

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2020



Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! Matthew 13:33

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH & SAINT PATRICK CHURCH

BURRILLVILLE, RI

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Happy New Liturgical Year!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that: "The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant". He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming."

"*St. John the Baptist* is the Lord's immediate precursor or forerunner, sent to prepare his way. "Prophet of the Most High", John surpasses all the prophets, of whom he is the last. He inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's womb welcomes the coming of Christ, and rejoices in being "the friend of the bridegroom", whom he points out as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". Going before Jesus "in the spirit and power of Elijah", John bears witness to Christ in his preaching, by his Baptism of conversion, and through his martyrdom."

"When the Church celebrates *the liturgy of Advent* each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (article numbers 522-524).

May the Season of Advent continue to give us a desire for the Lord's second coming. Let us stay awake and be ready each day to meet Christ. We meet Christ every day when we participate at the celebration of the Mass, through the Sacraments, and through Sacred Scripture. He is always with us!

Following all directives from the Diocese of Providence, the Department of Health and the Office of the Governor, the Christmas Bazaar sponsored by Saint Patrick has been scheduled for Thursday, December 3rd from 4 - 8 PM; Friday, December 4th from 4 - 8 PM; and Saturday, December 5th from 9 AM - 3 PM. All meals are

take-out, and social distancing will be followed. Thank you for all your support!

In preparation for the Nativity of the Lord, Confessions followed by Mass will be offered on the First & Third Saturdays of December (5th & 19th): Confessions from 8:30 am - 9:15 am followed by Mass at 9:30 at Saint Patrick Church.

The Annual Lessons and Carols will be held on Thursday, December 10th at 6:30 pm Saint Joseph Church.

May this Advent be a time of renewal and deeper trust in the One True God, who so loved the world that He gave us His Son (cf. John 3:16).

Blessed Advent Season,
Father Scott

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22
TUE Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lk 10:21-24
WED Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
THU Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
Mt 7:21, 24-27
FRI Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
SAT Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
SUN Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14;
2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

TIME/TALENT/TREASURE

"Be on guard," Jesus warns, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.



GIVING TREE 2020 – *Wrapped gifts are due to the church where you picked up the tag(s) the weekend of December 12/13* (to allow ample time for quarantining the gifts prior to pick up on December 19). *Thank you for your generosity and for brightening a child's/children's Christmas.*

CHRISTMAS 2020 MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24	
4:00 pm	St. Joseph Church
10:00 pm	St. Patrick Church
Friday, December 25	
8:00 am	St. Joseph Church
10:00 am	St. Patrick Church

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

- Nov 28 Vigil Mass
Sat 4:00 **First Sunday of Advent**
In Memory of Nicholas Ryan Silva
(10th Anniversary)
by his Family
- Nov 29 **First Sunday of Advent**
Sun 8:00 In Memory of Maria C. Cardoso
(1st Anniversary)
by her Daughter Leonilda & Family
- Nov 30 **St. Andrew, Apostle**
Mon 8:00 In Memory of Shirley White
by Ed Rose
- Dec 02 In Memory of Doris Spencer Herard
Wed 8:00 by Robert & Deborah Herard
- Dec 04 **First Friday**
Fri 8:00 **St. Patrick Church**
- Dec 05 Vigil Mass
Sat 4:00 **Second Sunday of Advent**
In Memory of Dr. John R. Payne
by his Family
&
In Memory of Jeannette Ethier
(Birthday Remembrance)
by George & Linda Wayland
- Dec 06 **Second Sunday of Advent**
Sun 8:00 In Memory of Paul Pelletier
(14th Anniversary)
by his Wife Donna



SANCTUARY LAMP – will burn this week in memory of **DECEASED PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOSEPH CHURCH.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Due to the bulletin publisher's submission schedule, the financial report for 11/22/2020 will appear in a future bulletin.

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

Dec 06	Monthly Parish Collection
Dec 08	Immaculate Conception
Dec 13	Retirement Fund Religious
Dec 20	Monthly Fuel Collection
Dec 25	Christmas

20-WEEK CLUB

Sponsored by St. Joseph Church

Watch future editions of the bulletin to see when tickets will be available.



ST. PATRICK CHURCH



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

MASS INTENTIONS

- Nov 29 **First Sunday of Advent**
Sun 10:00 In Memory of Madeline Coutu (Birthday Remembrance) by the Family
&
In Memory of Al Blanchette (16th Anniversary) by his Wife & Family
- Dec 01 **Special Intention for Jacob**
Tue 8:30 by his Mother
- Dec 03 **St. Francis Xavier, Priest**
Thu 8:30 **Special Intention for Nicholas** by his Mother
- Dec 04 **First Friday**
Fri 8:00 St. Patrick Church
- Dec 05
Sat 8:30 Confession
9:30 Mass
- Dec 06 **Second Sunday of Advent**
Sun 10:00 In Memory of Peter H. & Anna Coutu by their Family



SANCTUARY LAMP – will burn this week in loving memory of **ROBERT LEVEILLE** (1st Anniversary) by his Wife & Family.



SEEKING DONATIONS ST. PATRICK CHRISTMAS

BAZAAR - If you would like to donate a bottle of wine and/or a \$25 gift card to an area restaurant for our "Wine & Dine Package" and/or any items for our Penny Social table, please call the

Interparish Office at 401-568-2411, Monday-Thursday, 9 am – 3 pm.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Due to the bulletin publisher's submission schedule, the financial report for 11/22/2020 will appear in a future bulletin.

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

Dec 06	Building & Maintenance Fund
Dec 08	Immaculate Conception
Dec 13	Retirement Fund Religious
Dec 25	Christmas

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2021 LOTTERY CALENDARS

Sponsored by St. Patrick Church

January - Your \$10 donation has 31 chances to win \$1,025.00 total in cash prizes, and the winning tickets will be returned to the drawings for the rest of the month!

February - \$10; 30 chances to win \$1,025.00; winning tickets will be returned to the drawings for the rest of the month!

Calendars are available at the entrances of both churches. Please complete the lower portion and return to the Interparish Office or drop in any collection basket with your payment. For additional calendars, please call the Interparish Office at 401-568-2411. Thank you for supporting this parish fundraiser!

6 ways to get the most out of Mass

- Be on time!** Arrive at least 10 minutes before it starts to dial down your mind.
- Mother Church wants YOU!** Help out if you can! (As a lector, usher, altar server, etc.)
- Sing...even if you're out of tune!** Don't worry if you have no talent for singing; most people don't.
- Pray Business Class!** Sit near the altar. It will help you pay attention.
- Give God your full attention!** Isn't it fair that we spend one hour each week worshipping God?
- Call your Mother!** Ask Mary to intercede for you during Mass. Pray to her for guidance and strength.

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CONFESSIONS

In preparation for the Nativity of the Lord, Confessions followed by Mass will be offered on the First & Third Saturdays of December.

St. Patrick Church	
December 5 8:30 am – 9:15 am	Confession
9:30 am	Mass
Dec 19 8:30 am – 9:15 am	Confession
9:30 am	Mass

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday,
December 8, 2020
8:30 AM
St. Patrick Church
7:00 PM
St. Joseph Church



LESSONS & CAROLS



Thursday,
December 10, 2020
6:30 PM
St. Joseph Church

Join us as we celebrate the worldwide tradition of Lessons and Carols. We invite you to hear beautiful songs of the season interwoven with Scripture readings that tell the story of Christmas.

HYMNALS/MISSALS – New Hymnals/Missals are now available in both churches. As before, please bring them home with you and carry them to Mass each week. Please recycle the old versions.

ADVENT READING MATERIALS – Advent books are available at the entrances of both churches. One copy of each book per family, please.

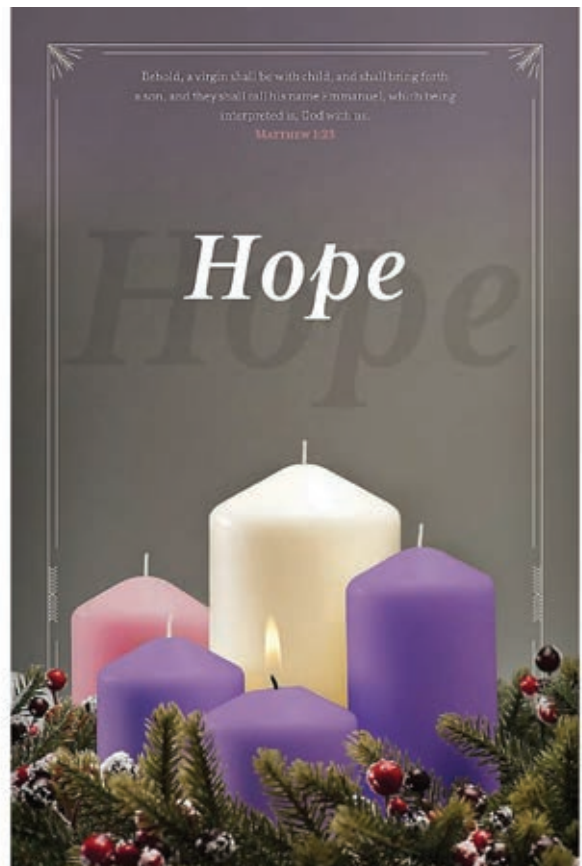
ST. MARY ACADEMY – BAY VIEW

In-person tours are available every day after school. To register for any of the following events and/or a tour, visit www.bayviewacademy.org/parishes.

High School Placement Test – Taking the exam at your Catholic school add Bay View as #1 choice; enter school code “10”.

Saturday, December 5, 8 am – Take the test at Bay View for Public, Charter, Independent, and Homeschooled students or anyone that missed it at his/her school.

Make-Up Exam date Saturday, December 12, 8 am - Take the test at Bay View for Public, Charter, Independent, and Homeschooled students or anyone that missed it at his/her school.



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