



While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.” Acts 1:10-11

ST. JOSEPH & ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Friends in Christ,

May the peace of Christ be with you during these challenging times. The Lord offers His peace when He meets the apostles after the Resurrection (cf. Luke 24:36). This peace is not what the world brings (cf. John 14:27), but comes from eternity. May this divine peace strengthen each of you as we continue our journey of faith during these uncertain times.

As we continue our journey, let us live with hope. The hope we live with can only come from Christ risen from the dead. Death does not have power over us. We are victorious with Christ who is risen from the dead. Let us live with hope as we continue to face the uncertainties, doubt, confusion and frustrations that we face daily. When we live with hope we can better recognize the good that is present in-between all the uncertainties. The good of spending time with family. The good of being creative to spend time with friends and family that do not live under the same roof. The good of all those recovering from the coronavirus and the continued dedication of many people of good will. Let us seek the intercession of Mary, the Mother of the Church in whom the U.S. Bishops have entrusted the nation to her maternal care.

As the country and state begin the phases of reopening the economy, the Bishop of Providence has been working with the Department of Health, the Office of the Governor and other representatives from the diocese to offer guidelines for re-starting public Mass. Thank you for your patience during this time. Thank you in advance for your flexibility with the new procedures that will take place when public Mass resumes, for example: entering and exiting the church, 6-foot space between people/family, and guidelines for receiving Communion. Let us continue to pray and be united in the Spirit of God who continues to lead us and fill us with every grace and blessing.

Any updates will be posted on either website: stjosephri.org or stpatrickri.org. Also visit

our YouTube channel: *St. Joseph & St. Patrick Burrillville, RI* to view weekend Mass and devotionals.

Financial contributions have continued to be received from many parishioners during this pandemic, either by mail or signing up for our online parish giving. We have also had a couple of visitors who have given generously as well. Thank you! Your contributions continue to assist us with our monthly bills and minor projects at both locations. May the Lord bless each of you for your generosity and support.

On Thursday, May 21, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Let us praise the Lord as we celebrate His Ascension into Heaven. This event confirms that God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit are One. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Scott

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

TUE Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 7c-8;
Jn 16:5-11

WED Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14;
Jn 16:12-15

THU Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23;
Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); or Acts 18:1-8;
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20

FRI Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

SAT Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

SUN Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16;
Jn 17:1-11a;

TIME/TALENT/TREASURE

Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully, “Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!”?

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

- May 16 Sat** **Vigil Mass; Sixth Sunday of Easter**
In Memory of Henry Mousseau
 by his Daughter
- May 17 Sun** **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
In Memory of Bruce Clift
 (27th Anniversary)
 by his Family
- May 18 Mon** **Saint John I, Pope and Martyr**
In Memory of
Arakel & Maude Danielian
 by their Family
- May 20 Wed** **Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest**
In Memory of Betsy Zifcak
 by her Husband and Family
- May 21 Thu** **The Ascension of the Lord**
- May 23 Sat** **Vigil Mass: Seventh Sunday of Easter**
In Memory of Anna R. Bucci
 (1st Anniversary)
 by her Family
- May 24 Sun** **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
In Memory of Rob Farrell
 (60th Birthday Remembrance)
 by his Family

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

FINANCIAL NOTE: Even though public Masses have been suspended in the Diocese of Providence until further notice, please know you may still support your parish via Parish Giving online as well as mailing your weekly budget directly to the parish.

FINANCIAL UPDATE-05/1/2020 - 5/15/2020

Regular Collection	\$4,201.00
Electronic Giving	\$643.82
Monthly Collection	\$697.50
Fuel	\$223.00
Mass Stipends	\$55.00
Donations	\$250.00
Holy Day – Ascension	\$26.00
Easter Flowers	\$10.00
Mother's Day	\$158.00
Father's Day	\$1.00
Total Operating	\$6,265.32
Jacob's Gift	\$10.00
Easter to Benefit the Catholic Charity Appeal	\$70.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$35.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$35.00

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

May 21	Ascension
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SAVE THE DATES

Sat, 06/06/2020	20-Week Club Sponsored by St. Joseph Church	The Village Haven Restaurant
Sat, 06/20/2020 RESCHEDULED	Spring Dinner Dance Sponsored by St. Patrick Church	St. Patrick Church Hall

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 pending at the Village Haven in Forestdale on Saturday, June 6, 2020 are included.

Winner Week #17 – Barbara Gieseke Ticket #2

ST. PATRICK CHURCH



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MASS INTENTIONS

- May 16 **Vigil Mass; Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Sat **In Memory of Sandy Houle**
by the Connell Family
- May 17 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Sun **In Memory of Theresa L. Corrente**
(6th Anniversary)
by her Family
- May 19 **In Memory of**
Tue **Josephine Stockwell**
by her Niece
- May 21 **The Ascension of the Lord**
Thu
- May 23 **Vigil Mass: Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Sat **In Memory of Norma Johnson**
(6th Anniversary)
by her Husband
- May 24 **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Sun **In Memory of Jack Egan**
(Birthday Remembrance)
by Jeanne and John

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FINANCIAL UPDATE – 5/1/2020-5/15/2020

Regular Collection	\$2,434.00
Electronic Giving	\$264.27
Mass Stipends/Sanctuary Lamp	\$35.00
Building & Maintenance	\$313.00
Holy Day – Ascension	\$23.00
Mother’s Day	\$145.00
Total Operating	\$3,214.27
Food Pantry	\$600.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$5.00
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$10.00
Easter to Benefit the Catholic Charity Appeal	\$15.00

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.

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Mini-Splits Update

Total Cost	\$27,285.00
To-Date Donations**	\$25,910.00
Remaining Balance	\$ 1,375.00

****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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Sat, 06/20/2020 RESCHEDULED	Spring Dinner Dance Sponsored by St. Patrick Church	St. Patrick Church Hall

SPRING DINNER DANCE – Sponsored by St. Patrick’s Church has been **POSTPONED** and rescheduled for Saturday, June 20th, 2020. More information to come.

**PRAYER OF RENEWAL OF OUR
CONSECRATION TO THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY**

Let us now entrust our country and ourselves once again to the Virgin Mary's care:

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, you are the fairest fruit of God's redeeming love; you sing of the Father's mercy and accompany us with a mother's love.

In this time of pandemic we come to you, our sign of sure hope and comfort.

Today we renew the act of consecration and entrustment carried out by those who have gone before us.

Archbishop Gomez:

With the love of a Mother and Handmaid, embrace our nation which we entrust and consecrate once again to you, together with ourselves and our families.

A Bishop for his diocese:

With the love of a Mother and Handmaid, embrace this diocese which we entrust and consecrate once again to you, together with ourselves and our families.

A Pastor for his parish:

With the love of a Mother and Handmaid, embrace this parish which we entrust and consecrate once again to you, together with ourselves and our families.

Families, groups, or individuals:

With the love of a Mother and Handmaid, embrace us as we renew our consecration to you, together with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

In a special way we commend to you those particularly in need of your maternal care.

Mary, Health of the Sick, sign of health, of healing, and of divine hope for the sick, we entrust to you all who are infected with the coronavirus.

Mary, Mother of Consolation, who console with a mother's love all who turn to you, we entrust to you all those who have lost loved ones in the pandemic.

Mary, Help of Christians, who come to our rescue in every trial, we entrust to your loving protection all caregivers.

Mary, Queen and Mother of Mercy, who embrace all those who call upon your help in their distress, we entrust to you all who are suffering in any way from the pandemic.

Mary, Seat of Wisdom, who were so wonderfully filled with the light of truth, we entrust to you all who are working to find a cure to this pandemic.

Mary, Mother of Good Counsel, who gave yourself wholeheartedly to God's plan for the renewing of all things in Christ, we entrust to you all leaders and policymakers.

Accept with the benevolence of a Mother the act of consecration that we make today with confidence, and help us to be your Son's instruments for the healing and salvation of our country and the world.

Mary, Mother of the Church, you are enthroned as queen at your Son's right hand: we ask your intercession for the needs of our country, that every desire for good may be blessed and strengthened, that faith may be revived and nourished, hope sustained and enlightened, charity awakened and animated; guide us, we pray, along the path of holiness.

Mary our Mother, bring everyone under your protection and entrust everyone to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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