



Parish of Saint John Paul II

Pawtucket, RI 02861-2101

Pastor:

Rev. Michael A. Sisco

Retired Priest Assistant:

Rev. Christopher M. Davenport

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saint Cecilia Church

Saturdays: 4:30PM (Fall, Winter, Spring)

Sundays: 10:00AM

Saint Leo Church

Saturdays: 4:30PM (Summer only)

Sundays: 8:00AM and 12:00PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Celebrated in Saint Leo Church

Mondays & Wednesdays: 5:15PM

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays: 7:00AM

Saturdays: 8:00AM

Novenas in Saint Leo Church

Tuesdays: 5:30PM Novena to Our Lady of Fatima

6:00PM Novena to St. Jude

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration Chapel located in Saint Cecilia Church

(Entrance on Newport Avenue)

Monday – Friday: 7:30AM until 6:00PM

Rosary and Benediction:

First Friday of the Month at 6:00PM in St. Leo's Church

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays: 4:30PM to 5:00PM (St. Leo Church)

Saturdays: 3:15 PM to 4:15PM (St. Cecilia Church)

(St. Leo Church - Summer only)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Kindly call the rectory for a seriously ill parishioner to be anointed.

VOCATIONS

Anyone who believes he/she has a religious vocation should speak to one of the priests or contact www.CatholicPriest.com

BAPTISMS

Baptisms will take place on the fourth Sunday of the month alternating between St. Cecilia Church and St. Leo Church. Please call the office at least one month in advance to schedule.

CONFIRMATION

Any adult who wishes to receive First Communion & Confirmation should call the rectory to join the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults which begins each Fall.

MARRIAGES

Please call the rectory one year in advance.

RECTORY AND PARISH OFFICE

697 Central Ave, Pawtucket, RI 02861

Secretary: Mrs. Kathleen LeFrancois

Parish Financial Manager: Mr. Anthony DeCrescenzo

Rectory Business Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Wednesday 12:00PM - 6:00PM

Thursday, Saturday, Sunday - Closed

Building and Grounds

Mr. Robert Cooke (St. Leo's)

Mr. Bruce Guindon (St. Cecilia's)

Housekeeper: Suzanne Nixon Ilic

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Fax: 401-726-3392

Email: stjpii697@gmail.com

Website: www.saintjohnpaulri.com

Facebook: <https://goo.gl/Tvir1N>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Director: Mrs. Debra Zagorski

755 Central Avenue, Pawtucket, RI 02861

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Email: dzagorski@scsri.org

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Sister Cecile Mousseau, S.U.S.C Tel: 401-722-5455

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Lois Allard Tel: 401-723-8469

Helen Larivee Tel: 401-726-4382

SAINT CECILIA SCHOOL

Mrs. Mary Tetzner, Principal

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Saturday, December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 AM **For the People of Saint John Paul II Parish**
11:00 AM Funeral – St. Leo's Church
4:30 PM **For God's Blessing on our Parish and our School**

Sunday, December 31, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 AM **For the Conversion of Hearts to Jesus and Mary**
10:00 AM **In Loving Memory of Alphage & Roseanna Ferland and the Deceased Members of their Family**, by the Ferland Family Trust
10:00 AM **In Loving Memory of Nicole Marie (Nicci) Ferland**, by her parents
12:00 PM **John M. Orzechowski** (1st Anniversary) by his wife Melva Ward
12:00 PM **Maria T. Cruz** (2nd Anniversary) by her son Michael & daughter-in-law Susan

Monday, January 1, 2018, The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00 AM (St. Leo's Church)
For Peace and Prosperity for Saint John Paul II Parish

Tuesday, January 2, Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

7:00 AM **O. Muriel Labrie** (Memorial)
10:00 AM Funeral – St. Leo's Church
5:30 PM Novena to our Lady of Fatima
6:00 PM Novena to St. Jude

Wednesday, January 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus
5:15 PM **Augustine & Helen Algieri** (Memorial)

Thursday, January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
7:00 AM **Albert Cordeiro** (Memorial) by his wife

Friday, January 5, Saint John Neumann, Bishop
7:00 AM **Jose Freitas, Rui Freitas and Deceased Family Members**
3:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Saturday, January 6, Saint Andre Bessette, Religious
8:00 AM **For the People of Saint John Paul II Parish**
4:30 PM **Donald Trahan** (Birthday Remembrance) by his family
4:30 PM **Leonard Tessier** (1st Anniversary) by his family

Sunday, January 7, The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 AM **Charles Kwasny** (Memorial) by Mr. & Mrs. Allan Siuzdak
8:00 AM **Hilda Gilligan** (5th Anniversary) by her family
10:00 AM **Joseph E. Salois** (Memorial)
10:00 AM **George Bradshaw** (Birthday Remembrance) by his wife
12:00 PM **Alvaro Afonso & Constance Girouard** (Memorial) by the family
12:00 PM **Adelaide B. Mariani** (30th Anniversary) by her son

SECOND COLLECTION: FUEL OFFERING

The Business Office at the Rectory will be closed on Monday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day. The office will reopen on January 2nd at 9:00 a.m.



HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS IN NEED OF COMMUNION

Do you know of someone who is in need of receiving weekly Communion due to the fact that they are homebound or unable to make it to Mass? Please call Connie Cordeiro at 678-0843.

IN YOUR PRAYERS: Please remember the sick and shut-ins of our Parish. Also, please remember: Mae Bessette, Baby Blake, David Casey, Florina Daigneault, Stephen Davenport, Bob Deschenes, Elaine & Normand Deschenes, Ann Felici, Roland Fontaine, Annette Gautreaux, Al and Mary Goyette, Janet Grenon, Gerald Jacob, Darren Landry, Rita Lefebvre, Anne Lintner, Julie Lopes, Joseph Lyndon, William Lyons, Carmen Malo, Analia Marques, Joan O'Neill, Norman Poole, Linda Prew, Edward Quinlan, Jim Scridener, Maria Sousa, Joan Troiano and Joan Viveiros at home. At **Brookdale** (formerly Emerald Bay) is Estelle Del Donno. At **Brookdale Senior Living, Smithfield** are Connie Gervais and Cecile Salois. At **Franklin Court**, Bristol, RI is Sr. Lorraine Halpin, RSM; At **Golden Crest Nursing Home** is Rita LeBlond. At **Grandview Nursing Home** is Mary Andrade. At **Jeanne Jugan** are Irene Berthelette, Yvette Coderre, Larry Dolan, Cecile T. LeBlanc, Thomas Martin, Marguerite McIlmail, and John & Claire Ormerod. At **Linn Health Center** in East Providence is Anne Sherry. At **Mount St. Francis** is Terri Grant. At **Mount St. Rita** is Simonne Verrier. At **Nursing Rehabilitative Center** in North Smithfield is Bernice Tetreault. At **Pawtucket Skilled Nursing** are Mary Keenaghan, Jeannine Nadeau and Anthony Oliveira. At **St. Antoine Residence**, N. Smithfield is Claire Quinn. At **St. Claire Nursing Home, Newport, RI** is Mary Folan. At **St. Elizabeth Community**, East Greenwich is Claire Loiselle. At **Summit Commons** is Beatrice Doiron. At **Sunny Acres**, Chelmsford, MA is Adeline Briere. At the **Veterans Home, Bristol** is Anthony DellaGrotta; At the **Villa at St. Antoine** are Lorraine Fournier and Normand Riendeau. At **Waterview Villa**, E. Providence is Elaine Sawicki. At **Wingate on Blackstone** in Providence is Bob Lima. At **Winslow Gardens** are Rita Champagne and Rita Marot.



COFFEE AND DONUTS

There will be free coffee and donuts served next Sunday, January 7th,, after the 8AM Mass in St. Leo's Church Hall and after the 10AM Mass in St. Cecilia's Church Hall.

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint John Paul II Parish was formed in the combining of the deep roots of faith established over a century ago by the hands of those who labored to build the former St. Cecilia and St. Leo the Great church communities. We continue their witness of faith to the Darlington area of Pawtucket and beyond, as we draw strength from our now patron saint who reminds us to not be afraid to put our faith in Christ and His Church.

We strive to grow this community and our own personal holiness through the Word, Sacraments, Service and Servitude to God in all things and at all times.

We pray that our efforts will blossom with an outpouring of Love that will be seen and felt by all who come in contact with our Church family and any of its members.

We Open Wide Our Doors and Welcome All Who Desire to Grow in Faith to Come and Join Us!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God our provident Father through your Son you revealed to us the mysteries of the Kingdom; you will that all men and women be saved and come to the knowledge of your Truth. Send workers into your great harvest, grant that more men will serve your Church as priests for the Diocese of Providence, that the Gospel may be preached to every creature, and your people, strengthened by the word of life and the sacraments may advance in the way of salvation and love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

Our Lord told St. Gertrude the Great that the following prayer would release 1,000 souls from Purgatory each time it is said.

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. – Amen"

EXPECTING A CHILD!!!

The following expectant mothers have asked that our parishioners pray for them and their unborn babies: Gina and her baby due in December; Barbara and her baby girl due December 11; and Lindsey and her baby due December 11.

If you are expecting a child and would like our parishioners to pray for you and your unborn baby, please register your name and due date and prayers will be offered for both of you.

Registrations for expectant mothers are found in the front of each church on the left side.



IN CASE OF SIGNIFICANT SNOWFALL...

Whenever we have a significant snowstorm on the WEEKEND, that is when it snows on Saturday or Sunday or we're digging out on Saturday or Sunday, all weekend Masses will be held in St. Leo's Church, since that's the quickest and easiest to get cleared off and ready. When we do this, it will be announced on the radio and TV.

PRO-LIFE MESSAGE

Resolution for the New Year

Jesus was born into a harsh world, where Herod was doing the unthinkable: killing babies.

Is there any doubt that our world today needs Jesus to come and dwell among us?

As a new year begins, let us resolve to be a more effective and dedicated instrument of Jesus. Let us do more to promote love and peace. Let us do more to help moms turn the unplanned into a loving plan that embraces innocent life.

Let us do more to change our culture of death.



PREGNANT & NEED HELP?

The Angel Helpline: 401-278-4508 Available 24/7. This is a confidential hotline in the event of a crisis pregnancy or for anyone contemplating an abortion.

Be Not Afraid: 401-421-7833 x218 www.benotafraid.net
Offers many pastoral care programs for anyone receiving a poor prenatal diagnosis.

The Mother of Life Center: 401-421-0820 Located in Providence. Offers free and confidential pro-life guidance and varied services.

Abundant Hope: 508-455-0425 or 855-299-4218
Attleboro, MA Social service referrals, counseling, pregnancy testing, and material aid.

NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Glorious Saint Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to thee do we raise our hearts and hands to implore thy powerful intercession. Obtain for me from the benign Heart of Jesus the help and the graces necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly for the grace of a happy death and the special favor I now implore: the maintenance and renovation of our churches at St. John Paul II Parish. Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I feel animated with confidence that thy prayers in our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God, O glorious St. Joseph, through the love thou didst bear to Jesus Christ, and for the glory of His name, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions. Amen.

Parish Support

Collection for December 23rd and 24th: \$10,742.90
Collection for Rainy Day Savings: \$ 1,488.00
Collection of Christmas Day: \$ 5,905.50

Thank you again to all who so generously support the mission of the parish not only financially, but with their time & talent as well.

Parish Annual Budget was based on a weekly first collection of **\$7,500.00**.

All checks to the church should be made payable to:
SAINT JOHN PAUL II PARISH

ANNUAL COLLECTION

As of last week a total of \$19,500.00 in contributions has been received for the Annual Fund. This collection offsets parish expenses. We ask that every family contribute \$100.00 if possible. Envelopes were mailed out in November or you can use the envelopes in the pews. If you want to claim your contribution as a tax deduction for 2017 it must be received by December 31, 2017.

THANK YOU

Father Sisco and Father Davenport would like to thank all of the parishioners who sent them Christmas cards and gifts.



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, ext. 218.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PARISH GROUPS

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Tom Barber Telephone: 722-8888

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WELCOME!

It is a pleasure to worship with you today. If you are visiting family and friends during the holidays, thank you for joining us today and please enjoy your stay.

As a church community we offer many services to our members in addition to our weekly worship. If you have moved into the area, or have been away from the Church and want to return, we invite you to become a member. Registration forms can be found in the entries of both churches.

TO OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS...

We welcome all of our college students who are home for the Christmas break. We hope and pray that you enjoy this time with your families and friends.

It may be a good time to remind you that on many of your college campuses there are Catholic chaplains who provide a variety of services as well as Mass and confession. Check it out. It's helpful to have the Church present when you are away from home.

CHRISTMAS – NEW YEAR BLOOD DRIVE ST. LEO'S CHURCH HALL DECEMBER 31, 2017 8:30AM – 12:30PM

The holidays can be challenging for blood donors because it's a busy time – people are traveling, visiting family and friends, prepping for the holidays, so giving blood might be placed on the back burner. Unfortunately, the patients and hospitals the center serves do not get a holiday break from needing lifesaving donations. We're so thankful to everyone who makes it a priority to be sure saving lives is on their holiday list.

We look forward to seeing you once again and hoping that this message finds you in good health. God bless you during this Christmas season.

**Saint John Paul Knights of Columbus Council Chairman,
Rick Forest**

REST IN PEACE

Our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of the following parishioners who entered into Eternal Rest in November:

Doris Letellier, and Maria Candida Rainho
and Lewis E. Johnston (July)
and William J. Johnston (September)

“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, ext. 218.



YOUTH TO SENIOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This program, run by the City of Pawtucket, pairs youth volunteers with senior citizens in their neighborhood to assist seniors during and after snowfall that requires shoveling. This program is designed to reduce seniors' exposure to those risks in difficult winter conditions.

Seniors interested in receiving shoveling assistance or obtaining further information about the program can contact the director of the program, Beth Roberge, Senior Liaison for the City of Pawtucket, by calling 401-728-0500, extension 241. If Ms. Roberge is not immediately able to answer, people are encouraged to leave a message with their complete name, address and telephone number. Ms. Roberge may also be contacted by emailing broberge@pawtucketri.com

Young people of the parish interested in becoming a youth volunteer can either contact Ms. Roberge or call Mrs. Zagorski (723-9463 ext. 12) for the sign up paperwork.



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We also provide help to families in need of guidance or support due to a loved one's drug or alcohol issues.

The following programs are free and available to persons of all faiths throughout Rhode Island.

This ministry also provides resource information, workshops, and education to the public and faith-based communities in collaboration with other faith-based recovery agencies.

Contact Information:

Hope & Cope Group and the Masses for Those in Recovery

Deacon John Silvia 401-683-1343, ext. 208

Email: deaconjohn@jsilvia.com

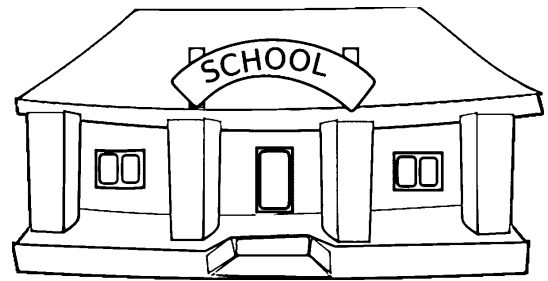
For Recovery Support and General Program Information

Peter A. Magnotta, MSW, LISW

401-421-7833, ext. 217

Email: pmagnotta@dioceseofprovidence.org

<http://dioceseofprovidence.org/recovery-st-matthias-ministry>



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Readings for the Week of December 31, 2017

- Sunday: SIR 3: 2-6, 12-14 or GN 15: 1-6; 21:1-3 / PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or PS 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 / COL 3: 12-21 or COL 3: 12-17 or HEB 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19 / LK 2: 22-40 or LK 2: 22, 39-40
- Monday: NM 6: 22-27 / PS 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8 / GAL 4: 4-7 / LK 2: 16-21
- Tuesday: 1 JN 2: 22-28 / PS 98: 1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 / JN 1: 19-28
- Wednesday: 1 JN 2: 29 – 3:6 / PS 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6 / JN 1: 29-34
- Thursday : 1 JN 3: 7-10 / PS 98: 1, 7-8, 9 / JN 1: 35-42
- Friday: 1 JN 3: 11-21 / PS 100: 1B-2, 3, 4, 5 / JN 1:43-51
- Saturday: 1 JN 5: 5-13 / PS 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20 / MK 1: 7-11 or LK 3: 23-38 or 3: 23, 31-34, 36, 38

From www.usccb.org



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Office of Life & Family Ministry



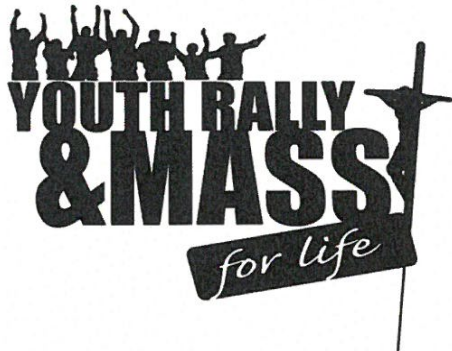
We are preparing for the . . .
Our Annual Bus Pilgrimage to Washington D.C.
For the 2018 March for Life
And the 45th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

- We will depart on **January 18 at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Pick-up/Drop-off points:** Our Lady of Loreto, East Providence; St. Mark, Cranston; St. Patrick, Providence and Exit 92 in Ct.
- We will arrive in D.C. on **January 19 at 6:30 a.m.**
- We will be attending the Youth Rally & Mass – at Capital One Arena (former Verizon Center)

Rosary...Confession...Popular Catholic Recording Artists...Rally & Mass for Life

Following the Mass for Life - we will be off to the March for Life

- The March for Life will begin on the National Mall (Washington Monument):
11:45 a.m. Musical opening on the National Mall
12:00 p.m. Rally Program
1:00 p.m. March up Constitution Avenue to Supreme Court/Capitol Bldg.
- Depart from D.C. at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 19 to arrive back in R.I. at approximately 2:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 20
- Cost: \$83.00



**Register by:
January 10, 2018**

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E-mail:

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