

ST. JOSEPH & ST. PATRICK ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 5, 2020



“Look, I say, at the border of this mirror, that is, the poverty of Him Who was placed in a manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes. O marvelous humility! O astonishing poverty! The King of angels, the Lord of heaven and earth, *is laid in a manger!* Then reflect upon, at the surface of the mirror, the holy humility, at least the blessed poverty, the untold labors and punishments that He endured for the redemption of the whole human race. Finally contemplate, in the depth of this same mirror, the ineffable charity that He chose to suffer on the tree of the Cross and to die there the most shameful kind of death.”

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI, “THE FOURTH LETTER TO AGNES OF PRAGUE,” 56.

PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Reading an article in the National Catholic Register, Patti reminds us that God does use all things for our good. She states: "We are living in a time that most of us probably never imagined could really happen — not just the pandemic, but Masses shutting down around the world. Yet God can use all things for good for those who love him (Romans 8:28). Let us use this as a time to grow closer to him and to bear fruit through increasing our prayers and sacrifices for our own good and the good of the world." (Patti Armstrong, Register Correspondent, "10 Things to Do Until Public Masses Return"). Remember, from the crucifixion came the Resurrection!

As we enter into the Holiest Week of the Liturgical Year, let us not become lazy in our spiritual lives, rather let us all the more practice our faith with those around us. On the last page of the bulletin, Patti offers 10 things we can do until public Masses return.

This weekend we enter into Jerusalem with Jesus. "Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest." During these days we focus more directly on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. Let our hearts all the more long for Christ who is the Light of the World and the one who takes away our sins. "By His wounds we are healed" (Isiah 53:5). His journey into Jerusalem reveals the Father's saving will for all humanity through His only Begotten Son.

This week Jesus institutes the Sacrament of the Eucharist and washes His disciples' feet on Holy Thursday (4/9). To wash away the sins of the world, He sheds His Blood by being scourged, nailed to a Cross and dies on Good Friday (4/10). On the third day, the first day of the week, He Rose from the dead! Let us not give into fear during this time of pandemic. Let our hearts and minds enter into Christ's victory, trusting that He will bring us through these days. Persevere in prayer. You are all kept in my daily prayers.

There are many helpful resources available online for all the faithful to continue to keep connected to the Mass and devotional life. I pray you know the support of Mother Church during these stressful times.

Since last week, all non-sacramental grades (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8) for religious education are cancelled. For the sacramental grades (1 & 2, 9 & 10) online resources and email assignments have been implemented. Thank you

parents for your extended time in instructing your children about the faith and preparing them to receive God's grace through the Sacraments. Please contact me by phone 401-568-2411 or by email if you have any questions.

The Spring Dinner Dance sponsored by Saint Patrick Church has been postponed due to the social restrictions in place for the coronavirus. The rescheduled day is Saturday, June 20, 2020.

During Holy Week, please seek out a live streamed broadcast of the Triduum. Here is a link to help guide you: <https://www.dioceseofprovidence.org/news/fyi-television-masses>

"Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Amen" Collect of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Holy Week Blessings,
Father Scott

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
TUE	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
WED	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
THU	Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
FRI	Is 52:13 — 53: 12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
SAT	a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; b) Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 i) Mt 28:1-10
SUN	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



The **MISSION** of the parish communities of Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick is to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel."
Our **VISION**: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all

to experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material and emotional needs of our greater community.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Apr 04 Sat** **Vigil Mass - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
In Memory of William Gonyea
by his Wife & Family
- Apr 05 Sun** **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
In Memory of Louis A. Venancio
(19th Anniversary)
by his Wife & Daughter
- Apr 06 Mon** Intention of the Priest
- Apr 08 Wed** Intention of the Priest
- Apr 09 Thu** Holy Thursday
- Apr 10 Fri** **Friday of the Passion of the Lord**

Stations of the Cross –
- Apr 11 Sat** Holy Saturday
- Apr 12 Sun** **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
In Memory of Mary "Hope" Murphy
(20th Anniversary)
by her Family

SANCTUARY/TABERNACLE LAMP will burn this week in memory of **Deceased Members of the Clift, McCombs and Murphy Families.**

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – Workshops have been suspended until further notice.

FINANCIAL NOTICE

Even though public Masses have been suspended in the Diocese of Providence until further notice, please know you may still support your parish via Parish Giving online as well as mailing your weekly budget directly to the parish. *Due to current circumstances, financial information will be published in future bulletins.*

Each week, our parish requires a **minimum Total Operating Revenue 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.

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This Week	Catholic Relief Services (Operation Rice Bowl)
April 10	Holy Land – Good Friday
April 12	Easter Offering – for Catholic Charities
April 19	Monthly Parish Collection
April 26	Fuel Collection

SAVE THE DATES

Sat, 06/06/2020	20-Week Club Sponsored by St. Joseph Church	The Village Haven Restaurant
Sat, 06/20/2020 RESCHEDULED	Spring Dinner Dance Sponsored by St. Patrick Church	St. Patrick Church Hall

20-WEEK CLUB, Sponsored by St. Joseph Church (formerly known as the 50 Club) tickets are still available! The cost for tickets remains \$50.00 each. Twenty (20) weekly drawings and dinner at the Village Haven in Forestdale on Saturday, June 6, 2020 are included.

Congratulations to:

Week #11 Winner: Judy Murphy Ticket #: 7



Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong, before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departed souls - pray for me. Amen.

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In Memory of Ann Rivet (27th Anniversary)
by her Family
- Apr 05 Sun** **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
In Memory of Sandy Houle (Birthday Remembrance)
by her Husband
- Apr 07 Tue** **In Memory of Raymond Bedard**
by his Sister, Loretta
- Apr 09 Thu** **Holy Thursday**
No 8:00 AM Mass at St. Patrick Church
- Apr 10 Fri** **Friday of the Passion of the Lord**
- Stations of the Cross –**
- Apr 11 Sat** **Holy Saturday**
- Apr 12 Sun** **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
Intention of the Priest

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Mini-Splits Update

Total Cost	\$27,285.00
To-Date Donations**	\$25,820.00
Remaining Balance	\$ 1,465.00

****Donations to help defray the cost of the mini-splits are still being accepted. If you choose to make a donation, please specify on the envelope that your gift is for HVAC.**

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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Apr 10	Holy Land – Good Friday
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Apr 19	Building & Maintenance Fund

SAVE THE DATES

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Sat 06/20/2020 RESCHEDULED	Spring Dinner Dance Sponsored by St. Patrick Church	St. Patrick Church Hall

SPRING DINNER DANCE – Sponsored by St. Patrick's Church has been **POSTPONED** and rescheduled for Saturday, June 20th, 2020. More information to come. If you have any questions, please call the rectory, Mon-Fri, 8 am – 12 pm, 401-568-5600.



Christ be with us, Christ before us,
Christ behind us,
Christ in us, Christ beneath us, Christ above us,
Christ on our right, Christ on our left,
Christ where we lie, Christ where we sit,
Christ where we arise,

Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of us,
Christ in every eye that sees us,
Christ in every ear that hears us.
Salvation is of the Lord,
Salvation is of the Christ,
May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.
(SAINT PATRICK, IRELAND, 5TH CENT., ALT.)

10 THINGS YOU SHOULD DO UNTIL PUBLIC MASSES RETURN

NCR, [Patti Armstrong](#) BLOGS | MAR. 17, 2020

1. Watch or listen to the Mass. EWTN broadcasts it daily, live at 8 a.m. Eastern. You can watch on TV or <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>. Find EWTN on your local cable/satellite provider **Cox Communications** – **Cable:**Eternal Word Television NetworkChannel 022 or **Verizon Fios Providence - Digital** Eternal Word Television NetworkChannel 285 or <https://www.ewtn.com/radio/schedule> to find their radio schedule.

In the **Diocese of Providence** go to <https://www.dioceseofprovidence.org/news/fyi-television-masses>

2. Read the daily Mass readings at <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings>.

3. Read *Magnificat*. Temporarily, are available for free as a service to the Church (<https://us.magnificat.net/free>). This resource offers spiritual inspiration and the Mass readings and is also available in *Spanish* (<https://latina.magnificat.net/gratis>).

4. Pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, two of our most powerful prayers after the Mass.

5. Make a *Spiritual communion* in your own words, or use this prayer written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

How do I make a Spiritual Communion?

Below are recommendations for how to make a ‘spiritual communion’ when unable to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. These are only recommendations and can always be adapted based upon personal needs.

- Gather with others in your household and begin a time of prayer with the sign of the cross.
- Take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. The readings are available at uscgb.org and a Sunday Gospel reflection can be found at the same website or during Lent at dioceseofprovidence.org
- Share prayer intentions quietly or aloud.
- Pray the Lord’s Prayer.
- Pray one of the following prayers of spiritual communion

- Close with the sign of the cross.

6. Go to adoration and make a Holy Hour at Saint Philip Church in Greenville. Or go to [Online Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration](#) for a listing of 13 chapels that broadcast adoration 24/7: <https://virtualadoration.home.blog/>.

7. Pray to [Our Lady Help of the Sick](#) for all those who have contracted the coronavirus and those who will in the future and a *novena* to Our Lady of Monte Berico, for protection against it.

8. Develop a devotion to the dying to help escort them safely into the arms of Jesus. The whole reason Masses are getting suspended is due to the risk of death. Venerable Sister Mary Potter (1847-1913) promoted devotion to the dying in her book *Devotion to the Dying: Mary’s Call to Her Loving Children*. She wrote that we *must* pray for the salvation of dying sinners and that those graces will return to our own loved ones when they are dying: “How pleasing this devotion is to Our Lord, who is Love Incarnate, and to Our Lady, who is the Spouse of the Holy Spirit! The saints tell us that we can do nothing more charitable than pray and offer sacrifices for the dying. They are on the threshold of eternity; the state in which they die will determine their eternity; for ‘in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be’ (Ecclesiastes 11:3).”

9. Watch “[The Veil Removed](#)” to deepen your appreciation of the Mass. This five-minute video removes the veil of this world to reveal the supernatural celebration of the Eucharist depicted in Revelation and given to us by Jesus at the Last Supper.

10. Open your Bible and read it.

Prayer for Healing from Coronavirus -Pope Francis –

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus’ pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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