

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



**CATHEDRAL OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL**

30 FENNER STREET ~ PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

*THE MOST REVEREND BRUCE A. LEWANDOWSKI, C.Ss.R*

*Bishop of Providence*

*REVEREND MONSIGNOR ANTHONY MANCINI*

*Cathedral Rector*

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**Saturday, November 29**

5:00 ALBERT, MARY & LOUIS ORABONA (deceased)  
by Lucille A. Orabona

**Sunday, November 30 1st Sunday of Advent**

10:00 JUDGE FRANK CAPRIO by Carole Levine  
(deceased) Christmas Rem.

Noon EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

1:00 JOHN PAESANO by the Paesano family  
(deceased)

3:00 **Sounds of the Season Concert**

6:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CABRAL AND  
SULLIVAN FAMILIES

**Monday, December 1**

12:00 ANNE DUTRA (deceased) by son Jim

**Tuesday, December 2**

12:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MOYO, CUSACK,  
AND MHARAPARA FAMILIES  
by Bob and Elizabeth Cusack

**Wednesday, December 3 Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

12:00 JAMES J. GRAY (deceased) by family

**Thursday, December 4 Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

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

**Friday, December 5**

12:00 FRANK DiLANNA (deceased) by Lorna Orabona

**Saturday, December 6 Saint Nicholas, Bishop**

5:00 ANTHONY & RITA G. CABRAL (deceased)

**Sunday, December 7 2nd Sunday of Advent**

10:00 MARY McDERMOTT HUGHES (deceased)  
by Brenda Hughes (15th Anniversary Rem.)

Noon EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

1:00 ROMEO LACOMBE (deceased) by Roy Damiano  
(Christmas Rem.)

6:00 ANTHONY CABRAL, JR. (deceased)

**Christmas Flower Memorials for Departed Loved Ones**

Special envelopes for **Christmas 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 Christmas season. A special collection will be taken on the weekend of December 6th & 7th — you may drop these envelopes in any collection until Sunday, December 14th.

You may inscribe the names of your departed loved ones but we ask that **no more than two intentions be included with each donation**. Names will be published in the Christmas bulletin and placed upon the altar to be remembered in prayer throughout the Christmas season.

**Gold Memorials: \$100 and above**

**Silver Memorials: \$50 to \$99**

**Bronze Memorials: \$25 to \$49**

*Any amount contributed will be greatly appreciated.*

**CATHEDRAL ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

**Saturday, December 13th**

*Cathedral Hall  
from 10:45 AM - 5:00 PM*



**THIS SPECIAL ADVENT RETREAT DAY WILL INCLUDE REFLECTIONS {SACRED SCRIPTURE}, ADORATION, HOLY ROSARY, CONFESSIONS, SOLEMN VESPERS, 5:00 PM HOLY MASS**

**SPEAKERS:**

**Bishop Bruce A. Lewandowski, C.Ss.R.**

**&**

**Sister Elizabeth Castro, HMSP**

**Registration Required - Deadline December 10th**

**{401} 331-2434 Parish Office**

**Lunch will be provided**

**Parking Supervised by Security**

**Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul**

**30 Fenner Street - Providence, RI 02903**



**A Christmas Giving Tree has been erected at the side entrance to the Cathedral. On this tree there will be tags with a particular gift indicated on each tag. You may take a tag or two and return the indicated gift to the Cathedral by Sunday, December 21st. Please be sure to attach the tag to the gift. Thank you for your generosity!**

**FROM THE RECTOR** - Monsignor Anthony Mancini

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to share with you the following meditation:

***Waiting for Christ***

Each new year, as it passes, brings us the same warnings again and again, and none perhaps more impressive than those with which it comes to us at this season. The year is worn out. Spring, summer, autumn, each in turn, have brought their gifts and done their utmost, but they are over, and the end is come. Thus the soul is cast forward upon the future, and in proportion as its conscience is clear and its perception true does it rejoice solemnly that *the night is advanced, the day is at hand*, that there are *a new heaven and a new earth* (Rv 21:1) to come, though the former are failing. Nay, rather, because they are failing, it will soon *see the king in his beauty and behold a land that stretches afar* (Is 33:17).

These are feelings for [those] waiting...calmly though earnestly, for the advent of Christ. And such, too, are the feelings with which we now come before him in prayer day by day. The season is chill and dark, and the breath of the morning is damp, but all this befits those who are by profession penitents and mourners, watchers and pilgrims. True faith does not covet comforts. It only complains when it is forbidden to kneel, when it reclines upon cushions. Its only hardship is to be hindered, or to be ridiculed, when it would place itself as a sinner before its judge.

One year goes and then another, but the same warnings recur. The frost or rain comes again; the earth is stripped of its brightness; there is nothing to rejoice in. And then, amid this unprofitableness of earth and sky, the well-known words return: the prophet Isaiah is read, the same epistle and Gospel bidding us *to awake from sleep* and welcome him *who comes in the name of the Lord*, the same prayers, beseeching him to prepare us for judgment. O blessed are they who obey these warning voices, and look out for him whom they have not seen, because they *have loved his appearing* (2 Tm 4:8).

At present, we are in a world of shadows. Suddenly it will be rent in twain and vanish away, and our Maker will appear. He will look on us, while we look on him.

SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

*Saint John Henry Newman (†1890) was a convert to the Catholic faith and a preacher of great eloquence. He was made a cardinal by Pope Leo XIII in 1879.*

**WEEK 1**  
**Advent** ©LPI

**The Gregorian Concert Choir & Festival Orchestra**

will present a Concert entitled  
To Benefit

**"Keep the Heat On" Challenge**

Assisting hundreds of poor and low income families  
with gas, oil and electricity bills.



**Music of Advent & Christmas**

*Rev. Msgr. Anthony Mancini, Conductor*

*Mr. Philip Faraone, Organist*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025 at 3PM**

*here at the Cathedral*

Tickets for this event are \$10 and will be sold at the door - no reservations required.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Classes for First Holy Communion and for children Grades 1-8 will be held on: **Sat., December 6, 2025 at 10:30am.**

Classes for Teen Confirmation Grades 9-12 will be held on: **Mon., December 1, 2025 at 6:30pm**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

O. C. I. A.: **Wed., December 3, 2025 {7pm-8:30pm}**

Bible Study: **Wed., December 3, 2025 {7pm-8:30pm}**

For information/registration please email

Sister Elizabeth Castro at:

**sister.elizabethmssw@gmail.com**

A cloud of incense was rising on high; the people suddenly all bowed low; what could it mean? The truth flashed on him, fearfully yet sweetly; it was the Blessed Sacrament - it was the Lord Incarnate who was on the altar, who had come to visit and bless his people. It was the Great Presence, which makes a Catholic Church different from every other place in the world; which makes it, as no other place can be - holy.

*Saint John Henry Newman*  
(†1890)

**St. Jude is coming to Providence**

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**Apostle of Hope, St. Jude Thaddeus**

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**VENERATION OF THE LARGEST RELIC OF ST. JUDE THADDEUS IN AMERICA**

**DECEMBER 1-3, 2025 Monday-Wednesday 7PM each evening**

**St. Pius V Church ~ 240 Easton St ~ Providence, RI**

**Office: 401-751-4871**

**Priest available for confessions each night starting at 6:30 PM.**

**Presented by Dominican Friar & Preacher:**

**Fr. Mike Ford, OP**