April 12th, 2020

Easter Sunday of The Resurrection 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.

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**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**

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

**Saturday**  4:00pm
**Sunday**  10:00am

**Reconciliation**
Saturday 3:15pm-3:45pm

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**SAINT EDWARD CHURCH**
John Arena, Sacristan

**Saturday**  6:00pm - Spanish
**Sunday**  9:00am - English
11:30am - Spanish

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**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

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**MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED**
**Saint Anthony Kitchen** – Michelle Dilorio 714-7253
**Saint Anthony Mobile Lunch** - Stephen and Louise Bello 556-5129
**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

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

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**REPRESENTATIONAL MINISTRY OFFICE**
Saint Anthony Parish Center 401 353-5215
Maryann Pallotta, Elementary Coordinator
Michelle Ficocelli - 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)

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

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**ABBA-AVE PRAYER MINISTRY**
401 353-3059

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**SAINT EDWARD ADORATION MINISTRY**
Priscilla Sayward 401-439-6152

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**MUSIC MINISTRY DIRECTOR**
Toby Andrews - 401-353-3120

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**RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**
Contact—Monica700@verizon.net
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
The resurrection of Christ is the true hope of the world.
-Pope Francis

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

SAINT ANTHONY CHURCH

MONDAY April 13
8:30 AM - 8th Anniv. Edith Cimini by family

TUESDAY April 14
8:30 AM Mem. Manuel Bento by wife and family

WEDNESDAY April 15
8:30 AM Memory of deceased Knights by Dillon Council Knights of Columbus

THURSDAY April 16

SATURDAY April 18
5:15 PM - 1st Anniv. Anthony S. Castellone by wife and family

SUNDAY April 19
8:00 AM - For the Parishioners
11:30 AM - 10th Anniv. Paschal “Pat” Nastari by family.

SAINT EDWARD CHURCH

WEDNESDAY April 15
6:00 PM - Exposicion del Santisimo
7:00 PM - Spanish Liturgy

SATURDAY April 18
7:30 PM - Spanish Liturgy

SUNDAY April 19
8:30 AM - Weekly Rosary
9:00 AM - 13th Anniv. Catherine Chavier by mom and dad
11:30 AM - Spanish Liturgy

CHURCH OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SATURDAY April 18
4:00 PM - 7th Anniv. Agnes Martino by family

SUNDAY April 19
10:00 AM - 2nd Anniv Thomas Lolio by wife Anniv. Antonio and Elisa Cordeiro by family

THE VIGIL LAMP
The Vigil Candle will burn April 18th through April 24th for the birthday remembrance Josephine Luca by children.

REST IN PEACE
Lord, let perpetual light shine upon
Elizabeth Russo & Michael Coletti
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 strengthened 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.

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.

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
READINGS AND CELEBRATIONS FOR THE WEEK
Daily readings and celebrations can be found on the parish website  https://saintanthonychurch.org

RESPECT FOR LIFE
Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let us go out in the field.” When they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD asked Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” He answered, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?”
—Genesis 4:8-9

Father, help us to embrace the fact that we are our “brother’s keeper.” When, due to selfish motives, we try to cast off this responsibility, please call to us to account. We would be pleasing to you and to our “brother.”
—40daysforlife.com

STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 1 (PUBLIC SCHOOL)
RCIA for Children: If any parent has a child in grade 3 and up who has not received the Sacrament of First Eucharist and who has not previously been enrolled in our Rel. Ed. classes, please contact the Rel. Ed. Office to register his/her child’s name.

RCIA for Adults: If anyone 18 years and older has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Eucharist and Baptism, kindly call the Rel. Ed. Office for more information regarding classes.

FALL SCHEDULE OF CLASSES
GRADES 7th & 8th: Classes will meet on Sunday’s from 10am-11:15 am followed by 11:30am Mass.

GRADE 2: First Communion Students will meet on Monday’s from 6pm to 7pm, except where the classes meet on the following Sunday’s at 8am: 10/20; 11/17; & 12/9.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Will meet on Sunday’s from 10am-11:15am followed by 11:30am Mass.

Grades 1, 3-6: Will meet on Monday’s from 6pm to 7pm or on Tuesday’s from 3:45pm-4:45pm.

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Welcome home baby Abigail Grace Placido. After nearly eight months in the NICU, Abby has made the transition home. Please continue to keep her in your prayers. Her parents are grateful for your prayers.
**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 Roberto 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.

**2020 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL**

“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.”

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

The 2020 Catholic Charity Appeal has begun. Your generosity in the past has been very much appreciated, and the hope is that you will continue to help this year. The in pew weekends have been postponed until April 25th-26th and May 2nd-3rd. In the meantime one time gifts and pledges can be made by using envelopes provided in the mailing sent out by the Diocese or by using one of the methods outlined below.

**2020 GOALS**

SAINT ANTHONY – $86,000
PRESENTATION BVM – $32,000
SAINT EDWARD – $22,000

Please keep the success of the Appeal in your prayers.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

There are several opportunities available within our parishes for volunteering on a regular basis. If you would like to become involved or would like more information, please fill out the information below, place the coupon in the weekend collection basket, and a representative from the ministry will contact you.

Name: ____________________________________
Parish: _________________________________
Phone Number: _________________________

___ Saint Anthony Mobile Lunch Program
___ Saint Anthony Kitchen Ministry
___ Saint Edward Kitchen Ministry
___ Saint Edward Food and Wellness Center
___ Holy Family Home for Women and Children
___ Mary’s Meals to the Poor
Other ____________________________________

Giving is FAST, EASY, and SECURE! • Visit givecentral.org/2020CCA • Scan this QR code with your camera app to launch the CCA giving page. • Text to Give is now available! Text the word “Appeal” to (401) 496-9889. A link to the secure giving page will be immediately sent to your phone.
Dear Parishioners,

A blessed Easter Sunday on this day of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead! There is a paradox in our observance of this central mystery of our Christian faith this year since it is devoid of any formal liturgical expression for the first time in the modern era. The effect that the Coronavirus has had on us because of the necessary restrictions that it has imposed can lead us into a deeper spiritual experience. On that first Easter morning the followers of Jesus were dwelling in darkness and despair because of the cruel death of their Master. They weren’t anticipating anything but sorrow and fear in the days following the crucifixion. They had lost all hope. But it didn’t end that way because we know the rest of the story. God decisively intervened in human history through the miracle of new life bestowed on Jesus as the Christ, first-born from the dead. On this Easter day we may find ourselves with some similarity to the followers of Jesus on that first Easter morning. The fears brought about by the pandemic, the inability to forecast a cure for the virus at this time and thus not knowing to where this will lead in the future, the anxiety resulting from social distancing and the economic consequences from the shut down and loss of jobs, all this compounded by the inability to directly participate in the celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith, can all weigh very heavily upon us. The physical depravation from receiving Holy Communion further deepens our longing for the presence of the Risen Lord in the sacrament which we previously had an uninterrupted opportunity to share in until last month. But the truth of the Easter revelation is that just as God broke through the darkness of Jesus’ friends on that first Easter morning, God also desires to break through our fear, frustration and darkness. God seeks to encounter us in the still silence of our hearts when we allow God to enter. God’s divine unconditional love further invites us to see the world through that lens and rediscover God’s presence and new life in everyone and everything we encounter. Such is an example of the experience of “Spiritual Communion with Christ”. So there is always a moment of grace awaiting us when we surrender in trust. While we still endure the sacrifice of social distancing from each other, we are spiritually united. Let us be grateful for our families, friends, for all those men and women who are rewriting the gospel in the streets, so to speak, through their inspiring service to the sick and dying, to insuring our public safety, to providing the essential services of the food that keeps us alive and sustain our hope in this time of crisis. Praise be to our risen Lord Jesus Christ now and forever! Alleluia!

Father Ed

GRATITUDE TO OUR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS

We want to thank our parishioners who have not forgotten us through maintaining their regular contributions through the mail or online giving. Also a few of our benefactors have made extra donations to the parishes or our outreach ministries which continue to function through the dedication of the volunteers. We are so grateful!
SUNDAY REFLECTION BY REV. LEONARD N. PETERSON

“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.