

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2020



He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”
Simon Peter said in reply,
“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”
Matthew 16:15-16

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH & SAINT PATRICK CHURCH

BURRILLVILLE, RI

PASTOR'S PAGE



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Father William G. Most wrote about the Blessed Virgin Mary, "At the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken up (assumed) into heaven, body and soul.

Pius XII, in defining the Assumption, explained that "Just as the glorious resurrection of Christ was an essential part and final sign of this victory [over sin and death by Calvary] so that struggle [Calvary] which was common to the Blessed Virgin and her Son, had to be closed by the glorification of her virginal body". That is, the struggle, a work common to the two was a common cause. It brought Him glorification; it had to bring the same to her. (In all this it is understood she is subordinate to Him, and really depends on Him for all her ability to do anything at all)."

"As a result, just as He is now King of the Universe, she is Queen of the Universe." And her kingdom is as vast as that of her Son and God, since nothing is excluded from her dominion"

(Pius XII, *Bendito seia*, May 13, 1946)." <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/teachings/blessed-virgin-mary-her-privileges-and-relation-to-christ-and-his-church-210>

The celebrations of the Solemnity of the Assumption (last weekend), and the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (this weekend), enriches our faith and fills us with hope for eternal life. How fitting it is that Mary, who conceived the Word made flesh, received these divine gifts. Let us continue to entrust ourselves, families and communities to her maternal care as Queen of the Universe.

As the current directives for social distancing continues in RI, and as we continue to take precautions for health concerns, the current Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 4 pm at Saint Joseph; Sunday 8 am at Saint Joseph and 10 am at Saint Patrick, will continue after the summer until further notice. Thank you all for your continued

understanding and patience as we face these challenging times together.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Scott

5 FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS Requested by Our Lady of Fatima, 5 First Saturday Devotions (8-10 am) are being held at Saint Joseph & Saint Patrick — to include Confession, Mass, Adoration, recitation of the Holy Rosary, meditation and Benediction. The remaining schedule for devotions is:

September 5th – St. Joseph
October 3rd – St. Patrick
November 7th – St. Joseph

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MON	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
TUE	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26
WED	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
THU	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51
FRI	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
SAT	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mk 6:17-29
SUN	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

TIME/TALENT/TREASURE – Jesus, as the quintessential steward, diligently observes all of creation and guides its grace-filled stewardship. Lord, allow me to gracefully shelter and cultivate all that you have entrusted to me.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



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Our **VISION**: As a Catholic faith community, we invite all to experience the saving grace

of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow and sustain by offering ministries that meet and nurture the Sacramental, spiritual, material and emotional needs of our greater community.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Aug 22 **Vigil Mass**
Sat 4:00 **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Intention of the Priest

- Aug 23 **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Sun 8:00 **Special Intention in Thanksgiving for the Return of Good Health to Normand J. Salois, Jr.**
by his Wife & Family

- Aug 24 **St. Bartholomew, Apostle**
Mon 8:00 **In Memory of William & Martha Nee**
by their Family

- Aug 26
Wed 8:00 **Intention of the Priest**

- Aug 29 **Vigil Mass**
Sat 4:00 **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Intention of the Priest

- Aug 30 **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Sun 8:00 **Intention of the Priest**



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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

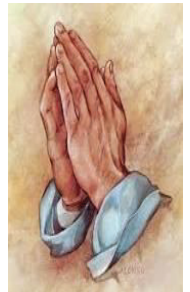
	08/16/20
Regular Collection	\$1,480.00
Mail-Ins	\$105.00
Monthly Collection	\$113.50
Electronic Giving	\$172.22
Mass Stipends	\$375.00
Total Operating	\$2,245.72
Mission Co-Op	\$180.00

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.

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Sep 06	Monthly Collection
Sep 13	Fuel Collection
Sep 20	Priests' Retirement Fund
Oct 04	Seminary Collection
Oct 11	Monthly Collection
Oct 18	World Mission Sunday

PRAYER MINISTRY - Would you like to join the "prayer warriors"? Do you know someone who could use a special prayer? Or, would you like someone to pray for you? If so, please call Pauline at 401-568-5644.



ST. PATRICK CHURCH



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MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 23 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 10:00 In Memory of Madeline Coutu
(36th Anniversary)
 by the Family

Aug 25 St. Louis;
Tue 8:30 St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
 Intention of the Priest

Aug 27 St. Monica
Thu 8:30 Intention of the Priest

Aug 30 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun 10:00 In Memory of Larry Castonguay
(3rd Anniversary)
 by his Wife & Family

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



Thank you to all the generous donors who support St. Patrick's Food Pantry, especially during the pandemic. Your donations help provide food and necessary household items to the less fortunate in our community.

Currently, between 35 and 60 families receive help through this important community program. We sincerely thank you for remembering the Food Pantry!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	08/16/20
Regular Collection	\$1,331.00
Mail-Ins	\$375.00
Building & Maintenance	\$68.99
Electronic Giving	\$105.79
Total Operating	\$1,880.78
Peter's Pence	\$20.00
Mission Co-Op	\$173.00

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UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Sep 06	Building & Maintenance Fund
Sep 20	Priests' Retirement Fund
Oct 04	Seminary Collection
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St. Patrick's Cemetery – Pre-Arrangement

The numerous decisions that must be made following the death of a loved one can prove burdensome, especially in planning a funeral and burial in a short span of time. Please consider pre-arrangement to ease the burden in the midst of grief.

The following is a current price list of cemetery plots:

Single Grave	\$ 950.00
2 Burial Plots	1,700.00
3 Burial Plots	2,500.00
4 Burial Plots	3,300.00

For further information regarding the purchase of cemetery burial plots, please call the inter-parish office at 568-2411. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 to 3:00.

Prayers Answered: Diocese Sees Decades-High Number of New Seminarians

August 7, 2020

Denver Newsroom, Aug 6, 2020 / 03:04 am MT (Catholic News Agency) - The Diocese of Providence, Rhode Island, is welcoming eight new seminarians this year - the highest number of incoming seminarians in nearly four decades.

“Some great news to share: The Providence Diocese is welcoming 8 *new seminarians* this year, the most new seminarians in almost 40 years,” said Bishop Thomas Tobin of Providence, RI on Twitter last week.

“Pray for our seminarians, including the new students. God said, ‘I will give you shepherds,’ and indeed He is!” the bishop added.

Father Brian Morris, vocations director for Our Lady of Providence Seminary in the diocese, attributed the recent increase in seminarians to the community’s dedicated prayer efforts. He told CNA the seminary has held adoration every Thursday for an increase in vocations, and parishes have hosted similar efforts.

“It’s the result of a lot of prayer. People throughout our diocese have been praying diligently for more vocations, more young men who consider the call to the priesthood,” he said.

“Why God chose this year? I don’t know, that’s up to him, but I think some of it is to deal us some good news. [We are] in a time right now [of] negativity and so much going on. This is wonderful news for our diocese, and I think God is showing us a little light in the dark.”

Like many areas in the U.S., the Diocese of Providence has faced a clergy shortage as older priests retire, including some who had been responsible for multiple parishes. These parishes are often then faced with practical challenges, such as limited sacramental ministry.

In addition, some parishes have closed in recent years as church attendance drops.

Father Chris Murphy, the rector of the seminary, told CNA that the increase in seminarians is encouraging. However, he stressed that quantity alone is not the goal.

“We want to pray for good priests, not just many priests ... The Church is not desperate for many priests. The Church is desperate for good and Holy priests,” he said.

“We have to remember to trust in the Lord that he’s going to provide the shepherds for the Church that the Church needs at the current time.”

The diocese has also taken serious steps to enhance its vocation efforts, Murphy said. Events such as Hiking with the Saints offer opportunities to interact with priests. Additionally, the diocese reintroduced Quo Vadis retreats - which allow high school boys to deepen their faith and learn more about vocations - after a several year hiatus.

While these events and retreats are helpful, Murphy said, the greatest fruits have been borne from building personal relationships with young men over the years. These relationships have included one-on-one meetings or phone conversations while the men are away at college.

“I would say even more important than [events] is the example of the witness of the priests in these men’s lives - their pastors, their chaplains, their theology teachers at the high schools for the Catholic high school students,” he said.

The priest said that he tries to provide opportunities for fraternity, but added, “truth be told, I think that a lot of the work is done at the local level through the parishes.”

Father Morris said the increase in seminarians is a sign of hope for the local Church and community.

“I just think it’s a wonderful, hopeful image to see these young men, who come from very diverse backgrounds and [have] different personalities, to show that there is not like a cookie-cutter image of a priest, to show that young men are still looking at something greater than what the world is offering them,” he said.

“It’s encouraging people that it’s okay to give your life to Christ, to give your life to God and not be afraid of what you’re missing out in this world because there’s something greater.”



Seminarians for the Diocese of Providence. Photo courtesy of Our Lady of Providence Seminary

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