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We open our hearts and doors to our brothers and sisters from St. Matthew's Parish as they go through this time of transition. We are truly blessed to walk this journey of faith with you and we also trust in God's promise that:

"Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I in their midst" (Matthew 18:20).

As we join together in prayer, worship, and fellowship, may we grow as one family in Christ-sharing our gifts, traditions and our love for the Lord.

Reverend Thomas J. Woodhouse, Pastor
Deacon Paul M. Shea, Deacon Assistant
Sister Cristina Gomez, H.M.S.P., Parish Missionary

Mass Schedule:

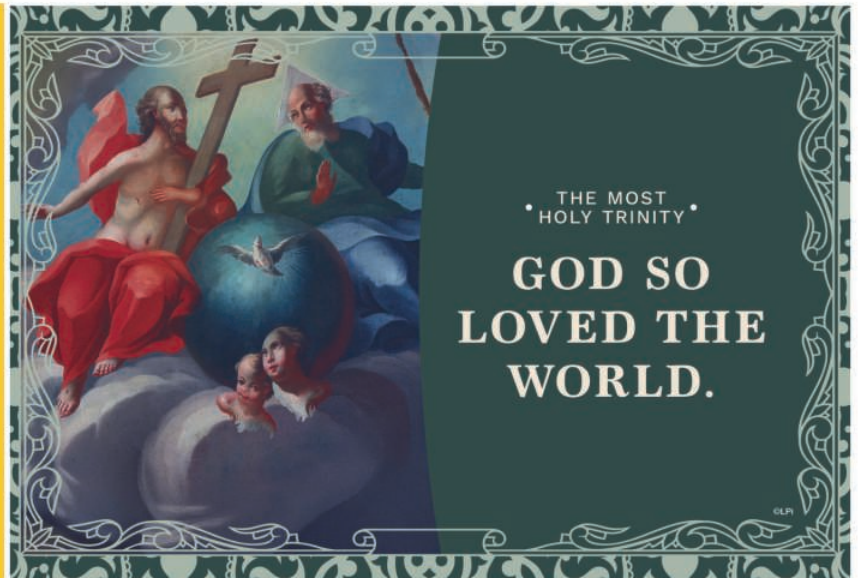
Saturday: 4:30PM
Sunday: 8:00AM | 9:30AM &
11:30AM | 1:30PM - Korean Mass
Weekdays: 12:05PM

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Eucharistic Adoration*

Most Mondays immediately after the 12:05pm Mass until Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm. The church is also open from 11:00am-5:00pm Tuesday through Friday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)*

Saturdays at 3:30pm, Mondays at 6pm, or by appointment.

From the Pastor...

As we wrapped up the Easter Season last weekend with the Solemnity of Pentecost, we can, perhaps, reflect on the wonderful things that we experienced in our life and in our parish through Lent and Easter this year.

Our faith is one of striving, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to change our life to be more closely aligned with the will of God.

Life is full of changes and with this in mind, our parish will soon experience a change. Our awesome Music Director, Jason Hervieux, will be leaving us after Father's Day weekend. He will be moving to St. Augustine parish in Providence. Although I am very sorry to see him go, as I'm sure we all are, I understand his reasons and we have been talking about this since the opportunity presented itself. He has been here since September 2019 and after my arrival in November 2020, we have built a great working relationship, and I consider him a good friend.

He will continue to assist our parish as the Communications Director and he and I are working together to find a suitable replacement. I give the rest of my column to him as he bids farewell. Please keep us all in your prayers.

Fr. Woodhouse

Dear Parishioners,

I am beyond grateful and honored to have served as St. Paul's Parish Music Director for the last 7 years. From the moment I was hired back in September of 2019 to now, it has been a very special place to serve and to lead you all in sung prayer.

St. Paul's Parish will always hold a very special place in my heart. Seeing our Music Ministry grow from just a few singers to almost a dozen is an amazing testament to you, the Parish, and to those that get involved in ministry.

I want to thank Fr. Woodhouse for his amazing support for not only myself, but for the Music Ministry. He consistently made sure we had the tools necessary to be successful in lifting up our liturgies in such a special, prayerful way. I also want to thank the entire parish staff for their wonderful support.

To the choir, I cannot thank you enough for your tireless efforts and for the dedication you have given to make such a successful and fruitful Music Ministry. You showed up to weekly choir rehearsals and sang for every Sunday and high holy day, raising our parish family in prayerful song. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Please continue to keep the ministry going and continue to lift the congregation up in prayer through beautiful music.

As of June 27th, I will begin my new position as Director of Music Ministry for St. Augustines Parish in Providence. I am happy to say that I will still continue in my role as Director of Communications here at St. Paul's. I look forward to this next chapter. Please pray for me and my family as we embark on this new journey. God bless and happy singing!

Jason Hervieux 

Holy Mass This Week

Saturday, May 30th | The Most Holy Trinity Vigil
4:30PM Virginia Neri (Memorial)

Sunday, May 31st | The Most Holy Trinity
8:00AM Susan Shields, Catherine Marchant & Mary McCarthy (Memorial)
9:30AM Emma McCarthy (18th Anniversary)
11:30AM Donald McGee (1st Anniversary)

Monday, June 1st | St. Justin, Martyr
12:05PM In Thanksgiving for the 13th Anniversary of the Ordination of Rev. Thomas Woodhouse, 10th Pastor of St. Paul Parish

Tuesday, June 2nd | Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs
12:05PM Steven Duchesneau (3rd Anniversary)

Wednesday, June 3rd | St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs
12:05PM Aisha Najim (Memorial)

Thursday, June 4th of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time
12:05PM Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, June 5th | St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr
12:05PM Catherine Murphy (Birthday Remembrance)

Saturday, June 6th | The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Vigil
11:00AM Korean Mass
4:30PM Albert Curtin (Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, June 7th | The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
8:00AM John Walsh (10th Anniversary)
9:30AM Intention of the Celebrant
11:30AM The People of St. Paul Parish
1:30PM Korean Mass

ST. MATTHEW'S INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 31st | The Most Holy Trinity
9:30AM Carlos Fernandes & Joseph Gloria; by: Adovinda Gloria

ST. MATTHEW'S ~ COUNTER SCHEDULE:
JUNE 1, 2026 - Team 1
JUNE 8, 2026 - Team 2

SUNDAY RUNDOWN ~ MAY 31ST

- **SOCIAL SUNDAY**
 - Join us following the 9:30AM Mass for coffee, pastries & fellowship! (*see pg. 5 for ad info*)
- **YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT GROUPS**
 - Youth (grades 8-12) & Young Adults join us starting at 6:00PM behind the school for hot dogs with Fr. Woodhouse! (*see pg. 4 for ad info*)

Though it is a less common practice in the modern world, early Church fathers like Tertullian and St. Jerome extolled the importance of praying after a meal, an action meant to inspire an attitude of thanksgiving and an acknowledgment of our dependence on God.



The Most Holy Trinity

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31, 2026

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18
Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/ Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/ Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/ Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34
Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/ Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168/Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/ Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22/Mk 12:38-44
Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/I Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

Collections for May 16 & 17

Budget: \$5,008.00

- \$3,437.00 | (envelopes)
- \$1,571.00 | (loose)
- Votive Candles: \$407.00
- Ascension: \$893.00
- Monthly: \$15.00
- Annual: \$30.00
- Easter: \$70.00
- H.E.L.P.: \$65.00
- St. Paul Youth: \$453.00
- Outreach: \$131.00
- Winter Recovery Fund: \$50.00
- St. Paul School
 - Building Improvement: \$305.00

ST. MATTHEWS BUDGETS:

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH

- Weekly Collection: \$1,671.00
- Fuel & Maintenance: \$100.00
- Online Collection: \$258.16

ParishSOFT Collections for:

Month of April 1-30

Weekly Budget: \$7,400.00

- H.E.L.P.: \$205.00
- Outreach: \$100.00
- Parish Collection: \$507.50
- Offertory: \$2,225.00
- One Time Gifts: \$65.00
- Holy Land/Good Friday: \$345.00
- Easter Sunday: \$870.00
- C.R.S./Rice Bowl: \$460.00
- St. Paul School
 - Building Improvements: \$115.00
- St. Paul Youth Group: \$30.00

Saint Paul Parish Prayer Chain

Pray for all those on our longterm sick list: Julie Middleton, Mary, John Petrilli, Silvana Scatena, Mark & Crissy Gangone, Joel Kahn, Denise Att, Annie Powderly, Lou Cimini, Justin Hsu, Clinton Stayton, Liz Bowman, Albert Thuente, Scott Foley, Pete Sorci, Carol Osadnick, Rosalia Verrone, Audrey, Fr. Jack Lavin, Jason Li, Linda Vaillant, Michael Conti, Elie Kamara, Cheryl Church, Sheila Raposa, Michael Andrews, Milly Monteiro, David Stenhouse, Dave Suwalski, Lisa Davis, John K, Daniel K, Terrence Hogan, Mario & Marilyn Rodriguez, Esperanza Raymundo Esquivel, Susan Agnes Rotondo, Gert Shea, Judy Mellor, Marie Duval, Ricardo Nunez, Eileen Kelley and all those who are sick at home, in hospitals and living in nursing facilities.

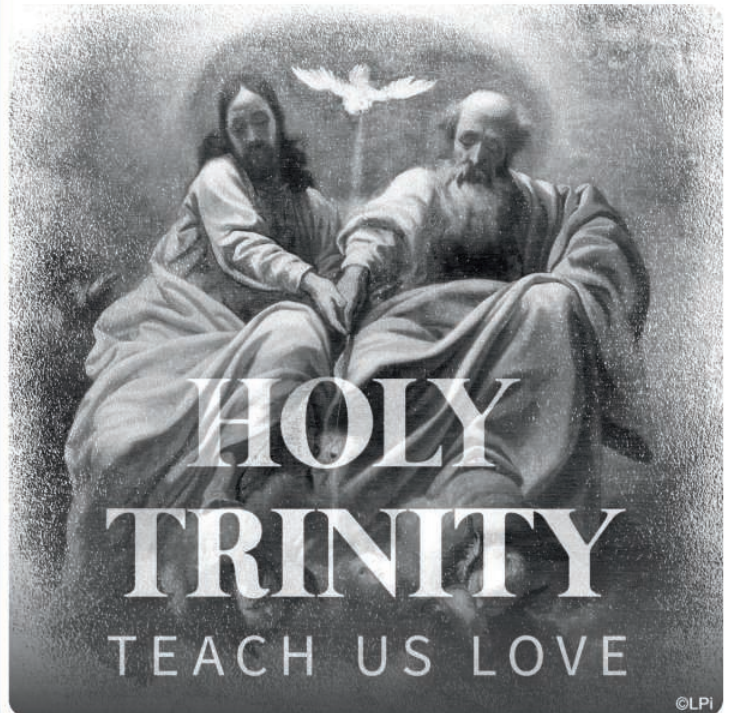
Please contact the rectory office if you would like to place someone on the Prayer Chain.

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



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. — Jn 3:16-17

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Military Prayer List

Please pray for all those currently serving in the Armed Forces...

- BMI Christopher Rantuccio, U.S. Coast Guard
- AB Ryanna L. Vittorioso, RI Air National Guard
- CAPT Patrick Timothy Drury, U.S. Army
- MSG Brian Andrade, U.S. Army
- SFC Matthew Jeff, U.S. Army
- SGT Zachary Maguire, U.S. Army
- SGT Alex Brant, U.S. Army
- LT Matthew Lutynski, D.O., U.S. Navy
- 2nd LT 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
- MA3 Pamela Castillo Diaz, U.S. Navy
- PFC Alex Usher, U.S. Marine Corps
- ITE2 Jesse Allen, U.S. Navy
- LTJG Peter Schofield, U.S. Coast Guard

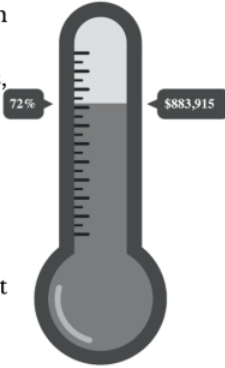


Campaign Updates

Thanks be to God we have met our pledge goal for our Repair, Restore, Rejoice Capital Campaign.

GOAL: \$1,227,055

We will now be showing our progress in receiving the funds to meet the pledge goal. Our thermometer shows the current pledges, and the “mercury” shows the money we have received to meet our pledge goal.



As of May 22, 2026:

Pledges received: \$883,915.50

Outstanding to be received: \$343,139.50

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office!

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL SUCCESS!

We are pleased to share that **St. Matthew's Parish** has reached—and surpassed—our 2026 Catholic Charity Appeal goal!



As of May 13th, we have raised \$58,856, reaching 101% of our goal. This wonderful achievement reflects the generosity and compassion of our parish family and the dedication of all who supported this important effort. Thank you for helping us extend Christ's love and care to those most in need.

STILL TIME TO GIVE!

Help St. Paul's Parish reach its goal by donating to this very important Appeal. Scan the QR code to donate today.



WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

The Women's Study Group meets:

MONDAY, JUNE 1ST | 7:15PM
IN SAINT PAUL SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

We wrap up its discussion of "*Come to Me: Living the Nine First Fridays*" by Sister Anne Flanagan FSP. The session immediately follows Monday Evening Devotions, which begins with recitation of the Rosary at 6:15 and ends with Benediction of Blessed Sacrament at 7:00PM. The group is open to all women – new members welcome anytime.



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT EVENT

with Fr. Woodhouse



MAY 31ST | 6PM - 7:30PM

PARKING LOT BEHIND ST. PAUL SCHOOL

ALL THE YOUTH (GRADES 8-12) AND THE YOUNG ADULTS OF ST. MATTHEW'S & ST. PAUL'S ARE INVITED!

THE GIFT OF NOT UNDERSTANDING

I once listened to Bishop Daniel Flores — a renowned scholar and prelate — give a 70-minute talk on the Trinitarian nature of God. In those 70 minutes, Bishop Flores said a lot of eloquent things. But what that really landed with me was not any group of words, but a single gesture.



Defining hypostasis, the term we use for the “the reciprocal dynamic relations that constitute distinct identities within the Godhead” (yes, I am using his words because I could never, in a million years, trust my own) Bishop Flores said “the Father and the Son are true God, but the Father is not the Son, and the Son is not the Father. How not? Different hypostasis.”

And here his eyes grew wide; he turned his head and opened his hands, drawing back as if from a spooked horse. The implication was clear: Any further than this, I dare not go. I've never felt so seen.

Sometimes, I make the mistake of thinking that I am unique in my inability to understand the great mysteries. Sometimes, I despair that I am not a “better Catholic” — one who will rush headfirst into the crosshairs of a hard question, confident in the words that come immediately to my lips.

But when I saw Bishop Flores flinch at the thought of defining how, exactly, the Son is not the Father, and vice versa, I remembered that only fools rush in where angels fear to tread. This Sunday, friends, take heart: our failure to understand is not a poverty. It is a gift. It propels us constantly back to the wellspring of our glorious Faith — to Scripture, to Tradition, to the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit which sustains each and every one of us who dare to believe. | ©LPi

✧ May 31st ✧

Social Sunday

In Saint Paul School Auditorium
following the 9:30AM Mass.

Come join us for some coffee,
sweet treats & conversation!

There is no cost ~ Everyone is invited!



VACATION BIBLE CAMP!

8:30AM - 11:30AM
JUNE 22ND - 26TH

ST. PAUL SCHOOL CAFETERIA



- **AGES:** All children who will be entering PreK (age 4) through grade 5 as of September are invited to be campers. Students entering grades 6-8 are invited to be crew leaders (small group leaders), and students entering grades 9-12 are invited to lead activity stations such as outdoor games, art, skits, music, snack and more.
- **COST:** The cost is \$50/one camper, \$75/two sibling campers, \$100/three or more sibling campers. **There is NO FEE for student-leaders**, but donations of any amount are gratefully accepted. Please note that volunteer student-leaders who participate all week can earn up to 25 community service hours while having fun!

TRAINING DAY FOR CREW LEADERS AND STATION LEADERS IS:
SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH FROM 10:00AM TO 12:00PM

- **FURTHER INFORMATION ON TRAINING DAY WILL BE SENT ONCE YOUR REGISTRATION FORM IS RECEIVED.**


Questions? Contact the Faith Formation Office at 941-5576 or faithform@saintpaulcranston.org.



JUNE EVENTS 2026

Knights of Columbus
Rhode Island State Council

JUNE 8TH - 10TH MON - WED TIME - TBD	THE ROSARY FOR AMERICA For three days, rosaries with intentions taken from 250 years of benedictions, invocations and other prayers with their origins in America's, semicentennial, centennial, sesquicentennial and bicentennial celebrations will be recited at St. Paul's.
JUNE 26TH FRIDAY 7PM	HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS Holy Hour for Vocations at: Our Lady of Mercy in East Greenwich All are invited! Just show up.
JUNE 27TH SATURDAY 10AM	MASS OF ORDINATION Join in supporting those being ordained at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter & Paul, most especially our transitional Deacon Jay Zizza who has been with us this past year.
JUNE 28TH SUNDAY TIME - TBD	FIRST MASS OF THANKSGIVING First Mass of the Newly Ordained Priest, at his home Parish (Christ the King in South Kingstown)



ROSARY FOR AMERICA


SAVE THE DATE JUNE 8TH - JUNE 10TH

On Thursday, June 11th, as part of America's semiquincentennial jubilee, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St. Paul's will make our contribution to this celebration by praying the Rosary in the days leading up to the Consecration. Our intentions will be drawn from prayers, invocations, and blessings offered throughout 250 years of American history, a treasury of wisdom that fits prayer for our country into the context of the eternal.

JOIN US ON:

- Monday, June 8th – Joyful Mysteries (during Monday Evening Devotions)
- Tuesday, June 9th – Sorrowful Mysteries
- Wednesday, June 10th – Glorious Mysteries, followed by a closing gathering.

Watch the bulletin for additional details!



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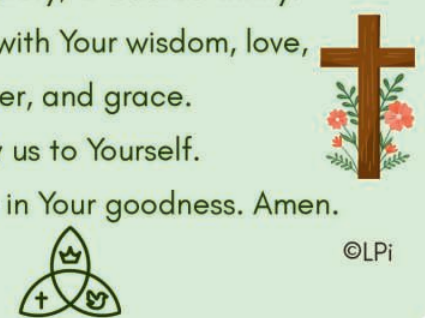
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TRINITY PRAYER

O Divine Mystery, O Sacred Trinity!
Surround us with Your wisdom, love,
power, and grace.
Draw us to Yourself.
Help us to rest in Your goodness. Amen.



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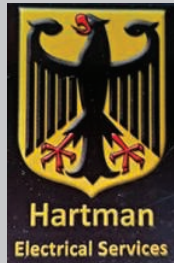
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