



ADVENT WREATH

3rd Candle (pink) – The Shepard Candle or Candle of JOY

The angels sang a message of Joy! (Luke 2:7-15)

*3rd Sunday of Advent
Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday
December 17, 2017*

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PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Families of Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick,

Rejoice!

The Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally known as *Gaudete* Sunday.

Rejoice is the first word of the antiphon at the Introit. We rejoice in the expectation for the Lord's birth and Second Coming. Let us all rejoice this Sunday and week as we near the celebration of Christ, who was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Thank you all for your generous support of the second collection last weekend. This collection supports all those who dedicated their lives in a religious community. Let us keep them in our prayers.

Also, thank you all for your generosity to the Giving Tree this year. It is a beautiful witness of the generosity of the members of Saint Patrick and Saint Joseph Parish.

I look forward to our 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Masses next weekend. Since Christmas falls on a Monday this year, please attend one Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent and one Mass for Christmas. See the Christmas schedule on this page.

Congratulations to all our Confirmation Candidates who went through the Rite of Enrollment. We look forward to the day of your Confirmation in May 2018.

Many blessings and prayers for all of you this week. May the Advent Season prepare us as we approach the Christmas Season. May the Lord grant us the grace to recognize Jesus as the Savior of the World.

Sincerely in the Advent of Christ,

Father Scott

Time/Talent/Treasure: A blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SAT Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

SUN Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

MON Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

TUE Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

WED Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

THU Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

FRI 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

SAT Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14;

Lk 1:57-66

SUN 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



Legion of Mary - Our Blessed Mother needs your help. Please consider Her Legion here at our parish.

Our Legion meetings are held on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in St. Joseph Church Hall.

We look forward to seeing you. Come to see if the Lord is calling you to support our

parishes with your talents, prayers and presence through the Legion of Mary. If you have any questions, you may contact Father Scott at 401-568-2411 or Alice at 401-722-6388.

Confessions – St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's parishioners are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph's Church on Monday, December 18, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

Christmas 2017 Mass Schedule

Sun, Dec 24	4 pm	St. Patrick's
Sun, Dec 24	10 pm	St. Joseph's
Mon, Dec 25	8 am	St. Joseph's
Mon, Dec 25	9:30 am	St. Patrick's

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

RE Family Catechesis Class - Many thanks to the families who participated in our Advent Family Catechesis Class. The children and parents made beautiful Advent wreaths to begin the Advent season. A **sincere Thank You** is extended to Father Scott, who prepared this class for our religious education families to enjoy!

Reminder: 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.

No RE classes for the remainder of December.

Classes will resume on **Wednesday, January 3, 2018.**

Retirement Fund for Religious – A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.



A **bracelet** was found on or near the sidewalk between St. Joseph's Church and the former FHC School. If you lost it, please call the rectory (568-2411) Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm to identify/claim it.

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

- Dec 16 In Memory of Bill, Sr. (27th Anniversary)
Sat 5:30 & Jane Griffin (19th Anniversary)
by their Family
- Dec 17 *Third Sunday of Advent*
Sun 8:00 In Memory of Raymond R. Lanctot
(17th Anniversary)
by his Family
- 11:00 Intention of the Priest
- Dec 18 In Memory of Bill Griffin, Sr.
Mon 8:00 (Birthday Remembrance)
by Jack Griffin
- Dec 20 In Memory of Doris Lemieux
Wed 8:00 (27th Anniversary)
by Ron & Pauline
- Dec 23 *St. John of Kanty, Priest*
Sat 5:30 Christmas Remembrance for the Walker
& Cosetta Families
by Linda, Paul & Bethany
- Dec 24 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
Sun 8:00 In Memory of James Clark
by Barbara Gieseke
- 11:00 In Memory of Deceased Members of the
Zontek & Fortin Families
by their Family
- 4:00 pm *Christmas Vigil at St. Patrick's*
- 10:00 pm *Christmas Mass at Night – St. Joseph's*
- Dec 25 *Christmas Mass at Dawn*
Mon 8:00 In Memory of Christina Walling (Birthday
Remembrance) by the Garrepy Family
- 9:30 *Christmas Mass at Day-St. Patrick's*

The Sanctuary/Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Bill, Sr. and Jane Griffin by their Family.

FINANCIAL UPDATE - 12/10/2017

Regular Collection	\$1,514.00
Mail Ins	\$55.00
Total	\$1,569.00
Monthly.....	\$60.00
Jacob's Gift.....	\$14.00
Candles.....	\$20.00
Annual Fall Appeal.....	\$475.00
HVAC	\$420.00
Christmas Flowers	\$110.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$284.00
Christmas Offering	\$5.00
Retired Religious.....	\$366.00

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.**

This week's 2nd collection is the Fuel Offering. You may place your Christmas flowers envelope in any collection.

Mini-Splits Update

Total Cost:	\$49,590.22
To-Date Donations**:	\$38, 146.22
Balance Remaining:	\$11,444.00

****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 since those funds are "restricted" and therefore not subject to the Diocesan assessment.**



The Giving Tree: **Thank you** to all individuals and families who selected tags and delivered gifts to the church or rectory for distribution to area children.

Volunteers are needed on December 17 to sort the gifts following the 11:00 Mass. Please call the rectory in advance if you wish to help sort the gifts.

Distribution will take place at both churches on **December 18th** between 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm.

St. Joseph's 50 Club – Tickets are now available after Masses. Or, you may call the rectory (401-568-2411) Mon-Thu, 9 am – 5 pm. *Looking for a Christmas gift for someone who seems to have everything?* Weekly drawings will start during the last week of January, 2018. Paid-to-date tickets are eligible. The dinner is scheduled for June 16, 2018, at the Village Haven and will feature 7 cash prizes. Thank you for supporting this major parish fundraiser.

If anyone is interested in purchasing a **St. Patrick Lottery Calendar**, they are available at St. Joseph's rectory through December 31st. All cash prizes will be drawn during the month of January. Best of Luck! 958-page 3

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

- Dec 16 **In Memory of Timothy J. Wood**
Sat 4:00 by his Mom, Dad & Family

- Dec 17 *Third Sunday of Advent*
Sun 9:30 **In Memory of Leo & Anna Jolly**
 by their Family

- Dec 19 **In Memory of Henry Auger, Jr.**
Tue 8:00 (17th Anniversary)
 by Dennis & Elaine Auger

- Dec 21 *St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor*
Thu 8:00 *of the Church*
 In Memory of Loretta Misiaszek
 by her Family

- Dec 23 *St. John of Kanty, Priest*
Sat 4:00 **In Memory of Linda Lee**
 (6th Anniversary)
 by her Mom & Family

- Dec 24 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
Sun 9:30 **In Memory of Peter G. & Madeline Coutu**
 by their Family

- 4:00 pm *Christmas Vigil at St. Patrick's*
 In Memory of Judy & Francis Malley &
 Deirdre Malley-Green by their Family

- 10:00 pm *Christmas Mass at Night – St. Joseph's*

- Dec 25 *Christmas Mass at Dawn-St. Joseph's Church*
Mon 8:00

- 9:30 *Christmas Mass during the Day-St. Patrick's*
 In Memory of Jackie Blanchard
 (Christmas Remembrance) by Sis & Johnny

The Sanctuary/Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week in memory of Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick's Church.

FINANCIAL UPDATE – 12/10/2017

Regular Collection	\$1,702.00
Mail In's	\$543.00
Total	\$2,245.00
Food Pantry	\$391.00
Annual Appeal.....	\$400.00
Christmas Flowers	\$90.00
Christmas Offering	\$5.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$285.00
Retired Religious.....	\$332.00

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.**

This week's 2nd collection is for the Building & Maintenance Fund.

You may place your Christmas flowers envelope in any collection.

Mini-Splits Update

Total Cost:.....	\$27,285.00
To-Date Donations**:.....	\$23,393.00
Balance Remaining:.....	\$3,892.00

****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.**

St. Patrick's Lottery Calendar: Lottery calendars continue to be available through December 31st. As of December 12th, we have sold 107 tickets! Let's see if we can reach our goal of 200 which would net a profit of \$1,000. These great stocking stuffers and Secret Santa gifts are available after all the Masses this weekend as well as at the rectory. **THANK YOU** to all and best of luck!

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 contribution of food items to St. Patrick's Food Pantry for Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Thanks to your generosity, baskets were distributed to 85 families, ensuring 272 individuals enjoyed a delicious meal. A special thank you is also extended to Lynn & Gary Rousseau for their ongoing dedication to the food pantry.*



The Giving Tree: **Thank you** to all individuals and families who selected tags and delivered gifts to the church or rectory for distribution to area children. **On December 17th,** volunteers are needed to **sort** the gifts following the 9:30 Mass. **Distribution** will take place at both churches **on December 18th** between 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm.



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St. Patrick's Bazaar, 2017 was a tremendous success! Mr. & Mrs. Claus were a delightful addition to this fun family weekend event.

Attendees enjoyed chowder & clam cakes, a penny social and major raffles consisting of beautiful handmade baskets. A couple of vendors displayed their wares for early Christmas shopping. We hope everyone who attended this special event had as much fun as the elves do at Santa's Workshop! St. Patrick's Parish was able to make over \$3,000 from this wonderful community event.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

The Office of Life and Family is offering a special [Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Support group](#), "Coping with the Holidays," at St. Lucy Church, 909 West Main Rd, Middletown on [12/18/17, 7:00-8:30 p.m.](#) This group is free and most appropriate for adults at least three months beyond their loss. As you know, the holidays can be a time of great sorrow and apprehension for those who have lost a loved one. Many struggle with great pain, loss, emptiness, apprehension, and countless other difficult thoughts and emotions, but with support and God's love and grace, those who are grieving can begin to have healing and establish healthy ways to cope during the holidays and in their journey of grief. This is also a wonderful opportunity to offer parish-based support to our communities. If you have any questions about the [Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Support Program](#), please call 401-421-7833, extension 217.

Welcome New and Returning Parishioners!



There's an old saying that goes, "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic." Maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, but now you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church. Listen to that tug.

It's your Heavenly Father reaching His arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, hoping to draw you home (source: www.catholicscomehome.org). If you wish to join (or rejoin) St. Joseph's or St. Patrick's Parish, please introduce yourself to Fr. Scott after any Mass. He will guide you through the registration process.

Invitation to Worship - The following ad will appear in the next 2 editions of the Burrillville and Glocester editions of the [Bargain Buyer](#). In addition, the (Woonsocket) [Call](#) has agreed to feature this information on the Religion/Faith page, in the Community Calendar, and to possibly feature some of the information as a press release. The Mass schedule will also appear in the next edition of the [RI Catholic](#). Please extend an invitation to your family and friends who may be visiting for Christmas or who may be wanting to return to the Catholic Church.



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St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church

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The parish communities of St. Joseph (Pascoag) and St. Patrick (Harrisville) welcome the new residents to Burrillville and invite you to join current and former parishioners and visitors to celebrate Christmas Mass with us. For those Catholics who have been away from the Church, regardless of why you left or got out of the habit of going to Mass, you can always come home and return to the practice of the Sacraments and the fullness of a relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church He founded. We hope you accept this invitation to rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith.

Rev. Scott J. Carpentier, Pastor

Confession Schedule:

St. Joseph, Pascoag

Monday, 12/18/17, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

St. Patrick, Harrisville

Saturday, 12/23/17, 3:15 – 3:45 pm

St. Joseph's Christmas Masses:

Sunday, 24 December, 10:00 pm

Monday, 25 December, 8:00 am

St. Patrick's Christmas Masses:

Sunday, 24 December, 4:00 pm

Monday, 25 December, 9:30 am

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