

August 30, 2026 | Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John Paul II Parish

Pawtucket, Rhode Island

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Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 5:15pm
Sat: 8:00am

Weekend Mass: Sat: 4:30pm,
Sun: 8am, 10am, 12 noon

Confessions

Weekly Confessions: Sat: 3:15p – 4:15p
Confessions by Appointment: Please call the parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday – Saturday: 8:00am – 5:30pm
Please utilize the entrance on the Newport Avenue Side of the church building to gain access to the St. Teresa Adoration Adoration chapel.

Devotions

Rosary to Our Lady of Fatima & St. Jude: Tuesday 5:45p – 6:30pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays at 3pm
Stations of the Cross (During Lent)
Fridays at 5:45pm

Parish Ministries

Knights of Columbus:

Grand Knight - Bruce Guindon, 401-474-0371, knights12613@gmail.com

Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:

Jeanne Buteau & Gail Nunes 401-744-5404

Holy Family Food Pantry:

Dorothy Lucas, 195 Walcott Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860

Simon Ministry:

Marge Pike, 401-722-7605

Legion of Mary:

Dot Wiencis: 401-487-7305

COR Men's Prayer Group:

Matthew Taubman, corprayergroupsjpri@gmail.com

Holy Spirit Prayer Group:

Terry Berthelette, 401-724-1627

Parish Greeting Ministry:

Terry Berthelette, 401-724-1627

Spirited Seniors:

Marilyn Ayotte: 401-871-1512

Scouting America - Family Troop 18:

Leo Lebeuf: 401-359-0817

Scouting America - Cub Scouts:

Ron Demeulenaere: 401-536-5995

Girl Scouts (Brownies and Juniors)

Pat Smith, 401-255-4616 & Debbie Zagorski, 401-378-0575

The Seminarian's Corner

Over the past few years, while talking with people who are curious about my life as a seminarian, I am often asked where I will be assigned as a priest. Since I'm in seminary to be a priest for the Diocese of Providence I tell them that I will be assigned somewhere in Rhode Island, which then surprises some people. Many people think that, once you're ordained a priest, you could be sent anywhere in the world and, while that can be true in some cases, it usually is not. Since a lot of people know priests who come from overseas or across the country they often ask in confusion, "are there different kinds of priests then?" The answer to that question is, in a way, yes (and no), and I hope to explain why in this bulletin.

Firstly, one of the most common "types" of priests around here are diocesan priests. A diocesan priest is connected to a certain area. Much like the US is split up into states, on a Catholic level it is also split up into many physical territories known as dioceses. This goes for the entire world as well. Each diocese has its own bishop leading it. When a man, like me, wants to serve in a particular diocese he can choose to apply to that diocese. If accepted, that diocese will usually fund his seminary education and, once that is complete and he is ordained, he will serve in that diocese for the rest of his life. The bishop of the diocese could choose to put him anywhere in the diocese, but he rarely would send him out of the diocese.

The second most common "type" of priest around here are those of religious orders. Across the world there are hundreds of different Catholic religious orders. Some of the biggest and most common are the Dominicans, Franciscans, and Jesuits. While a man who enters the seminary for a diocese has the specific goal of being a priest for that diocese, a man who enters studies to join a religious order is not necessarily doing it to become a priest or to serve in a particular area. Each order has its own particular gifts and focus, usually based off of its founder (like Saint Francis with the Franciscans and Saint Dominic with the Dominicans), that appeal to a man, so he joins that community to live a certain lifestyle and serve in a specific way. However, many men in religious orders do become priests. In that case they are a priest for their order and can be sent anywhere the order wishes to send them. Some orders will send their priests all over the world while others will keep them within a territory known as a province which is similar to a diocese but a much larger area.

Finally, there are other "types" of priests, like Canons Regular and those of clerical societies of apostolic life. They are less common around here so I won't say much about them. In the end, while there may be all these different "types" of priests: diocesan, franciscan, canons, etc., they are all the same in a sense. A priest is a priest. Their "type" is more determined by who they belong to (a diocese, an order, a society), as opposed to what they can do. In general a priest of any "type" does the same thing wherever they are: pray for souls, serve those around them, and celebrate the Sacraments.

God bless,
Alex Richardson

Join Our Parish

Saint John Paul II once said, "Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure." This parish community strives to be a place where faith, family, and tradition come together. We are committed to fostering a deep love for Jesus Christ through the reverent celebration of the sacraments, joyful fellowship, and opportunities for spiritual growth. Please visit our website at www.saintjohnpaulri.com/register to register for our parish!

Ways to Give

Your financial support helps sustain our vibrant faith community. By giving through the budget envelope, in the collection at Mass, or conveniently online, you help ensure that the sacraments are celebrated, ministries continue to grow, the faith is taught in our family faith programs and adult faith formation opportunities. Every gift, no matter the size, is a great help to the parish. Please visit www.saintjohnpaulri.com/giving to learn more!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 29th, The Passion of St. John the Baptist.

8:00a: **For the Deceased members of Robert & Amanda's Families & a Special Intention.**

3:15p-4:15p: **Confessions**

4:30p: **Jamie Pike** (Memorial) by the staff at Miriam Hospital.

4:30p: **Claudette Farrell** (Birthday) by her mom, Connie.

4:30p: **Joseph Mazza** (Memorial) by his family.

Sunday, August 30th, 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time.

8:00a: **Barbara Howard** (Memorial) by Marge Pike.

10:00a: **Mike Krzywonos** (Memorial) by Knights of Columbus Council #12613.

10:00a: **Wilfrid & Irene Carrier and their daughter, Yolande** (Memorial) by the family.

12:00p: **Jacqueline M. Bleyer** (Memorial) by Rick Forest.

Monday, August 31st, Weekday.

5:15p: **The Parishioners of St. John Paul II Parish.**

Tuesday, September 1st, Weekday, World Day of Prayer of the Care of Creation.

5:15p: **Hubert & Marguerite (Salois) Fregeolle** (Memorial) by Charlene Fregeolle

5:45p: **Novenas**

Wednesday, September 2nd, Weekday.

Thursday, September 3rd, St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church.

5:15p: **Johnnie Vieira** (Memorial) by his mom, Maria.

Friday, September 4th, Weekday.

5:15p: **Jose & Rui Freitas & the deceased members of their families** (Memorial) by Albertina Freitas.

3:00p: **Divine Mercy Novena**

Saturday, September 5th, Weekday, St Teresa of Calcutta.

8:00a: **Victoria Salum** (11th Anniversary) by Ana Salum.

8:00a: **Ronald F. Travers** (Birthday) by Ana Salum.

8:00a: **For the Deceased Members of Robert & Amanda's Families.**

8:00a: **For the Souls in Purgatory.**

3:15p-4:15p: **Confessions**

4:30p: **Maria Margarida Ledo** (1st Anniversary) by the family.

Sunday, September 6th, 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time.

8:00a: **David Guindon** (1st Anniversary) by the family.

8:00a: **Herbert Densmore, Sr.** (75th Anniversary) by the family.

8:00a: **Eduardo Santos Peixoto** (Memorial) by his wife & family.

8:00a: **William V. Fortin** (Birthday) by his wife & daughters.

10:00a: **Yvonne B. Gravel** (32nd Anniversary) by her nephew, John.

12:00p: **M. Rose McCabe** (9th Anniversary) by her children.

Prayer Intentions

Contact

Beverly Bowen: 401-728-4787

Helen Larivee: 401-726-4382

In your charity, please pray for...

The sick and shut ins of our parish, Martha Aries, George Arruda, Gerald Ayotte, Maria Bento, Irene Berthelette, Sr. Lorraine Boisvert, SUSC, Michael Chalk, Gerard Charpentier, Virginia Casey, Honi Chassin, Maria Costa, Matthew Costello, Candido DeJesus, Stephen Davenport, Michael DeCarvalho, Mary Anne Ferland, The Filkins Family, Rick Gardner, Terri Grant, Janet Grenon, Colin Lacroix, Virginia Laffey, Karen Landry, Jacob Lebeuf (Focus Ministry), Gigi Magill, Charlie McGarty, Claire Ormerod, Doris Pepin, Bretton Pierce, Marge Pond, Sue Quinlan, Karen Quinn, Troy Ribeiro, David Romano, Ismael Torres, Michelle Wain, Samuel Warr and The Weakly Family.

Please pray for those serving in our armed forces, especially...

Brady Magras, Nicholas Pike, Zachary Williams, and Tyler Young.

Parish Giving

Collections

Collection for August 22nd & 23rd:

Basket: \$5,963.20

Online Giving: \$754.34

Total: \$6,717.54

Second Collection: Parish Beautification

Basket: \$1,636.00

Online Giving: \$138.00

Total: \$1,774.00

Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

This Week's Second Collection: Parish Outreach (Holy Family Food Pantry & Breadline)



Upcoming Second Collections

September 6, 2026 - Monthly Maintenance

September 13, 2026 - Educational Scholarship

September 20, 2026 - Priests' Retirement Fund



ST. JOHN PAUL II
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**SEPTEMBER 6, 2026
AFTER THE
8 AM & 10 AM
MASSES**

Join us for coffee, donuts
and fellowship

St. John Paul II Parish

Wine & Cheese Gathering

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5, 2026
AFTER THE 4:30 MASS
CHURCH HALL**

Join us for wine,
cheese and
fellowship!



WEDDING Anniversary CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Providence is hosting an annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration to honor couples who are observing their 25th, 40th, 50th, and over wedding anniversaries in 2026.

Celebration will be held
Sunday, October 18, 2026
1:00 PM
at the
Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul, 30 Fenner Street, Providence, RI
Main Celebrant - Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, C.Ss.R.

Call the parish office to register for the
celebration by Friday, September 11, 2026 at
401-722-1220 x2



A FAMILY OF FAITH

Family Catechesis
for Our Parish



St. John Paul II Parish
Invites you to join us for our
Family Faith Formation Program
2026-27 Topic: Christian Prayer

**Meeting
September 20, 2026
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Church Hall**

One parent must attend with their child/children. This program
is open to ALL Parish families (public & private.)
Contact the office at 401-722-1220 x3 with any questions.
Register at <https://saintjohnpaulri.com/ccd-classes>

St. John Paul II Parish

Announcement Children's Choir

We invite children in grades 2-8 who love to sing, make new friends, and praise Jesus through music. Come join us for this wonderful new ministry!

The Children's Choir practices on Thursdays from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the St. Leo the Great Chapel in the Church and will sing at 10 am Mass every other week, sharing their voices and joy with our parish community.

**Practices start Thursday, September 24, 2026
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

St. Leo the Great Chapel in the Church
For any questions call Bob LeClair at 774-854-2700 or simply come to the first practice..

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**CLASSES BEGIN IN
SEPTEMBER**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO
REGISTER FOR CLASS, PLEASE CALL THE
PARISH OFFICE AT 401-722-1220 X3.



Saint Cecilia School

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The Pastor's Corner

I am very grateful for all the many volunteers who helped make our annual Knights of Columbus golf tournament such a success. The weather was wonderful, and we had a record number of golfers register for the tournament. Their efforts continue to help our parish flourish in so many ways.

If you're never considered the Knights of Columbus before, I invite you to join on September 2nd at 7:00pm in the church hall. You don't need to be a member to visit and see what they're all about. All you need is a desire for great fraternity and a heart for service to our parish, Church, and community. In recent years, prayer has become a fundamental pillar of the KoC. They are well worth looking into.

In other news, students will return to our parish school this coming week. I am happy to share that our enrollment is up this year, thanks to the work of our dedicated Director of Admissions, Mrs. Deana San Souci. Our school continues its great mission of forming students in the faith, academics, and charitable service in our community.

We recently established a new partnership with Saint Raphael Academy here in Pawtucket, which guarantees acceptance to any student attending Saint Cecilia School. It is the next step of a long tradition of collaboration between the schools, and I am grateful for the support of Principle Dan Richards for this new development. Please continue to pray for the students and faculty of our school as they begin the new year!

God bless,
Fr. Steve



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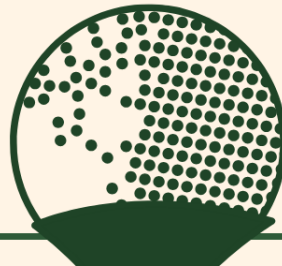
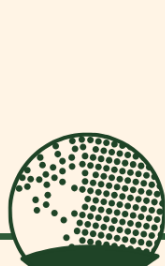
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