

ST. JOSEPH & ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES
SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD
January 26, 2020



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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

ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Jan 01	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
May 21	Ascension of Jesus
Nov 01	All Saints Day
Dec 08	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Dec 25	Christmas

See inside for specific days, times, and locations.

PARISH STAFF

Mr. Dennis Auger, FFC – Sts. Joseph & Patrick
Mr. Robert Brissette, Music Minister – Sts. Joseph & Patrick
Mrs. Kerri-Ann Caduto, Adm. Asst. - St. Patrick
Mrs. Judith A. Murphy, Adm. Asst. - St. Joseph
Ms. Suzan Napolitano, Custodian – Sts. Joseph & Patrick
Mr. Richard Phelan, Jr., Organist – Sts. Joseph & Patrick

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) BY APPT. OR

Saturday, 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm – St. Patrick

BAPTISM

Please call the Pastor at the respective rectory to start the process.

MARRIAGE -Please call the Pastor at least 1yr. in advance.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Please call St. Joseph's rectory/office.

PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis issued the Apostolic Letter *motu proprio Aperuit illis* on September 30, 2019, establishing that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, celebrated yearly between January 21-27, be observed also as the "Sunday of the Word of God." Building upon the legacy of the Dogmatic Constitution of Divine Revelation, *Dei Verbum* (1965), and *Verbum Domini* of Pope Benedict XVI's Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation in 2010, the Holy Father's initiative seeks to continually foster the Church's love of Sacred Scripture. Here is an excerpt from the Apostolic Letter:

"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures" (*Lk 24:45*). This was one of the final acts of the risen Lord before His Ascension...The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of His Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, Saint Jerome could rightly claim: "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ" (*Commentary on the Book of Isaiah*, Prologue: PL 24,17B).

At the conclusion of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, I proposed setting aside "a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people" (*Misericordia et Misera*, 7). Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of His word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world. Here, we are reminded of the teaching of Saint Ephrem: "Who is able to understand, Lord, all the richness of even one of your words? There is more that eludes us than what we can understand. We are like the thirsty drinking from a fountain. Your word has as many aspects as the perspectives of those who study it. The Lord has coloured his word with diverse beauties, so that those who study it can contemplate what stirs them. He has hidden in his word all treasures, so that each of us may find a richness in what he or she contemplates" (*Commentary on the Diatessaron*, 1, 18).

With this Letter, I wish to respond to the many requests I have received from the people of God that the entire Church celebrate, in unity of purpose, a Sunday of the Word of God. It is now common for the Christian community to set aside moments to reflect on the great importance of the word of God for everyday living...

The Second Vatican Council gave great impulse to the rediscovery of the word of God, thanks to its Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum*, a document that deserves to be read and appropriated ever anew. The Constitution clearly expounds the nature of sacred Scripture, its transmission from generation to generation (Chapter II), its divine inspiration (Chapter III) embracing the Old and New

Testaments (Chapters IV and V), and the importance of Scripture for the life of the Church (Chapter VI). To advance this teaching, Pope Benedict XVI convoked an Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in 2008 on "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church", and then issued the Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini*, whose teaching remains fundamental for our communities. That document emphasizes in particular the performative character of the Word of God, especially in the context of the liturgy, in which its distinctively sacramental character comes to the fore.

It is fitting, then that the life of our people be constantly marked by this decisive relationship with the living word that the Lord never tires of speaking to his Bride, that she may grow in love and faithful witness.

Consequently, I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God. This *Sunday of the Word of God* will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to pray for Christian unity. This is more than a temporal coincidence: the celebration of the *Sunday of the Word of God* has ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity." (*Aperuit illis*, paragraphs 1-3)

He closes the Apostolic Letter with reflecting on the Blessed Mother who heard the word of God and pondered all things in her heart. Pope Francis writes, "A great disciple and master of sacred Scripture, Saint Augustine, once wrote: "Someone in the midst of the crowd, seized with enthusiasm, cried out: 'Blessed is the womb that bore you' and Jesus replied, 'Rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it'. As if to say: My mother, whom you call blessed, is indeed blessed, because she keeps the word of God. Not because in her the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, but because she keeps that same word of God by which she was made and which, in her womb, became flesh" (*Tractates on the Gospel of John*, 10, 3)" (*Aperuit illis*, paragraph 15)

May the Sunday of the Word of God help His people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scriptures. For as the sacred author taught of old: "This word is very near to you: it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance" (*Dt30:14*)." (*Aperuit illis*, paragraph 15)

Let us celebrate the Word of God more in our own lives. When we gather on Sundays, let us be more attentive to the Word of God being proclaimed. And may we continue to grow closer to Christ by praying with Scripture and meditating on His word.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Scott

TIME/TALENT/TREASURE – The US bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces the passage from I Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members—the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church."

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS – see page 5.

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

- Jan 25** Vigil Mass; Sunday of the Word of God
Sat 5:30 In Memory of David A. Rouleau
 by Linda, Paul & Bethany
- Jan 26** Sunday of the Word of God
Sun 8:00 In Memory of Carolina Philomena DeFranza Fisher (Birthday Remembrance)
 by her Son Allen
- Jan 27** St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder
Mon 8:00 In Memory of Vincent E. O'Rourke (3rd Anniversary)
 by his Family
- Jan 29**
Wed 8:00 Intention of the Priest
- Feb 01** Vigil Mass; The Presentation of the Lord
Sat 5:30 Intention of the Priest
- Feb 02** The Presentation of the Lord
Sun 8:00 In Memory of Charlie Hoppe (66th Anniversary)
 by his Family

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

	01/19/2020
Regular Collection	\$1,918.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 215.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 272.93
Monthly	\$ 118.65
Fuel	\$ 82.00
Donations	\$ 50.00
Mail Ins	\$ 45.00
Holy Days	\$ 50.00
Candles	\$ 23.50
Total Operating	\$2,775.08
Parish Outreach (Jacob's Gift)	\$ 14.00
Catholic University	\$ 162.00

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.

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

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

January 26	Church in Latin America
February 2	Monthly Parish Collection
February 9	Fuel Collection

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, 06/06/2020	20-Week Club sponsored by St. Joseph Church	The Village Haven Restaurant

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 in June, 2020, are included.
WEEK #1 WINNER: Michelle Mulhern Ticket #: 91

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.

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

Jan 25 Vigil Mass; Sunday of the Word of God
Sat 4:00 In Memory of Gerry Brassard
 (3rd Anniversary)
 by his Wife Joanna

Jan 26 Sunday of the Word of God
Sun 10:00 In Memory of Sandy Houle
 by Bill & Diane Pichie

Jan 28 St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Tue 8:00 Intention of the Priest

Jan 30 In Memory of Marcia Tramonti
Thu 8:00 by Arthur & Alice Aubin

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

SANCTUARY/TABERNACLE LAMP will burn this week in loving memory of **John McGrane**.

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 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

	01/19/2020
Regular Collection	\$1,493.00
Mail Ins	\$ 80.00
Total Operating	\$1,573.00
Food Pantry	\$ 100.00
Catholic University	\$ 388.00
Latin America	\$ 5.00

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**	\$25,620.00
Remaining Balance	\$ 1,665.00

****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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January 26	Church in Latin America
February 2	Building & Maintenance Fund

SAVE THE DATES

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Sun, 03/15/2020	Rite of Enrollment	St. Patrick Church 10 am Mass
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LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jan 01	Barbara Menard	Jan 10	Melissa Gambardelli
Jan 02	Devin Richard	Jan 11	Roland Trinqu
Jan 03	Daniel Griffin&Fam	Jan 12	Doris St. Pierre
Jan 04	Robert Noel	Jan 13	Zoe Ames
Jan 05	Jason Gaucher	Jan 14	Robert Noel
Jan 06	Amy Letourneau	Jan 15	Jillian Caduto
Jan 07	Tom Morey	Jan 16	David C. Smith
Jan 08	John Egan	Jan 17	Patrick Keegan
Jan 09	Caitlin Harney	Jan 18	Jimmy White

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
TUE	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
WED	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
THU	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12
FRI	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
SAT	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
SUN	Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE

LUMEN GENTIUM ANNUAL AWARDS

Nominations for the annual *Lumen Gentium Awards* presented to those who have demonstrated outstanding service to the Church in 9 specific categories are now open. Groups, organizations and individuals (laity, clergy and religious) are eligible. While it is expected that nominees come from within the Catholic community, other nominees will also be considered, provided they and their work are consistent with the teachings and mission of the Catholic Church. A nominating committee will forward its final recommendations to Bishop Tobin for approval. Information and the nomination form can be found at www.dioceseofprovidence.org or by contacting Karen Davis, 401-278-4600, e-mail at kdavis@dioceseofprovidence.org. *All nominations must be completed by 4:30 pm on February 13, 2020.* None will be accepted after that date.

AROUND THE DIOCESE & ELSEWHERE

ST. PHILIP SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – Sunday, January 26, 12:30 to 2:30 pm. Please join us for a special Catholic Schools Week Mass at 11:30 am in St. Philip Church in Greenville, followed by the opportunity to visit and tour our school campus. We empower students, 3 years old through 8th grade, to use their God-given gifts to help others as we teach truth, build community, and inspire service. We welcome you to come, enjoy refreshments, and chat with parents, faculty and staff of St. Philip, to find out for yourself how we strive to make a *DIFFERENCE* for your child!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM – For the 15th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus Museum, 1 State Street, New Haven, CT, is displaying artistic representations of the birth of Jesus at the center of its Christmas exhibition. The show, *Christmas in Europe*, will be on view to February 2, 2020. The exhibition features more than 80 items, some from the Museum's own collection. Highlights include Szopki from Krakow, a large Neapolitan creche to be viewed at 360 degrees, and a German Christmas Market. The Museum is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm, with free admission and parking. For more information or to schedule a group visit, go to www.kofcmuseum.org or call 203-865-0400.

THE MISSIONARY IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE will be visiting various parishes throughout

the Diocese of Providence from January 10 to February 3. Visit www.dioceseofprovidence.org for more information. You may also contact the Respect Life Office for the schedule at 278-2518 or by email cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org.

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.mcvinnevauditorium.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Give your spouse a special gift this Valentine's Day 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://www.mema.org/>.

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGES 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