

TRI-PARISHES

SAINT PATRICK
400 Dudley Street

SAINT PETER
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HOLY FAMILY
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 22 2019

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*Behold, the virgin shall
conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him
Emmanuel, which means
"God is with us."*

Matthew 1:23



FR. JOHN CURRIE, PASTOR

Welcome! We wish to extend a warm welcome to all guests and parishioners of the Tri-Parishes. We are delighted that you have come to worship with us, and we very much hope you feel at home here.

MASS SCHEDULE

SAINT PATRICK

Saturday: 6:00 pm (Cape Verdean)
Sunday: 9:30 am (Cape Verdean)
9:30 am Children's (CV)
10:45 am (English)
12:00 noon (Spanish)
Monday - Friday: 6:00 pm

SAINT PETER

Saturday: 4:00 pm (English)
Sunday: 9:00 am (English)
11:00 am (Portuguese)

HOLY FAMILY

Sunday: 10:00 am (English)
11:00 am (Spanish)

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. John A. Currie, Pastor
 Rev. John Bolduc, SM, Cap,
 Rev. Samuel Gomes, OFM Cap
 Sr. Christine Smith, SBS, Pastoral Associate
 Ms. Tiffany R. Sawyer M.Ed., School Principal
 Mr. Richard Gribaudo, Business Manager
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 Rev. Ed Sheehan, SM, Senior Priest in Residence

BAPTISMS

St. Patrick: Third Saturday of the Month
 St. Peter: Second Sunday of the Month
 Holy Family: First Sunday of the Month
 Please call 617-445-7645 To Register

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY IN ENGLISH:

Couples wishing to be married should contact
 Fr. Currie 6 months prior to the date requested.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Patrick: Sunday after the 10:45 Mass
 St. Peters: prior to the 4:00pm Mass and
 Anytime by appointment.

Sacramental & First Communion Classes at

Sundays Jan 12th & 26th 10:00 am

Rectory followed by 10:45 am English Mass

New students are welcome to join us in the New
 Year.

contact Sr. Christine @ 617-442-0980 for info.

ST. PETERS MASS INTENTION

Saturday— 4pm Mass—Jack Paula 5yr
 Olinda Paula 15yrs & Jack Paula Jr. 46yr

Sunday —9am Mass Iva Miranda Month Anniversary.

RCIA: Any adult wishing Baptism or Confirmation
 should contact Sr. Christine @ 617-442-0980

ROSARY: Third Sunday of the Month after the
 10:45am Mass at St. Patrick

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR: First Thursday of the
 Month, 6:30pm

BIBLE STUDY: Mondays, 6:30pm at St. Patrick's Con-
 vent

SOCIAL SUNDAY: First Sunday of the Month

1000 CLUB: Last Sunday of Month at 12:30pm

TWL (Those with Leisure): closed for the holidays

Contact: Sr. Christine Smith @ 617-442-0980 for
 more information

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It will soon be the 10 th anniversary of the book A
 Church to be Treasured about the history, including
 photos, of St. Peter's Church; the book also has in-
 formation about Saint Peter's School and the Sis-
 ters who staffed the school as well as the Meeting
 House Hill area. Since there has been interest in
 publishing a second edition, it would be beneficial
 to the parish to order another printing. Although
 the first edition is dedicated to all past and present
 members of the parish, the second edition could be
 dedicated to a particular family or individuals. If
 anyone is interested in speaking to us about the
 possibility of underwriting this project, please con-
 tact: John at Jfahey@mail.com or 857-654-6411

2019 Christmas Mass Schedule:**St. Peter's:**

Christmas Eve:

4pm – English

8pm – Portuguese

Christmas Day:

9am – English

11am – Portuguese

Holy Family:

Christmas Day:

10am – English

11am – Spanish

St. Patrick's:

Christmas Eve:

6pm – English

7pm – Spanish

10pm – Portuguese

Christmas Day:

10am – Portuguese

First Reading*Isaiah 7:10-14*

Ahaz proclaims the sign that the Lord will give: a virgin shall give birth to a son, Emmanuel.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6*

The Lord is the King of Glory who established the earth.

Second Reading*Romans 1:1-7*

Paul greets the community at Rome and declares himself a servant of Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading*Matthew 1:18-24*

An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: ". . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

Collection for the Weekend: of Nov. 9th and 10th
English - \$324 , Spanish - \$525 and Cape Verdean -
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Collection for the Weekend: St. Peter's \$1,141

Collection for the Weekend: Holy Family \$1,047



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