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December 4, 2016

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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

1st Friday Odd Numbered Months 8:00 AM

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 AM

1st 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:

4th Sunday of each month; during the 11 AM Mass

2nd 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.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Advent (coming)

Advent is the liturgical season of four weeks devoted to preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

The coming to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. God makes everything converge on Christ: all rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant." God announces Jesus through the mouths of prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, God awakens in the hearts of pagans a dim expectation of His 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. John inaugurates the Gospel, already from his mother's (Elizabeth) 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" (Jn 1:29). 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 of 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 John the Baptist's desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (Jn 3:30).

May we all have a holy Advent Season as we prepare to celebrate the Incarnation (birth in the flesh) of Christ at Christmas, Christ's coming into our hearts as we await Christ's final coming in the Parousia, when He will judge the world and all His followers who await Jesus will be one, in the one God.

In Christ,
Rev. Peter John Sheehan, Pastor

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SAT	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
SUN	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
MON	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
TUE	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
WED	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
THU	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
FRI	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
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

Time/Talent/Treasure: Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"



Burrillville Catholic Community Christmas Giving Tree Project:

December 3 & 4 - Deadline for bringing wrapped gifts, with original tags attached to the outside of the gifts, to your respective churches.

St. Joseph's - Please place gifts in the candle room or on one of the side altars.

St. Patrick's - Please place gifts on the left side of the altar.

December 11 - Volunteers are needed to sort gifts following the 9:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's and the 11:00 am Mass at St. Joseph's.

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!**

Thanksgiving Food Basket Distribution Update: A sincere thank you is extended to all parishioners and RE students in grades 1-10 for cash donations and contributions of food items to St. Patrick's Food Pantry for Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Thanks to your generosity, baskets were distributed to **98 families**, ensuring **331 individuals** enjoyed a delicious meal. St. Patrick and St. Joseph parishes split the cost of Brigido gift cards, turkeys, and other staples (muffin mixes, turkey gravy, carrots, rolls, etc.), each contributing \$671.36. A special thank you is also extended to **Lynn & Gary Rousseau** for their ongoing dedication to the Food Pantry.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

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

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. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Kerri (401-568-5600, Monday-Friday, 8 am - 12 pm).

The December 7 class will have an early release time due to the Holy Day of Obligation (The Feast of the Immaculate Conception). Dismissal time for 12/07/16 is 6:45 pm, to allow families to attend the 7 pm vigil Mass at St. Joseph's.

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 Bill, Sr. (26th Anniversary) &
Dec 03 Jane (18th Anniversary) Griffin
by the Griffin Family

Sun 8:00 In Memory of Paul R. Pelletier
Dec 04 (10th Anniversary)
by his wife Donna & Family

Sun 11:00 In Memory of Al Blanchette
(12th Anniversary)
by Annette & Family

Mon 8:00 In Memory of Fr. Gabriel Healy
Dec 05 by his Nephew Patrick & Kerri

Wed 8:00 In Memory of Carol A. Carson
Dec 07 by Jack & Barbara

Wed 7 pm *Immaculate Conception Vigil – St. Joseph*
Special Intention for Rebekah Philbin
by Doris Angell

Thu 8:00 *Immaculate Conception – St. Patrick*

Thu 7 pm *Immaculate Conception – St. Patrick*

Sat 5:30 In Memory of Paul Lanctot
Dec 10 (Birthday Remembrance)
by his Family

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

Sun 11:00 In Memory of Lawrence Flaherty
(12th Anniversary) by his Family

The Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week in memory of **Jane & Bill Griffin, Sr.** by the Griffin Family.

Financial Update

	<u>11/20/16</u>	<u>11/27/16</u>
Regular Collection	\$2,529.50	\$2,636.00
Mail In's	950.00	575.00
Total	\$3,479.50	3,211.00
Monthly	170.00	27.00
Fuel Collection	80.00	739.00
Jacob's Gift (Outreach)	676.00	32.00
Candles	275.00	68.00
Fall Appeal to Date	8,149.00	8,199.00
HVAC to Date	28,726.00	28,796.00
Human Development	13.00	15.00
Christmas Flowers	N/A	136.00
Christmas Offering	N/A	40.00
Military	55.00	N/A
All Souls	10.00	N/A
Thanksgiving	N/A	25.00
All Saints	5.00	N/A

***This week's 2nd collection is the Monthly collection.
Next week's 2nd collection is for the Retired Religious.***

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.

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*



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!***

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.

MAY ETERNAL REST BE GRANTED TO:

Mrs. Annette Bleiweis

Mr. Robert Maynard

Mr. Alan Roy



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 4:00 In Memory of Elizabeth Minutelli
Dec 03 by Elaine Giguere
- Sun 9:30 In Memory of Jeanette Ethier
Dec 04 (Birthday Remembrance)
by George & Linda Wayland
- Tue 8:00 In Memory of Cecile Boucher
Dec 06 (3rd Anniversary)
by George & Marc
- Wed 7 pm Immaculate Conception Vigil – St. Joseph
Dec 07
- Thu 8:00 Immaculate Conception – St. Patrick
Dec 08 In Memory of Clarence Mayer
(Birthday Remembrance)
by his Wife
- Thu 7 pm Immaculate Conception – St. Patrick
In Memory of Roland & Rose Aubin
by Arthur & Alice Aubin
- Sat 4:00 In Memory of Henry Auger, Jr.
Dec 10 (16th Anniversary)
by Dennis & Elaine Auger



The Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp 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.

Financial Update

	<u>11/20/16</u>	<u>11/27/16</u>
Budget	\$1,738.00	\$1,958.00
Mail In's	240.00	177.00
Total Budget	\$1,978.00	\$2,135.00
Bldg./Maintenance	99.00	45.00
Food Pantry	335.00	25.00
Human Development	410.00	12.00
Votive Offerings	N/A	288.00
Cemetery Appeal Fund	N/A	787.00

There is no 2nd collection this week.

Next week's 2nd collection is for the Retired Religious.

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.

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Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:00 pm St. Patrick
5:30 pm St. Joseph
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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.

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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2016

Please see page 5.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

RI Civic Chorale & Orchestra: The 2016-2017 season kicks off with J.S. Bach's beloved **Christmas Oratorio**.

December 3, 7:30 pm

Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence

December 4, 3:00 pm

St. Joseph's Church, Newport

For ticket and subscription prices or other information, please visit www.ricco.org.

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.)

Misery Meets Mercy – When you approach the confessional, know this: that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this font of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls (*Diary of Saint Faustina, #1602*). 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.

Youth Ministry. Thank you to all who participated in this year's diocesan mission week events featuring our national guest presenter **Jackie Francois Angel**. We had a wonderful time welcoming Jackie to the Diocese of Providence. Stay tuned for updates about next year's events! To see a video of Jackie performing Matt Maher's "Lord, I Need You" at Friday's middle school conference, visit the Catholic Youth Ministry Facebook page.

From Page 2:

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.

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.

From Page 4:

ST. PATRICK'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Patrick's Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday, 12/02, from 4:00-7:00 pm; Saturday, 12/03, from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm; and Sunday, 12/04, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Mickey G's will be here on **Friday, 12/02**. Food will be available from 4:30-7:00 pm. **Roger's Kitchen** will be available on **Saturday, 12/03, and Sunday, 12/04**. The menu will include hot dogs, meatball subs, dynamites, and much more.

The Christmas Bazaar Committee is also **seeking volunteers to assist in cleaning, setting up, and breaking down**. Confirmation students who need to fulfill community service hours are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. If you'd like to offer your time and talents, please call Kerri (568-5600).

Baked goods are also being requested for the Baked Goods Table. All items may be dropped off at the rectory on **Thursday, 12/01, until 12 noon and on Friday, 12/02, from 8:00 am on.**

Tickets for a Cash Raffle will be available after Masses at the entrance of the church. **Ticket prices are: \$2 for a single ticket; \$5 for 3 tickets; \$10 for 7 tickets. Please help support this major fundraiser for the parish by purchasing a ticket(s) to ensure a successful event!**




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