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ST. JOSEPH'S	ST. PATRICK CHURCH	
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH	45 Harrisville Main Street	
183 Sayles Avenue	Harrisville, RI 02830	
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PASTOR EMERITUS: Rev. Clifford Cabral	PASTOR EMERITUS: Rev. Bernard O'Reilly	
<u>ST. JOSEPH</u>	<u>ST. PATRICK</u>	
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	Kerri-Ann Caduto - Coordinators	
	HEDULE:	
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Please see Fr. Sheehan after any Mass at least 6 months in advance.		
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Please call the parish office/rectory.		
TRUSTEES:		
Michael Franklin, Mitchell Parkhurst	Roger Johnson, George Lough	
FINANCE COUNCIL:		
Linda J. Cosetta, John Griffin,	Peter LaMontagne, Mary Leach,	
Nancy Houle, Judith A. Murphy Renay McLeish, Ron Parenteau		
Ann L Fartin William T. Hant		
Ann J. Fortin, William T. Hunt	Marc R. Genereux, Barbara C. Langlois	

# From the Pastor's Desk

#### John the Baptist

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. John was filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb, by Christ Himself, whom the Virgin Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. Mary's visitation to Elizabeth thus became a visit from God to God's people.

John is Elijah who must come. The fire of the Spirit dwells in him and makes him the forerunner of the coming Lord. In John, the precursor, the Holy Spirit completes the work of making ready a people prepared for the Lord.

John the Baptist is more than a prophet. In him, the Holy Spirit concludes God's speaking through God's prophets. John completes the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah.

John proclaims the imminence of the consolation of Israel; he is the "voice" of the Consoler who is coming. As the Spirit of truth will also do, John came to bear witness to the light. In John's sight, the Spirit thus brings to completion the careful search of the prophets and fulfills the longing of the angels. "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God....Behold the Lamb of God" (Jn 1:33-36).

Finally, with John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to humankind of "the divine likeness," prefiguring what God would achieve with and in Christ. John's baptism was for repentance; baptism in water and the Spirit will be a new birth!

May we all join John the Baptist in announcing the birth of the Messiah, and the salvation of the world; marked by the birth of Our Savior this Christmas.

#### In Christ,

Rev. Peter John Sheehan, Pastor

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- SAT Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- SUN Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
- MON Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
- TUE Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
- WED Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
- THU Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
- FRI Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
- SAT Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- SUN Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

*Time/Talent/Treasure*: A blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same." 958-page 2



### <u>Burrillville Catholic Community</u> <u>Christmas Giving Tree Project</u>

December 11 – Volunteers are needed to sort gifts <u>following the 9:30 am</u> <u>Mass at St. Patrick's and the 11:00 am</u> <u>Mass at St. Joseph's.</u> December 19, 5:00-6:30 pm –

Distribution of gifts at both churches.

Please call your rectory (St. Joseph's, 568-2411; St. Patrick's, 568-5600) if you are available on 12/11/16 (sorting) and/or 12/19/16 (distributing). *THANK YOU for helping to make a child's Christmas merry!* 

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)**

<u>Religious education classes for grades 1-10 are</u> <u>held at St. Patrick's Church on Wednesdays from 6-7</u> <u>pm.</u>

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 <u>Mass.</u> A notebook may be found at the entrance of each church for this purpose. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Kerri (401-568-5600, Monday-Friday, 8 am – 12 pm).

<u>Grade 10 Confirmation Candidates</u> are required to attend the *Rite of Enrollment Mass*, <u>along with their</u> <u>sponsors</u>, on <u>Sunday, December 11, at 11:00 am at St.</u> <u>Joseph's Church</u>. Please arrive at 10:45 am.

**<u>RE Family Class.</u>** Many thanks to the families who participated in our Family Class's Giving Tree event. The children made such beautiful cards wishing Jesus a Happy Birthday. The gifts that were received to help out the



needy in our community were overwhelming!

A sincere **Thank You** is extended to Scott & Brenda Blanchette, who provided the meal for the Family Class. Their generosity knows no bounds.

Many thanks to our kitchen crew: Scott & Brenda Blanchette, Mitch & Tammie Parkhurst, Christ Parkhurst, Lisa & Bri Brissette, as well as our set-up crew: Paul & Bethany Cosetta, Ron Lemieux, and Ray McMahon.

A special **Thank You** to Barbara Langlois, whose support was very much appreciated.

#### RE news - continued on page 5.

<u>Catholic Art Calendars</u> are available in the entrances of both churches. 2017's theme is "Jesus Walks Among Us". Individuals/Families are invited to take one of these beautiful calendars to display in your homes or offices.

# <u>ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH</u>



<u>Parish Mission Statement</u>: 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 5:30	In Memory of Paul Lanctot
Dec 10	(Birthday Remembrance)
	by his Family

Sun 8:00For Living & Deceased Parishioners ofDec 11St. Joseph's Church

- Sun 11:00 In Memory of Lawrence Flaherty (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) by his Family
- Mon 8:00 For Abandoned Souls in Purgatory Dec 12
- Wed 8:00
   In Memory of Nicholas Ryan Silva &

   Dec 14
   Arline O'Rourke

   by their Family
- Sat 5:30In Memory of Raymond Lanctot, Jr.Dec 17(16th Anniversary)<br/>by his Family

Sun 8:00For Living & Deceased Parishioners ofDec 18St. Joseph's Church

Sun 11:00 In Memory of Fr. Gabriel Healy by his Nephew Patrick & Kerri

The <u>Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp</u> will burn this week in memory of <u>Rita Bouley</u>.

#### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

 Saturday, December 24, 2016

 4:00 pm
 St. Patrick

 5:30 pm
 St. Joseph

 11:30 pm
 St. Patrick

 Sunday, December 25, 2016
 8:00 am

 8:00 am
 St. Joseph

 9:30 am
 St. Patrick

 11:00 am
 St. Joseph



# <u>Financial Update</u>

#### 12/04/16

Regular Collection	\$2,735.00
Mail In's	
Total	
Monthly	
Fuel Collection	
Jacob's Gift (Outreach)	
Candles	
Fall Appeal to Date	
HVAC to Date	
Military	
Christmas Flowers	
Immaculate Conception	
Electronic Giving (November)	

## This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for the <u>Retired</u> <u>Religious</u>. Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is the <u>Fuel Offering</u>.

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.

## Looking for the perfect Christmas

*gift for the person who has everything?* Please consider purchasing a <u>50 Club</u> ticket for him/her. Tickets are \$50 each and include 20 weekly drawings of \$25 for



all paid-to-date tickets; dinner at the Village Haven in June; and prizes of \$1,000, \$500, \$250, and \$100, drawn the night of the dinner. Tickets will be available after Masses, or you may call the rectory (568-2411), Mon-Thu, 9 am – 5 pm. *Thank you for supporting this major parish fundraiser!* 

<u>St. Joseph's 2018 Mass Book</u> has arrived. Please call the rectory, 568-2411, Mon-Thu, 9 am – 5 pm, if you would like to schedule **Masses** or reserve the **Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp** in memory of a loved one.

<u>**Prayer Ministry:</u>** 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 Rita at 568-7058 or Pauline at 568-5644.</u>

# 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 4:00In Memory of Henry Auger, Jr.Dec 10(16th Anniversary)by Dennis & Elaine Auger

Sun 9:30In Memory of Peter H. & Anna CoutuDec 11by their Family

- Tue 8:00In Memory of Linda LeeDec 13by her Mom & Family
- Thu 8:00In Memory of Cecile O'KeefeDec 15by Loretta Mayer
- Sat 4:00In Memory of James & Evelyn MorrisonDec 17by their Family
- Sun 9:30In Memory of Frank HauserDec 18(Christmas Remembrance)by his Family

The <u>Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp</u> will burn this week for Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish.

To schedule a Mass for a living or deceased loved one or to reserve the Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp, please call the rectory, 401-568-5600, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 am and 12 pm.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULESaturday, December 24, 20164:00 pmSt. Patrick5:30 pmSt. Joseph11:30 pmSt. PatrickSunday, December 25, 20168:00 amSt. Joseph9:30 amSt. Patrick11:00 amSt. Joseph



# <u>Financial Update</u>

12/04/16

Budget	.\$2,460.00
Food Pantry	
Christmas Flowers	
Building/Maintenance	
Immaculate Conception	
Cemetery Appeal	
Retired Religious	
Human Development	
Christmas Bazaar financials will be in ne	
bulletin.	

### This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for the <u>Retired Religious</u>. Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for the <u>Building/</u> <u>Maintenance Fund</u>.

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.

<u>Non-Ambulatory Parking Area</u> – This new parking area has been paved, and parking spaces are clearly marked. Parking during Mass times is only for those who have spoken to Fr. Sheehan. Parking is available to all parishioners any other time. If you have questions, please contact Kerri at 568-5600, Mon-Fri, 8 am – 12 pm.

<u>St. Patrick Parish's Chair Lift</u>. If you are interested in using the chair lift, located in the stairwell near the Sacristy side of the church, please call Kerri at the rectory (568-5600) to arrange a demonstration on the proper use of the chair lift. Please arrive for church at least 15 minutes prior to Mass and ask the Sacristan to unlock the chair lift and provide assistance.

*St. Patrick's 2016 Christmas Bazaar* – A big **Thank You** to all who came out to support our annual Christmas Bazaar. Your donated items to supply our Yard Sale, Penny Social, and Baked Goods tables were very much appreciated.

Thank You to our wonderful volunteers: Arthur & Alice Aubin, Dennis & Elaine Auger, Lisa Brissette, Gloria Bussell, Sergio Bussell, Linda Coutu, Kathy & Bill Gagnon, Roger Johnson, Muriel Kogut, Barbara Langlois, Michelle Lough, Loretta Mayer, Renay McLeish, Ann Paquin, Tammie Parkhurst, Diane & Steve Smith, Janet Wood, Theresa Zifcak, and our Confirmation Candidates who participated throughout the weekend.

A **special Thank You** to Jennifer Bergin and our Chairwoman, Karen Genereux, for all the time and effort you both put into making our Bazaar possible!

# **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

The Sounds of the Season to Benefit "Keep the Heat On" - On Sunday, December 11 at 3 pm, the Gregorian Concert Choir, the Prout High School Chorus and Festival Orchestra will present a concert entitled, 'The Sounds of the Season' in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence. The concert will feature the music of Advent and Christmas to benefit Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On" Campaign. Proceeds raised from the concert provide heating assistance for struggling individuals and families who have exhausted all other public and private aid. Tickets for the concert are \$10 per person and may be purchased by calling the Cathedral office at (401) 331-2434. (Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the concert.)

**Open Your Soul.** Let's not allow Christmas to come and go without meeting Jesus, the Face of God's Mercy, in the Sacrament of Mercy: Confession. Speaking about Confession to Saint Faustina, Jesus said: Just as you prepare in My presence, so also you make your confession before Me. The person of the priest is, for Me, only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest it is that I am making use of; open your soul in Confession as you would to Me, and I will fill it with My light (Diary of Saint Faustina, #1725). Think about God's mercy waiting for you...and consider going to Confession anytime, all day, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm at St. Philip Church, 622 Putnam Pike, Greenville, RI, on Saturday, December 17.

2016 Vocations Drawing Contest. The Office of Vocations is pleased to announce the 2016 Vocations Drawing Contest. This has been a fun and popular event to begin conversations with young people about vocations. Last year we received almost 1,000 drawings!

Drawings will be accepted from students in grades 1-8 in a Catholic school or parish CCD program in the Diocese of Providence. Drawings must be on an 8.5" by 11" sheet of paper and must reflect a priest or a religious sister or brother serving others. Entrant's name, address, telephone number, grade, and school or parish are to be written on the back of each drawing submitted to your teacher or catechist. All entries must be submitted to the Office of Vocations by December 21, 2016. All judging will be done by the staff of the Office of Vocations. Teachers and Catechists: Please submit entries to the Office of Vocations, 485 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Providence, RI 02908.



# 2017 – A Year with Mary our Mother Bishop Tobin has declared 2017 "A Year with Mary our Mother in the Diocese of Providence. The Office of Life and Family

Ministry is pleased to announce that the following 3 events will take place during

the month of January-times when we will focus on our Blessed Mother, the Rosary, and an opportunity to promote and celebrate God's gift of Life!

Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting several parishes in the Diocese of Providence from January 6 to January 31, 2017. All are invited to attend the various Masses, Holy Hours, Presentations and Veneration opportunities during this time. For a schedule of the visits, please visit: www.dioceseofprovidence.org or email: <u>cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org</u> or call Carol Owens at 401-421-7833, ext. 218.

An Invitation to Pray for All Human Life. The Office of Life and Family Ministry is sponsoring the "Annual Respect Life Mass" on Saturday, January 21 at St. Paul Church in Cranston. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant, and Rev. Msgr. Albert A. Kenney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, will be the homilist at the 9:00 am Mass. The Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will remain on the altar during Mass and will be available for veneration at the reception that will immediately follow the Mass. For more information and to RSVP contact Carol Owens, Office of Life and Family Ministry, 401-421-7833, ext. 218.

2017 March for Life. The Office of Life and Family Ministry is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington, DC, for the 44th Annual March for Life. The cost for the overnight ride is \$80 per person. We will be leaving RI on Thursday, January 26, from various locations, beginning at 7:30 pm. This year's trip will take us to the Verizon Center for the Youth Rally and Mass. There will be confession, Rosary, popular Catholic recording artists, presentations, and Mass for Life. For more information and to register, call Carol Owens at 401-421-7833, ext. 218.

# RE News – continued from page 2:

**Christmas Food Baskets** - We are asking the RE students to assist us with items needed for the Christmas Food Baskets that both parishes provide to the needy of Burrillville: grades 1 & 2, turkey gravy; grades 3-6, cranberry sauce; & grades 7-10, boxes of stuffing. Thank for your continued support of this major ministry of both parishes.

Thank You to Tammie Parkhurst and Brenda Blanchette's class (Grades 7 & 8) for making several Christmas ornaments to benefit St. Patrick's Christmas Bazaar. They were **beautiful!** 

Fruit & Nuts - If you are still interested in purchasing fruit & nuts, a variety of products are available. Please call Kerri at St. Patrick's (568-5600) or Judy at St. Joseph's (568-2411) to place your order. Orders may be picked up the following day. 958-page 5

