April 5th, 2020
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saint Anthony Church
North Providence - 353-3120
Saintanthonychurch.org

Saint Edward Church
Providence-331-4035-Parroquiasaneduardo.org

Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
North Providence-722-7140-Presentationchurchnp.org

Rev. Edward S. Cardente, Pastor
Rev. Nolasco Tamayo, Part Time Associate
Diocesan Director of Intercultural Ministries

Deacon Louis Vani
Deacon Jose Fajardo
WELCOME

If you are alienated or upset, we welcome you lovingly.
If you are in need of forgiveness, Jesus forgives you completely - with unconditional love.
If you have been hurt by the Church, we are truly sorry.
If you are angry, Jesus offers you peace.
If life has become burdensome, we are here to support you.
We are happy you are here and want you to stay.
We would like to share our lives with you.
Come join us each week so we can worship God together.

WEEKEND MASS CELEBRATIONS

SAINT ANTHONY CHURCH
Angelo Minervino, Sacristan

Weekday Masses  Monday - Thursday
8:30am in Trinity Chapel
Novena Mass  Tuesday at 8:30am
Trinity Chapel
Saturday  5:15pm
Sunday  8:00am & 11:30am
Holy Days as Announced

CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Stephen Campbell, Sacristan

Saturday  - 4:00pm
Sunday  - 10:00am
Holy Days as Announced
Reconciliation
Saturday 3:15pm-3:45pm

SAINT EDWARD CHURCH
John Arena, Sacristan

Saturday  6:00pm - Spanish
Sunday  9:00am - English
11:30am - Spanish
Holy Days as Announced

BUSINESS OFFICE
5 Gibbs Street, North Providence, Rhode Island 02904
Office Number 401-353-3120
Fax Number 401-353-5126
Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9am - 4pm
OFFICE IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY
Karleen Celona, Administrative Assistant
Information about the Sacrament of Marriage
Ministry to the Sick and Dying and Sacramental Records
Bulletin Submissions Email to pbvm1912@gmail.com by Monday 9am

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED
Saint Anthony Kitchen  – Michelle Dilorio  714-7253
Saint Anthony Mobile Lunch  – Stephen and Louise Bello
Saint Edward Food & Wellness Center  - Lori Porcaro,
Director, 1001 Branch Avenue, Providence, RI
Holy Family Home for Women and Children
Ernest Spaziano, Director  304-7744; Email: director@hfprov.org
Mary’s Meals to the Poor  - Leslie Corneau 545-5698

CONVENT
Daughters of Mary, Mother of Mercy
2 Pope Street, North Providence, RI 02904

REMARIED EDUCATION MINISTRY OFFICE
Saint Anthony Parish Center 401 353-5215
Maryann Pallotta, Elementary Coordinator
Michelle Ficoceli - Jr. High Coordinator
& Confirmation Coordinator
Mary Esther Watson - Rite of Christian Initiation - Adults
Sr. Carol Ann Murray, RSM - First Eucharist Coordinator
Information about Infant Baptism, Adult Sacraments,
becoming Roman Catholic (RCIA)

YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE
Saint Anthony Parish Center  353-5216
Gian Perrotta - Coordinator
Tom Malloy - CYO Basketball

ABBA-AVE PRAYER MINISTRY
401 353-3059

SAINT EDWARD ADORATION MINISTRY
Priscilla Sayward  401-439-6152

MUSIC MINISTRY DIRECTOR
Toby Andrews - 401-353-3120

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE
Contact—Monica700@verizon.net
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| THURSDAY April 9—Holy Thursday | 8:30 AM No Morning Mass  
7:30PM - Mass of the Lord’s Supper at the Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Adoration until 10PM |
| FRIDAY April 10—Good Friday | 9:00AM - Walk for Hunger  
3:00PM - Passion Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross  
7:00PM - Way of the Cross at Saint Edward Church |
| SATURDAY April 11—Vigil Mass of The Resurrection of the Lord | 7:30 PM - For the Parishioners |
| SUNDAY April 12—The Resurrection of the Lord | 8:00 AM - For the Parishioners  
12:00 PM - For the Parishioners |
| WEDNESDAY April 8 | 6:00 PM - Exposicion del Santisimo  
7:00 PM - Spanish Liturgy |
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| SATURDAY April 11—Vigil Mass of The Resurrection of the Lord | 7:30 PM - Spanish Liturgy |
| SUNDAY April 12—The Resurrection of the Lord | 8:30 AM - Weekly Rosary  
9:00 AM - For the Parishioners  
11:30 AM - Spanish Liturgy |

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

*By his self-abasement, Jesus wanted to open up to us the path of faith and to precede us on that path.* -Pope Francis

**Due to the Corona Virus, all masses have been cancelled at this time.**

**SAINT ANTHONY CHURCH**

**CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**SAINT EDWARD CHURCH**

**THE VIGIL LAMP**

The Vigil Candle will burn April 11th through April 17th in memory of Henry and Thomas Barrette by the Goodson family.

**REST IN PEACE**

Lord, let perpetual light shine upon  
*John A. Testa & Janet Poulis*  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed through Your mercy, rest in peace.
**Prayer During an Epidemic**

Lord Jesus, Hear our pleas, our good shepherd and divine physician. We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease. Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable. Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless service and never by panic or fear. Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness. And may all you have called from this life come to worship you eternally with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners. Amen. Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us. St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us. St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.

**SUPPORT FOR LOCAL FOOD SERVICES**

Restaurants have been hit hard by the current restrictions and can only provide takeout meals. It’s important that we support them when we can. There are three local ones in particular I want to recommend. “**Pauly Penta’s Deli**” on Mineral Spring Avenue: Proprietor Paul Penta and his wife Dawn are active parishioners who are very generous with their time and talent and food donations. “**Il Fornello Restaurant**” on Josephine Street: Proprietor Tony Lanni who is Chairperson of our annual Saint Anthony Feast has always been generous and gone out of his way to accommodate us in any way he can especially when I have clergy meetings. His mom also cooks the best penne arribiatta. Finally, “**Fresh Pita**” on Mineral Spring Avenue, which operates a booth at the Feast, is a unique little sandwich shop. The proprietors Yelda and Isha, who are also most cordial and hospitable, never charge me for my vegan fare despite my protests. What is special about this couple is that their native language is Aramaic, which Jesus himself spoke (not Hebrew). When they are working together behind the counter, they often communicate with each other in their native tongue. I was really moved by this experience as I imagined how the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph communicated in their home at Nazareth.

**ATTENTION: CRAFTERS**

Postponed until further notice. For further information or questions please contact Bonnie 743-4195.

**WINTER HEATING ASSISTANCE GRANTS**

Through a most generous donation of an anonymous benefactor, we are very happy to announce that any parishioner of our tri-parish community who is in need of help to keep their heat on may apply for a grant. Eligibility is determined by parish membership and Mass attendance. Requests should be submitted in writing with your contact information and sent to Father Ed at the Parish Offices at 5 Gibbs Street, North Providence.

**New Parish Membership and Changes**

Name: _______________________________________________

Street: _______________________________________________

City: _____________________________ Zip: ________________

Phone: ___________________________

____ Saint Anthony Church

____ Saint Edward Church

____ Church of the Presentation

____ New Registration

____ Change of Address

____ New Phone Number

**COMMUNICATION CONCERNS**

With the moratorium on public Masses it is difficult to maintain communication with parishioners beyond the parish websites which are regularly reviewed and on which the weekly parish bulletin is posted. While the main parish office is open weekdays for personal business, messages can also be left on voice mail beyond office hours and calls will be returned. It is hoped that in the future a parish email listing can be assembled to better inform parish members when there is a necessity, as some parishes are already accustomed to do.
Dear Parishioners,

Today we begin the annual observance of Holy Week without public liturgical celebrations as the Bishop has instructed. While the liturgical commemoration of Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum has been curtailed the spiritual journey does not stop. It continues in each of us as we personally are invited to remember Jesus’ passage from death to new life. As we recall the historical events that culminate in Christ’s death and resurrection it is an opportunity to recognize how we all continually participate in them. During these difficult times of physical isolation because of the coronavirus pandemic we are in no means separated spiritually from each other. Rather, our faith challenges and empowers us to enter into prayerful solidarity with the entire community and beyond. “We are all in this together” are words of wisdom. At this moment the gospel is being written in the streets so to speak and in the centers where victims of the coronavirus are receiving treatment. The heroism of the countless health care workers, nurses, doctors, etc. who are literally risking their own lives to save others is a genuine example of the paschal mystery. We can only respond by sincerely lifting them up in prayer to God who sees what is in our hearts. As I have invited you in my letter to the parishes join together in prayer every night at 9PM when the Saint Anthony Church bell rings for the intentions of the Abba-Ave Prayer Ministry. That experience will unite us with the Holy Spirit who dwells in us and unites us with each other and bring about the healing we and all the victims of the pandemic so deeply desire. May the Lord who always walks with us lead us along with Christians throughout the world in the journey of this most sacred week. God bless you!  — Father Ed
COME TO THE HOLYLAND IN 2021

Collette, an international tour company based in Rhode Island, hosts a special pilgrimage to the Holy Land next year from February 3-11 for Father Ed, parishioners and friends. The itinerary will include visits to the major areas in Israel where Jesus lived and conducted his public ministry culminating in His death and resurrection in Jerusalem. There will be Mass celebrated throughout the tour in special churches of historic significance. The itinerary is very comprehensive, including most meals, and allows for some time for optional activities such as a visit to the Dead Sea. But everyone will visit the Jordan River baptismal site, enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, visit the Mount of Olives, and see the famous Western wall of the ancient temple of Jerusalem, along with other highlights. Color brochures are now available. Please RSVP to Gilda Delmonico at 232-2251, Camille Roberti at 353-1638 or Father Ed at 353-3120.

SAINT ANTHONY APPEAL

Letters were sent out to all registered parishioners requesting the customary annual donation to supplement church expenses. In particular the necessary funds that were expended for the major repairs on the church were higher than anticipated and substantially impacted our savings. Thus it is critical that funds are raised to complete the work. There is an ongoing request for contributions. Donations of $250 or more will be recognized by an engraved brick in a memorial walkway around the church. Larger donations of $500 or more will be acknowledged on a memorial wall of 12 inch square tiles mounted along the eastern wall of the church. Donors will be contacted early spring with details on the memorials. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts.

Pastors and parents are encouraged by the law of the Church to ensure that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated nonetheless in an authentic sense of penance.

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States determined that the rules of fast and abstinence which have existed for the last several years in this country be maintained. Namely, that the faithful observe suitable penitential practices on all Fridays throughout the year. These penitential practices need not include abstaining from meat. However, as indicated above, the faithful must not eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent as well as on Ash Wednesday. They must also observe faithfully the fast regulations as they have been stated above in accord with the universal law of the Church.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT PRESENTATION
The Way of the Cross will be held every Friday evenings at the Church of the Presentation at 6:30pm. This is a community led devotion and all are invited to attend. Due to his illness and treatments, Deacon Vani will be unable to attend, but he asks that this devotion continue.

READING RESOURCE FOR LENT 2020
This book can be very helpful for your Lenten journey and throughout the year. Written by Father Ronald Rolheiser, an internationally renowned speaker and spiritual writer, “PRAYER Our Deepest Longing” is available for you on the first Sunday of Lent at the church entrances. May it assist you in your desire for spiritual renewal. The following is on the back cover: Whether you struggle to believe in God, are a beginner in prayer, or are more advanced in your spiritual practice, renowned spiritual master Ronald Rolheiser will gently lead you in this book to a deepening experience of God in prayer. Your own yearning and intuition mark the starting point. Drawn from Scripture, ancient and modern writers, and experience, Rolheiser clears common misconceptions about prayer and offers both consolation and challenge. In thirty-three brief reflections, he will help you to understand how to overcome struggles in prayer, develop a mature prayer habit, and explore new prayer practices. Trust yourself, trust God’s providence, and get ready to open your heart in such a way that you will hear God clearly say to you, “I love you!”

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK 2020
Because of the restrictions caused by the Coronavirus outbreak Bishop Tobin has dispensed Catholics of the obligation of Mass attendance during this time. This will continue through Passion (Palm) Sunday and Holy Week. Thus there will be no public celebrations of these liturgical events in our parishes. On Passion Sunday palms will be blessed beforehand and distributed from our churches for parishioners to come by and take for their devotional usage on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. We have ordered as much as last year so we shouldn’t run out as long as everyone is fair in the amount they take.

Saint Anthony Church
Sat. 5PM-6PM
Sun. 8AM-9AM, 11:30AM-12:30PM
Church of the Presentation includes Palm Crosses
Sat. 4PM-5PM
Sun. 10AM-11AM
Saint Edward English Community
Sun. 9AM-10AM

THIS IS A DRIVE BY DISTRIBUTION OF BLESSED PALMS
PLEASE DO NOT EXIT YOUR CAR

EASTER SUNDAY VIRTUAL MASS
Unless circumstances change Easter Sunday, Mass will be celebrated by Father Ed and posted on the Saint Anthony Parish Website. Unfortunately, no one can be physically present beyond those few parishioners who will make the event possible. It will be probably be aired or live streamed on April 12 at 10AM. There are other Mass resources also listed on the website. Again, while parishioners can’t be physically present in the church building for the Liturgy, it is recommended that families gather together as “home churches” or the Body of Christ by virtue of Baptism in a convenient location to prayerfully participate together in front of their screen.
“Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink.” These are lines from Samuel Taylor Coleridge’s epic poem “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner.” The speaker, a sailor on a becalmed ship, is surrounded by salt water that he cannot drink. A paradox caught by the poet. That sailor represents a person in the midst of plenty who cannot partake in it.

For the biologist, water is a matter of life and death. He or she would tell us that “without water all organisms die. Unlike food, the maximum time an individual human can go without water is about one week. At least 60 percent of the adult human body is made up of it, and every living cell needs water to keep functioning.” Thank you, science. Without any religious reference, we can say scientifically that “Water is life.”

For our ancient religious ancestors living in a small town, the well was an integral part of their daily routine. It was a natural setting for the women of the town, whose daily chores included fetching the water for the family household each morning before the heat of the day. Here they could chat with one another and add a little gossip.

But one special day in that long ago time, around lunchtime, the town well was to be the place where God was to sit down for a chat with one of his sad creatures. That happened to be a woman, a member of the despised Samaritans, herself with a tawdry background. That last was probably why she came so late to the well, so that she did not have to face the other women.

The handsome young Jew seated there asked her for a drink, which request so shocked her that her defenses went on high alert. This was so unconventional. So forbidden. She naturally questioned Him. He ignored the racial issue she brought up to throw Him off track. Jesus ignored that dodge, and went on to offer her something He called “living water.” If she had only known that what He really meant was “divine life, revelation, and wisdom” a chance to be a new person! If only!

But it was when Jesus brought up her checkered marital record that she was really startled and tried to change the subject and quickly concluded He was a prophet. She must have darted back to town with her conclusion because a little later they came to the well and openly declared that he was the “Savior of the world.” We are not told if the Apostles returning with lunch were over their initial shock at seeing Jesus conversing with a Samaritan woman in broad daylight to grasp what the townspeople said.

Why this story for us in Lent? There are many possible reasons, but I thought of one derived from an extended meaning of those poetic lines from Coleridge’s 19th century poem. Instead of literal water, we are nonetheless surrounded by the refreshing “water” of God’s mercy aplenty as dispensed by His Church in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Call it by its former name “Penance” or its nickname “Confession”; it is the same sacramental channel of grace. It is the refreshment for our thirsty souls, springing from a well that never runs dry. So why are so many of us letting our souls be parched these days? It cannot be that sin is no longer being committed, right?

I grant you that we can be so misled by our present culture, dispensing as it does easy excuses for sinful behavior which only a few years ago was commonly held to be sinful. Evils like abortion, homosexual acts and even so-called “same sex marriage”, or drug use deemed “recreational”? Could it be that headlines about high government officials caught lying endorses that as acceptable to God? Remember that God’s word is beyond time and the popular trends of any age, is it not?

The late comedian Fred Allen once offered his take on this matter when he said: “Popular wisdom is fleeting and has the life expectancy of a small boy who is about to look into a gas tank with a lighted match.” Lenten wisdom agrees, and goes on to urge us to drink up from the water of mercy all around us in the well of the sacraments.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION (VITA)
Amos House, a fully handicap-accessible agency at 460 Pine Street in Providence, prepares free income tax returns for those who earned $56,000 or less in 2019. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening appointments from 4:00 on may be made through April 15th by calling 401-272-0220. Amos House will also host Saturday walk-in-only sessions from 10am-2pm on March 14th and April 11th. Other free tax sites in RI and MA may be found by calling the number 211.

RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKEND
There are four post-abortion retreats scheduled for 2020. The Spanish retreats will be held on March 20, 21, 22 & October 16, 17, 18 and the English retreats will be held on March 27, 28, 29 and October 23, 24, 25. To learn more about the retreat weekends and how you can participate, call Carol at 278-2518 for the English retreat and Loren at 742-1510 for the Spanish retreat. This is a ministry offered by the Office of Life and Family Ministry – all calls are confidential.
Father Ed and Father Nolasco handing out gift cards from the garage at Saint Edward on March 18th. Volunteers also distributed bread.
Sandwich Ministry practicing “social distancing” while putting together supplies on Sunday March 29th. Yes, we are practicing safe distancing.

The Sandwich Ministry team made 300 bagged lunches. They collected cakes, pies, fruit, veggies and bread for distribution. To ensure the safety of the drivers and all recipients, they combined a couple of lunches with cakes, etc. in large plastic bags. These bags were given out, one per person. They distributed the food quickly, resulting in no large crowds, waiting for food. Everyone was happy. And safe.