

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Cycle A**

**February 5, 2017**

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

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**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:**

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.

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## From the Pastor's Desk

### Jesus Christ: The Light of the World

Creation is the foundation of all God's saving plans, the beginning of the history of salvation that culminates in Christ. The mystery of Christ casts conclusive light on the mystery of creation and reveals the end for which "in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Gen 1:1): from the beginning, God envisaged the glory of the new creation in Christ. Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

The *Presentation of Jesus in the Temple* (celebrated this past Thursday) shows Him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord (Lk 2:22-29). With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its encounter with the Savior. Jesus is recognized as the long expected Messiah, the "light to the nations" and the "glory of Israel", but also "a sign of contradiction." The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ's perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation God has prepared in the presence of all peoples.

"Christ is the light of humanity, and it is accordingly, the heartfelt desire of this sacred Council, being gathered together in the Holy Spirit, that, by proclaiming His Gospel to every creature, it may bring to all humankind that light of Christ which shines out visible from the Church (Vat II, LG-1:Mk 16:15). These words open the Second Vatican Council's *Dogmatic Constitution of the Church*. By choosing this starting point, the Council demonstrates that the article of faith about the Church depends entirely on the articles concerning Christ Jesus. The Church has no other light than Christ's; according to a favorite image by Church Fathers, the Church is like a moon, all its light reflected from the sun (Jesus-The Light of the World).

We too are called to reflect the light of Christ Jesus. In baptism the *candle* lit from the Easter Candle (*Paschal Candle*), signifies that Christ has enlightened the *neophyte* (newly baptized). In Christ the baptized are "the light of the world" (Mt 5:14, Phil 2:15).

The social duty of Christians is to respect and awaken in humanity the love of the true and the good. It requires us to make known the one Savior, and proper worship of Him in the one true religion which subsists in the Catholic and apostolic Church. Christians are called to be the light of the world. Thus, the Church shows forth the Kingship of Christ over all creation and in particular over human societies.

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

**Time/Talent/Treasure** — Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew

breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?

### Scripture Readings for the Week 0

SAT	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
SUN	Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
MON	Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
TUE	Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
WED	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
THU	Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
FRI	Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
SAT	Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
SUN	Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 (20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37)

### **2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL**

#### **"Faith and Good Works"**

Once again, the **Catholic Charity Appeal for 2017** is fast approaching! Many parishioners have received a mailing from Bishop Tobin requesting your support of this Appeal that serves the needs of many individuals and families in Rhode Island who experience hardships.

No matter where you turn, you will find someone who will benefit from your kindness and generosity. Whether your gift is twenty-five cents or twenty-five hundred dollars, it is all appreciated and needed. Ninety-two cents of every dollar raised by the Catholic Charity appeal goes directly to those in need. **Please be assured that your Parish will receive credit for the gift that you make through the mail, an online credit/debit payment, or the upcoming in-pew solicitation scheduled in March.**

***Please consider making a donation in support of the 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal!***

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

**Reminder** - If your child is a member of St. Joseph's or St. Patrick's religious education program and in grade 1 & 2 or 9 & 10, they must sign in each week at Mass.

**First Holy Communion Date Change** – The date has been changed to **Sunday, May 21, at the 9:30 am Mass at St. Patrick Church.** The new **First Holy Communion rehearsal dates are Wednesday, May 10, and Wednesday, May 17, at St. Patrick Church—at 6 pm on both days.**

**Confirmation Date** – Our 10<sup>th</sup> grade Candidates will be Confirmed on **Saturday, May 6, at 1:00 pm, at St. Joseph Church.**

**Rehearsal for Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, at 6:00 pm, at St. Joseph Church.**

**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 Dr. John Payne**  
Feb 04 by Barbara & Jack
- Sun 8:00 In Memory of Charles Hoppe**  
Feb 05 (63rd Anniversary)  
by his Family
- Sun 11:00 In Memory of Kevin Thatcher**  
(6th Anniversary)  
by his Family
- Mon 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners**  
Feb 06 of St. Joseph's Church
- Wed 8:00 In Memory of Fr. Gabriel Healy**  
Feb 08 by his Nephew Patrick & Kerri
- Sat 5:30 In Memory of Salvatore & Stella Saccoccio**  
Feb 11 by their Daughter Carol
- Sun 8:00 In Memory of Joan Riley Greenleaf**  
Feb 12 by her Family
- Sun 11:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners**  
of St. Joseph's Church



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

**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.

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**01/29/2017**

Regular Collection .....	\$2,026.00
Mail In's.....	\$1,080.00
Total.....	\$3,106.00
Monthly.....	\$87.00
Fuel Collection.....	\$147.00
Jacob's Gift (Parish Outreach).....	\$24.00
Candles .....	\$31.00
Fall Appeal to Date.....	\$8,624.00
HVAC to Date.....	\$29,376.00
Religious Retirement .....	\$10.00
Church in Latin America .....	\$295.00

This week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is the **Monthly Parish Collection.**

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

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.

**Snow Removal:** Volunteers are always needed to assist Fr. Sheehan in clearing the snow and ice from church steps and sidewalks, rectory steps and walkways, sidewalks, and walkways to/from the parking lot. Please see page 1 for the Mass schedule, and call the rectory (401-568-2411) Mon-Thu, 9 am – 5 pm or speak with Fr. Sheehan after any Mass if you are interested in lending a helping hand.

**St. Joseph's 50 Club:** Tickets are \$50 each and include 20 weekly drawings of \$25 for all paid-to-date tickets. **Please be sure to stop in the vestibule of the church after Mass to purchase your ticket(s) or to make a payment.** 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. **Thank you for supporting this major parish fundraiser!**

**Congratulations:**

**Week 3 Ticket #18 Bonnie Charpentier**

**St. Joseph's Church – continued on page 5**



**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 For Living & Deceased Parishioners  
Feb 04 of St. Patrick's Church**

**Sun 9:30 In Memory of Peter G. &  
Feb 05 Madeline Coutu  
by their Family**

**Tue 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners  
Feb 07 of St. Patrick's Parish**

**Thu 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners  
Feb 09 of St. Patrick's Parish**

**Sat 4:00 In Memory of Ann Kapitulik  
Feb 11 (Birthday Remembrance)  
by her Family**

**Sun 9:30 In Memory of Dr. Ernest J. Smith, Jr.  
Feb 12 by his Family**



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

**St. Patrick's 2018 Mass Book** - 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.

Regular Collection.....	\$1,612.00
Mail In's .....	\$442.00
Total .....	\$2,054.00
Votive Offerings.....	\$273.00
Catholic University.....	\$15.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$293.00

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

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

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.

**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 COSTS:</b>	<b>\$27,285.00</b>
Donation:	( 5,000.00)
	\$22,285.00
Building/Maintenance to Date	(10,692.00)
Balance remaining:	\$11,593.00

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

**St. Patrick's Cemetery – Pre-Arrangement**

The numerous decisions to be made following the death of a loved one can prove burdensome, especially in planning a funeral and burial in a short span of time. Please consider pre-arrangement to ease the burden in the midst of grief.

The following is a current price list of cemetery plots:

Single Grave	\$ 950.00
2 Burial Plots	1,700.00
3 Burial Plots	2,500.00
4 Burial Plots	3,300.00

For further information regarding the purchase of cemetery burial plots in advance, please call the rectory (Mon-Fri, 8:00 am–12:00 pm; 401-568-5600).

**St. Joseph's 50 Club.** Please join your sister parish for a delicious meal on June 2, 2017, at the Village Haven. Cost of ticket (\$50) includes 20 weekly drawings of \$25 each; and cash prizes on the night of the dinner. Tickets available at St. Patrick's Rectory (568-5600) or at St. Joseph's Rectory (568-2411). 958-page 4

## **AROUND THE DIOCESE**



### **2017 – A Year with Mary our Mother.**

Bishop Tobin has declared 2017 “A Year with Mary our Mother in the Diocese of Providence”. During the month of January we encourage you to focus on our Blessed Mother, the Rosary, and an opportunity to promote and celebrate God’s gift of Life!

**Catholic Athletic League (CAL)** – School and parish registrations for the CAL spring sports (soccer and volleyball) will begin soon. Please refer to the new CAL website for details: [www.calsportsri.org](http://www.calsportsri.org).

**Multi-Parish Gathered Thematic Retreats** - A reminder that the Office of Catholic Youth Ministry is accepting registrations for multi-parish gathered thematic retreats through March, 2017. Please call the Office at 401-278-4626 for more information or visit <https://catholicyouthri.com/multiparish-gathered-thematic-retreats>.

### **Eucharistic Ministers Needed at R.I.**

**Hospital** – If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC), we are in need of your help at R.I. Hospital to administer Holy Communion to the Catholic patients. You may choose the day and time of your ministry. Training is held at the Hospital. If you feel called to a ministry of compassion and comfort to our sick brothers and sisters, please call Caroline Vierra at 401-444-7644.



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**‘Keep the Heat On’** is a heating assistance program of last resort for those individuals who have exhausted all other public and private means of assistance. Since it was established in 2005, the program has raised and provided more than \$2.45 million in heating

If you would like to help local families this winter, please send tax-deductible donations to: Keep the Heat On, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903. A text donation of \$10 can also be made by texting the word HEAT to 27722 or a \$25 donation by texting the word HEATRI to 27722. If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please visit the web site [www.heatri.com](http://www.heatri.com) or call (401) 421-7833 for additional information.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal.** Join Bishop Thomas J. Tobin on a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal commemorating the **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Marian Apparitions in Fatima, Portugal.** The Diocese of Providence is sponsoring the nine-day pilgrimage that **departs from Boston on August 10, 2017 and returns August 19, 2017.** For further details or to RSVP, please contact Touring International at 1-800-975-1761.

### **St. Joseph’s Church – continued from page 3**

**Boy Scouts – Troop 100** – Scouting is a wonderful experience for young men and boys. They are taught respect for our country, nature, and each other. They also learn important life lessons, including the importance of volunteering their time and energy to help others. Please join us for **Scout Sunday on February 5<sup>th</sup> at the 11 am Mass at St. Joseph’s Church.**

If you are in possession of an American flag that needs to be retired, we ask that you bring it with you on this day. The Troop will be holding a formal flag retiring ceremony on a camp-out weekend at Buck Hill Campground in March.

If you know someone who would benefit from the Boy Scout experience, please contact Rick Lacouture via telephone at 401-651-9829 or via e-mail at [rick.lacouture@verizon.net](mailto:rick.lacouture@verizon.net) or Scott Terranova at 860-336-1815 or [scottterranova@yahoo.com](mailto:scottterranova@yahoo.com).

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