



The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parable of the Mustard Seed. He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'" Matthew 13:31-32

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH & SAINT PATRICK CHURCH

BURRILLVILLE, RI

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PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Kingdom of Heaven is revealed through Jesus by the use of parables. In article **546 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church**, it states: "Jesus' invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of *parables*, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough, deeds are required. The parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the word? What use has he made of the talents he has received? Jesus and the presence of the kingdom in this world are secretly at the heart of the parables. One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to "know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven". For those who stay "outside", everything remains enigmatic (difficult to interpret or understand)."

As we listen and ponder the parable of last week and the three today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us to become more radical to give everything we have to Christ. Let us surrender our worries, fears, doubts, troubles and even our joys and accomplishments, in order to partake of the Kingdom that the Lord has established here on earth as it is in Heaven. Jesus leads us closer to the Father and draws us to become more united to Him. The life of discipleship is to be closer to the Persons of the Trinity, in order that we may be ready when we approach eternity. May all the angels and saints continue to intercede for us and inspire us on our journey. May our Blessed Mother watch over us and care for us as we deeply trust her Son.

Our Annual Missionary Cooperative has adjusted for this summer. The missionary sisters, who were scheduled to be in the area in August are unable to travel due to the restrictions of travel and other concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Notices and further information will be included over the next few weeks. Thank you for prayerfully

considering to assist the missionary Sisters in their needs as they continue to serve the poor all over the world. Here is a preliminary notice about the appeal:

The Diocese of Providence has assigned the **Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary** to each of our parish communities to make the annual Missionary Cooperation Plan appeal this summer. The community was founded in Ireland in 1924 to work with the woman of Nigeria, West Africa. The Missionary Sisters of the Holy Rosary are now an international community working in nine countries of Africa and in Brazil. They are a strictly missionary group with no institutions in the United States or Canada, so therefore they rely almost exclusively on funds provided through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the generosity of the people back home to support their sisters on mission. If you would like to see more about them, their website is: www.mshr.org

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Scott

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23; Mt 12:38-42
TUE Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 12:46-50
WED Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
THU Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 13:10-17
FRI Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23
SAT 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28
SUN 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

TIME/TALENT/TREASURE – Jesus said, “Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted.” But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards—those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

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

Jul 18 Vigil Mass;
Sat 4:00 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Intention of the Priest

Jul 19 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 8:00 In Memory of Herb McCombs
(24th Anniversary) &
Jim Murphy (5th Anniversary)
by their Family

Jul 20 **St. Apolinaris, Bishop & Martyr**
Mon 8:00 In Memory of Betsy Zifcak
by her Husband & Family

Jul 22 **St. Mary Magdalene**
Wed 8:00 In Memory of William E. McMahon
(Birthday Remembrance)
by Ray & Odete

Jul 25 Vigil Mass;
Sat 4:00 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
In Memory of Lois Simpson
(12th Anniversary)
by her Family
&
In Memory of Andy Lambert
(4th Anniversary)
by his Wife & Sons

Jul 26 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 8:00 In Memory of Edward Strojny
(2nd Anniversary)
by his Wife & Family

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



FINANCIAL UPDATE

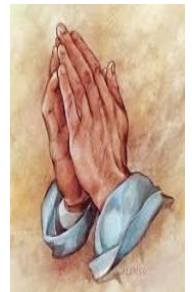
	07/12/20
Regular Collection	\$1,615.00
Mail-Ins	\$985.00
Monthly Collection	\$174.00
Fuel	\$30.00
Mass Stipends	\$25.00
Holy Day	\$5.00
Electronic Giving	\$284.03
Total Operating	\$3,118.03
Parish Outreach (Jacob's Gift)	\$10.00

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

Aug 2	Peter's Pence
Aug 9	Monthly Parish Collection
Aug 15/16	Mission Co-Op Appeal

PRAYER MINISTRY - Would you like to join the "prayer warriors"? 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.



ST. PATRICK CHURCH



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and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material and emotional needs of our greater community.

MASS INTENTIONS

Jul 19 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun 10:00 In Memory of Sandra Houle
by Jennifer Hilton

Jul 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Tue 8:30 Intention of the Priest

Jul 23 St. Bridget, Religious
Thu 8:30 In Memory of Rev. Wilfred Demers (5th Anniversary)
by Dennis & Elaine Auger

Jul 26 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 10:00 In Memory of Russell Latondress (11th Anniversary)
by his Wife & Family



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



Thank you to all the generous donors who support St. Patrick's Food Pantry, especially during the pandemic. Your donations help provide food and necessary household items to the less fortunate in our community. Currently, between 35 and 60 families receive help through this important community program. We sincerely thank you for remembering the Food Pantry!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	07/12/20
Regular Collection	\$1,430.00
Mail-Ins	\$355.00
Building & Maintenance	\$90.00
Electronic Giving	\$86.14
Father's Day	\$5.00
Total Operating	\$1,966.14

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

Aug 2	Peter's Pence
Aug 9	Building & Maintenance Fund
Aug 15/16	Mission Co-Op Appeal

St. Patrick's Cemetery – Pre-Arrangement

The numerous decisions that must be made following the death of a loved one can prove burdensome, especially in planning a funeral and burial in a short span of time. Please consider pre-arrangement to ease the burden in the midst of grief.

The following is a current price list of cemetery plots:

Single Grave	\$ 950.00
2 Burial Plots	1,700.00
3 Burial Plots	2,500.00
4 Burial Plots	3,300.00

For further information regarding the purchase of cemetery burial plots, please call the inter-parish office at 568-2411. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 to 3:00.

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe for the Protection from Coronavirus

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children.



We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones,

the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

5 FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS - Requested by Our Lady of Fatima, 5 First Saturday Devotions (8-10 am) are being held at Saint Joseph & Saint Patrick — to include Confession, Mass, Adoration, recitation of the Holy Rosary, meditation and Benediction. The remaining schedule for devotions is as follows: August 1st – St. Patrick – September 5th – St. Joseph – October 3rd – St. Patrick and November 7th – St. Joseph.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION – AUGUST 2-

The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide each year to support the most disadvantaged, including victims of war, oppression, natural disaster and disease.

Due to the restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, those wishing to provide financial support for the Peter's Pence Collection may do so in alternative ways this year only.

Parishioners may submit their contributions electronically by visiting www.peterspence.va, by means of the regular offertory envelopes to the parish during (before) Mass or by sending contributions directly to the Diocesan Fiscal Office.

Checks should be made payable to the Diocesan Service Corporation and be clearly marked "Peter's Pence Collection" on the notation line. The mailing address is: Diocesan Service Corporation, Fiscal Office, 1 Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903.

The Peter's Pence Collection supports the Pope's philanthropy by giving the Holy Father the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, oppression and disease.

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