

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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January 1, 2017

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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:

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.

TRUSTEES:

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Holy Mary, Mother of God

Called in the Gospels “the mother of Jesus”, Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, “the mother of my Lord” (Lk 1:43). In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father’s eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence, the Church confesses that Mary is truly “Mother of God” [Theotokos-God Bearer/Council of Ephesus (431 AD)].

The Nestorian heresy regarded Christ as a human person joined to the divine person of God’s Son. Opposing this heresy, St. Cyril of Alexandria and the third ecumenical council at Ephesus in 431 confessed “that the Word, uniting himself in his person the flesh animated by a rational soul, became man” (Council of Ephesus [431] DS 250).

The council of Ephesus proclaimed in 431 that Mary truly became the Mother of God by the human conception of the Son of God in her womb: “Mother of God, not that the nature of the Word or his divinity received the beginning of its existence from the holy Virgin, but that, since the holy body, animated by a rational soul, which the Word of God united to himself according to the hypostasis, was born from her, the Word is said to be born according to the flesh” (Council of Ephesus: DS 251).

The deepening of faith in the virginal motherhood led the Church to confess Mary’s real and perpetual virginity even in the act of giving birth to the Son of God made man. In fact, Christ’s birth “did not diminish his mother’s virginal integrity but sanctified it” (Vat II, LG 57). And so the liturgy of the Church celebrates Mary as Aeiparthenos, the “Ever Virgin.”

Against this doctrine the objection is sometimes raised that the Bible mentions brothers and sisters of Jesus (Mk 3:31-35). The Church has always understood these passages as not referring to other children of the Virgin Mary. In fact James and Joseph, “brothers of Jesus”, are the sons of another Mary, a disciple of Christ, whom St. Matthew calls “the other Mary” (Mt 13:55). They are close relatives to Jesus, according to an Old Testament expression” (Gen 13:8; Gen 14:16).

Jesus is Mary’s only son, but her spiritual motherhood extends to all men and women whom indeed he came to save: “The Son whom she brought forth is he whom God placed as the first-born among many brethren, that is, the faithful in whose generation and formulation she cooperates with a mother’s love” (Vat II, LG63).

Happy New Year as we celebrate Mary as Mother of God (Theotokos) and Ever-Virgin (Aeiparthenos).

Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us!

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



SAT 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
SUN Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
MON 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
TUE 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
WED 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
THU 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a
FRI 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
SAT 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11
SUN Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Time/Talent/Treasure: Having found the Infant Jesus, the shepherds returned to their work, “glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.” We, too, have seen and celebrated the mystery of the Word made flesh. Will we follow their example when we return to work tomorrow?

Rectory Closures – Both rectories will be **closed on Monday, January 2, 2017**, in observance of the New Year’s holiday.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

Reminder: RE classes will resume on **Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at 6 pm.**

Caroling: On Wednesday, December 21, Fr. Sheehan, Religious Education students, and parishioners sang Christmas carols for the residents of Overlook Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. There were plenty of smiles, tears of joy, and Christmas cheer!



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 Tylor Bernard
Dec 31 by his Grandparents
- Sun 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners of
Jan 01 St. Joseph's Church
- Sun 11:00 In Memory of Helen F. Fortin
(Birthday Remembrance)
by her Family
- Mon 8:00 For Living & Deceased Parishioners of
Jan 02 St. Joseph's Church
- Wed 8:00 In Memory of Arline O'Rourke
Jan 04 by her Family
- Fri 8:00 First Friday – St. Joseph's
Jan 06 For Living & Deceased Parishioners of
St. Joseph's Church
- Sat 5:30 In Memory of Arthur Houle, Sr.
Jan 07 (5th Anniversary)
by his Wife & Family
- Sun 8:00 In Memory of George F. Hoppe
Jan 08 (23rd Anniversary)
by his Family
- Sun 11:00 In Memory of Frank & Bob Rambone
by the Rambone & Gonyea Families



The Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week in memory of **Weston & Sandra Wicklund** by Mary & Family.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

12/18/2016

Regular Collection.....	\$1,735.00
Mail In's	\$314.00
Total	\$2,049.00
Monthly.....	\$25.00
Fuel Collection	\$462.00
Jacob's Gift (Outreach).....	\$74.00
Candles.....	\$79.00
Fall Appeal to Date.....	\$8,349.00
HVAC to Date	\$28,956.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$69.00
Retired Religious	\$35.00

This week's 2nd collection is for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Next week's 2nd collection is the Monthly Parish collection.

Financial Updates - 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.

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 50 Club: 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!**

Snow Removal: Following any snowstorm, volunteers are needed to assist Fr. Sheehan and Paul Cosetta clear the snow 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 see Fr. Sheehan after any Mass if you are interested in lending a helping hand. **THANK YOU to Father and Paul for your tireless efforts to keep our parishioners safe in the ice and snow!!**

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.

HVAC Donors 10/11/2016 to Date – See Page 5.

12/18/16



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 Tylor Bernard
Dec 31 by his Grandparents
- Sun 9:30 In Memory of Stanislaus & Antonia
Jan 01 Kraunelis
by their Family
- Tue 8:00 For Living & Deceased Members of
Jan 03 the Rosary & Altar Society
- Thu 8:00 In Memory of Cecile O'Keefe
Jan 05 by Loretta Mayer
- Fri 8:00 First Friday – St. Joseph's
Jan 06
- Sat 4:00 In Memory of Frank Bradshaw
Jan 07 by his Wife & Family
- Sun 9:30 For Living & Deceased Parishioners
Jan 08 of St. Patrick's Parish

Budget.....	\$1,612.00
Mail Ins.....	\$415.00
Total.....	\$2,027.00
Building/Maintenance.....	\$638.00
Christmas Offering	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$12.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$25.00
Retired Religious	\$130.00

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This week's 2nd collection is for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Next week's 2nd 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.

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.



The **Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp** will burn this week in memory of **Norman Gaucher**.

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. 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: 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 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA PORTUGAL

Join Bishop Thomas J. Tobin on a pilgrimage to Fatima Portugal commemorating the **100th 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.

Informational meetings on the pilgrimage will be held on the following dates:

Saturday, January 14, 2017 @ 1:00pm

St. Philip Parish
School Library
622 Putnam Pike
Greenville, RI 02828

Saturday, January 28, 2017 @1:00pm

St. Elizabeth Church
Church Hall
577 Wood St.
Bristol, RI 02809

Catholic Youth Ministry Award Nominations –

Nominations are open for the **2017 Diocese of Providence Catholic Youth Ministry Awards.** Please consider nominating someone you know who has made a difference in the lives of youth as we recognize outstanding young people in our communities and the adults who work with them. **The deadline to nominate a young person or adult is January 27.** Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will preside over the awards celebration on Sunday, March 12, at 1 pm in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. Please visit <https://catholicyouthri.com/> for more information and nomination forms.

St. Joseph’s HVAC Donors– from page 3

HVAC Donors (10/11/2016 to Date)

In Memory of:

Carol A. Carson: The Griffin Family; Barbara Lataille

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The Bill Griffin, Jr. Family: Anonymous

The Moore Family: Anonymous

Marie & Margaret Moore: Barbara Lataille

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