

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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May 7, 2017

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Fr. Varghese; Dennis Auger, MA, Director; and Kerri-Ann Caduto, Coordinator

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 call the rectory to start the process.

MARRIAGE:

Please call the rectory at least 6 months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please call the parish office/rectory.

TRUSTEES:

Michael Franklin, Mitchell Parkhurst

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**Linda J. Cosetta, John Griffin,
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Ann J. Fortin, William T. Hunt

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PASTOR'S LETTER

It is great to see the beautiful spring weather finally here! With spring now in full swing the activity in the parish begins to pick up again (before it slows down for the summer). This month we are celebrating Confirmation (May 6) and First Holy Communion (May 21), two of the highlights of the calendar. Our teachers and students have been working especially hard preparing for these momentous events.

To quote a wise priest, "May their First Communion not be their last communion." One of the concerns I have as Administrator of this parish (and the concerns of pastors in every parish) is the inconsistent and laissez-faire attitude that is so prevalent today regarding Sunday Mass attendance. Studies show that only 15-20% of Catholics attend Mass regularly in the United States (the percentage is much lower in Canada and Europe). There are a number of reasons for this decline. I believe we have lost a sense of obligation and duty to worship God over the last several decades. Coupled with the increase in secularism, the problem will only worsen before it improves.

How do we solve this problem? Well, I, for one, don't have all the answers, but I think the solution begins on a local level with our families. The reality is that evangelization is everyone's business. It is our duty to "plant seeds", inviting those who have fallen away to come back to Mass. Furthermore, we need to improve our catechesis (church-wide) of the beautiful truths of our Faith, especially to our young people. If people truly knew what it is that we believe and receive at Mass, our churches would be packed every week. Ultimately, vibrancy does not stem from social programs alone, but begins with our personal commitment to loving Christ, our neighbor, and making the regular practice of our faith (as so many of you do already) a priority!

*Have a good week, and God bless.
Fr. Varghese*

Time/Talent/Treasure: The bishops' pastoral on stewardship remind us, "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."

Budget Envelopes - If you attend Mass at your sister parish (i.e., St. Patrick's parishioners who attend Mass at St. Joseph Church and St. Joseph's parishioners who attend Mass at St. Patrick Church), please be sure to use your budget envelope to ensure your generous offering is credited to the parish where you are registered. If you forgot your budget envelope, please use an envelope provided in the pew and be sure to write your parish's name on the outside of the envelope. If you are not currently registered and wish to officially join either parish, please call the appropriate

rectory (St. Patrick, 568-5600, or St. Joseph, 568-2411). Thank you.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Adults: With whom do I sense resentment or bad will? Am I open to reconcile with that person?

Children: Do I know that no matter how many times I have done wrong God will give me another chance?

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SAT	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
SUN	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10
MON	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
TUE	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
WED	Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
THU	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
FRI	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
SAT	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
SUN	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12



Pro-Life Rose Sale, to help **the Mother of Life Center**, will be held after all Masses on **Sat., May 13 and Sun., May 14**. The cost will be \$3 per rose. All proceeds will benefit the Catholic, pro-life counseling services provided free to women who come to the Center's offices. Thank you for your generous support.

Religious Education (RE)

All grade 2 students are required to sign in each week at Mass.

As our year comes to a close I'd like to thank all the Students and Parents of St. Patrick and St. Joseph Churches who participated in our combined **2016-2017 Religious Education Program**.

A sincere **THANK YOU** to our volunteer Religious Education teachers: Kathy Gagnon, Holly Picard, Claire Bynum, Ann-Marie Farrell, Kimberley Poirier, Scott Blanchette, Barbara Langlois, Muriel Kogut, Roger Johnson, Claire Howe, Bethany Cosetta, Tammie Parkhurst, Brenda Blanchette, Erin Lafauci, and Karen Round. Without their time and dedication, our program would not exist. Their time and talents are very much appreciated.

Rehearsal for First Holy Communion will be held on Wednesday, **May 10th and May 17th** at 6:00 pm at St. Patrick's Church. **First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 21st, at the 9:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's Church.** The students should arrive at the Church for 8:30 am.

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 1:00 CONFIRMATION
May 06 St. Joseph's Church (with Bishop Evans)

- Sat 5:30 In Memory Deanne Holland (3rd Anniversary)
May 06 by her Family

- Sun 8:00 In Memory of John Orlando
May 07 (2nd Anniversary)
by his Wife & Family

- Sun 11:00 In Memory of William Cree (5th Anniversary)
by his wife Jane

- Mon 8:00 In Memory of Ronald Lavoie
May 08 by Ron & Pauline Lemieux

- Wed 8:00 In Memory of Fr. Gabriel Healy
May 10 by his Nephew Patrick & Kerri

- Sat 5:30 Mother's Day Remembrance for the Deceased
May 13 Mothers of the Walker & Cosetta Families
by Linda, Paul & Bethany

- Sun 8:00 Mother's Day Remembrance for
May 14 Claire Lanctot
by her Family

- Sun 11:00 Mother's Day Remembrance for Deceased
Mothers of the Zontek & Fortin Families
by their Family



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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

04/30/2017

Regular Collection	\$1,713.00
Mail Ins	\$548.00
Total	\$2,261.00
Monthly	\$362.60
Jacob's Gift/Parish Outreach.....	\$23.00
Candles.....	\$29.00
CCA to Date (per Diocesan Report)	\$11,584.00
Easter CCA	\$10.00
Rice Bowl	\$15.00
Mothers' Day Novena.....	\$239.00
Fuel Collection	\$82.00

This week's 2nd collection is the **Monthly Parish Collection.**

You may place your **Mother's Day Novena** envelope in any collection basket.

Mini-Splits Update

Total Cost:.....	\$49,590.22
To-Date Donations:	-34,306.00
Balance Remaining:	\$15,284.22

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. **Thank you for your generosity.**

2017 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL (CCA)
"Faith and Good Works"

NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL.
CCA envelopes will be available next to the weekly bulletins for the duration of the Appeal.

2017 Parish Goal	\$16,800.00
Amount raised through Week 9*	\$11,584.00 (69%)

*As reported by the Diocese's 2017 Parish Donor Report. (Does not include the Easter Collection.)

"For it is in giving that we receive."
St. Francis of Assisi

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.

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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

FINANCIAL UPDATE

04/30/2017



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 1:00 CONFIRMATION
- May 06 St. Joseph's Church (with Bishop Evans)

- Sat 4:00 In Memory of Walter Anderberg
(36th Anniversary)
by his Family

- Sun 9:30 In Memory of Theresa Corrente
May 07 (3rd Anniversary)
by her Family

- Tue 8:00 In Memory of Juliette Bouvier
May 09 by Dennis & Elaine Auger

- Thu 8:00 In Memory of Maggie Tempest
May 11 by her Sisters

- Sat 4:00 In Memory of Joseph Menard
May 13 (3rd Anniversary)
by his Family

- Sun 9:30 In Memory of the Deceased Members of
May 14 the Arruda & Pedro Families
by their Family

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
TOTAL COST:	\$27,285.00
Donation:	(5,000.00)
	\$22,285.00
Building/Maintenance to Date	(13,179.00)
Balance remaining:	\$ 9,106.00

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

Regular Collection	\$2,229.00
Mail Ins	\$295.00
Total Budget	\$2,524.00
Building/Maintenance	\$1.00
Candles.....	\$356.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
CCA to Date (per Diocesan Report).....	\$10,356.00

*There is no 2nd collection this week. 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.**

2017 Catholic Charity Appeal
"Faith and Good Works"

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40

Thank you to those who have generously made a gift to the **2017 Catholic Charity Appeal**. **To date our Parish has raised \$10,356.00.** This represents approximately **61%** of our goal. *Our new Parish goal is \$17,000.00* – a goal that can only be achieved with your sacrificial help and support. If you have not made a gift to this year's Appeal, **it is not too late!** Please consider pledging your support to this worthwhile endeavor. All gifts regardless of size help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals. **Please make checks payable to Catholic Charity Fund or you may donate online by visiting www.providencediocese.org.**

If you would like to schedule **Masses** in 2017 or 2018 or reserve the **Sanctuary-Tabernacle Lamp** in memory of a loved one, please call the rectory, Mon-Fri, 8 am – 12 pm, 568-5600.



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

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AROUND THE DIOCESE



Blessing of the Bikes - Fr. Varghese will be holding the "Blessing of ALL Bikes" Saturday, May 13th, at 1:00 PM in St. Eugene Church's parking lot. Anyone who would like to have his/her motorcycle blessed before heading out

for warm summer riding should stop by. Don't forget to tell all your friends about this important event so that they also will have a safe ride for the summer.

The United States Postal Service Annual Food Drive

will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Please place food donations by your mail receptacle to be picked up by your mail carrier. All food collected in Pascoag and Harrisville is donated to St. Patrick's Food Pantry for the benefit of the needy in our area.



To Love and to Cherish – The Office of Life and Family is offering a program for Catholic marriages, *To Love and To Cherish*, designed to enrich/strengthen marriages. This free program provides topics/discussions in a sharing group environment for married couples. It will be presented on **Wednesdays, May 17**

through June 14, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Saint Catherine Church, upper back entrance, 3252 Post Rd., Warwick. For registration, contact: Peter Magnotta at 421-7833, ext. 217. (Please note: This program is not for marriage counseling).

SUNDAY SMILE



While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

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St. Joseph's 50 Club: Guest dinner tickets for the 50 Club will be available in the coming weeks. The cost per guest will be \$20.00. 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.

Congratulations:

Week 16 **Ticket # 57** **Sr. Eleanor Little**
Thank you for supporting this major parish fundraiser!

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The Ann Rivet Walk for Hunger Update:

This year's Walk for Hunger raised a total of \$1,821.00, which will benefit the St. Patrick Food Pantry. Many thanks for the continued support and generosity of St. Patrick and St. Joseph parishioners.

"DID YOU KNOW?"

Parishioners at St. Patrick's have established the **St. Patrick's Activities Committee** which is already hard at work on making plans for parish events and activities through the end of 2017.

Planning is underway for a parish yard sale, summer picnic, dinner/dance, a new and improved Christmas Bazaar, and more!

Make sure you're in the know on these and other upcoming activities by writing to **stpatrickactivities@gmail.com** to add your e-mail address to our mailing list.

We look forward to hearing from you.



St. Patrick Church's Summer Yard Sale

Saturday, June 17th

Rain date: June 24th

Cleaning your closets to make way for Spring? Please consider putting some gently used (or unused) items aside for our upcoming parish yard sale. More details to follow, so be sure to stay informed about this and other St. Patrick's happenings by signing up for our email list at **stpatrickactivities@gmail.com**. **If you would like to arrange a time to drop off items, please call Linda Coutu at 568-3893 or Jen Bergin at 527-9355. Please be sure to leave a message with a phone number and your call will be returned as soon as possible.**

Many Thanks!

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