

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

*Cycle A*

*April 16, 2017*

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Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified  
he is risen: he is not here: behold the place where they laid him.

*He is Risen!*



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## JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN

### FROM THE DEAD

### ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!!!



Happy Easter to you and your families!! Although our world seems a real mess, Easter gives us hope that as Jesus triumphed over sin and death, we too can be joyful despite the darkness. In fact, we are challenged to bring the light of God's love into the darkness. In

Jesus's Resurrection and our baptism we are given all the tools we need to fix the brokenness of our world.

On this day, our spirits are lifted, our hope is renewed, and our lives are re-created! This is the day of greatest joy for humanity. Today Heaven is opened to all who follow Jesus Christ. On behalf of the staff of our parish, we wish you a Blessed Easter! May the promise and peace of this day—union forever with the Trinity—resonate within your hearts each and every day of the year.

This is the reality we celebrate today: the same reality we celebrate every Sunday. For the Christian the celebration of Jesus's Resurrection is something that never loses its joy no matter how many times we celebrate it. Of course, we cannot truly celebrate His Resurrection without remembering His suffering and death on the cross.

My thanks to the many people who helped to make these days so beautiful: to our outstanding choir who helped us soar to Heaven; to the volunteers who so skillfully arrange all our flowers and decorations; to all the altar servers, lectors and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and to all of you for joining in these sacred days. It was a joy to celebrate these mysteries with you!!

May the Risen Christ bless us all with steadfast faith, boundless hope and untiring love. May God bless and reward each of you for your hard work and devotion.

Have a good week, and God bless.  
Fr. Varghese

Time/Talent/Treasure – Jesus tells Peter again and again, “If you love Me, feed my sheep.” He says the same to each of us, “If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters.”

### Prayer Idea for EASTER

Every morsel of food and drop of liquid can be prayed for today. Pause slightly to be grateful before each bite or each drink. Pause in the same manner before receiving the gift of the Eucharist.

Sit in an enclosed room with the door shut, shades or curtains drawn, and no light. Be entombed for a while. (You might even want to lie down on the floor to get more of the feeling of being on the slab of the burial stone.) Do nothing.

Try to experience waiting. Then listen to God calling to whatever is dead in you. Let God call you back to life.

### Activity Ideas

1. Don't miss the services of TRIDUUM (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil).
2. Write love letters, to be opened only after your death, to people who are important to you.
3. Abstain from one bad habit: gossip, wasting time, procrastinating, etc.
4. Do a specific act of love for someone seemingly unlovable.
5. Make a list of what you would do if you knew you only had one month to live.

### EASTER SCHEDULE

#### Easter Sunday – 16 April

8 am	St. Joseph Church
9:30 am	St. Patrick Church
11 am	St. Joseph Church

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## ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH



**Parish Mission Statement:** As a Christian Faith Community, we the People of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic 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

- Sat 7:30 **EASTER VIGIL MASS**
- Apr 15 St. Patrick's Church  
*NO 4:00 pm Mass at St. Patrick's*  
*NO 5:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph's*
- Sun 8:00 **HAPPY EASTER!**
- Apr 16 For Healing – Marilyn Pautler  
by her Husband Al
- Sun 11:00 In Memory of Normand Robitaille  
(29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
by his Family
- Mon 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners of
- Apr 17 St. Joseph's Church
- Wed 8:00 In Memory of Jack Lace
- Apr 19 by his Golf Buddies
- Sat In Memory of Anna Tucker
- Apr 22 (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)  
by Doug, Ann Marie & Families
- Sun 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners of
- Apr 23 St. Joseph's Church
- Sun 11:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners of  
St. Joseph's Church



The Sanctuary/Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week in Memory of Armand Barchiesi & Arthur Bouley.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

*Due to an early bulletin submission deadline, the financial update for April 9, 2017, will appear in a future bulletin.*

### Mini-Splits Update

Total Cost:..... \$49,590.22  
To-Date Donations ..... -33,396.00  
Balance Remaining:..... \$16,194.22

The Easter collection is for the Catholic Charity Appeal.

Your Easter Flowers envelope(s) may be placed in any collection basket.

Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is the Fuel Collection.

Each week, our parish requires a **minimum 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.

### 2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL (CCA) "Faith and Good Works"

Thank you to all who have made a 1-time gift or pledge to the 2017 CCA. If you have not yet responded to this year's Appeal, it is not too late!

**Our parish goal is twofold—100% participation and to reach our goal of \$16,800.00.** To date, we have raised **\$9,265.00** toward that goal, thanks to your generosity.

All gifts, regardless of size, make a difference in the lives of countless individuals.

St. Joseph's 50 Club: Tickets are \$50 each and include 20 weekly drawings of \$25 for all paid-to-date tickets. **Tickets available (and payments accepted) in the vestibule of the church after Mass.** Dinner at the Village Haven is scheduled for **June 2**; and prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$250, and \$100 will be awarded. Tickets are available after Masses, or you may call the rectory (568-2411), Mon-Thu, 9 am – 5 pm.

### Congratulations:

**Week 13 Ticket #114 Barbara Orlando**

Thank you for supporting this major parish fundraiser!

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 568-5644 or the Rectory (568-2411) Monday-Thursday, 9 am – 5 pm.



## ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH



Parish 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

Sat 7:30 **EASTER VIGIL MASS**  
Apr 15 **St. Patrick's Church**  
**In Memory of Thomas Riley**  
**(4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
by M/M Glen Gaucher & Family  
**NO 4:00 pm Mass at St. Patrick's**  
**NO 5:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph's**

Sun 9:30 **HAPPY EASTER!**  
Apr 16 **In Memory of Agnes Pichie**  
by Evelyn Heroux

Tue 8:00 **In Memory of Clarence Mayer**  
Apr 18 by his Wife

Thu 8:00 **For Living & Deceased Members**  
Apr 20 **of the Rosary & Altar Society**

Sat 4:00 **In Memory of Francis & Rita Kenney**  
Apr 22 by their Family

Sun 9:30 **In Memory of Patti Labossiere**  
Apr 23 by her Aunt Ev

A/C Update - We're pleased to announce that the air-conditioning mini-splits have been installed.

Cost of 6 Mini-splits:	\$22,985.00
Electrical Upgrade:	\$ 4,300.00
<b>TOTAL COST:</b>	<b>\$27,285.00</b>
Donation:	<b>( 5,000.00)</b>
	\$22,285.00
Building/Maintenance to Date	<b>( 12,915.00)</b>
Balance remaining:	\$ 9,370.00

*The monthly Building and Maintenance collection will continue to pay off this balance. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.*



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There is no 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next week.

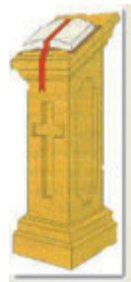
Each week our Parish requires a minimum of \$2,820.00 to meet its expenses. If you miss Mass for any reason, we kindly ask that you make up your missed budget envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

### **2017 Catholic Charity Appeal** **"Faith and Good Works"**

Thank you to those who have generously made a gift to the **2017 Catholic Charity Appeal**. If you have not made a gift to this year's Appeal, *it is not too late!* Please consider pledging your support to this worthwhile endeavor. **Our new Parish goal is \$17,000.00** – a goal that can only be achieved with your sacrificial help and support. All gifts regardless of size help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals. **Please make checks payable to Catholic Charity Fund or you may donate online by visiting [www.providencediocese.org](http://www.providencediocese.org).**

*As we proclaim Jesus as our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, may we be inspired to share our gifts out of gratitude with those who benefit from the Catholic Charity Appeal... We pray to the Lord.*

Food Pantry – Personal hygiene items, including toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, and soap are needed and would be most appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.



Lectors Needed – If you are interested in becoming a Lector and have received the Sacraments of Initiation, enjoy sharing God's word, and live according to the teachings of the Catholic Church, please call the Rectory (568-5600) or drop a note to Fr. Varghese in any collection basket. Training will be provided.

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## *Around the Diocese*

**Divine Mercy Sunday** - Please join us on **April 23, 2017**, at St. Pius V Church to celebrate this extraordinary feast in a special way. Adoration will be held from 2:00-4:15 pm during which time a number of priests will be available to hear confessions. The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed. At 3:45 pm, a special presentation will be given by Sister Confida Gilera, O.L.M., of St. Faustina's religious order, The Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. Presently, the sisters spread the message of mercy in prisons and other care facilities, at parishes, and at retreats and conferences. Benediction will be at 4:15 pm, followed by Holy Mass, offered by Fr. Patrick Briscoe, OP, at 4:30 pm.

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### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

SAT a) Gn 1:1 - 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11 (c) Ex 14:15 - 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; (d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; (e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6 (f) Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8-11 (g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 (h) Rom 6:3-11 (i) Mt 28:1-10

SUN Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4

MON Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

TUE Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

WED Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

THU Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

FRI Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

SAT Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

SUN Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

### **Religious Education (RE)**

**All students preparing for the Sacraments (First Holy Communion) Grades 1 & 2 and (Confirmation) Grades 9 & 10 are required to sign in each week at Mass.**

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## **SUNDAY SMILE**



A man telephoned a Bible-believing church, and the church secretary answered the call. The man on the other end of the line said, "I'd like to speak to the head hog." The secretary replied, "That wasn't a very nice thing to say about our beloved minister, Rev. Jones." Again the man said, "I'd like to speak to the head hog, because I'm going to donate \$75,000 to the church. She replied, "Hold on a moment, I think the big fat pig just walked in."

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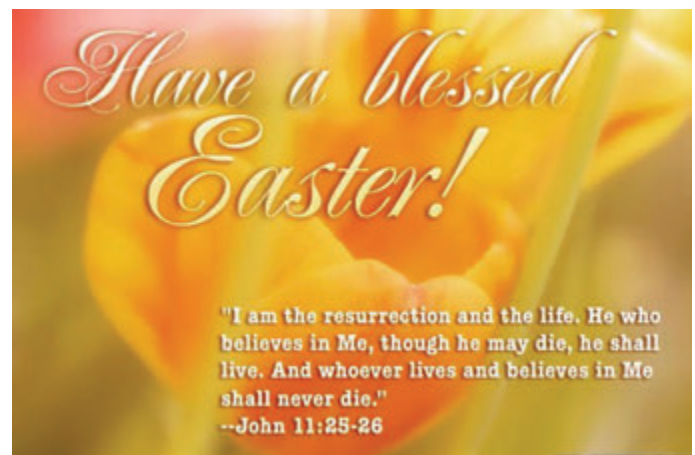
"DID YOU KNOW? Parishioners at St. Patrick's have established the St. Patrick's Activities Committee which is already hard at work on making plans for parish events and activities through the end of 2017. Planning is underway for a parish yard sale, summer picnic, dinner/dance, a new and improved Christmas Bazaar, and more!

Make sure you're in the know on these and other upcoming activities by writing to [stpatricksactivities@gmail.com](mailto:stpatricksactivities@gmail.com) to add your e-mail address to our mailing list. We look forward to hearing from you.



### **Summer Yard Sale - Date to be Determined**

Cleaning your closets to make way for Spring? Please consider putting some gently used (or unused) items aside for our upcoming parish yard sale. More details to follow, so be sure to stay informed about this and other St. Patrick's happenings by signing up for our email list at [stpatricksactivities@gmail.com](mailto:stpatricksactivities@gmail.com).





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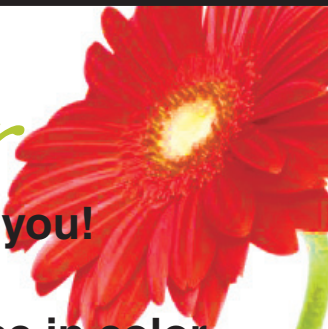
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