



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10:00 am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
8:00 a.m. in the chapel
Holy Day Mass: 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
in the church
Confessions:
Saturday 4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
or by appointment

PASTOR

Rev. Edward A. Sousa, Jr.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday

(Closed all Civic Holidays)

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: The fourth Sunday of each month. Registered parishioners should contact the parish office in advance of the birth of their child to prepare for baptism.

Marriage: Couples must meet with a priest 12 months in advance of their wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick And Communion to the Homebound: Please notify the parish office.

Holy Orders: If you would like to serve God by preaching the Word of God, by celebrating the Sacraments, and by serving those in need, you may have a vocation to the priesthood. Please speak to a priest today or contact the Office of Vocations at 401-831-8011.

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

August 26, 2018

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Celebrating 167 years of living faith since the foundation of our parish in 1851.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 25

5:00 p.m. Month's Mind, Barbara Bicho McCauley, requested, sister Phyllis

Sunday, August 26 *Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00 a.m. Available

Monday, August 27

8:00 a.m. Birthday Remembrance, Louise Silva, requested Shirley Sears

Tuesday, August 28

8:00 Intentions for the Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

Thursday, August 30

8:00 a.m. Birthday Remembrance, Mary Pavao, requested, Florence Gracie

Friday, August 31

8:00 a.m. Available

Saturday, September 1

5:00 p.m. Available

Sunday, September 2 *Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00 a.m. Memorial, William and Belmira Anthony, requested, Bob and Pauline Anthony

BUDGET REMINDER

We hope that everyone is having a great summer. Please remember to make up your budgets. Your dependable weekly contributions are necessary in order for the parish to meet its weekly expenses.

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

August 19, 2018

	2017	2018
Envelopes:	\$2,396.00	\$1,374.00
Loose:	\$ 330.00	\$ 90.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 836.00	\$ 821.00
Children	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$3,562.00	\$2,285.00

*Currently our weekly expenses
are exceeding our weekly income.*

SAVE THE DATE!

Fr. Sousa's Installation Mass



On Sunday, September 30, 2018, at the 11:15 a.m. Mass, Bishop Robert C. Evans, Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, will formally install Fr. Sousa as pastor of St. Joseph's Parish. All are welcome to attend; There will be NO 9:00 a.m. Mass on this day. More information in the weeks to come.

FALL/WINTER SCHEDULE

Beginning September 8th the Saturday afternoon Mass will be celebrated at 4:00p.m.

Confessions will be held on Saturdays from 3:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. during this time.

ALTAR SERVERS, LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED!

Anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server (5th grade and up) or a Lector/ Eucharistic Minister please contact Fr. Sousa at 421-9137 for more information. Training will be provided.

Celebrating Christian Marriage!

The date for this year's Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass with Bishop Tobin is Sunday, September 23rd, 2018 at 1pm for couples celebrating 25 years, 40 years, 50 years and Over 50 years. To be part of this special celebration, please register with your Pastor or Parish Secretary. Thank you!

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday September 1

5:00 p.m. Olivia, Max, Grace

Sunday September 2

10:00 a.m. Lily, Angelina

LECTORS

Saturday, September 1

5:00 p.m. Carolyn Piatek

Sunday, September 2

10:00 a.m. Esther Marion

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, September 1

5:00 p.m. Jan Jaquinto, Pam DeLuca,
Volunteer

Sunday, September 2

10:00 a. m. Carmen Roy, Shirley Sears, Mike
Reilly

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED

Would you like to share your faith with the youth of our parish community? Our Religious Education program is in need of two new teachers for the Fall. Classes are Sunday morning from 10:00 to 11:15 in the Rectory. Please call Virginia DiMasi 401-258-4558 or the Rectory 421-9137 for more information.



It's Simple: Log on to the St. Joseph Church *website*: www.stjosephprovidence.org, click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration instructions.

It's Secure: Parish Giving is Payment Card Industry Compliant and uses the strongest Secure Sockets Layering encryption technology available.

It's Convenient: No more searching for the checkbook on Sunday mornings or stops at the ATM

Tax Benefits: You will be able to print out a detailed report of all your contributions at the end of the year.

Parish Benefits: This provides the Parish with stable monthly Contributions and reduces parish administrative costs.

To sign up for this free service and to begin making secure transactions over the Internet, please go to our website: www.stjosephprovidence.org, follow the Parish Giving link. Or go to www.paritygiving.org, or call **866-307-7140** and speak to a Parish Giving Representative to walk you through the process.

I love Our Music Ministry...

When preachers and musicians sometimes argue about whether the homily or the music is the most important part of the liturgy, the musicians always have the last word. Usually they say, "No one ever left church on Sunday humming the homily."

Without engaging in a debate with Donald (our organist and choir director) and Katie (our cantor/soloist) in which I would lose, I would admit (without hesitation) they are right. I especially remember this past Summer celebrating a funeral Mass at my home parish (St. Anthony's Church in West Warwick) when the organist said to me "***You have one of the best of organists in the State at your parish***". I immediately reaffirmed his accurate assessment of Donald Dame, our extremely talented musician, by saying "***Thank you for telling me that and I agree!***"

What we sing here on Sundays has a way of getting into our souls. Once we recognize that the Sunday Mass is not something that we watch but something that we do, all of us, and then we ask: How? How can we say that forty or four hundred or fourteen hundred persons in a room around a book and in a pew can all be the ones who make this liturgy? Song is one of the answers to that. Perhaps it is the first answer. We come here and we assemble and then we have a choice of how we understand every song that comes from us. Some would observe what goes on here and say: Well, yes, the ritual takes place, and now and then we stop and sing a song or maybe we sing as background while something else is taking place. That's one way to explain our singing here.

When we have the experience each Sunday of a liturgy sung well, we know without anything being said that this song of the church takes many sounds and that we need all of them. We need the short songs like the Alleluia and the "Holy, holy," and the Great Amen. Songs like these are how a crowd of people can make the church's prayer; we don't all have to say everything, but we all sing our agreement and our praise.

We, the church, need songs in which our part is just to repeat the same thing over and over, litanies in which we sing "Lord, have mercy," or "Have mercy on us," or "Hear our prayer." These shape us into the church, the people on this earth who were marked by baptism to watch out for all the troubles and sorrows and demand God's mercy. We, the church, need those songs like the one we sing each Sunday after the first reading, the psalms from the Bible. These are our first songs and our last songs. They are the songs that teach us everything about how we sing. They are so old and from a culture that was hardly anything like ours, but that is just where they are great: They are what binds us to our ancestors and to one another. They are hard for us to take, but take them we must.

Thank you, Donald and Katie for sharing your extraordinary talents with this parish community. The two of you together have formed an **incredible team of talent and blessings** for us all here at St. Joseph's. I am so looking forward to once again enjoying the music of the full choir at our 11:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday's.

Fr. Sousa