



*“So, the shepherds went in haste and found
Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger.”
(Luke 2:16)*

***THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
December 31, 2017***

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PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick Families,

Happy New Year's Eve!

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this Sunday, may we pray for each member of our families. May the life of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph inspire us to live holy lives beginning within our families.

As we continue to celebrate Christmas, let us give thanks to God for giving us the greatest gift of His Son, the Word who became flesh and dwells among us, Emmanuel, which means God, with us.

On January 1, 2018, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This year it does not have the status of a Holy Day of Obligation, but I invite you to join us at Mass at 8 am at Saint Joseph Church to celebrate this beautiful Solemnity of Our Lady to begin the new year.

Next weekend (6th & 7th) we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, when the wise men came from afar to see the fulfillment of the promised King. Let us all become more aware in heart, mind, body and soul of the reality of God's plan to be with us in Jesus.

On behalf of myself, the staff and volunteers of Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick Parishes, we offer our prayers to all of you for a blessed and faithful New Year. Happy New Year!

Peace and Blessings,
Father Scott

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?



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- SAT 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10;
Lk 2:36-40
- SUN Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3;
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
- MON Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21
- TUE 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Jn 1:19-28
- WED 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6;
Jn 1:29-34
- THU 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42
- FRI 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5;
Jn 1:43-51
- SAT 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
Mk 1:7-11
- SUN Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



Legion of Mary - Our Blessed Mother needs your help. Please consider joining our Legion of Mary meetings. Thus far we have had 6 Legion of Mary meetings. After discussion, we have decided to change the meeting day. **Our meetings, therefore, will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Church Hall (in the former Religious Ed Office) beginning Wednesday, December 27.** If we can answer any of your questions, you may contact Father Scott at 401-568-2411 or Alice at 401-722-5388.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

Reminder: There are No RE classes for the remainder of December. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

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 30 Sat 5:30 *6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*

In Memory of Russell Tucker (Birthday Rememb. & 3rd Anniversary)
by Doug, Ann Marie & Families

Dec 31 Sun 8:00 *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*
For Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph's Church

11:00 **Special Intention: Health for Jimmy**
by Ray & Odete McMahon

Jan 01 Mon 8:00 *The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*
For Living & Deceased Pilgrims to St. Theresa's Shrine
by Sister Grace

Jan 03 Wed 8:00 *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*
In Memory of Arline O'Rourke & Vincent E. O'Rourke, Jr.
by their Family

Jan 05 Fri 8:00 *St. John Neumann, Bishop*
FIRST FRIDAY – ST. JOSEPH'S
Special Intention for Rebeckah Philbin
by Memere Angell

Jan 06 Sat 5:00 *St. Andre Bessette, Religious*
In Memory of Arthur Houle, Sr. (6th Anniversary)
by his Wife & Family

Jan 07 Sun 8:00 *The Epiphany of the Lord*
In Memory of George F. Hoppe (24th Anniversary)
by his Family

11:00 **In Memory of Paul Cote & Paul Cagnon (Birthday Remembrances)**
by Richard Cagnon



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

The financial updates for 12/24/17 and 12/31/17 will appear in the 01/07/2018 bulletin.

*There is no 2nd collection this week. Next week's 2nd collection is the **monthly Parish Collection.***

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.**

Mini-Splits Update

Total Cost:\$49,590.22
To-Date Donations:\$38, 166.22**
Balance Remaining:\$11,424.00

****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.**

St. Joseph's 50 Club – Tickets will once again be available after Masses beginning January 6/7. Or, you may call the rectory (401-568-2411) Mon-Thu, 9 am – 5 pm.



Weekly drawings will start during the last week of January, 2018. Paid-to-date ticket holders are eligible for weekly drawings. 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.

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 30 *6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*
- Sat 4:00 In Memory of Frank Bradshaw
(Birthday Remembrance)
by his Wife & Family

- Dec 31 *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*
- Sun 9:30 In Memory of Tylor Bernard
by his Grandparents, Ken & Carol Lewin

- Jan 02 *SS. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church*
- Tue 8:00 For Living & Deceased Pilgrims to St. Theresa's Shrine
by Sister Grace

- Jan 04 *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*
- Thu 8:00 For Deceased Members of the Rosary & Altar Society

- Jan 05 *St. John Neumann, Bishop*
- Fri 8:00 *FIRST FRIDAY – ST. JOSEPH'S*

- Jan 06 *St. Andre Bessette, Religious*
- Sat 4:00 For Deceased Members of St. Patrick Parish

- Jan 07 *The Epiphany of the Lord*
- Sun 9:30 In Memory of Stanislaus & Antonia Kraunelis
by their Family

The Sanctuary/Tabernacle Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Norman Gaucher.

The financial updates for 12/24/17 and 12/31/17 will appear in the 01/07/2018 bulletin.

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.

Mini-Splits Update

Total Cost: \$27,285.00
To-Date Donations** : \$23,403.00
Balance Remaining: \$3,882.00

****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.**

Christmas Food Baskets: A sincere thank you is extended to all parishioners and RE students in grades 1-10 for cash donations and contributions of food items to St. Patrick's Food Pantry for Christmas Food Baskets. Thanks to your generosity, **baskets were distributed to 85 families; ensuring 278 individuals enjoyed a delicious meal.** A special thank you is also extended to Lynn & Gary Rousseau for their ongoing dedication to the Food Pantry.



Christmas Giving Tree 2017: **THANK YOU** to all **Parishioners** of St. Patrick and St. Joseph parishes who took tags, purchased gifts, and returned gifts on the dates requested. As a result of your support and generosity, **gifts were distributed to 36 families, with a total of 93 children.**

Thank you also to all **Volunteers** who assisted in sorting and distributing the gifts at St. Patrick and St. Joseph parishes.

Special thanks are extended to **Karen Genereux** for coordinating and organizing this year's Christmas Giving Tree Project.

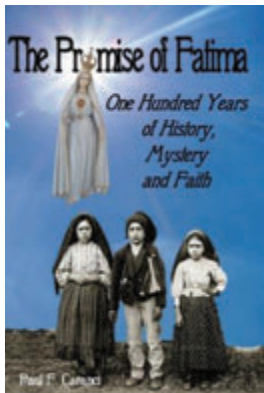
St. Patrick's Lottery Calendar: Lottery calendars continue to be available through December 31. As of December 18, we've sold 159—only 41 more to reach our goal of 200! Calendars are available at the entrance of St. Patrick's Church, or call the rectory (401-568-5600, Mon-Fri, 8 am – 12 pm). Drawings begin January 1, and winners will be announced in the bulletin. **THANK YOU** to all.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe: The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be visiting many parishes in the Diocese of Providence **from January 6 to January 29, 2018.** 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 401.421-7833.218.

“An Invitation to Pray for All Human Life”: The Office of Life and Family Ministry will sponsor the “Annual Respect Life Mass” on **Saturday, January 13, 2018** at St. Paul Church in Cranston. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and homilist. 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 R.S.V.P. contact: Carol Owens, Office of Life Family Ministry at 401.421-7833.218.

“2018 MARCH FOR LIFE”: The Office of Life and Family Ministry will be sponsoring a bus trip to Washington DC for the Annual March for Life on the 45th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion. The cost for the overnight ride is \$83.00 per person and will leave R.I. on **Thursday, January 18.** This year’s trip will take us to the Capital One Arena for the Youth Rally and Mass. There will be confession, Rosary, popular Catholic recording artists, presentations and a Mass for Life. For more information and to register, contact Carol Owens at 401.421-7833.218.



YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW THE STORY OF FATIMA!

The Promise of Fatima, a new book by local historian/author Paul Caranci, (member of St. Augustine Church, Providence) retells the story of Our Lady’s appearances to the children of Fatima, Portugal, like never before, providing a day-by-day, hour-by-hour account of all the major events with a unique

perspective and the benefit of 100 years of history. You’ll cry and rejoice as this story transforms your life. There’s no better way to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady’s deliverance of the Promise of Fatima!

Paul Caranci has generously offered to donate 50% of the retail price. For every book purchased, \$10.00 will go to the Mother of Life Center. Purchase your copy now for just \$20.00.

The Promise of Fatima makes a perfect gift for that special someone!

There are 25 copies available, and they can be picked up here at the Center at 400 Atwells Ave. Providence, RI. Epiphany is a nice time to give this book to a loved one. If you’re not in a rush, orders can be placed which will arrive in about 2 weeks.

Call 401-421-0820 to reserve your book now. Payment can be made over the phone with credit card or by check, made out to the Mother of Life Center.

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.

Mass for the Memorial of Saint Brother Andre Bessette

On **Saturday, January 6, 2018,** a 10 am a bilingual

(French & English) Mass will be celebrated in observance of the Memorial of Saint Brother Andre Bessette (1845-1937). “Le frere Andre” or “Brother Andre” is known as the founder of Saint Joseph’s Oratory in Montreal. He was,



above all else, a friend of the sick and the poor. Inspired by Saint Joseph, his chosen patron, he worked tirelessly to bring healing and comfort to the afflicted. He was canonized in 2010. The Mass will be celebrated at Saint Joseph’s Church, 35 Hamilton Street, Worcester, MA. Veneration of the relic of Brother Andre will conclude the liturgy. A reception will follow. All are welcome.

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