

ST. JOSEPH & ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

March 8, 2020



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Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Bernard O'Reilly

ST. JOSEPH ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

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.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK - Please call St. Joseph's rectory/office.

PASTORAL COUNCIL Michael Franklin, Roger Johnson, Barbara Langlois, George Lough, John Lynes, Mitchell Parkhurst, Lillian Plouffe, Pauline Prew

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

PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Friends in Christ,

We are still at the beginning of our Lenten journey. May this journey renew our commitment to follow Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our Lenten practices of fasting, prayer and almsgiving lead us more deeply into encountering Christ and His Church. They also help us to refocus on what is most important in our lives, namely to serve God above all and to love our neighbor. May the Holy Spirit continue to convict us in doing what is right and avoiding sin, which leads us away from God.

At this time of year, the Diocese holds its annual Catholic Charity Appeal. Over the next few weeks, including this one, both parish communities will be participating in the Appeal which financially supports the outreach programs that are available in the Diocese of Providence. Please prayerfully consider what the Lord is asking you to give towards this Appeal this year. I appreciate your time and support in participating in this Diocesan Appeal.

Next weekend, March 15th the parish communities of Saint Joseph and Saint Partrick will be celebrating their Feast Days. This year, the Feast Days will be a combined event. It will be hosted at Saint Patrick Church hall following the 10 am Mass. Please join us in fellowship, food and fun. Irish Dancers have been invited to join us for this event.

On March 15th we will also honor and celebrate the Rite of Enrollment for our 10th Grade students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please join us as we honor them on this momentous day forward towards being fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

As our parish communities continue to collaborate and work together to build up the Kingdom of God, the Trustees and Finance Councils of both parishes as well as the combined Parish Council and Pastoral delegates have been meeting over the last several months in working towards facing the current realities that are happening in our Diocese. The statistics of low attendance for weekend Masses, shortage of Priests, low participation in the Sacramental life, crisis of faith, joys and difficulties of family life and the continued demand to maintain the properties are all under review by these committees. As part of the collaboration, next weekend I will be announcing a new Vision Statement for the parish communities of Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick. This is the first step towards continuing our mission as followers of Jesus Christ, who are sent out to make disciples. Let us continue to work together and grow in unity as a family

of faith. Let us continue to support each other and pray for one another as we work together in sharing the Gospel of Christ.

"O Jesus, come and waken us from our apathy and renew in us your gift of hope. Bring me into your presence, that I may listen to your voice, which is the source of all wisdom, and watch your face forever." - Saint Bede

Sincerely in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

Father Scott

TIME/TALENT/TREASURE – The stewardship message in the parable of the Prodigal Son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he had been given.

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 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

LENTEN REFLECTION/MISSION – Reminder: Beginning February 27, Fr. Scott began a 4-part study group, "Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist". If you have not RSVP'd, there is still space to join us for the remaining sessions. Please call either rectory to reserve your spot.

Mar 12	1 pm St. Patrick Hall	7 pm St. Joseph Hall
Mar 19	1 pm St. Patrick Hall	7 pm St. Joseph Hall

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Fridays, 7 PM

Mar 13	St. Joseph Church
Mar 20	St. Patrick Church
Mar 27	St. Joseph Church
Apr 3	St. Philip Church <i>Living Stations</i>
Apr 10	St. Joseph Church



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

- Mar 7 **Vigil Mass; 2nd Sunday of Lent**
 Sat 5:30 **In Memory of Dr. John R. Payne**
 (Birthday Remembrance)
 by his Wife & Family
- Mar 08 **2nd Sunday of Lent**
 Sun 8:00 **In Memory of Donald Dinges**
 (3rd Anniversary)
 by his Family
- Mar 09 **St. Frances of Rome, Religious**
 Mon 8:00 **Intention of the Priest**
- 10:00 **Mass at Overlook**
- Mar 11
 Wed 8:00 **Special Intention for Rebeckah Philbin**
 by Memere Angell
- Mar 13
 Fri 7 pm **Stations of the Cross – St. Joseph Church**
- Mar 14 **Vigil Mass; 3rd Sunday of Lent**
 Sat 5:30 **In Memory of James Cosetta**
 (37th Anniversary)
 by Paul, Linda & Bethany
- Mar 15 **3rd Sunday of Lent**
 Sun 8:00 **Intention of the Priest**

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	3/01/2020
Regular Collection	\$3,207.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 20.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 151.09
Monthly	\$1,182.00
Fuel	\$ 65.00
Mail Ins	\$ 10.00
Candles	\$ 47.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 171.00
Total Operating	\$4,853.09
Parish Outreach (Jacob's Gift)	\$ 31.00

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 8	Fuel Collection
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Your Easter Flower Offering may be placed in any collection prior to Easter.

SAVE THE DATES

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
Tue, 03/31/2020	Rosary & Altar Society Pot Luck Dinner and Auction	St. Patrick Church Hall, 6:30 pm
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

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. **Congratulations to:**

Week #7 Winner: Nancy Houle Ticket #: 39

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

- Mar 07** **Vigil Mass; 2nd Sunday of Lent**
Sat 4:00 **In Memory of Robert Leveillee**
 by Pauline Doire
- Mar 08** **2nd Sunday of Lent**
Sun 10:00 **In Memory of Tylor Bernard**
 by his Grandparents, Ken & Carol Lewin
- Mar 10**
Tue 8:00 **Intention of the Priest**
- Mar 12** **In Memory of Larry Castonguay**
Thu 8:00 by his Wife & Family
- Mar 13**
Fri 7 pm **Stations of the Cross – St. Joseph Church**
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Sat 4:00 **In Memory of William Griffin, Jr.**
 (2nd Anniversary)
 by his Wife & Family
- Mar 15** **3rd Sunday of Lent**
Sun 10:00 **In Memory of Lynn Mahan**
 (1st Anniversary)
 by her Family

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DINNER DANCE – Sponsored by St. Patrick's Church; Saturday, April 18, 2020; St. Patrick Church Hall. Dinner – 6 pm; music and dancing 7:30 pm. Tickets \$20 per person. Or, purchase 2 tickets for \$35! Featuring The Live Music Band. Call the rectory, Mon-Fri, 8 am – 12 pm, 401-568-5600, for tickets.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

	3/01/2020
Regular Collection	\$1,988.00
Mail Ins	\$ 62.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 82.64
Building/Maintenance	\$ 571.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 75.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 55.00
HVAC	\$ 10.00
Total Operating	\$2,843.64

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**	\$25,760.00
Remaining Balance	\$ 1,525.00

****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.**

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

There are no upcoming second/special collections for the remainder of March. Your Easter Flower Offering may be placed in any collection prior to Easter.



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Rosary & Altar Society Pot Luck Supper & Auction – Tuesday, March 31, 6:30 pm. Bring a dish to share, a gift to be auctioned, and a friend. Proceeds to benefit the good works of the Rosary & Altar Society. Yearly dues \$3.00. Call either rectory to RSVP.



ST. PATRICK CEMETERIES SPRING CLEAN-UP NOTICE – Beginning March 22 any left-over Christmas decorations and any items that are faded, broken, or damaged (including flower pots) will be removed at both cemetery locations (Emerson Road and Pascoag Main Street). Please remove any wanted decorations/items prior to the 22nd. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Spring décor may be placed on graves beginning on March 31.

AROUND THE DIOCESE & ELSEWHERE

BISHOP HENDRICKEN OPEN HOUSE & ENTRANCE EXAM – Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Open House on Sunday, March 15, from noon until 3 pm. Information on the academics, college placement, athletic and extracurricular activities will be available. The entrance exam for prospective 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students will be held on Saturday, March 28, at 8:30 am. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 401-889-5425.

Search – The Rejoice in Hope Youth Center in Cranston is sponsoring a **Search Retreat weekend** on March 20-22. Any high school youth (grade 9+) is welcome to attend. Please contact the Rejoice in Hope Youth Center at 401-942-6571 or go to www.CatholicYouthRI.org for additional information or to register.

In one way or another, we have all neglected God. None of us have lived a perfect life. **No matter what we have done**, we can always return home. An opportunity to do just that is the Sacrament of Confession. You are invited to **ALL-DAY CONFESSIONS**, Saturday, March 21, **8 am – 3:30 pm**, at St. Joseph's Parish, 1200 Mendon Road, Woonsocket, RI. Never doubt God's readiness to forgive you!

Happy? Pick up almost any magazine and it will offer you some advice on how to find happiness. Most of this advice is incomplete or sometimes even wrong. A great vacation, a better golf game or a re-modeled kitchen are NOT the key to finding joy and fulfillment in life. Real happiness, real joy doesn't depend on our circumstances.

It comes from being right with God and with others. God can make things right with us when we go to **CONFESSION** and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Think about it... and consider going to Confession any time, all day, from 8:30 AM to 3 PM at Saint Philip Church in Greenville on Saturday – April 4 (Handicapped accessible – no steps).

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION, RI CHAPTER'S 10TH ANNUAL CAREGIVER'S JOURNEY CONFERENCE – Thursday, April 23; Crowne Plaza Hotel; Warwick, RI. Keynote speaker: Keith N. Fargo, Ph.D. Alzheimer's Association, special presentation by Alex Zima, MS Ed., HopeHealth. 1-800-272-3900; sponsored in part by RI Office of Healthy Aging.

Looking for a Spiritual pick-me-upper?

LA SALETTE RETREAT CENTER in Attleboro, MA, has published its complete schedule of 2020 retreat programs and days of recollection. Visit its website at: www.lasaletteretreatcenter.org. Or, send for its catalog of programs at: La Salette Retreat Center, 947 Park Street, Attleboro, MA 02703.

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. 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.