

4TH OF JULY

GOD BLESS AMERICA



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 RAYMOND B. BASTIA ~ Rector

REVEREND MONSIGNOR ANTHONY MANCINI ~ Rector Emeritus

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Saturday, July 4 *Independence Day*

5:00 ALBERT L. ORABONA (deceased)
by Lucille Orabona (Anniversary Rem.)

Sunday, July 5 *14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00 BISHOP LOUIS E. GELINEAU & DECEASED
MEMBERS OF THE GELINEAU FAMILY

Noon Eucharistic Adoration

1:00 JOHN K. PICARD (deceased) by the Picard family
(Birthday Rem.)

6:00 ANTHONY & RITA G CABRAL (deceased)

Monday, July 6 *Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*

NO 12:00 MASS (Independence Day Observance)

Tuesday, July 7

12:00 ROBERT, THERESA & TREVOR CUSACK
(deceased) by Bob and Elizabeth Cusack

Wednesday, July 8

12:00 BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR WALT (living)
SHIRLEY HOCKING (deceased)

Thursday, July 9 *Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

12:00 FR. NORMAN BOURDON & FR. PETER MONGEON
(deceased) by Alan and Diane Costantino

Friday, July 10

12:00 JOHN MHARAPARA (deceased)
by Bob and Elizabeth Cusack

Saturday, July 11 *Saint Benedict, Abbot*

5:00 EDWARD BOURDON & FR. NORMAN BOURDON
(deceased)

Sunday, July 12 *15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00 ANTHONY CABRAL, JR. (deceased)

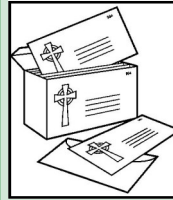
Noon Eucharistic Adoration

1:00 FRANCIS WASHINGTON (deceased)
by mom and family

6:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COLLECTION COUNTING TEAMS

In order to maintain our compliance with both diocesan norms and the policies of the Catholic Mutual Insurance Co., our carrier, we need to expand our volunteer staff of money counters.



Parish volunteers are needed to form alternating teams that could come to the Cathedral Office on a Monday morning about 8:30AM for about two hours (every other week) to open the weekend collection envelopes and to prepare the offerings for deposit.

Training will be provided.

Please contact the new Rector, Msgr. Bastia at (401-331-2434) for further information about offering your help for this important service to the Cathedral Parish.

PARISH ASSEMBLIES

**THREE PATHWAYS, ONE MISSION:
AN INVITATION TO RENEWAL**

"I invite all of the baptized to step forward with courage into this new season of renewal."

—Bishop Bruce A. Lewandowski, C.Ss.R.

Three Pathways, One Mission is Bishop Bruce's invitation to the whole Diocese of Providence to enter a season of renewal, not a passing program but an ongoing process of personal, pastoral, and missionary conversion, rooted in the pattern of Christ's own life: the Incarnation, the Cross, and the Eucharist. From that pattern flows three pathways that unfold together.

- **Living the Mission** is the parish living out its baptismal call, gathered by Christ and sent to witness in homes, workplaces, and neighborhoods, moving beyond maintaining activity to a missionary culture in which all the baptized, not the clergy alone, discern and act together.
- **Forming for Mission** builds a shared vision and common language, beginning with pastors, staffs, and core teams and reaching the whole parish, as it forms leaders for today and tomorrow and walks with parishes that want support.
- **Planning for Mission** gathers pastors and parishioners in designated planning areas to ask together what God is calling them to look like for mission.

Much of this pathway early on will take shape through the Parish Assemblies this fall and the Diocesan Assembly on November 14 at LaSalle Academy. Find the Bishop's invitation and the full **"Three Pathways, One Mission"** document at:

<https://evangelizeri.org/3pathways>

A Meditation

The Noble Challenge of Freedom

The Liberty Bell...proudly bears the words of the Bible: *Proclaim liberty throughout the land (Lv 25:10)*. This tradition poses for all future generations of America a noble challenge: "One Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

As citizens, you must strive to preserve these human values, to understand them better and to define their consequences for the whole community, and as a worthy contribution to the world. As Christians, you must strengthen these human values and complement them by confronting them with the Gospel message, so that you may discover their deeper meaning, and thus assume more fully your duties and obligations toward your fellow human beings, with whom you are bound in a common destiny.

When the Liberty Bell rang for the first time in 1776, it was to announce the freedom of your nation, the beginning of the pursuit of a common destiny independent of any outside coercion. This principle of freedom is paramount in the political and social order. However, man's life is also lived in another order of reality: in the order of his relationship to what is objectively true and morally good.... Christ himself linked freedom with the knowledge of truth: *You will know the truth and the truth will make you free (Jn 8:32)*.

Saint Peter, in his first letter, says, *Live as free men, but do not use your freedom for malice (1 Pt 2:16)*. No freedom can exist when it goes against man in what he is, or against man in his relationship to others and to God. Freedom can therefore never be construed without relation to the truth as revealed by Jesus Christ, and proposed by his Church, nor can it be seen as a pretext for moral anarchy, for every moral order must remain linked to truth. The cohesion of freedom and ethics has consequences for the pursuit of the common good in society and for the national independence which the Liberty Bell announced two centuries ago.

SAINT JOHN PAUL II

Saint John Paul II († 2005) reigned as pope from 1978 until 2005. This text is from his homily at Mass in Philadelphia on October 3, 1979,

With Much Gratitude

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to the many parishioners and friends who gathered in prayer for my Mass of Farewell on May 31st. I am so grateful to God for the twenty-two years I have served as rector of this magnificent Cathedral and for the opportunity to pray with you and for you especially at Holy Mass. You have been so generous with your time and support and I count many of you as dear friends. May the Lord continue to bless you abundantly and hold you in the palm of His hand. May our Blessed Lady and the Holy Apostles Saints Peter and Paul intercede for your every need.

May Jesus Christ continue to be praised in all our works!

Msgr. Mancini

Welcome Monsignor Bastia

On July 1, 2026 the Cathedral Parish will welcome its next rector, the Rev. Msgr. Raymond B. Bastia. He will then assume the pastoral care and financial administration of the Cathedral Parish. A formal installation by Bishop Lewandowski will take place later at a Mass on November 1, 2026.

Monsignor Bastia is not a stranger to the Cathedral Parish, as he has been in residence at the Cathedral rectory since 2018. He has also assisted his longtime friend Msgr. Mancini by regularly celebrating a weekend Mass at the Cathedral during his seven years as a priest resident.

In his ministry Monsignor Bastia served the diocese as an assistant pastor, a teacher at Our Lady of Providence Seminary High School, as the pastor of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Johnston, St. Ann Parish, Providence and St. Joseph Parish in Providence. From the years 2006 to 2024 Monsignor also served as the Vicar for Planning and Financial Services for the Diocese of Providence.

This weekend the Cathedral Parish parishioners and staff welcome Monsignor Bastia as he now assumes his new responsibilities as Rector of the Cathedral. Let us offer him our prayers and support.



In observance of the Fourth of July, please note the following schedule changes for Monday,

July 6th:

- Parish Office - Closed
- 12PM Mass - Canceled

Have a safe and blessed holiday weekend!

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

— Psalm 33:12

Freedom is one of the greatest blessings a nation can enjoy. It allows people to live, worship, and express themselves without fear. On this Independence Day, it is important to remember that freedom is not only the result of human effort but also a gift that can be sustained through God's mercy and grace. When people are thankful, they recognize that every good thing comes from God. Gratitude keeps a nation humble and aware of its dependence on the Lord. As we celebrate, we honor both history and the divine hand that continues to guide the nation.

