Patrick Church

January - Your \$10 donation has 31 chances to win \$1,025.00 total in cash prizes, and the winning tickets will be returned to the drawings for the rest of the month!

February - \$10; 30 chances to win \$1,025.00; winning tickets will be returned to the drawings for the rest of the month!

Calendars are available at the entrances of both churches. Please complete the lower portion and return to the Interparish Office or drop in any collection basket with your payment. For additional calendars, please call the Interparish Office at 401-568-2411. Thank you for supporting this parish fundraiser!

CONFESSIONS

In preparation for the Nativity of the Lord, Advent Confessions followed by Mass will be offered on the Third Saturday of December.

St. Patrick Church	
Dec 19 8:30 am – 9:15 am	Confession
9:30 am	Mass

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday,
December 8, 2020
8:30 AM
St. Patrick Church
7:00 PM
St. Joseph Church



LESSONS & CAROLS



Thursday,
December 10, 2020
6:30 PM
St. Joseph Church

Join us as we celebrate the worldwide tradition of Lessons and Carols. We invite you to hear beautiful songs of the season interwoven with Scripture readings that tell the story of Christmas.

HYMNALS/MISSALS – New Hymnals/Missals are now available in both churches. As before, please bring them home with you and carry them to Mass each week. Please recycle the old versions.

ADVENT READING MATERIALS – Advent books are also available at the entrances of both churches. One copy of each book per family, please.



KEEP THE HEAT ON: HELP OR BE HELPED

Bishop Tobin recently kicked off this year's Keep the Heat On heating assistance campaign, a program that helps struggling families with heating assistance who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. Since 2005, your generous support has provided more than \$3.25 million in assistance to more than 14,681 Rhode Island households in need.

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If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, please visit the web site, www.heatRI.com, or call 401/421-7833 for additional information.



GIVING TREE 2020 – Wrapped gifts are due to the church where you picked up the tag(s) the weekend of December 12/13 (to allow ample time for quarantining the gifts prior to pick up on December 19).

Thank you for your generosity and for brightening a child's/children's Christmas.



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