



• 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT •

**HIM ALONE
SHALL YOU SERVE.**

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CATHEDRAL OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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Saturday, March 8 *Saint John of God, Religious*

- 10:00 Multi-Parish Confirmation
- 5:00 ALBERT, MARY & LOUIS ORABONA (deceased) by Lucille Orabona

Sunday, March 9 *1st Sunday of Lent*

- 10:00 ANIA PICARD (deceased) by the Picard family
- Noon EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
- 1:00 ANTHONY CABRAL (deceased)
- 3:30 Rite of Election
- 6:00 RITA C. SULLIVAN (deceased)

Monday, March 10

- 12:00 MAGGIE TAPERESU & PENINA MHARAPARA (deceased) by Bob and Elizabeth Cusack

Tuesday, March 11

- 12:00 FOR THE UNBORN WHOSE LIVES ARE THREATENED BY ABORTION

Wednesday, March 12

- 12:00 MARGARET H. MARTINELLI (deceased) by Henry V Boezi, III

Thursday, March 13

- 12:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GUADANO & GANDOLPINI FAMILIES by Alan and Diane Costantino

Friday, March 14

- 12:00 FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY by Bob and Elizabeth Cusack

Saturday, March 15

- 5:00 NORMA, ARTHUR & DAVID MARCANTONIO (deceased) by family

Sunday, March 16 *2nd Sunday of Lent*

- 10:00 PHYLLIS CONDON (deceased) by dtr Jeannie (2nd Anniversary Rem.)
- Noon EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
- 1:00 ANDREW MATTISON RAUCCI (deceased) by Dr Carl & Joyce Cotoia and Lucille & Jacinta
- 6:00 FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND CONSECRATED LIFE



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Way of the Cross, also known as the Stations of the Cross, are a way to pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice for us. It is divided into fourteen stations from the time He was condemned to his burial. This devotion has been long encouraged by the Church, and is especially useful during Lent and Good Friday. The devotion was developed during the Crusades when the knights and pilgrims began to follow the route of Christ's way to Calvary. This devotion spread throughout Europe and was promulgated by the Franciscan friars in the 14th and 15th centuries. Eventually, the Stations of the Cross became an important catechetical tool, and the popularity of this devotion inspired some of the greatest Christian art.

Join us as we pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent immediately following the 12PM Mass.

**2025 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
"TRUST IN PROVIDENCE"**

The annual Catholic Charity Appeal supports the work of the Catholic Church by responding to the abundance of human needs in our Diocese. Your gift provides much needed help to the poor, the sick, the disabled and to troubled families in crisis. This is an opportunity to join a unified effort in our diocese to further the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church in Rhode Island. Please take a moment to consider the many blessings that God has bestowed upon you and prayerfully consider what you are able to share in support of our diocesan Church.

Our 2025 Parish Goal is \$39,900

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FROM THE RECTOR

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to share with you the following meditation:

The Temptations of Christ

Reflecting on the temptations to which Jesus was subjected in the wilderness invites each of us to answer a fundamental question: What really counts in my life? In the first temptation the devil proposes to Jesus that he turn a stone into bread to appease his hunger. Jesus retorts that man...does not live on *bread alone*. Without a response to his hunger for truth, to his hunger for God, man cannot be saved. In the second temptation the devil proposes the way of power to Jesus.... Jesus is very clear that it is not worldly power that saves the world, but the power of the cross, of humility and of love. In the third temptation the devil suggest to Jesus that he throw himself down from the pinnacle of the Temple... that is, that he do something sensational to put God himself to the test; but the answer is that God is not an object on which to impose conditions of our own making; he is the Lord of all.

What is the essence of the three temptations to which Jesus is subjected? It is the proposal to exploit God, to use him for one's own success. And therefore, essentially to put oneself in God's place, removing him from one's own existence and making him seem superfluous. Each one of us must therefore ask him or herself: what place does God have in my life? Is he the Lord or am I?

Today it is no longer possible to be Christian as a mere consequence of living in a society that has Christian roots: even those who are born into a Christian family and receive education must every day renew their decision to be Christian, that is, to give God first place in the face of the temptations that a secularized culture constantly suggests. It is far from easy to be faithful to Christian marriage, to practice mercy in daily life, to make room for prayer and inner silence. In this season of Lent let us renew our commitment to make room for God, seeing daily reality with his eyes. The alternative between being closed into our own egotism and openness to the love of God and others, we might say, corresponds to the alternative, that is, between human power and love of the cross. Being converted means not shutting ourselves into the quest for our own success, our own prestige, our own status, but rather ensuring that every day, in the small things, truth, faith in God, and love become the most important thing of all.

POPE BENEDICT XVI

Pope Benedict XVI († 2022) reigned as pope from 2005 until 2013.

Peace,
Monsignor Mancini



Easter Flower Memorials for Departed Loved Ones

Easter Flower Memorials for Departed Loved Ones beginning this weekend, March 8th & 9th, special envelopes for Easter Flower Memorials will be available at the entrances to the Cathedral. Donations will help to defray the cost of the flowers that will adorn the Cathedral sanctuary for the Easter season. The Easter Flowers & Decorations collection will be taken on the weekend of March 15th & 16th, but the Easter Flower Memorial donations will be collected up until Palm Sunday, April 13th for publication and may be deposited in any collection. Each envelope has limited space to inscribe the name(s) of your departed loved ones, so we ask that no more than three names be included with each donation. Please inscribe each name legibly. Names will be published in the Easter bulletin and placed upon the altar to be remembered in prayer throughout the Easter season. A donation of \$25 is suggested, but any amount contributed will be greatly appreciated.

Gold Memorials \$100 and above; Silver Memorials \$50 to \$99; Bronze Memorials \$25 to \$49

Thank you for your generosity.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Teenagers Confirmation Program Grades 9-12:

Monday, March 10th @ 6pm (Hall)

Children's Program Grades 1-8:

Saturday, March 15th @ 10:30am (Hall)

FAITH FORMATION

R.C.I.A.: Wednesday, March 12th @ 7pm (Hall)

Bible Study: Wednesday, March 12th @ 7pm (Hall)

Cathedral's website: <https://providencecathedral.org>

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CATHEDRAL OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

SATURDAY

MARCH 29, 2025

Beginning at 10:45am & Concluding with 5pm
Mass

Sacred Scripture Reflections - Adoration -
Holy Rosary - Confessions - Vespers - Holy Mass

Speakers

Monsignor Anthony Mancini, Rector

Sister Elizabeth Castro, HMSP

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Please contact the Parish
Office at 401-331-2434 to register by
March 26th.