

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 17th

4:00PM Liberato Carreiro da Mota
 5:30PM Maria Otilia Aguiar (Birth Remb) (O);
 Benjamin Moniz & Jose Albano Pimentel;
 Manuel Jose Bettencourt; Adriana Cabral & husband

Sunday, February 18th – First Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Manuel & Maria Moniz,
 Evaristo & Beatriz Oliveira (O); Antonio Medeiros,
 Jose & Ana Pimentel, In Honor of St. Joseph;
 Manuel D. Cabral; Gilda Correia & Norberto
 Medeiros; Maria Dionisia Amaral & Dorvalino Amaral
 9:00AM Pro Populo
 10:30AM Joao & Idalina Quadros & daughter,
 Maria B. & Jose E. da Silva (O); Zulmira Cunha;
 Teofilia Silva; Catherine Rose Botelho;
 Guilhermina & Jose Da Costa & Family
 11:45AM Francisco & Antonia Nunes & Family (O);
 Jose Moniz Silva; Natalia & Sofia Leitao;
 Afonso Pinto & Family; Manuel &Tiago Avelar;
 Lionel & Lurdes Franco,
 Maria dos Anjos Barbosa, Tiberio & Irene Medeiros

Monday, February 19th – Presidents Day Holiday

8:00AM Maria G. Neves & Servulo L. Neves;
 Manuel & Mary Taveira

Tuesday, February 20th

12:05PM Angelina & Joao Silveira

Wednesday, February 21st

6:00PM Deceased Cabral & Paiva Families;
 Maria da Gloria Bettencourt; Gil & Helena Raposo;
 Kimberly Pimentel; Manuel Pacheco (Birth Remb) &
 Belmira Camara; Maria de Lourdes Ferreira (Anniv)

Thursday, February 22nd

12:05PM James Sullivan & Adeline Vincent;
 Francisco Alberto Martins de Meneses (5th Anniv)

5:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS (PORT)

Friday, February 23rd

11:00AM STATIONS OF THE CROSS (ENG)

12:05PM Antonio Soito, Daniel & Aurelia Andrade & Daughter;
 Souls in Purgatory; Maria & Virginio Barbosa
 6:00PM Joao & Maria Lurdes Medeiros; Souls; Julia Souto;
 Zulmira Cunha (Month's Mind)

Saturday, February 24th

4:00PM Francisco & Antonia Nunes (O); Sebastiao Porto;
 Hilda Vieira (3rd Anniv) & Frank Vieira;
 Maria Cabral & family; Angelina F. Andrade & Family;
 Lionel & Jose Farias
 5:30PM Joaquim & Natalina Amaral & Family (O);
 Luis & Isaura Tavares; Artur & Georgina Pimentel;
 Adelino Campos (4th Anniv);
 Alexandre Paul Leal (18th Anniv); Jose Almeida, Wife
 & Son; Joaquim & Emilia Afonso & Family;

Sunday, February 25th – Second Sunday of Lent

7:30AM Eduino de Avelar; Adao & Hortense Silva;
 Eduardo Sampaio (5th Anniv) & Antonio Pacheco;
 9:00AM Pro Populo
 10:30AM Gilberto Costa; Jeffrey & Amber Arruda & Family;
 Joao Jose de Lima & Maria Leal de Lima;
 Angelina Andrade; Edmudo & Helena Mateus,
 Manuel da Costa Valerio, Rev. Louis M. Diogo;
 11:45AM Manuel Silva, wife & Son (O); Casimiro Barros,
 Marcelino de Barros & Joao Alves; Mauricio Silva

Malassadas Sale

A note of gratitude

Thank you to all who contributed to the sale of malassadas last weekend. To those who donated the ingredients, who setup and helped in the making of the malassadas. Thank you for following the example of Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve. The Malassada sale brought in \$3,228.00.

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations is held every Thursday during the academic year in the Chapel of the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, 485 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence. All are invited to come pray for your priests, seminarians, and for vocations from 12:00 noon - 5:00 PM. Join us in praying that the "master of the harvest send out laborers for his harvest."



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TV MASS



On Sunday, February 25th, the 11:45am Mass will be televised and shown again on the Portuguese Channel 80 or 96 at 7:00PM. We are asking for donations at this time. This allows many of the homebound members of the Portuguese parishes throughout South-Eastern New England to hear the Word of God and be nourished spiritually. Thank you for your support. Please know that your support with this ministry is greatly appreciated.

2017 Budget Statements



To obtain a statement of your 2017 contributions please **call the rectory between the hours of 10:00AM to 4:00pm Monday thru Thursday 434-1878**. Thank you for your patience & generosity.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES 2018

All penance service are at 7:00PM
St. Francis Xavier, Tuesday, February 27th
 Holy Name of Jesus, Prov., Monday, March 5th
 St. Thomas, Warren, Tuesday, March 6th
 St. Anthony, Pawtucket, Tuesday, March 6th
 Our Lady of the Rosary, Prov., Thursday, March 8th
 St. Elizabeth, Bristol, Monday, March 12th
 Jesus Saviour, Newport, Wednesday, March 14th
 Immaculate Heart of Mary, Central Falls,
 Thursday, March 15th
 Our Lady of Fátima, Monday, March 19th
 St. Anthony, W. Warwick, Tuesday, March 20th

Blessed Sacrament Lamp

Intentions of

Jose & Aida Benevides



**Please note: On Monday, February 19th
there is only an 8:00am mass due to
Presidents Day Holiday,
There is no Mass at 6:00PM.
The rectory will be closed on Monday**

**Thank you
Ocean State Montessorri School
Service Club**

St. Francis Xavier Church thanks the Ocean State Montessorri School Service Club for their generous contribution of food and presence last week. Your generosity exemplifies God's greatest commandment to love God and love neighbor.

Bulletin Ads



If you have a business and are interested in placing an ad on the back of the church bulletin please call the parish secretary at 434-1878 by March 16th. New ads will begin on April 1, 2018 thru March 31, 2019. We have spaces available. This would be a great way to advertise your business and support your parish.

Faith Formation News:

**Kindergarten - Grades 9
NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
IN SESSION THIS WEEK**

Grades 6-7-8 Winter Session

Classes meet on Monday, February 26th
from 6:00PM – 7:15PM

Confirmation II

Classes meet on Tuesday, February 27th
from 6:00PM -7:00PM

East Providence Council #1528

Knights of Columbus Family Rosary

All are invited to come together on Saturday, March 3rd to pray the Rosary at 10:00AM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 3200 Pawtucket Ave. Activities for the youngest children will be provided. Morning refreshments will be served free. *Also the Council will be holding a Lenten Bible Study Beginning February 26th from 7pm to 8 pm. Please join us this Lenten season for study and fellowship*

OPEN HOUSE

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Open House on Sunday, March 4th, from noon – 3:00PM. For more information, please call the Admissions Office at 939-3450 ext 162.

Lent 2018

Fasting Abstinence

Church law requires abstinence from meat (For those 14 & older) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays in Lent. In addition, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fasting days: those between the ages of 18 & 59 should eat less, that is take in no solid food between meals and only one meal should be a full meal. Serious reason, for example: medical condition can excuse one from these rules.

Sacrament of Penance

During lent, parishioners may avail themselves of this Sacrament on:

Mondays at 5:30

Thursdays at 11:30

Saturdays between 3:00 – 3:30 both in English and Portuguese. You may also make an appointment by calling the rectory.

Stations of the Cross

Portuguese- Thursdays at 5:00pm

English - Fridays 11:00am



Saint Francis Xavier Church

Youth Ministry

Saint Francis Xavier Church will begin a Youth Ministry in March. The first meeting will be on Thursday, March 1st from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm in the chapel of the school building. Parishioners from 12-16 years old are welcome to attend.

We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Jorge Rocha at frjorgerocha@gmail.com. Depending on the number of youth interested, the age range may change and we can break it up into different age groups.

“Dear young people, the Church needs you, your enthusiasm, your creativity and the joy that is so characteristic of you.” – Pope Francis (July 28, 2013 – World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro)

**The Portuguese Learning Center
of East Providence Breakfast Fundraiser**

Sunday, March 18, 2018

From 8 AM to 12 PM

St. Francis Xavier Church

Rego Auditorium

160 Orchard Street, East Providence, RI

Tickets are Adults \$10 – Children (Under 10)\$6

There will also be Raffle Prizes

If you would like to purchase tickets, please e-mail us at

plceastprovidence@gmail.com

Tickets will be sold at the door as well.

Rhode Island Catholic's

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Mass book for 2018

The Mass book is open for Masses from January to March 2018. If you would like to schedule a Mass, please call the rectory 434-1878 between 10:00AM and 4:00PM– Mondays through Thursday. You need to remember to call at least 2 weeks before the date that you want the mass to be said.

We have weeks available for the Blessed Sacrament Lamp if you would like to book please call the rectory from 10:00AM to 4:00PM Mondays thru Thursday.

Mothers That Pray For Their Children

Restoring the family through the power of prayer

On Saturdays from 4:00PM – 5:30PM In the Our Lady of the Angels Room (Library of Church)

This group is conducted in Portuguese.

Legion of Mary Prayer Group

Meet on Mondays at 6:30 in the Our Lady of the Angels Room (Library of Church)

This group is conducted in Portuguese.

Charismatic Prayer Group

Meet on Wednesdays at 7:00PM in the Church

This group is conducted in Portuguese.

Holy Rosary Sodality

Meet on the 2nd Thursday of the Month at 6:00PM in Our Lady of the Angels Room

(Library of Church)

This group is conducted in English.