



**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**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, February 21 *Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

5:00 ANNE & LEWIS PERROTTI (deceased)  
by Lucille Orabona

Sunday, February 22 *1st Sunday of Lent*

10:00 JOAN BRENNAN (deceased) by Msgr. Mancini

Noon EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

1:00 BARBARA TAGLIAFERRI (deceased) by family

3:30 Rite of Election

6:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CABRAL AND SULLIVAN FAMILIES

Monday, February 23 *Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr*

12:00 PAUL A. BEGIN (deceased)

Tuesday, February 24

12:00 DR. PAUL & CARMELA SARDELLINI (deceased)  
by parishioner

Wednesday, February 25

12:00 INTENTIONS OF PATRICK QUINN  
by David and Ann Quinn

Thursday, February 26

12:00 LONNIE MARZILLI (deceased)  
by Alan and Diane Costantino

Friday, February 27 *Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church*

12:00 JOSE VARQUEZ (deceased)  
by the Varquez family

Saturday, February 28

5:00 CHRISTOPER T. SMITH (deceased)  
by Uncle Michael, Kathy and Raymond Pelosi

Sunday, March 1 *2nd Sunday of Lent*

10:00 LOUIS B. D'AREZZO (deceased) by Carolyn and David Surabian

Noon EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

1:00 GEORGE ROBERT DUPRE (deceased)  
by Mom and Dad (Birthday Rem.)

6:00 ANTHONY & RITA G. CABRAL (deceased)

**LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

*here at the Cathedral*

REFLECTIONS ON THE PASSION OF JESUS, PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK

**Saturday, February 28, 2026**

From 10:45 A.M., Concluding with 5 P.M. Mass:  
SACRED SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS - ADORATION - HOLY ROSARY -  
CONFESSIONS - VESPERS - HOLY MASS.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

SPEAKERS: MONSIGNOR ANTHONY MANCINI, RECTOR  
SISTER ESMERALDA URENDA, H.M.S.P.

Registration Required: Please call the Cathedral Office at  
401-331-2434



**UNBOUND**

**Next weekend,**  
please welcome Rev. Bill Martin who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of

**Unbound**, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 16 developing countries. To learn more, call [800] 875-6564 or visit Unbound online at [www.unbound.org](http://www.unbound.org).

**Rev. Bill Martin**

*“Unbound turns the yearning of the heart into productive action for those who have nowhere else to turn. Over 21 years I have received a barrage of gratitude from sponsor friends at any moment; this is beautiful background noise in my life.”*

Ordained in the Archdiocese of New York, Father Bill Martin served in prison ministry and taught high school. Also, he supported the U.S. Air Force personnel as a chaplain for twenty-two years. **Unbound** is the efficient organization that empowers Father Martin to make significant change for God's poor. Father Martin enjoys skiing, flying, reading, and history.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Classes for Teen Confirmation Grades 9-12 will be held on: **Monday, February 23 at 6:30pm**

Classes for First Holy Communion and for children Grades 1-8 will be held on: **Saturday, February 28 at 10:30am.**

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

O. C. I. A. & Bible Study  
**Wednesday, February 25 from 7pm-8:30pm**

*For information please contact Sister Esmeralda @  
401-824-9608*

**FROM THE RECTOR** - Monsignor Anthony Mancini

My dear Brothers and Sisters,  
I would like to share with you the following meditation:

***Battling to the End***

It is said there that after Our Lord had overcome his enemy and rejected his temptations, angels came and brought him heavenly food (Mt 4:11). What joy to find oneself with the Savior at this delicious feast! My dear friends, we shall never be capable of keeping company with him in his consolations, nor be invited to his heavenly banquet, if we are not sharers of his labors and sufferings. He fasted forty days, but the angels brought him something to eat only at the *end* of that time.

These forty days...symbolize the life of the Christian, of each one of us. Let us then desire these consolations only at the end of our lives, and let us busy ourselves in steadfast resistance to the frontal attacks of our enemies. For whether we desire it or not we shall be tempted.

If we do not struggle, we shall not be victorious, nor shall we merit the crown of immortal glory which God has prepared for those of us who are victorious and triumphant. Let us fear neither the temptation nor the tempter, for if we make use of the shield of faith and the armor of truth, they will have no power whatsoever over us. And let us not entertain the vain hope of being or wishing to be saints in three months!

Let us also shun both spiritual avarice and [prideful] ambition, which occasion so much disorder in our hearts and so greatly impede our perfection. The noonday devil will be powerless in causing us to fail in our firm and steadfast resolution to serve God generously and as perfectly as possible in this life, so that after this life we shall go to enjoy him forever.

*SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES*

*Saint Francis de Sales († 1622) was a great figure of the 17th century rebirth of Catholic mystical life.*

**What is Lent?**

Lent is the season where the Church prepares for Easter. Starting with Ash Wednesday, Lent spans 40+ days until Holy Thursday. In the fourth chapter of Matthew, Jesus spends 40 days in the desert, fasting, praying, and preparing for his mission. Lent is your opportunity for that same focus. Lent is the perfect time to form life-giving habits and abandon self-destructive habits.

**“Consecration to Saint Joseph”  
Seminar**



Come to know the wonders of our loving, spiritual father, Saint Joseph in his life and his vocation. Saint Joseph is the *Patron of the Church* and the *Terror of Demons* and can teach us much about true heroism. Learn how to invoke his fatherly protection for us as he did for his spouse, our Blessed Mother, Mary and his son, Jesus.

**A Six Week Seminar on Thursday evenings  
from**

**7pm-8:30pm here at the Cathedral.**

**February 12th to March 19th, 2026,  
The Feast of Saint Joseph.**

with Diane Costantino

**“Consecration to St. Joseph” book by  
Fr. Donald Calloway is required.**

Books will be available at a discounted price at the seminar  
or buy online at [shopmercy.org](http://shopmercy.org)

**Security & Parking Provided**

**No Registration Required**

**Catholic Charity Appeal—2026**

Parish Goal: \$41,895

**How to Make a Gift to the Appeal  
PAYMENT METHODS:**

- Cash
- Credit or debit card
- Check or money order made payable to: 2026 Catholic Charity Appeal
- Donate online at: [givecentral.org/2026CCA](http://givecentral.org/2026CCA)
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**2026 - CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL**

**32,592** bed nights provided to men and women at Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter [1,000 more than last year, and at capacity every night.]

**25,500+** times people accessed assistance services or attended programs through Life and Family Ministry, including St. Gabriel's Call [10,000 more than last year.]

**25,000** times that people attended Multicultural Ministry retreats, formation programs and evangelization events [7,000 more than last year.]

**800** families fed per month through St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry [300 more families per month than last year.]