

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

08 December 2020 – 08 December 2021

FEBRUARY 28, 2021



Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus...Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Mark 9:4,7

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

PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Friends in Christ,

The Lenten journey reveals to us so much about Christ. One aspect of knowing Christ is to know the Father. Jesus reveals to us the Father. In the Gospel this weekend, the Father in Heaven is heard, saying, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him" (Mark 9:7).

Let us enter into the Lenten season hearing the voice of the Father. Let us receive the direction given by the Father. The Father directs us to listen to the Word made flesh. The Father directs us to listen to the Redeemer of the World. The Father directs our hearts to listen to His Son, whom He sent, out of love for us. Let this week of Lent teach us to receive the love of the Father through His beloved Son. May we listen to Him more closely.

Next weekend, Rev. Farrell McLaughlin will be visiting Saint Joseph Church and Saint Patrick Church on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach. He will be sharing about the mission of Cross Catholic Outreach and reminding us of the needs of the poor in other countries. Thank you, Father McLaughlin, for being with us during this Season of Lent.

As we enter into the Lenten Season, we are called to "repent and believe". One way that we can grow in the spiritual life is to examine our conscience, acknowledge and confess our sins by participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is the encounter with the Mercy of God.

Please be mindful that the Church offers the faithful the "very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor" called the "precepts of the Church" (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, articles 2041-2043). The second precept of the church is to "confess your sins at least once a year". Let us trust in God's mercy and prepare ourselves to receive the Eucharist during the Easter Season. Also note, if there is knowledge of mortal sin, then a person must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Holy Eucharist.

This year, the All-Day Confessions will be held at Saint Joseph Church in Woonsocket on Saturday, March 13th, from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm.

May this season of Lent transform your hearts and minds in renewed trust with God.

Blessings during Lent,
Father Scott

Henri Nouwen offers this prayer for Lent:

"O Jesus, my heart is little, fearful and very timid. It will always be so.

But you say, 'Come to my heart. My heart is gentle and humble...Do not be afraid. Come and let your heart find rest in mine and trust that all will be well.'

I want to come, Jesus, and be with you. Here I am, Lord, take my heart and let it become a heart filled with your love."

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
TUE Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mt 23:1-12
WED Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
THU Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
FRI Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19,
20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
SAT Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
SUN Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8,
9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

TIME/TALENT/TREASURE – Peter, James, and John wanted to build a “booth” for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

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 5	St. Joseph Church
March 12	St. Patrick Church
March 19	St. Joseph Church
March 26	St. Patrick Church
April 2 (The Passion of the Lord)	3 pm St. Patrick Church 6 pm St. Joseph Church

CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH – Fr. Farrell E. “Mac” McLaughlin of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish next weekend (March 6/7) to speak at all the 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 – Each one of us had times when we have mistreated others and neglected God. A great opportunity to make things right and regain our peace is through the Sacrament of Confession. You are invited to All-Day Confessions, Saturday, March 13, 2021, 8 am to 2 pm, at St. Joseph’s Parish, 1200 Mendon Road, Woonsocket, RI. Never doubt God’s readiness to forgive you!

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

Feb 27 **Vigil Mass; 2nd Sunday of Lent**
Sat 4:00 In Memory of Alma & Charles Dionne
by their Family
&

In Memory of Roland “Twiggy” Champagne
(Birthday Remembrance)
by his Wife & Family

Feb 28 **2nd Sunday of Lent**
Sun 8:00 Intention of the Priest

Mar 01 **In Memory of Janet Turcott**
Mon 8:00 by Andre & Donna Carpentier

Mar 03 **St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin**
Wed 8:00 In Memory of Martha H. Silva
(7th Anniversary)
by her Family

Mar 05 **First Friday – St. Joseph Church**
Fri 8:00 For the Relief & Release of the Souls in
Purgatory

Fri 6 pm **Stations of the Cross**
St. Joseph Church

Mar 06 **Vigil Mass; 3rd Sunday of Lent**
Sat 4:00 In Memory of Nancy Campbell
(3rd Anniversary)
by her Family
&

In Memory of Marie Walker
(8th Anniversary)
by Linda, Paul & Bethany

Mar 07 **3rd Sunday of Lent**
Sun 8:00 Intention of the Priest



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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	02/21/21
Regular Collection	\$2,202.00
Mail-Ins	\$1,647.00
Monthly Collection	\$266.00
Electronic Giving Weekly	\$215.44
Annual Fall Appeal	\$150.00
Fuel	\$146.75
Mass Stipends	\$65.00
Donations - RE	\$2.00
St. Joseph Feast Day	\$4.62
Candles	\$121.00
Dino's Community Fund (Receipts)	\$93.78
Easter Flowers	\$138.00
Total Operating	\$5,051.59
Parish Outreach (Jacob's Gift)	\$10.00

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

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 FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES
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.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH



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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

Feb 28 **2nd Sunday of Lent**

Sun 10:00 In Memory of Norman Gaucher
(5th Anniversary)
by Steven & Rhonda Abban

Mar 02

Tue 8:30 Intention of the Priest

Mar 04 **St. Casimir**

Thu 8:30 In Memory of Sandy
by Jane, Bess, Mark & Matthew

Mar 05

Fri 8:00 **First Friday** – St. Joseph Church

Fri 6 pm **Stations of the Cross**

St. Joseph Church

Mar 07 **3rd Sunday of Lent**

Sun 10:00 In Memory of Tylor Bernard
by his Grandparents, Ken & Carol Lewin



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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	02/21/21
Regular Collection	\$1,199.00
Mail-Ins	\$250.00
Building & Maintenance	\$133.87
Electronic Giving Weekly	\$92.09
Mass Stipends	\$60.00
Donations	\$25.00
Ash Wednesday	\$4.87
Easter Flowers	\$58.00
Total Operating	\$1,822.83

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UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Mar 07	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



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.

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who “humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross” (Phil 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the “living water” of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. Mt 6:1-18), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (*fasting*), concern and loving care for the poor (*almsgiving*), and childlike dialogue with the Father (*prayer*) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

- Abstinence 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.



*Following is the text of
Pope Francis' message for
Lent 2021.*

“Behold, we are going up
to Jerusalem” (Mt 20:18)

Lent: a Time for Renewing
Faith, Hope and Love

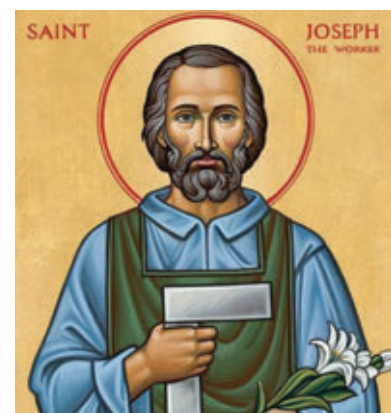
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father’s will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, you call us all by name to follow your path. You always bless your Church and guide your followers to become leaders who think of others before themselves. Mold us in the image of your Son to respond to your call as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay servants of the Gospel. Embolden us all to grow in knowing you, and allow this knowledge to open our hearts, minds, and souls to Your enduring call. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen

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