

**ST. JOSEPH & ST. PATRICK
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES**



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 5, 2020

PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year!

As we entered this new year we celebrated the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. May we entrust our worries and joys, our families and our parish communities to her intercession as we continue our journey of faith as disciples of Christ her Son.

The Christmas season continues as we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. "EPIPHANY", which in the original Greek signifies appearance or manifestation, as St. Austin observed, is a festival principally solemnized in honor of the discovery Jesus Christ made of Himself to the Magi, or wise men; who, soon after His birth, by a particular inspiration of Almighty God, came to adore Him and bring Him presents. Two other manifestations of our Lord are jointly commemorated on this day in the office of the church: that at His baptism (cf. Mark 1:9-11), when the Holy Ghost descended on Him in the visible form of a dove, and a voice from Heaven was heard at the same time: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." The third manifestation was that of His divine power at the performance of His first miracle, the changing of water into wine, at the marriage at Cana (cf. John 2:1-11), "by which he manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him." "Upon so many accounts ought this festival to challenge a more than ordinary regard and veneration; but from none more than us Gentiles, who, in the persons of the wise men, our first-fruits and forerunners, were on this day called to the faith and worship of the true God."

(<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/epiphany-of-the-lord-417>, scripture references added)

When the Lord manifests Himself to each of us in His Word, Sacred Scripture, in the Sacraments or in private or communal prayers, i.e. meditation or at Mass, how do we react or respond to this

manifestation? The Lord grants us grace to recognize His presence during our journey of faith. Let us open our hearts and minds to these grace-inspired moments. God is with us!

"May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, pour out his blessings in abundance and keep you safe from harm through the year. Amen." (Solemn Blessings at the beginning of the year, Roman Missal)

Sincerely in the Birth of Christ,

Father Scott

TIME/TALENT/TREASURE – The three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- MON 1 Jn 3:22–4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- TUE 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8;
Mk 6:34-44
- WED 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52
- THU 1 Jn 4:19–5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22
- FRI 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
Lk 5:12-16
- SAT 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b;
Jn 3:22-30
- SUN Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10;
Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



Mission Statement – As a Christian Faith Community, we the People of St. Joseph’s 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

Jan 04 **Vigil Mass; The Epiphany of the Lord**
 Sat 5:30 In Memory of Weston Wicklund
 (8th Anniversary)
 by his Wife Mary & Family

Jan 05 **The Epiphany of the Lord**
 Sun 8:00 In Memory of George F. Hoppe
 (26th Anniversary)
 by his Family

Jan 06 **St. Andre Bessette, Religious**
 Mon 8:00 Intention of the Priest

Jan 08
 Wed 8:00 Intention of the Priest

Jan 11 **Vigil Mass; The Baptism of the Lord**
 Sat 5:30 In Memory of Arthur Houle, Sr.
 (8th Anniversary)
 by his Wife & Family

Jan 12 **The Baptism of the Lord**
 Sun 8:00 Intention of the Priest



SANCTUARY/TABERNACLE LAMP
 will burn this week in memory of **Deceased**
Parishioners of St. Joseph Church.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY – January’s workshop will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 10 am in St. Patrick’s rectory. Thereafter, the workshops will resume on the 1st Wednesday of each month at the same location. Fr. Scott will bless the prayer shawls on Saturday, January 11, 2020, at the 4 pm and 5:30 pm Masses. For more information, call Pauline Prew at 401-568-5644.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	12/22/19
Regular Collection	\$2,464.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 385.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 215.46
Monthly	\$ 234.15
Fuel	\$ 169.75
Annual Collection	\$ 715.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 90.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 22.00
Holy Days	\$ 24.27
Total Operating	\$4,319.63
Retired Religious	\$ 43.37

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.

The **2021 Mass Book** is in!
 Call the rectory (Mon-Thu, 9 am – 5 pm, 568-2411) to book Masses and/or the Sanctuary/Tabernacle Lamp in memory of your loved ones.
 Weekend Masses and Lamp: \$25 Weekday Masses: \$10

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

January 5	Monthly Parish Collection
January 12	Fuel Offering
January 19	Catholic University
January 26	Church in Latin America

SAVE THE DATES

Fri, 02/21/2020	BINGO (Steubenville East Fundraiser)	St. Joseph Church Hall
Sun, 03/15/2020	Rite of Enrollment	St. Patrick Church 10 am Mass
Sun, 03/15/2020	St. Patrick & St. Joseph Feast Day Celebrations	St. Patrick Church Hall following 10 am Mass
Fri, 06/06/2020	20-Week Club sponsored by St. Joseph Church	The Village Haven Restaurant

20-WEEK CLUB, sponsored by St. Joseph Church (formerly known as the 50 Club) tickets are now available! The cost for tickets to this night of food and fellowship remains \$50.00 each. Twenty (20) weekly drawings and dinner at the Village Haven in Forestdale in June, 2020, are included.

The 1st weekly drawing is scheduled for January 20, 2020. All paid-to-date ticket holders are eligible to win the weekly drawings.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH



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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 04 Vigil Mass; The Epiphany of the Lord
Sat 4:00 Intention of the Priest

Jan 05 The Epiphany of the Lord
Sun 10:00 In Memory of Ann Gauvin
(2nd Anniversary)
by her Husband & Family

Jan 07 St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest
Tue 8:00 In Memory of Florence LeDuc
by Arthur & Alice Aubin

Jan 09 In Memory of Albert & Richard Lozeau
Thu 8:00 by Arthur & Alice Aubin

Jan 11 Vigil Mass; The Baptism of the Lord
Sat 4:00 In Memory of Edythe St. Sauveur
(1st Anniversary)
by her Sister Elaine & Family

Jan 12 The Baptism of the Lord
Sun 10:00 In Memory of Florence LeDuc
(Birthday Remembrance)
by Renay & Todd



SANCTUARY/TABERNACLE LAMP
will burn this week in loving memory of **Norman Gaucher** (fulfillment of request of **December 15 Sanctuary Lamp**).

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	12/22/19
Regular Collection	\$1,659.00
Mail Ins	\$ 230.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 76.99
Christmas	\$ 80.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 10.00
Building & Maintenance	\$ 49.37
Annual Appeal	\$ 380.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 45.00
Total Operating	\$2,530.36
Food Pantry	\$ 65.00

Each week, our parish requires a **minimum Total Operating Revenue of \$2,820.00** 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	\$27,285.00
To-Date Donations**	\$25,585.00
Remaining Balance	\$ 1,700.00

**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.

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January 5	Building & Maintenance Fund
January 19	Catholic University
January 26	Church in Latin America

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AROUND THE DIOCESE & ELSEWHERE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM – For the 15th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus Museum, 1 State Street, New Haven, CT, is displaying artistic representations of the birth of Jesus at the center of its Christmas exhibition. The show, *Christmas in Europe*, will be on view to February 2, 2020. The exhibition features more than 80 items, some from the Museum's own collection. Highlights include Szopki from Krakow, a large Neapolitan creche to be viewed at 360 degrees, and a German Christmas Market. The Museum is open daily from 10 am to 5 pm, with free admission and parking. For more information or to schedule a group visit, go to www.kofcmuseum.org or call 203-865-0400.

GLORIFY - All teens, young adults and families are invited to join us for "Glorify" on Monday, January 6th, 2020 at the Rejoice in Hope Youth Center on Dyer Avenue in Cranston from 7 pm – 9 pm. "Glorify" is centered around Eucharistic Adoration with engaging faith-filled music. Each "Glorify" evening has a unique theme, music, guest speaker, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and culminates with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Our January Presenter is Carol Owens, Office of Life and Family Ministry with the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

THE MISSIONARY IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE will be visiting various parishes throughout the Diocese of Providence from January 10 to February 3.

Schedule of participating parishes will be available January 3 on the diocesan website, www.dioceseofprovidence.org.

You may also contact the Respect Life Office for the schedule at 278-2518 or by email cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org.

THE ANNUAL RESPECT FOR LIFE MASS will be celebrated on Saturday, January 18 at 9:00 am in the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul in Providence. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the main celebrant and Rev. Nathan J. Ricci, Assistant Chancellor, will be the homilist for the Mass. A reception with refreshments will follow the Mass in Cathedral Hall. The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be on the altar for veneration during Mass. Everyone is invited to attend. Please let us know if you are attending the reception following the Mass, call 278-2518 or email: cowens@dioceseofprovidence.org.

3RD ANNUAL DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY –

Plans have begun for the 3rd Annual Diocesan Youth Day, scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2020; Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Cumberland, RI. 2020's theme is "Empowered", with National Presenter Cooper Ray, who is becoming one of today's more popular and sought after speaker, worship leader, and

retreat facilitator. Through music, story, humor, and audience participation, Cooper leads groups of all ages to a greater awareness of who they are as Catholic Christians and how to recognize God's presence in their lives.

The Office of Catholic Youth Ministry welcomes all to join the planning committee. A general committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 6:15 pm – 7:45 pm; Rejoice in Hope Youth Center, Cranston.

Subcommittees will include:

- Rituals: Prayer, Worship, Sacraments
- Faith Formation & Service
- Interaction & Activities
- Logistics & Site Management
- Promotions, Funding & Development

For more information,

email youthministry@dioceseofprovidence.org or call 401-278-4626.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Give your spouse a special gift this Christmas by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 18-19, 2020 in BREWSTER, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

CATHOLIC PILRIMAGES WITH DAILY MASS TO FATIMA, LOURDES, SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA AND BARCELONA;

April 21 - May 3, 2020, \$3699 per person, and to **OBERRAMMERGAU** for the Passion Play performed only every 10 years with **SWITZERLAND** and **AUSTRIA**, September 8 - 19, 2020, \$5299 per person. Pilgrimages include airfare, all sightseeing, breakfast and dinner daily.

For a Flyer or more detailed information, please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

Come to **WORLD YOUTH DAY 2022** in Lisbon with Rhode Island Deanery VIII and JMJ Youth Pilgrimages. Since 1993, JMJ Youth has crafted a unique approach to evangelization to help young people open their hearts to the Grace of God on pilgrimage! Walk with Our Lady in Lourdes and Fatima, and encounter our Holy Father and hundreds of thousands of young people in Lisbon.

An informational meeting took place on Tuesday, November 26th at Saint Philip School Peter's Place. Please contact Father Scott Carpentier at frscottjcarpentier@cox.net or Melissa Roberts at youth@saintphilip.com with any questions.