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150 Years
A night to honor Mary
8 September 2021

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul
Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence
Præludia

Ave Maria
Caccini

Salve Regina
Chant

Entrance Procession

Sing of Mary

1. Sing of Mary, pure and lowly, Virgin Mother undeiled.
2. Sing of Jesus, son of Mary, In the home at Nazareth.
3. Glory be to God the Father; Glory be to God the Son;

1. God's own Son most holy, Who became her little child.
2. Toil and labor cannot weary Love enduring.
3. Glory be to God the Spirit; Glory to the

1. Fairest child of fairest mother, Un to death.
2. Constant was the love he gave her.
3. Three in One. From the heart of blessed Mary,

1. Lord who came to earth, Word made flesh, our very brother.
2. Though he went forth from her side, Forth to preach and
3. From all saints the song ascends, And the Church the

1. Takes our nature by his birth.
2. heal and suffer, Till on Calvary he died.
3. strain echoes Un to earth's remotest ends.

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Music: Christian Lyre, 1630.
Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Leader: ✝ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
All: Amen.

Apostles Creed

Leader: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

On the first bead, Our Father

Leader: For the intentions of our Holy Father, Francis.
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

All: Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

On the first bead, Hail Mary

Leader: For an increase in the virtue of Faith.
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

On the second bead, Hail Mary

Leader: For an increase in the virtue of Hope.
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

On the third bead, Hail Mary

Leader: For an increase in the virtue of Hope.
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.
Hymn

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing;
You reign now in splendor with Jesus, our King.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

The First Joyful Mystery

The Annunciation of the incarnation of our Lord

ENGLISH

In this mystery, let us pray for the unborn, the protection of all human life from conception until natural death and for an end to the sin of abortion in our nation.

Reader:  Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

All:  Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

(10 times)

Reader:  Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All:  Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Reader:  Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All:  As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

All:  O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.
Hymn

In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;
On earth we, your children, invoke your sweet name.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

The Second Joyful Mystery

The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth & Zechariah

Português

In this mystery let us pray for our families, especially our children and grandchildren, that they may remain faithful to God, and that those who have fallen away from their faith may return with renewed vigor by the grace of God.

Reader: Pai Nosso que estais nos Céus, santificado seja o Vosso Nome, venha a nós o Vosso reino, seja feita a Vossa vontade assim na terra como no céu.

All: O pão nosso de cada dia nos dai hoje, Perdoai-nos as nossas dívidas assim como nós perdoamos nos temos offendidos, e não nos deixeis, cair em tentação, mas livrai-nos do Mal. Amén.

(10 times)

Reader: Ave Maria, cheia de graça, o Senhor é convosco. Bendita sois vós entre as mulheres, e bendito é o fruto do vosso ventre, Jesus.

All: Santa Maria, Mãe de Deus, rogai por nós, pecadores, agora e na hora de nossa morte. Amén.

Reader: Glória ao Pai, ao Filho e ao Espírito Santo,

All: assim como era no princípio, agora e sempre e pelos séculos dos séculos. Amén.

All: Ó meu Jesus, Perdoai-nos e livrai-nos do fogo do inferno.

Levai as almas para o céu principalmente, aqueles que mais precisarem. Amén.
Hymn

Predestined for Christ by eternal decree,
God willed you both virgin and mother to be.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!

The Third Joyful Mystery
The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus in Bethlehem

ESPAÑOL

In this mystery let us pray for peace, that peace will reign in the world and that all violence, hatred and discrimination will be eliminated.

Reader: Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre; venga a nosotros tu reino; hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.

All: Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del mal. Amén.

(10 times)

Reader: Dios te salve María llena eres de gracia el Señor es contigo; bendita tú eres entre todas las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús.

All: Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros, pecadores, ahora y en la ahora de nuestra muerte. Amén.

Reader: Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo.

All: Como era en el principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

All: ¡Oh! Jesús mío, perdona nuestros pecados, líbranos del fuego del infierno, lleva al cielo a todas las almas, especialmente a las más necesitadas de Tu misericordia. Amén.
Hymn
We pray for the Church, our true mother on earth;
And beg you to watch o'er the land of our birth.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria!

The Fourth Joyful Mystery
The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus in the Temple

ITALIANO

In this mystery, let us pray for our Diocese, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may the Gospel never go unheard and may acts of charity abound with great fervor.

Reader: Padre nostro, che sei nei cieli, sia santificato il tuo nome, venga il tuo regno, sia fatta la tua volontà, come in cielo così in terra.
All: Dacci oggi il nostro pane quotidiano, e rimetti a noi i nostri debiti come noi li rimettiamo ai nostri debitori, e non ci indurre in tentazione, ma liberaci dal male. Amen.

(10 times)

Reader: Ave, o Maria, piena di grazia, il Signore è con te. Tu sei benedetta fra le donne benedetto è il frutto del tuo seno, Gesù.
All: Santa Maria, Madre di Dio, prega per noi peccatori, adesso e nell'ora della nostra morte. Amen.

Reader: Gloria al Padre e al Figlio e allo Spirito Santo.
All: Come era nel principio, e ora e sempre, nei secoli dei secoli. Amen

All: Gesù mio, perdona le nostre colpe, preservaci dal fuoco dell'inferno e porta in cielo tutte le anime, specialmente le più bisognose della tua misericordia. Amen.
Hymn

Most blessed of all women, you heard and believed,
Most blessed is the fruit of your womb then conceived.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria!

The Fifth Joyful Mystery
The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

Polski

In this mystery, let us pray for the sick, the infirmed and the lost, that those burdened by the difficulties of life may find peace through God’s grace and the care of others.

Reader: Ojcze nasz, którys jest w Niebie, świec się Imię Twoje, przyjdź Królestwo Twoje, bądź wola Twoja, jako w Niebie, tak i na ziemi,
All: chleba naszego powszedniego daj nam dzisiaj I odpusc nam nasze winy, jako i my odpuszczamy naszym winowajcom, i nie wójd nas na pokuszenie, ale nas zbaw ode zlego.

(10 times)
Reader: Zdrowas Mario, laskis pełna Pan z Toba, blogosławionas Ty między niewiastami I blogosławiony owoc żywota Twojego Jezus;
All: swieta Mario, Matko Boza, módl sie za nami grzesznymi teraz i w godzine Smierci naszej.

Reader: Chwala Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu
All: jak byla na poczatku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków.All: O mój Jezu przebacz nam nasze grzechy, zachowaj nas od ognia piekelnego, zaprowadz wszystkie dusze do nieba, a szczególnie te, które najbardziej potrzebują Twojego milosierdzia.

Hymn

The angels rejoiced when you brought forth God’s Son;
Your joy is the joy of all ages to come.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria!
**Hail Holy Queen**

_Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears! Turn, then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus._

_O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary._

Leader: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

All: _That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ._

**Concluding Prayer**

Leader: Let us Pray.

_O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord._

_Amen._

**Hymn**

_In glory forever now close to your Son,_

_All ages will praise you for all God has done._

_Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Maria!_
The Celebration of the Word of God

First Reading

Revelation 21, 1-5a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away.” The one who sat on the throne said, “Behold, I make all things new.”

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord Has Done Great Things For Us

Reverend Monsignor Anthony Mancini
Commissioned for the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Providence

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Mode VI

A le lu ia, Al le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia.
Luke 1:26-38

The Holy Gospel

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. Coming to her, he said, “Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” But Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?” And the angel said to her in reply, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.” Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Homily

The Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin, D.D.
Bishop of Providence
Procession with the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary
While the procession moves throughout the church, the following litany is sung.

Kyrie, eleison.
R. Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison.
R. Christe, eleison.

Christe, audi nos.
R. Christe, exaudi nos.

Pater de caelis, Deus,
R. miserere nobis.

Fili, Redemptor mundi, Deus,
R. miserere nobis.

Spiritus Sancte Deus,
R. miserere nobis.

Sancta Trinitas, unus Deus,
R. miserere nobis.

Sancta Maria,
R. ora pro nobis.

Sancta Dei Genetrix,
R. ora pro nobis.

Sancta Virgo virginum,
R. ora pro nobis.

Mater Christi,
R. ora pro nobis.

Mater Ecclesiae,
R. ora pro nobis.

Mater Misericordiae,
R. ora pro nobis.

Mater Divinae gratiae,
R. ora pro nobis.

Mater spei,
R. ora pro nobis.

Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.
R. Christ have mercy.

Christ, hear us.
R. Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,
R. have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
R. have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
R. have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
R. have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
R. pray for us.

Holy Mother of God,
R. pray for us.

Holy Virgin of virgins,
R. pray for us.

Mother of Christ,
R. pray for us.

Mother of the Church,
R. pray for us.

Mother of mercy,
R. pray for us.

Mother of divine grace,
R. pray for us.

Mother of hope,
R. pray for us.
Mater purissima,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Mother most pure,  
*R. pray for us.*

Mater castissima,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Mother most chaste,  
*R. pray for us.*

Mater inviolata,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Mother inviolate,  
*R. pray for us.*

Mater intemerata,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Mother undefiled,  
*R. pray for us.*

Mater amabilis,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Mother most amiable,  
*R. pray for us.*

Mater admirabilis,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Mother most admirable,  
*R. pray for us.*

Mater boni Consilii,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Mother of good counsel,  
*R. pray for us.*

Mater Creatoris,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Mother of our Creator,  
*R. pray for us.*

Mater Salvatoris,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Mother of our Savior,  
*R. pray for us.*

Virgo prudentissima,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Virgin most prudent,  
*R. pray for us.*

Virgo veneranda,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Virgin most venerable,  
*R. pray for us.*

Virgo praedicanda,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Virgin most renowned,  
*R. pray for us.*

Virgo potens,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Virgin most powerful,  
*R. pray for us.*

Virgo clemens,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Virgin most merciful,  
*R. pray for us.*

Virgo fidelis,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Virgin most faithful,  
*R. pray for us.*

Speculum iustitiae,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Mirror of justice,  
*R. pray for us.*
Sedes sapientiae,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Seat of wisdom,  
*R. pray for us.*

Causa nostrae laetitiae,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Cause of our joy,  
*R. pray for us.*

Vas spirituale,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Spiritual vessel,  
*R. pray for us.*

Vas honorabile,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Vessel of honor,  
*R. pray for us.*

Vas insigne devotionis,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Singular vessel of devotion,  
*R. pray for us.*

Rosa mystica,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Mystical rose,  
*R. pray for us.*

Turris Davidica,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Tower of David,  
*R. pray for us.*

Turris eburnea,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Tower of ivory,  
*R. pray for us.*

Domus aurea,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

House of gold,  
*R. pray for us.*

Foederis arca,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Ark of the covenant,  
*R. pray for us.*

Ianua caeli,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Gate of heaven,  
*R. pray for us.*

Stella matutina,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Morning star,  
*R. pray for us.*

Salus infirmorum,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Health of the sick,  
*R. pray for us.*

Refugium peccatorum,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Refuge of sinners,  
*R. pray for us.*

Solacium migrantium,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Comfort of migrants,  
*R. pray for us.*

Consolatrix afflictorum,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*

Comforter of the afflicted,  
*R. pray for us.*
Auxilium Christianorum,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*  
Help of Christians,  
*R. pray for us.*

Regina Angelorum,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*  
Queen of Angels,  
*R. pray for us.*

Regina Patriarcharum,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*  
Queen of Patriarchs,  
*R. pray for us.*

Regina Prophetarum,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*  
Queen of Prophets,  
*R. pray for us.*

Regina Apostolorum,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*  
Queen of Apostles,  
*R. pray for us.*

Regina Martyrum,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*  
Queen of Martyrs,  
*R. pray for us.*

Regina Confessorum,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*  
Queen of Confessors,  
*R. pray for us.*

Regina Virginum,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*  
Queen of Virgins,  
*R. pray for us.*

Regina Sanctorum omnium,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*  
Queen of all Saints,  
*R. pray for us.*

Regina sine labe originali concepta,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*  
Queen conceived without original sin,  
*R. pray for us.*

Regina in caelum assumpta,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*  
Queen assumed into heaven,  
*R. pray for us.*

Regina Sacratissimi Rosarii,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*  
Queen of the most holy Rosary,  
*R. pray for us.*

Regina familiae,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*  
Queen of the family,  
*R. pray for us.*

Regina pacis,  
*R. ora pro nobis.*  
Queen of Peace,  
*R. pray for us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
*R. parce nobis, Domine.*  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
*R. spare us, O Lord.*
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

*R. exaudi nos, Domine.* R. graciously hear us, O Lord.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

*R. miserere nobis.* R. have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

*R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray,
Grant, we beseech you, O Lord our God, that we your servants, may enjoy lasting health of mind and body, and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, be delivered from present sorrow and enter into the joy of eternal happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

*R. Amen.*

**Blessing & Dismissal**

*Bishop:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* And with your spirit.

*Bishop:* May almighty God bless you, the Father, ☩ and the Son, ☩ and the Holy ☩ Spirit.

*All:* Amen.

*Deacon:* Go in peace.

*All:* Thanks be to God.
1. Hail, holy Queen enthroned above; O Ma-
2. Our life, our sweetness here below; O Ma-
3. And when our life-breath leaves us, O Ma-

1. ri-a! Hail, Queen of mercy and of love.
2. ri-a! Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Ma-r-i-a!
3. ri-a! Show us thy Son, Christ Jesus.

Triumph, all ye cherubim; Sing with us, ye seraphim! Heav'n and earth re-
sound the hymn: Salve, salve, salve Regina!

WHAT unhappy Eve lost thou dost restore by thy holy Child; thou
dost open the gates of heaven that sinners may rise to the stars.

QUODEvA TRISTIS ABSTULIT TU REDDIS ALMO GERMINE
INTRENT UT ASTRA FLEBILES CELI RECLUDIS CARDINES

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The Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul traces its history back to 1832. At that time, Rev. John Corry was the priest in charge of the missionary territory incorporating the city of Providence. Acting through Mr. Francis Hye as his intermediary, Father Corry purchased a plot of land in the city on a slope of land that was then called, “Christian Hill”. When Father Corry first saw the site that Mr. Hye had purchased for him, he remarked, “In a few years there will be no such place in Providence as this for a Catholic Church”.

The first structure on the site was a small church, built to provide a place of worship to the then limited number of Catholics in Rhode Island. This structure was dedicated as the Church of SS. Peter and Paul on November 4, 1938. In 1844, the Diocese of Hartford was created with the consecration of Right Rev. William Tyler as the first Bishop. The new diocese included the states of Connecticut, Rhode Island and also, Cape Cod. Bishop Tyler decided to make the city of Providence, which was central in the diocese, his city of residence. Upon arrival in Providence, he chose the Church of SS. Peter and Paul as his Cathedral. Bishop Tyler soon began to purchase land to enlarge the church which was consecrated as a Cathedral in 1847.

Bishop Tyler died in 1849 and was buried in the crypt of the Cathedral. He was succeeded in 1850 by Right Rev. Bernard O’Reilly, the second Bishop of Hartford. In 1872, the Diocese of Providence was created with the consecration of Right Rev. Thomas F. Hendricken as the First Bishop of Providence. Three months after taking office, Bishop Hendricken began collecting money for the construction of a new Cathedral. The old Cathedral, only forty years old was in a state of bad repair.
On Thanksgiving Day of 1878 a huge block of Kilkenny marble was laid as the cornerstone of the present Cathedral. From that day on Bishop Hendricken would only permit work to proceed if he had the money to pay for it. He refused to go into debt in the building of the Cathedral. When he died in 1886 the Cathedral, while yet unfinished, was opened for his funeral. Today his body is entombed in the West transept of the Cathedral in recognition for his instrumental efforts for its construction.

The second bishop of Providence, the Most Rev. Matthew Harkins was consecrated in the Cathedral on 1887. Regular services in the Cathedral had begun in November of that year. When the work on the building was finally completed, the Cathedral was consecrated in Sunday, June 30, 1889.

Prior to 1968, the Cathedral had never undergone a major renovation. Normal maintenance had kept it intact, the building survived several hurricanes over the years, yet its only major face-lifting was painting in 1921. But in 1968, the late Bishop Russell J. McVinney, in anticipation of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the diocese, a process that took more than three years to complete.

Bishop McVinney died in August of 1971 before renovations where completed. Renovations were nearly completed on January 26, 1972 when The Most Rev. Louis E. Gelineau was ordained in the Cathedral as the sixth Bishop of Providence. In that same year the Apostolic Delegate, to the United State, The Most Rev. Luigi Raimondi, officiated at the dedication ceremonies for the renovated Cathedral.

Bishop Robert E. Mulvee was installed as the seventh Bishop of Providence in June of 1997 until his retirement in 2005. On March 31, 2004 the Holy Father, Saint John Paul II, appointed the then Bishop of Youngstown, The Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin as the eighth Bishop of Providence and he was installed on May 31, 2005. In 2013 upgrades were made to the lighting and flooring under the pews in preparation for the 125th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral. In 2006, since the lower Church had been transformed into a multi-purpose hall, the crypt of the Cathedral was dismantled and the mortal remains of the Bishops that had been entombed there were moved to St. Ann Cemetery, Cranston. Bishop Tyler, the first bishop of Hartford was transferred to the Archdiocese of Hartford. In January of 2019 the funeral Mass for Bishop Mulvee was celebrated in the Cathedral.

In 2017, Bishop Tobin announced a major capital campaign to raise funds for various agencies in the Diocese. Subsequently, a portion of the funds was earmarked for the Cathedral roof which was approximately 130 years old. That project was completed in 2020 which led to another major restoration of the Cathedral towers which have greatly deteriorated over the years. The Cathedral remains one of the most beautiful architectural gems of the city of Providence.