A close-up photograph of a hand in a white clerical sleeve with gold trim, gently holding a stalk of golden wheat. The background is a vast field of similar wheat stalks, creating a sense of depth and texture. The lighting is warm and natural, highlighting the golden hues of the grain.

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Igreja São Francisco Xavier | Founded 1915 | East Providence, RI
Fifth Sunday of Lent | Quinto Domingo da Quaresma
March 17, 2024**

**Se um grão de trigo não cair na terra
e não morrer, continua a ser apenas
um grão de trigo.**

Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and
dies, it remains just a grain
of wheat. JOHN 12:24

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Masses | Missas

Saturday Vigil | Sábado – 4:30PM [English]

Sunday | Domingo – 8AM [Português]

9:30AM [English]

11:45AM [Português]

Daily | Diária

Segunda-feira, Quarta-feira e Sexta-feira – 6PM [Português]

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday – 12:05PM [English]

Sacrament of Confession | Sacramento da Confissão

Saturday | Sábado 3-3:30PM

Confessions in Portuguese are heard on the 1st Saturday of the month or by appointment. Confissões em português são no primeiro sábado do mês ou por apontamento.

Sacrament of Baptism | Sacramento do Batismo

First Sunday of the month 1PM | Primeiro Sábado do mês 1PM

Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Por favor contacte a reitoria para iniciar a preparação.

Sacrament of Marriage | Sacramento do Matrimônio

Please contact one of the parish priests one year prior to the proposed date of your wedding. Por favor contacte um dos sacerdotes um ano antes da data do casamento.

Sacrament of the Sick | Sacramento dos Enfermos

Please contact one of the parish priests if you are shut-in, sick, homebound, or hospitalized and before surgery.

Por favor contacte um dos sacerdotes se estiver internado, doente, sem sair de casa ou e antes da cirurgia.

Sacrament of Holy Orders | Sacramento da Ordem

Please contact one of the parish priests or the Office of the Director of Vocations at 401-331-1316 or www.catholicpriest.com

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Intenções de Missas

Sábado | Saturday, March 16

4:30PM: Angelina Medeiros; João C. & Delia M. Botelho; Maria A. Traverse; Manuel F. De Sousa; Antonio do Souto; João & Maria Laudalina (Birth Remb) Barbosa; Manuel & Maria Teixeira; Rui & Manuel Oliveira; Manuel & Lauriana Janeiro; Maria Zélia (1st aniv) & Ernesto Bairos; intentions of Mariano & Estrela Botelho; Stephany Simas (Month's Mind); Maria Conceição Correia (Birth Remb) & Peter Correia (Birth Remb); Albert Louro (2nd Anniv); Ana e José Farias; Leonel Farias

Domingo | Sunday, March 17

8:00AM: Francisco (Aniv) e Ana Maciel (O); João José De Lima; Manuel Simão Pereira e Ana de Deus Roias; Manuel Francisco Roias Pereira e almas no Purgatório; Manuel Simão e Ana Pereira; Angie e Tom Lasater; Claudio Amaral e Norberto Amaral

9:30AM: Olga M. Paiva (9th Anniv); Maria José deSousa; Maria Odete Maroto; Dennis Silveira (1st Anniv); Emily Sousa (2nd Anniv)

11:45AM: Manuel José Bettencourt (O); Membros falecidos e vivos dos Amigos de Rabo de Peixe (O); Manuel e Maria Moniz; Manuel Terceira Moniz; José Leitão; Sofia e Natalia Leitão e família; Maria do Espírito Santo e Hermano Medeiros; Faustino da Silva; José E. Silva (Nasc); José M. Medeiros; Maria U. e José D. Rego; Manuel Viveiros e Adelino Faria; Afonso Pinto e pais; Fernanda Maria Silva (Nasc); em louvor a Nossa Senhora da Conceição e Santo Antonio; Antonio José e Jaime Lima; Maximino e Maria Camara; Adriano Martins; Laura Macedo; Maria Carlos Vasconcelas; intenções de Greg VandeVisser, esposa e filhas; António José e Manuel Francisco da Costa; Hipolito Antonio Veiga (3^o Aniv)

Segunda-feira | Monday, March 18

6:00PM: José Garcia Serpa Faria; em ação de graças a Santo Antonio; Gabriela Joana Lisboa e João Batista Lisboa

Terça-feira | Tuesday, March 19

12:05PM: Antonio Soito & family; in memory of the Avila & Souto families

Quarta-feira | Wednesday, March 20

6:00PM: Antônio (Nasc) e Angélica, filhas e filho; almas no Purgatório; Melânia Pexeito; Mary Jo Maia-Frias e Benjamin Maia; Maria Avelar (1^o aniv)

Quinta-feira | Thursday, March 21

12:05PM: in honor of St. Joseph; Maria da Glória Bettencourt; Hermínio José Vasconcelos; Maria Santos (Aniv); Maria Filomena Andrade

Sexta-feira | Friday, March 22

12:05PM: Mary P. Silva

6:00PM: Eduarda da Costa e família

Sábado | Saturday, March 23

4:30PM: Valentim & Maria deQuadros (O); Frank Peixoto & family; Adelino & Blandina Campos; Rev. Aristides Zacarias; Duarte Piques; Sebastião e Maria Conceição Costa; Maria Otilia Medeiros (4th Anniv); Marie A. Traverse; Victor De Sousa; Saturno Correia; Joaquim Amaral (Birth Remb) & family; souls in Purgatory; Berta Lopes Da Silva; Diniz J. Pacheco & Evangelina S. Travassos; Manuel S. Pacheco & Maria G. Pacheco; Januario & Germano do Couto

Domingo | Sunday, March 24

8:00AM: intenções de Semião e Maria da Graça Carvalho; Maria Avelar; Francisco Rego e família; Cláudio Emanuel Amaral; Esther Amaral

9:30AM: Henrique Soares (Birth Remb) (O); Jacklyn Benson; Luz Janette Ruano; Maria Estrela Brum (3rd Anniv) & Manuel Matias Brum

11:45AM: Gilberto da Costa (Aniv) e Eduino Costa (O); Guilherme e Maria de Lourdes Lopes; José e Maria B. Silva; João e Idalina Quadros e filha; Maria José Costa Branco e Agostinho da Silva; José Martins Ponte e família; Manuel D. Cabral; Senhorinha Ferreira e Manuel Carvalho; Maria C. Maia e família; Theresa Correia (Aniv); Adriano Martins; Maria José Avelar e família (1^o Aniv); Manuel Flor e Franklin Pichardo; Manuel Medeiros; José dos Santos Pimentel; intenções de Isaura Pimentel filhos e netos



Sacrament of Penance [Confession]

Fridays – 11:30 AM

Saturdays: 3:00 – 3:45 PM [Eng. and Port.]

You may also make an appointment by calling the rectory.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays – 11 AM [English] | 5 PM [Portuguese]

Quaresma 2024

Sacramento de Penitência [Confissão]

Sexta-feira – às 11:30

Sábados: 3:00 – 3:45 PM [Português e Inglês]

Se quiser marcar um apontamento, chame a reitoria.

Via Sacra

Sexta-feira – 11 AM [Inglês] | 5 PM [Português]

Lenten Penance Services

Serviços Penitências da Quaresma

Church Igreja	Date Data	Time Hora
St. Elizabeth	March 18	12 PM & 7 PM
Our Lady of the Rosary	March 19	11 AM & 7 PM
St. Francis Xavier	March 20	11AM & 7PM
Our Lady of Fátima	March 21	11 AM & 7 PM

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations

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.

Regulamentos de jejum e abstinência Quaresmal

A lei da Igreja exige abstinência de carne (para os 14 anos de idade ou mais) na Quarta-feira de Cinzas e Sexta-feira Santa, e todas as sextas-feiras da Quaresma. Além disso, na Quarta-feira de Cinzas e Sexta-feira Santa são dias de jejum: aqueles entre as idades de 18-59 devem comer menos, ou seja, não devem comer alimentos sólidos entre as refeições e apenas uma refeição completa naquele dia. Aqueles que têm motivos graves, como a saúde, pode ser dispensado.

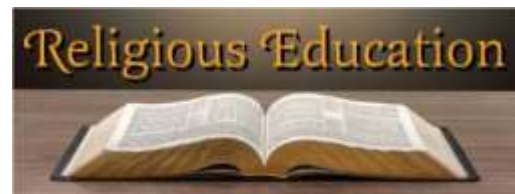
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Friday after the 12:05 Mass until the 6PM Mass. It is important that we have a least two people present in the church during this time. **During Lent, adoration will be until 5 PM as we will have the stations of the Cross. Also, there will be no Holy Hour during the month of March.**



Adoração do Santíssimo Sacramento

Adoração do Santíssimo Sacramento é cada sexta-feira após a Missa da 12:05 até a Missa das 6 da tarde. É importante que tenhamos pelo menos duas pessoas presentes na igreja durante este tempo. **Durante a Quaresma, a adoração do Santíssimo Sacramento será até as da 5 da tarde, pois teremos a Via Sacra. Além disso, não haverá Hora Santa durante o mês de março.**



Important dates

First Holy Communion – Sunday, April 28th – 2:30PM

Confirmation – Thursday, May 2nd – 6:30PM



March Meetings:

Wednesday, March 13th - Basketball 6:30-8PM

Wednesday, March 27th - Easter Escape Room 6:30-8PM

The **SFX Youth Group** is always looking for new members. For more information check us out on Facebook: St. Francis Xavier Youth Ministry or follow us on Instagram @sfx_cym

Knights of Columbus Food Drive

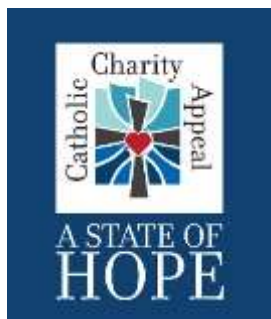
The East Providence Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a Lenten Food Drive again at St. Francis Xavier. This year, we will have it on Sunday, March 17th. The Knights will be collecting food donations to go in the food pantry for the poor. Parishioners can drop off their food donations anytime the morning of March 17th before any of the Masses.

Knights of Columbus Campanha de Alimentos

Os "Knights of Columbus" de East Providence vão fazer uma coleção Quaresmal de Alimentos novamente na Paróquia de São Francisco Xavier. Este ano, teremos no domingo, 17 de março. Os Knights estarão coletando doações para a despensa de alimentos dos pobres. Podem deixar suas doações de alimentos a qualquer momento na manhã de 17 de março, antes de qualquer uma das Missas.

2024 Catholic Charity Appeal

Our goal for the 2024 Catholic Charity Appeal is \$57,000. As of this week, the amount paid is \$16,697, which is 29 % of the goal. Your generous gift to the Appeal will benefit countless people in need throughout our diocese.



Envelopes have been mailed or you can find them at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Apelo de Caridade de 2024

A nossa meta para o Apelo de Caridade Católica é \$57,000. A partir desta semana, o valor pago é de \$16,697, o que representa

29 % da meta. O seu generoso donativo para o Apelo beneficiará inúmeras pessoas necessitadas em toda a nossa diocese. Os envelopes foram enviados pelo correio ou podem encontrá-los na entrada da igreja. Obrigado pela sua generosidade.



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*The Blessed Sacrament light is lit
for the intentions of*

*A luz do Santíssimo Sacramento ilumina pelas
intenções de Carlos e Cidália Couto*

Por favor rezem pelo repouso das almas de Esther C. Amaral, Maria Zenaida Cardoso, Maria José DeSousa e Maria Rosa Soares cujos funerais foram realizados recentemente.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Esther C. Amaral, Maria Zenaida Cardoso, Maria José deSousa & Maria Rosa Soares whose funerals were held recently.



Leasing of the School Building

We have been exploring the possibility of leasing the first floor of the school building and there has been progress. We have been working with the Diocese of Providence and we will keep you updated on what transpires.

Painting of the Interior of the Church

We will hire a company to paint the interior of the church in late Spring. This will likely require at least one Sunday where Masses will be in Rego Auditorium.

Arrendamento do Edifício Escolar

Temos estado a explorar a possibilidade de arrendar o primeiro andar da escola e temos registado progressos. Temos trabalhado com a Diocese de Providence e iremos mantê-los atualizados sobre o que acontece.

Pintura do Interior da Igreja

Contrataremos uma empresa para pintar o interior da igreja no final da primavera. Isto provavelmente exigirá pelo menos um domingo em que as Missas serão no Auditório do Rego.

You and yours are invited to the celebration of the
Chrism Mass in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence

Join Most Rev. Richard G. Henning, Bishop of Providence, at this special annual Mass!
 Tuesday, March 26 at 7 p.m.

Bishop Henning will celebrate and be joined by dozens of concelebrating priests and many deacons from across the diocese. At this Mass, the priests of the diocese renew their priestly promises and the Bishop consecrates and blesses holy oils used in the sacramental rites of the church. All are welcome!

More - <https://www.dioceseofprovidence.org/news/the-chrism-mass>

Godparents for Baptism and Confirmation

Please keep in mind these three qualifications when choosing Godparents for Baptism and Confirmation:

1. They must be registered in a parish and attend Mass faithfully.
2. They must be Baptized and Confirmed.
3. If married, they have to be married by the Catholic Church.
4. If two Godparents are chosen, they may not be of the same gender.

Padrinhos para Baptismo e Confirmação

Por favor, lembre-se estas três qualificações quando escolherem padrinho ou madrinha para o Baptismo ou Confirmação:

1. Praticante na sua fé, frequentando à Missa semanalmente.
2. É necessário ser Baptizado e Crismado Católico.
3. Se é casado, tem de ser casado pela Igreja Católica.
4. Se forem escolhidos dois Padrinhos, não poderão ser do mesmo sexo

Telemóveis na Igreja

Um lembrete amigável, por favor desligue ou silencie seu telemóvel antes de entrar na igreja.

Cell phones in the Church

A friendly reminder, please turn off or silence your cellphones before entering the church.

Food Pantry

The food pantry is in need of donations of **tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly, pasta and rice**. Donations can be dropped off during the week at the rectory from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Thank you.



Despensa de Alimentos

A despensa de alimentos está precisando de doações de **atum, peanut butter, jelly, massa (macarrão) e arroz**. As doações podem ser entregues durante a semana na reitoria, das 9:00am às 4:00pm. Obrigado.

Chesterton Academy Open House

Catholic identity. Classical curriculum. Family focus. Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Hope is a new Catholic high school that just opened its doors in the fall of 2023. Is Chesterton the right fit for your son or daughter? Enrollment is now underway for next year. Please join us on March 23rd at 9AM for our open house at 610 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick RI 02886 (the former Saint Francis parish and school). Please contact us at: www.chestertonRI.org / 401-287-2280 / info@chestertonRI.org.

Parking

Please do not park in front of the Church during weekend services to allow neighbors to enter and exit your driveways. The police will fine your vehicle.

Estacionamento

Por favor, não estacione na frente da Igreja durante as Missas no fim de semana para permitir que os vizinhos entrem e saiam de suas calçadas. A polícia vai multar seu veículo.

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