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**December 18, 2016**

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

Fr. Sheehan, Dennis Auger, and Kerri-Ann Caduto - Coordinators

**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday 5:30 PM**

**Sunday 8:00 AM 11:00 AM**

**Monday & Wednesday 8:00 AM**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday Odd Numbered Months 8:00 AM**

**Saturday 4:00 PM**

**Sunday 9:30 AM**

**Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 AM**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday Even Numbered Months 8:00 AM**

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:**

**Vigil 7:00 PM Holy Day 8:00 AM 7:00 PM See inside for specific locations.**

**NOVENAS:**

**Tuesday 6:00 PM**

**SACRAMENTS:**

**RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) – by appointment OR**

**Saturday after 5:30 PM Mass**

**Saturday 3:15 PM – 3:45 PM**

**BAPTISM:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month; during the 11 AM Mass**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month; during the 9:30 AM Mass**

**Please see Fr. Sheehan after any Mass to start the process.**

**MARRIAGE:**

**Please see Fr. Sheehan after any Mass at least 6 months in advance.**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

**Please call the parish office/rectory.**

**TRUSTEES:**

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**PARISH AUDITORS:**

**Ann J. Fortin, William T. Hunt**

**Marc R. Genereux, Barbara C. Langlois**

## From the Pastor's Desk

### **The Immaculate Conception**

On December 8th we celebrated the Holy Day of Obligation which signifies Mary conceived as free from Original Sin (The Immaculate Conception).

Mary, the Mother of God, and our spiritual mother, plays a very important role in the Incarnation (birth) of Jesus Christ. Her yes to God, via Gabriel the Archangel, is the perfect act of discipleship, which recognizes Mary as Jesus' greatest disciple. In order to fulfill her role as Mother of God, Mary was preserved free of original sin (The Immaculate Conception) in the womb of Ann, her mother.

To become the mother of her Savior, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role" (Vat II, LG 56). The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace" (Lk 1:28). In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne of God's grace.

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854.

The splendor of an entirely unique holiness by which Mary is enriched from the first instant of her conception comes wholly from Christ: she is redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son.

The Fathers of the Eastern Tradition call the Mother of God "the All-Holy" (Panagia) and celebrate her as "free from any stain of original sin, as though fashioned by the Holy Spirit and formed as a new creature" (Vat II, LG 56). By the grace of God, Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long.

May we all seek to follow the example of Mary, in this final week, before we celebrate the Incarnation of Jesus (Christmas). Mary, preserved free from original sin (The Immaculate Conception), has shown us the way to discipleship by her yes to God. "May it be done unto me according to your word" (Lk 1:42).

**In Christ,  
Rev. Peter John Sheehan, Pastor**

**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.**



**Christmas Caroling** – Wednesday, 12/21/2016, 6-7 pm, Overlook Nursing Home. Please join us!

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**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  
**MON** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
**TUE** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38  
**WED** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
**THU** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56  
**FRI** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66  
**SAT** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79  
**SUN** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 (1-5, 9-14)

**Time/Talent/Treasure:** Rejoice! The word became flesh and dwells among us! Oh, come, let us adore Him!

### **Burrillville Catholic Community Christmas Giving Tree Project**

#### **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 to help. **THANK YOU for helping to make a child's Christmas merry!**



### **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.** A notebook may be found at the entrance of each church for this purpose. There will be no RE classes for the remainder of December. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2017. On behalf of Fr. Sheehan, Dennis Auger and Kerri Caduto, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

**Fruit & Nuts** –A variety of products are still available and will be sold after weekend Masses at St. Joseph's Church.

**Catholic Art Calendars** 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.

**Parish Websites** - John Patrick Publishing recently reported the following number of visits to our parish websites during the year 2016:

[www.stjosephri.org](http://www.stjosephri.org) – 32,232

[www.stpatrickri.org](http://www.stpatrickri.org) – 15,892

I am happy to see that so many people are referring to these information-packed websites on a regular basis.

**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 5:30 In Memory of Raymond R. Lanctot  
Dec 17 (16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
by his Family
- Sun 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners of  
Dec 18 St. Joseph's Church
- Sun 11:00 In Memory of Fr. Gabriel Healy  
(1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
by his Nephew Patrick & Kerri
- Mon 8:00 In Memory of Bill Griffin, Sr.  
Dec 19 by Jack Griffin
- Wed 8:00 In Memory of Doris Lemieux  
Dec 21 (25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
by Ron & Pauline Lemieux
- Sat 5:30 Christmas Remembrance for Deceased  
Dec 24 Members of the Walker & Cosetta Families  
by Linda, Paul & Bethany
- Sun 8:00 In Memory of Claire, Raymond R., Paul &  
Dec 25 Raymond A. Lanctot & Earl Fontaine, Sr.  
by their Family
- Sun 11:00 Christmas Remembrance for Deceased  
Members of the Murphy, Clift &  
McCombs Families  
by Judy

The **Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp** will burn this week in memory of deceased members of the **Fortin & Zontek** families.

**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 St. Joseph

9:30 am St. Patrick

11:00 am St. Joseph



**Financial Update**

**12/11/16**

Regular Collection .....	\$2,506.00
Mail In's.....	661.00
Total.....	3,167.00
Monthly.....	176.00
Fuel Collection .....	45.00
Jacob's Gift (Outreach).....	47.00
Candles .....	58.00
Fall Appeal to Date .....	8,299.00
HVAC to Date.....	28,936.00
Christmas Offering.....	70.00
Christmas Flowers.....	203.00
Immaculate Conception.....	202.00
Retired Religious .....	640.00

Due to the early bulletin submission dates associated with the holidays, **financial updates** may not appear on a weekly basis. However, all monies collected will be reported and should be up to date by mid-January.

**This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is the Fuel Offering.**  
**Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is the Christmas Offering.**

**Clarification regarding the Christmas Offering:**  
All money collected via the Christmas offering **remains in the parish's general operating budget.** The Pastor does not receive any portion of this offering. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

**St. Joseph's 2018 Mass Book** 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.

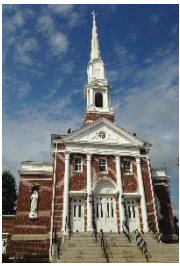
**St. Joseph Church's 50 Club** – Please see page 5.

**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 Rita at 568-7058 or Pauline at 568-5644.

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH**

**Financial Update**

**12/11/16**



**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 4:00 In Memory of James & Evelyn Morrison  
Dec 17 by their Family

Sun 9:30 In Memory of Frank Hauser  
Dec 18 (Christmas Remembrance)  
by his Family

Tue 8:00 In Memory of Lucille Latta  
Dec 20 by her sister Loretta

Thu 8:00 In Memory of Loretta Misiaszek  
Dec 22 by her Family

Sat 4:00 In Memory of Judy and Francis Malley &  
Dec 24 Deirdre Malley Green  
by their Family

Sun 9:30 In Memory of Peter G. & Madeline Coutu  
Dec 25 by their Family



The **Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp** will burn for Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick's Church.

**St. Patrick's 2018 Mass Book** has arrived. Please call the rectory, 568-5600, Mon-Fri, 8 am – 12 pm, if you would like to schedule Masses or reserve the **Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp** in memory of a loved one.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 24, 2016**

- 4:00 pm St. Patrick
- 5:30 pm St. Joseph
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**Sunday, December 25, 2016**

- 8:00 am St. Joseph
- 9:30 am St. Patrick
- 11:00 am St. Joseph



Budget.....	\$1,644.00
Mail Ins.....	1,158.00
Total.....	2,802.00
Food Pantry.....	1,121.00
Christmas Flowers.....	224.00
Building/Maintenance.....	47.00
Immaculate Conception.....	385.00
Christmas.....	90.00
Retired Religious.....	541.00

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**This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for the Building/Maintenance Fund.**  
**Next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is the Christmas Offering.**

**Clarification regarding the Christmas Offering:**  
All money collected via the Christmas offering remains in the parish's general operating budget. The Pastor does not receive any portion of this collection. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

**Christmas Bazaar 2016** – Thank you once again to all who supported our Parish Christmas Bazaar. After expenses, a net profit of \$3,869.27 was realized. Without your support and generosity, this endeavor could not have been achieved! A big thank you to Sandy Houle, who volunteered for the Bazaar and whose name was inadvertently omitted from last week's "Thank You."

**Non-Ambulatory Parking Area** – 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.

**St. Patrick Parish's Chair Lift.** 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.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

**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](http://www.dioceseofprovidence.org) or email: [cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org) 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 44<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Beacon Hospice** provides quality end-of-life care to local terminally ill patients. We are looking for caring and compassionate individuals in your area to spend time with our patients. **Volunteers** can provide much needed support to patients and their families in a variety of ways. There is a free training course, held locally, that is required on what hospice is and how to interact with hospice patients. For more information, interested persons should contact Ashley Toste, Volunteer Coordinator, at 401-438-0008 or via e-mail at [Ashley.Toste@amedisys.com](mailto:Ashley.Toste@amedisys.com).

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**Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for the person who has everything?**

Please consider purchasing a **50 Club** 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!**






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