

August 25, 2019 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
8:00 a.m. in the chapel

Holy Days of Obligation:
See bulletin for details

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:00 p.m.
or by appointment

PASTOR

Rev. Edward A. Sousa, Jr.
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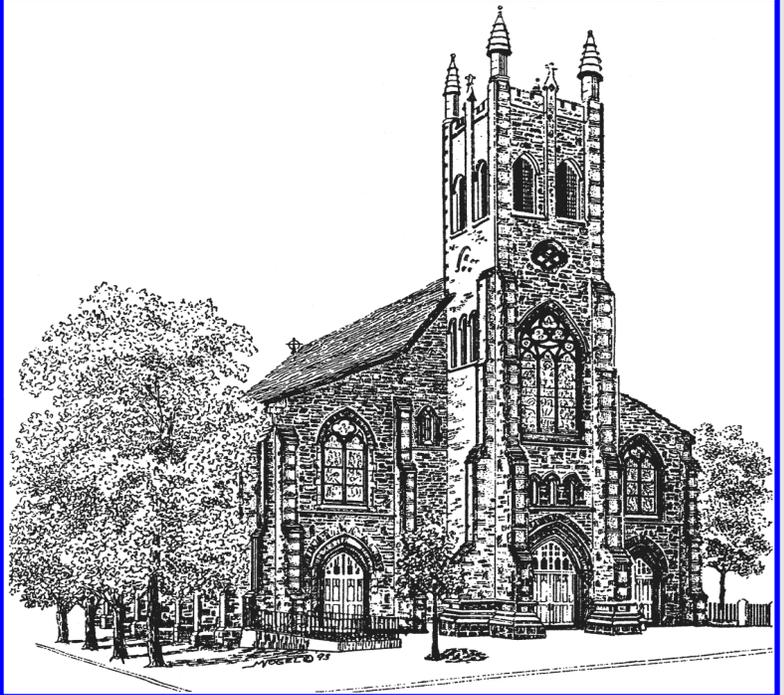
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Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Monday-Friday

(Closed on Civic Holidays)

SACRAMENTS

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

Marriage: Couples must meet Fr. Sousa 12 months in advance of their wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick: If you or a loved one are in the hospital or homebound and wish Father Sousa to make a visit, please call the Rectory and inform the Parish Secretary to make the arrangements for Father to make a visit.

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

Celebrating 168 years of living faith since the foundation of our parish in 1851.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 24

4:00 The Sousa & Imbriglio Families

Sunday, August 25

10:00 a.m. Memorial, Rev. Joseph Whalen (Fr. Sousa)

Monday, August 26

8:00 a.m. Memorial, Jane Carey, requested, Shirley Sears

Tuesday, August 27

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

Thursday, August 29

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

Friday, August 30

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

Saturday, August 31

4:00 p.m. Memorial, Rev. Reinaldo Cardoso requested, Fr. Sousa

Sunday September 1

10:00 a.m. Memorial, Rev. John Randall (Fr. Sousa)

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, August 31

4:00 p.m. Volunteers

Sunday, September 1

10:00 a.m. Volunteers

LECTORS

Saturday, August 31

4:00 p.m. Jonathan Samit

Sunday, September 1

10:00 a.m. David Gillis

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, August 31

4:00 p.m. (not necessary)

Sunday, September 1

10:00 a.m. Judy Gillis

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

August 17th & 18th

Mass Collections:	\$1,226.00
Parish Giving (EFT)	\$ 629.00
TOTAL	\$1,855.00

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!

Please notify the Parish Office of any changes in name, address, email, telephone and Parish Giving information, etc. It is very important that we keep the parish registration data updated.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary lamps in the chapel and the church will burn this week in memory of **Manuel & Mabel Sousa (grandparents of Fr. Sousa).**

Requested by Fr. Sousa.

If you would like the Sanctuary Candles to burn for one week in memory of a loved one or a special intention, please call the rectory at 421-9137.

Parish Giving

Electronic Giving Available!

St. Joseph's is enlisted in *Parish Giving* to provide its members with the opportunity to use Electronic Funds Transfer as an alternative method for giving.

Parish Giving is being offered to you free of charge. At the same time, **St. Joseph's** will benefit from a reliable, more efficient and more convenient means to process the contributions that make it possible to support its mission.

You will be able to select from the various opportunities to contribute to our parish and other initiatives. Keep in mind that all contributions are processed once a month. Following is an overview of some of the features:

- Ability to make one-time contributions
- Ability to make recurring contributions
- Ability to contribute to multiple organizations
- Ability to select your billing date
- Ability to use Credit Card or Bank Transfer
- Ability to access end of year contribution reports

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.

The Role of Deacons in the Catholic Church

In the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church, there is the Pope (the bishop of Rome), bishops, priests, and deacons. All of them are ordained members of the clergy; that is, each level of the hierarchy receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders. At the lowest level are to be found deacons, who receive the imposition of hands “not unto the priesthood, but unto the ministry.” At an ordination to the diaconate only the bishop lays hands on the candidate, thus signifying the deacon’s special attachment to the bishop in the tasks of his “diakonia,” or ministry of service (*Catechism 1569*). The Church recognizes two types of deacons:

A **permanent deacon** is a man ordained to that office *alone*: He will not be ordained a priest (hence the use of “permanent”). He can be single or married. If the latter, he must be married *before* being ordained. If his wife dies before him, he cannot remarry (except in extremely rare cases). He must remain celibate for the rest of his life, as does a permanent deacon who is single at the time of ordination. Permanent deacons have secular jobs to support their families and thus, with the exception of the occasional stipend, **receive no salary for their service to the Church**. Such service includes helping the pastor visit the sick, teach the faith, counsel couples and individuals, and work on parish committees.

A permanent deacon can perform baptisms; witness marriages; perform funeral and burial services outside of Mass; distribute Holy Communion; proclaim the Gospel at Mass; and preach the homily. He is also obligated to pray the Divine Office (Breviary) each day.

A **transitional deacon**, meanwhile, is a seminarian in the last phase of his training for the Catholic priesthood. After being a deacon for a year, the transitional deacon is ordained a priest by the bishop.

What is the difference between a priest and a deacon in the Catholic Church?

Unlike **priests**, deacons cannot perform the Holy Sacrament of the Mass, hear confessions, or anoint the sick. But they do assist **priests** in their duties. In Communion Services that do not involve the celebration of the Mass, **deacons** can preside. **Priests** are assistants to the bishop and the Pope, while **deacons** are servants of the **church** and the bishops.

Mr. David Gillis, from our parish, will be installed in the **Ministry of Acolyte** by Bishop Robert C. Evans, Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, on Sunday, October 27, in St. Kevin Church, 333 Sandy Lane, Warwick, at 2:00 p.m. **ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

“The acolyte is an official ministry appointed in order to aid the deacon and to minister to the priest. It is his duty therefore to attend to the service of the altar and to assist the deacon and the priest in liturgical celebrations, especially in the celebration of Mass. ... He may also, to the extent needed, take care of instructing other faithful who on a temporary basis are appointed to assist the priest or deacon in liturgical celebrations by carrying the missal, cross, candles, etc., or by performing other such duties. He will perform these functions more worthily if he participates in the holy Eucharist with increasingly fervent devotion, receives nourishment from it, and deepens his knowledge about it” - Pope John Paul II.

“It is a beautiful and sacred role in the Catholic Church, one that comes with much responsibility in assisting priests and deacons during the celebration of Mass” - Pope Francis.

If it so pleases God, and if Dave completes his studies to the satisfaction of those charged with his formation, in October 2020 he will be ordained to the **Permanent Diaconate** by Bishop Thomas J. Tobin, Bishop of Providence. **This will be the first time in the history of our parish that a member has been ordained to the permanent diaconate.** Please keep Dave in your prayers as he continues with his studies and with his spiritual formation.