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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
We are a diverse parish united by God's love and inspired by our patron St. Paul. We proclaim our Roman Catholic faith through our commitment to worship, study, educate, and evangelize within our parish and beyond.

OUR VISION STATEMENT:
Striving to be a vibrant Catholic community transformed by Jesus Christ and eager to share the joy of the Gospel.

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Reverend John J. Lavin J.C.D., Senior Priest
Reverend Peter J. Lee, In Residence
Reverend Christopher M. Mahar Ph.D., S.T.D., In Residence
Deacon Paul M. Shea, Deacon Assistant

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 4:30pm (Korean)
Weekdays: 12:05pm

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Eucharistic Adoration*
Most Mondays immediately after the 12:05pm Mass until Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm.

Sacrament of Baptism*
Baptisms are usually celebrated on the last Sunday of the month at 12:30pm. Please call the Parish Office to register. Parents and Godparents are required to attend one baptism preparation session prior to the Baptism.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*
Saturdays at 3:30pm, Mondays at 6pm, or by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage
Wedding arrangements with the parish priest or deacon should be made about one year prior to the intended wedding date.

Sacrament of Holy Orders
If you are interested in becoming a priest call the Diocesan Office of Vocations at 401-331-1316 or visit www.catholicpriest.com for more information.

Sacrament of the Sick and Hospital Visits
If you are, or someone you know, is going to be hospitalized or would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office for assistance.

*Times may change seasonally — please see inside for details.

From the Pastor...

"Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed."

You might wonder why I open my column with this quote, something that we say at every Mass, and the reason is that it is the "theme" for this Sunday which the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, (USCCB), has designated as "Catechetical Sunday".

The USCCB goes on to explain that; "On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith."

St. Paul's has three catechists: Julie Bradley, Sonia Lopez and Fran Rowell, but if we remember what the USCCB says, the number of catechists in our parish is much higher because, by virtue of our baptism, we are all catechists.

Indeed, in the celebration of Baptism the parents of the child are asked if they understand the responsibility they have in raising their children in the faith, (in all the baptisms I have done, the answer is always in the affirmative). After a person is baptized they are anointed as members of the Body of Christ, Priest, Prophet and King, commissioning them to "go forth and teach all nations…." (Mat. 28:19).

This may sound intimidating but our catechetical program at St. Paul's can help both parents, grandparents, guardians to learn more about our faith *together with their children.* Actually, we have many programs here that can help all of us grow in faith and meet other members of our parish at the same time (Alpha & GIFT to name a couple).

Of course, the best way we can catechize our young people and our neighbor is to practice our faith, attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, receiving the sacrament of reconciliation (confession) regularly and helping the less fortunate in our community.

We can never stop learning about our faith, and the more we learn, the more we want to learn because God has blessed us with so many gifts!

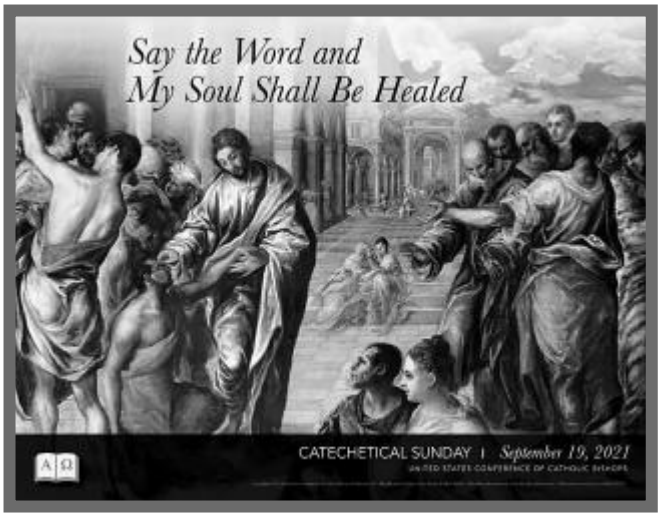
So, perhaps this Sunday we can say a prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking Him to pourforth His grace upon our parish catechetical team and that He will inspire all of us to learn more about our faith so that we can help others to come to know Jesus too!

Have a blessed week!

Father Woodhouse

Holy Mass This Week …

Saturday - September 18
4:30 PM The Intention of the Celebrant
Sunday - September 19 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM Jack Grace (1st Anniversary)
9:30AM Ethelyn Alice Sanna (41st Anniversary)
11:30AM Luis Rodriguez (7th Anniversary)
4:30PM Korean Mass
Monday - September 20 Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon and Paul Chong Ha-Sang
12:05 PM Mary Brzostecki (Birthday Remembrance)
Tuesday - September 21 Saint Matthew
12:05PM Rita Poulin (Memorial)
Wednesday - September 22
12:05 PM Michael Votolato (Birthday Remembrance)
Thursday - September 23 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina
12:05 PM Joseph D. McCarthy (26th Anniversary)
Friday - September 24
12:05 PM The Intention of the Celebrant
Saturday - September 25
4:30 PM Octavio M. Pereira, Jr. (5th Anniversary)
Sunday - September 26 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM The Intention of the Celebrant
9:30AM Joseph Macera (10th Anniversary)
11:30AM Patricia Ann McGee (6th Anniversary)



Register for Children's Faith Formation Programs

Need to enroll your son or daughter in Children's GIFT or Sacramental Prep?

Attend one of the GIFT sessions this week (today – Sunday – or Tuesday evening) or stop in the Faith Formation office after the 9:30AM Mass next weekend.

Lectio Divina Resumes Partnered With Alpha

An important part of Alpha is the prayer team. This fall, after dessert with the Alpha crowd, while the video is being shown and small groups discussions take place, the prayer team will move from Canning Hall to the school auditorium to practice a Bible-based form of prayer called **"Lectio Divina,"** offered in support of all of the Alpha participants.

All parishioners are welcome to participate in the Lectio Divina prayer group – no previous experience with Alpha or Lectio Divina is necessary, but this is an especially great opportunity for those who have been part of previous Alpha sessions and would like to take their Alpha experience a step deeper. Please email Andrew Morse at andrew.morse2@verizon.net.

St. Paul's Mask Policy!

In light of recent events, we strongly recommend that those who have not been fully vaccinated wear a mask when they are inside the church. Those who have been fully vaccinated can either wear a mask or not.

Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/ Mk 9:30-37
Monday:Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday:Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7 -9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday:Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/ Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Weekly Sacrificial Giving Report

The collections of September 4 and Septermber 5

- Budget: $5,438 (4,847.00 in budget envelopes and $591.00 loose)
- Monthly Collection: $225.00
- Votive Candle Offerings $295.00
- H.E.L.P. (Heat, Electric, Light and Power): $95.00
- Assumption $60.00
- Peter's Pence: $25.00
- Priests' Retirement $20.00

Faith Direct Collections
Collections from August 16 to August 31

- Weekly Budget: $4,012.00
- H.E.L.P. (Heat, Electric, Lights and Power): $175.00
- Monthly Collection: $1,415.00
- Parish Collection $315.00
- Priests' Retirement $430.00

St. Paul Parish Prayer Chain

Pray for all those on our long-term sick list: Will Oberg, Patricia (Given) Thomas, Jim Rickard, Mia Walters-Meglio, Joel Kahn, John Vittorioso, Kathleen Rush, Madeline Ursillo, Luigi Montanaro, Mary Cerullo, Chen-Chin Lin, Diane Rosa, Melissa Britto, David Miles, Bentley Bryant, Jordan Caskey, Peter Almagno, Kyle Cordeiro, Mary O'Leary, Mario Rodriquez, Albert Willis, Linda Vaillant, Frances Nicholaus, Donald Cornett, Margaret Hall, Monica Dalton, Paul Inveen, Michael Warner, Hailey Bannister, Rich Costa, William Petrarca, Alfred Lombardo, Kaiya Loisel, John Pretilli, Stephanie Miller, Sandra-Lynne White, Ethelyn Tingley, Hailey Rhilinger, Lori Mahoney, Richard Andrews, Milly Monteiro, Mary Ellen Goodwin,Lauren Cardoso, Thomas Quinn, Jean Meglio, Jacqueline Fitzgerald, Silvana Scatena, Joseph Schwab, Luis Nieto, Emilia Andrews, Frances Doyle, Michael Tonry, Catherine Starr, David Frost, Gene Floore, Ralph Ricci, Gert Shea, Jennie Merola, Natacha Legein, Jose Melara, Raymond Brisson, Bryn Kryzer, Gordon Gensler, Jonathan Alden Thomas, Mark and Crissy Gangone, Jane Woodhouse, Kenton William, Kay Johnston, Clinton Stayton, Carol Osadnick, Justin Hsu, David Bottino, Viviana Trapani, Roger Gagnon, Alexandra Sanchez, Karen De Ciccio, Marie Louth, Arlene C., Scarlett Delgado, Alex Price, James Michael Tatelbaum, Jr. and all those who are sick at home, in hospitals, or living in nursing facilities.

Please contact the rectory office if you would like to place someone on the Prayer Chain.

Almighty and Eternal God,
You are the everlasting health
of those who believe in You.
Hear us for Your sick servants
for whom we implore the aid of
Your tender mercy, that being restored
to bodily health, they may give thanks to
You in Your Church.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Military Prayer List

Please pray for all those currently serving in the Armed Forces

LTJG Peter Schofield, U.S. Coast Guard
BM1 Christopher Rantuccio, U.S. Coast Guard
SGT Sean Andrade, RI Army National Guard
AB Ryanna L. Vittorioso, RI Air National Guard
CAPT Patrick Timothy Drury, U.S. Army
CAPT Charles Kelly, U.S. Army
SSG Brian Andrade, U.S. Army
SGT Matthew Jeff, U.S. Army
SGT Zachary Maguire, U.S. Army
PFC Scott Ryan Marcinko, U.S. Army
PFC Alex Brant, U.S. Army
LT Matthew Lutynski, D.O., U.S. Navy
TSGT Tristan Henthorne, U.S. Air Force
SSGT Lena Lau, U.S. Air Force
SSGT Stephen J. Colella, U.S. Air Force
AMN Sean Drumm, U.S. Air Force
Major John O'Gorman, U.S. Marine Corps
PFC Andrew Clermont, U.S. Marine Corps
SPC Jaireal Rodriguez, U.S. Army National Guard

Respect Life Events

Saturday, 9/25, 10:00AM meet at St. Patrick's Church (244 Smith St., Providence) and walk up Smith Street to the State House, circling it three times for the **Jericho Walk**, concluding with a pro-life rally to kick off 40 Days for Life.

40 Days for Life – Pray your daily rosary for the protection of life, from conception to natural death, beginning Saturday, 9/25. Be committed! Sign up in the main vestibule of church or via the weekly Flocknote.

Sunday, 10/3, 2:00-3:00PM **Life Chain Sunday** – A silent vigil will take place at the block of Broad Street & Warwick Avenue. Pro-lifers from around the diocese will gather peacefully in prayer to support life.

Fall Clean-Up Project Rectory Garage

Calling all heavy lifters and treasure hunters…Please come to help clean out the rectory garage on **Saturday, 9/25 at 10AM.**

Anyone who can help sort and move the items that have accumulated through the ages is welcome. Who knows what priceless artifacts and memorabilia might be found?!?!

Diocese of Providence 150th Anniversary Event

The Diocese of Providence is celebrating it's 150th Anniversary!

Special Guest Speaker: Mike Aquilina
7 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 21 at St. Philip Church, Greenville

Mike Aquilina, popular author of works on Catholic Church history speaks on "St. Joseph and His Work: The life of St. Joseph, as we find it in the Gospels and other sources, teaches us a remarkable and revolutionary approach to our everyday labor." Book signing to follow. This event is co-sponsored by the Men of Saint Joseph International.

About Mike Mike Aquilina is author of more than sixty books, including St. Joseph and His World (2020). He is executive vice-president of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology and hosts the "Way of the Fathers" podcast for Catholic Culture. Mike has also co-hosted eleven television series on EWTN.

About the anniversary year Beginning September 8, 2021, the Diocese of Providence is celebrating the sesquicentennial of its foundation through a series of events running through June 2022. For more information on this event and other anniversary events, visit dioceseofprovidence.org/150.

Update: Bringing Jesus to Our Homebound Parishioners

Thanks be to God for those who responded to the call for help that went out in last week's bulletin and Flocknote! It's beginning to look as though our homebound parishioners who have asked for the Eucharist *MAY* be able to receive weekly rather than monthly, especially if a few more people respond! This life-giving ministry has been inactive since March of 2020 when Covid first hit, and Deacon Paul has been working throughout the summer to get it going again. *If you might be willing to be trained as an Extraordinary Minister to the homebound to bring Jesus to people who are unable to return to Mass and haven't received Holy Communion in over a year and a half, please call Deacon Paul at 461-5734.* If we get enough people on the team, each person will likely serve only once each month. Thank you!

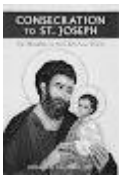
Youth Group Bonfire 9/26

Middle and high school students – **get fired up for God** at this month's youth group gathering!

The fun starts at 6:30PM next Sunday, September 26th, in the parking lot behind the school. There will be plenty of pizza and s'mores! Bring a friend or come to meet other Catholic youth who like to have holy fun!

Women's Group Beginning New Book

On Wednesday, September 29th the Women's Study Group will begin reading Fr. Donald Calloway's Book, *Consecration to St. Joseph*, a 33-day study and prayer guide, in preparation to be consecrated to St. Joseph during the celebration of evening devotions on Monday, November 1st, All Saints Day. The group will gather once during the preparation period, on Monday, October 18th at 7PM, to discuss the book. All women of the parish are invited to participate. Please contact Marie Magee at blarneygreen@gmail.com. With questions or Ginny Morse at virginia_jalbert@yahoo.com to receive a book.



Save the Date

Mark your calendar for **Friday, October 22nd at 6:00PM.**
"International Night - Taste of St. Paul's."

Keep your eye on the bulletin for more details in the upcoming weeks.

3-2-1 Alpha!!

Alpha begins this Wednesday at 7PM in Msgr. Canning Hall. All are welcome! Here's what one parishioner had to say about her Alpha experience:

"Although I have lived in the neighborhood for many years, I was new to St. Paul's and Alpha was a beginning for me. The weekly practice of Alpha led me to a deeper spiritual place, encouraging and supporting a daily prayer life that I didn't have before Alpha. Alpha opened my eyes to how much God loves me and loves the world.

I met a true and pure faith in action in the Alpha films and stories and especially in our own Alpha leaders and participants, who were always open, intelligent, funny, kind, and interesting. As Julie might say, 'even Zoom couldn't stop the Holy Spirit.' Alpha moved me and deepened my faith. Alpha spoke to my heart. I looked forward to our weekly meetings and felt such joy when I saw Alpha friends at Mass. What I ultimately learned is that no matter how long anyone has been a parishioner, the beauty of Alpha is that it can be a beginning for everyone."
~ Joyce May

There's plenty of space, so feel free to join us this week! Contact Julie Bradley at 941-5576 or faithform@saintpaulcranston.org for more information.

September GIFT

For the next three months our GIFT sessions will feature topics that will help us reach our eternal destination. Don't miss the September GIFT sessions where we will introduce the next mini-series ***Highway to Heaven.*** These events will take place in the school auditorium:

TODAY, Sunday, Sept. 19th after the 9:30AM Mass
OR
Tuesday, Sept. 21st at 7PM

Adore Jesus on Mondays

Every Monday from 12:30-7:00PM Jesus is really and truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, exposed for us on the altar of our church. **Please visit the display in the main vestibule of church to sign up for adoration**. As always, drop-ins are welcome, but out of respect for our Lord we must be certain He will never be alone. Please help by signing up for a regular time slot. Thank you!

Children's Liturgies Returning Soon!

Attention parents of wiggly children… Liturgy of the Word especially for children will begin on Sunday, September 26th and continue every Sunday during the 9:30AM Mass!

What is a Children's Liturgy? It's an opportunity for elementary school-aged children to come into the sacristy (the backroom where the priest and altar servers get dressed for Mass) with adult leaders who read a children's version of the readings and talk about them with the kids. It's interactive and fun! Toddlers and pre-schoolers accompanied by a parent are also welcome to participate!

When does this happen? Shortly after the 9:30 Mass begins, Fr. Woodhouse will invite the children (and parents with little ones) to come forward to meet the adult leaders and go into the sacristy together. Out in the church everyone else hears the regular readings, the homily, prays the Nicene Creed and the Prayers of the Faithful while the children are in the sacristy. When it's time for the offertory the children are dismissed to rejoin their families in their pews, and Mass continues as usual.

Why should children participate? Hearing the children's version of the readings and having a chance to talk about them and ask questions helps kids to learn and love God's Word. It also helps them develop a sense of belonging in the parish because they feel like there's something especially for them. They look forward to coming to Mass!

If your child is shy and unsure about participating, you are always welcome to come into the sacristy, too, but participation in the children's liturgy is optional. Don't worry if your son or daughter would rather stay in church. The important thing is that your family is at Mass, which is the very best thing you can do for your child. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the rectory or contact Julie Bradley in the Faith Formation Office.

Pictured to left of center is Sr. Esmeralda following her renewal of vows at St. John the Baptist Church, Pawtucket this past Saturday, September 11th. She will profess her Final Vows in the fall of 2022. Our Sister is scheduled to start here at St. Paul's in just a few short weeks. Please remember to keep her in your prayers

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