

ST. JOSEPH & ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



February 2, 2020

For your co-eternal Son was presented on this day in the Temple and revealed by the Spirit as the glory of Israel and Light of the nations.

And so, we, too, go forth, rejoicing to encounter your Salvation, and the Angels and Saints praise you.

Eucharistic Preface

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FALL/WINTER/SPRING MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4:00 pm	St. Patrick Church
Saturday, 5:30 pm	St. Joseph Church
Sunday, 8:00 am	St. Joseph Church
Sunday, 10:00 am	St. Patrick Church

PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Feast Day of the Presentation of the Lord. The Gospel today proclaims that: "Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." As Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple, there was a devout man named Simeon who also was in the temple that day and was moved by the Holy Spirit. Upon his interaction with Jesus he "blessed God, saying: 'Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.'" This prayer is said at Night Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours. May we too encounter the "Light of the nations". Jesus is the light of the world (cf. John 8:12). Jesus is the one who has taken away the sins of the world. Let us enter more deeply into the mysteries that we celebrate today. May the Light of Christ continue to illumine our path to eternity.

The Blessing of Candles takes place today. With Simeon's blessing about Jesus who is a "light to the gentiles" we bless candles that are used during the liturgies and special devotions. Let every candle that is lit remind us of the light of Christ. Let them also remind us of the candle that was lit at our Baptism, reminding us that we have been illuminated by Christ. Our life imitates Christ. We are called to be a light to this world (cf. Matthew 5:13-16).

This Lent I will be offering a Study Group for our Lenten Reflection/Mission. We will take part in "Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist". This is a four-part series. The four sessions are:

I. *God is with Us* examines God's saving presence with His people throughout salvation history, culminating in the incarnation and His abiding Real Presence in the Eucharist (Thursday, February 27th)

II. *The Story of the Eucharist* looks at how the Eucharist was prefigured in the Old Testament as well as in Jesus's miracles and teaching (Thursday, March 5th)

III. *Bread for the Journey* focuses on the necessity of the Eucharist for our Spiritual nourishment and explores the different parts of the Liturgy of the Mass (Thursday, March 12th)

IV. *Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist* responds to objections to the Church's doctrine of the Eucharist with biblical apologetics. Understanding and responding to the objections of those who disagree with us (apologetics) is an important part of evangelization. (Thursday, March 19th)

Please join us for one, two or all the sessions. Each Thursday, beginning on February 27th, there will be two sessions offered, afternoon & evening. The afternoon

session will be held at Saint Patrick Church Hall at 1 pm. The evening session will be held at Saint Joseph Church hall at 7 pm. Each session will run about an hour. Please call either rectory to sign up so that I will have enough study guides for all who attend. Please contact me with any questions.

A BINGO fundraiser for our group attending the Steubenville East Youth Conference will be held on Friday, February 21. Doors will open at 5 pm. Must be 18 years or older to play. Thank you for your continued support. Please keep our group in your prayers.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and fill you with His peace.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Scott

TIME/TALENT/TREASURE – Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20
TUE	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43
WED	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-6, 7; Mk 6:1-6
THU	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12bcd; Mk 6:7-13
FRI	Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
SAT	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34
SUN	Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16



MIRACULOUS IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

– Catholics throughout RI are getting the rare opportunity to see the "missionary" image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who believers say appeared in Mexico as the pregnant

Mother of God to Juan Diego, An Aztec Indian, in 1531. According to Roman Catholic tradition, she left a miraculous image of her appearance on his tilmatli or cloak, which still exists today in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The image may still be seen at:

- Holy Ghost, Tiverton February 1-2
- St. Stanislaus Kostka Church Woonsocket February 3

(Source: The Call, 01/22/2020)

PARISH GIVING will soon e-mail year-end statements to all parishioners who utilize electronic giving. These statements reflect online contributions only and may be useful for tax purposes.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



MISSION STATEMENT

As a Christian Faith Community, we the People of St. Joseph's 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

Feb 01 Sat 5:30 Vigil Mass; The Presentation of the Lord
Intention of the Priest

Feb 02 Sun 8:00 The Presentation of the Lord
In Memory of Charlie Hoppe
(66th Anniversary)
by his Family

Feb 03 Mon 8:00 St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr
St. Ansgar, Bishop
In Memory of Margaret M. Shaw
by Norm, Dorothy & the Salois Family

Feb 05 Wed 8:00 St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr
In Memory of Martha H. Silva
(Birthday Remembrance)
by her Family

Feb 07 Fri 8:00 **First Friday**
St. Patrick Church

Feb 08 Sat 5:30 Vigil Mass; 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
In Memory of Fred Russi
(30th Anniversary)
by Vinny & Midge

Feb 09 Sun 8:00 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
In Memory of Amedee T. Bucci
(9th Anniversary)
by Cheryl & Alexandra Venancio

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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – Workshops will be held on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am at St. Patrick's rectory. For more information, call Pauline Prew at 401-568-5644.



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 401-568-5644.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	01/26/2020
Regular Collection	\$2,641.00
Dino's Receipts	\$ 55.58
Electronic Giving	\$ 142.59
Monthly	\$ 66.50
Fuel	\$ 76.75
Annual Collection	\$ 275.00
Mail Ins	\$ 399.00
Holy Days	\$ 17.00
Candles	\$ 38.00
Total Operating	\$3,711.42
Parish Outreach (Jacob's Gift)	\$ 23.00
Catholic University	\$ 51.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 320.00

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

February 2	Monthly Parish Collection
February 9	Fuel Collection

The **2021 MASS BOOK** is in!
Call the rectory (Mon-Thu, 9 am – 5 pm, 568-2411) to book Masses and/or the Sanctuary/Tabernacle Lamp in memory of your loved ones. Suggested offerings:
Weekend Masses and Lamp: \$25 Weekday Masses: \$10

SAVE THE DATES

Fri, 02/21/2020	BINGO (Steubenville East Fundraiser)	St. Joseph Church Hall
Sun, 03/15/2020	Rite of Enrollment	St. Patrick Church 10 am Mass
Sun, 03/15/2020	St. Patrick & St. Joseph Feast Day Celebrations	St. Patrick Church Hall following 10 am Mass
Sat, 04/18/2020	Dinner Dance Sponsored by St. Patrick Church	St. Patrick Church Hall
Sat, 06/06/2020	20-Week Club Sponsored by St. Joseph Church	The Village Haven Restaurant

BINGO – Friday, 02/21/2020, St. Joseph Church Hall. (Snow date Saturday, 02/22/2020). Steubenville East fundraiser. \$10 regular admission. Extra cards available for purchase. Must be 18 or older to attend. Hot food, snacks, and beverages will be sold. Doors open at 5 pm; games begin at 6 pm.

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.

WEEK #2 WINNER: JAMES HOPPE

Ticket #: 75
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ST. PATRICK CHURCH



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

- Feb 01** **Vigil Mass; The Presentation of the Lord**
Sat 4:00 **In Memory of Larry Gingell**
(34th Anniversary)
 by his Great-Grandsons Kevin, Devin,
 Christopher & Wade
- Feb 02** **The Presentation of the Lord**
Sun 10:00 **In Memory of Peter G. & Madeline Coutu**
 by their Family
- Feb 04**
Tue 8:00 **Intention of the Priest**
- Feb 06** **St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**
Thu 8:00 **Intention of the Priest**
- Feb 07** **First Friday**
Fri 8:00 **St. Patrick Church**
In Memory of Daniel Aubin &
Jean Sevigny
 by Arthur & Alice Aubin
- Feb 08** **Vigil Mass; 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Sat 4:00 **In Memory of Helen Rose**
(Birthday Remembrance)
 by her Family
- Feb 09** **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Sun 10:00 **In Memory of Irene P. Smith**
(2nd Anniversary)
 by Mark & Silvia St. Pierre

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The **2021 MASS BOOK** is in!
 Call the rectory (Mon-Fri, 8:00 am – 12 pm, 568-5600) to book Masses and/or the Sanctuary/Tabernacle Lamp in memory of your loved ones. Suggested Offerings:
 Weekend Masses and Lamp: \$25
 Weekday Masses: \$10

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	01/26/2020
Regular Collection	\$1,934.00
Mail Ins	\$ 275.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 90.64
Building & Maintenance	\$ 47.99
HVAC	\$ 40.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 30.00
Total Operating	\$2,417.63
Church in Latin America	\$ 426.00
Catholic University	\$ 40.00

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.

Mini-Splits Update

Total Cost	\$27,285.00
To-Date Donations**	\$25,660.00
Remaining Balance	\$ 1,625.00

****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.**

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February 2	Building & Maintenance Fund
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LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS

Congratulations to:

Jan 19	John & Catherine Forrest	Jan 23	Hailey DeMerchant
Jan 20	Caitlin Harney	Jan 24	Amy Letourneau
Jan 21	Carol Sabella	Jan 25	Joe Hoppe
Jan 22	Patrick Keegan		

THANK YOU FROM OPERATION ROVAC (REMEMBER OUR VETERANS AT CHRISTMAS) – The Knights of Columbus, Council 383, would like to extend an expression of gratitude to all parishioners who donated clothing and personal effects to this year’s Operation ROVAC Christmas campaign. Your participation and generosity served to enhance the holiday spirit for those that served and now reside within the Rhode Island Veterans Home in Bristol. Thank you, and may God bless us all in 2020.

AROUND THE DIOCESE & ELSEWHERE

2020 BANFF CENTRE MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR returns to McVinney Auditorium on Monday, March 9, at 7:00 pm. It’s the largest and one of the most prestigious mountain festivals in the world. With stops planned in about 550 communities and more than 40 countries across the globe, this year’s tour features a collection of the most inspiring action, environmental, and adventure films from the festival. Traveling to exotic landscapes and remote cultures, and bringing audiences up-close and personal with adrenaline-packed action sports, the 2020 World Tour is an exhilarating and provocative exploration of the mountain world. Experience some of these award-winning films of outdoor adventures at McVinney! Get your tickets now. Visit www.mcvinneyauditorium.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Just as Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, present your marriage to the Lord. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 18-19, 2020 in BREWSTER, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

CATHOLIC PILRIMAGES WITH DAILY MASS TO FATIMA, LOURDES, SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA AND BARCELONA; April 21 - May 3, 2020, \$3699 per person, and to **OBERRAMMERGAU** for the Passion Play performed only every 10 years with **SWITZERLAND** and **AUSTRIA**, September 8 - 19, 2020, \$5299 per person. Pilgrimages include airfare, all sightseeing, breakfast and dinner daily. For a Flyer or more detailed information, please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

3RD ANNUAL DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY – Plans have begun for the 3rd Annual Diocesan Youth Day, scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2020; Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Cumberland, RI. 2020’s theme is “Empowered”, with National Presenter Cooper Ray, who is becoming one of today’s more popular and sought after speaker, worship leader, and retreat facilitator. Through music, story, humor, and audience participation, Cooper leads groups of all ages to a greater awareness of who they are as Catholic Christians and how to recognize God’s presence in their lives. The Office of Catholic Youth Ministry welcomes all to join the planning committee. A general committee meeting was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

- Subcommittees will include:
- Rituals: Prayer, Worship, Sacraments
 - Faith Formation & Service
 - Interaction & Activities
 - Logistics & Site Management
 - Promotions, Funding & Development

For more information, email youthministry@dioceseofprovidence.org or call 401-278-4626.

Come to **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2022** in Lisbon with Rhode Island Deanery VIII and JMJ Youth Pilgrimages. Since 1993, JMJ Youth has crafted a unique approach to evangelization to help young people open their hearts to the Grace of God on pilgrimage! Walk with Our Lady in Lourdes and Fatima, and encounter our Holy Father and hundreds of thousands of young people in Lisbon. Please contact Father Scott Carpentier at frscottjcarpentier@cox.net or Melissa Roberts at youth@saintphilip.com with any questions.