

LENT

Second Sunday

March 16, 2025



The LORD
loves justice
and right
and fills the
earth with
goodness.

Psalms 33:5

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PARISH MASS/CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 PM
Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM (Bi-Lingual Italian/English)
10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon
Weekday Mass: 7:00 AM
Saturday Morning & Legal Holidays 8:00 AM
Confessions: Saturday 11:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM & 4:00 PM or
anytime by appointment; please call the Rectory Office.

ADORATION

Every Saturday morning from 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Tuesday Evenings: 6:00 PM
Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with Novena
Prayers to St. Rocco, St. Anthony and St. Jude.

LEGION OF MARY

Wednesday Evenings: 6:00 PM Rectory Office Conference Room

SICK PARISHONERS

Please notify the Rectory when a parishioner or family member is
confined at home, hospitalized or in a nursing home.

BAPTISMS

10:00 AM on the 1st Sunday of the month by previous appoint-
ment only. Sponsor certificates and birth certificates are required
before date is set for a Baptism. Parental attendance at Parish Bap-
tism Preparation Program is also required.

WEDDINGS Contact Rectory Office at least 1 year before.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm ~ Deceased members of the Grasso Family (Memorial)
by family
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by family

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

The Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 am ~ Mildred Siravo (Memorial)
by Arlene & Richard Siravo
Thomas "Papa Tom" Zanfagna (Memorial)
by wife & family
10:00 am ~ Edward Stravato Sr. (Memorial)
by wife & son
Elizabeth Ricci (Memorial)
by family
12:00 pm ~ Elisa DiSarro (Birthday Remembrance)
by Franco Barone & family
Alice St. John (Memorial)
by Vicki Rosa

MONDAY, MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday/St. Patrick
7:00 am ~ Parishioners of St. Rocco

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday/St. Cyril of Jerusalem
7:00 am ~ Nicholas & Louis Iannone (Memorial) by Walter & Donna
6:00 pm ~ Novena & Lenten Spiritual Talk

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 am ~ In thanksgiving to Our Lady & St. Joseph
12:05 pm ~ Open for intentions

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday
7:00 am ~ Antonio & Pasqualina DiRaimo (Memorial)
by Antoinetta DiRaimo & family

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

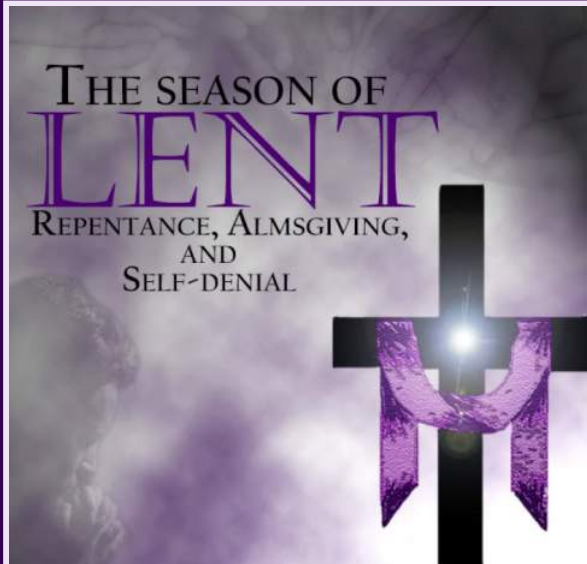
Lenten Weekday
7:00 am ~ Maria & Antonio Viveiros (Memorial)
6:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Lenten Weekday
8:00 am ~ Nicholas Iannone (Memorial) by family
8:30 am ~ 12:00 pm ~ Adoration
Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm ~ Guido Michael Laorenza (47th Anniversary Memorial)
by family
Anthony Perfetto Jr. (Birthday Remembrance)
by family

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

The Third Sunday of Lent
8:00 am ~ Deceased members of the Manzi Family (Memorial)
by family
Rev. Richard Bucci (1st Anniversary Memorial)
by Richard Bedard
10:00 am ~ Lena Guarniere (Memorial)
by Greg & Donna Cambio
Giuseppe & Carmella Russo (Memorial)
by family
12:00 pm ~ Vincent & Angelina DeFilippo (Memorial)
by daughters
Michael & Giovannina Carlino (Memorial)
by sons



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE 2025 GUIDELINES FOR LENT

Why are the Gloria and Alleluia omitted during Lent?

The Lenten Season is marked by two very distinct Liturgical Omissions. Neither the hymn known as the Gloria (Glory to God in the Highest) nor the Alleluia verse sung before the Gospel is permitted during the entire 40 days of Lent (with a few small exceptions). Why is that?

First of all, the Gloria is a hymn that celebrates the coming of the Lord using words from the Angels at Christ's birth. The Church during Lent returns in spirit to a time when the people of God were in exile, waiting for the Mess-

iah to come and save them. It's a similar season of expectation as is Advent, but instead of awaiting Christ's birth from the womb of Mary, the Christian people await Christ's second "birth" from the womb of the Sepulcher.

Secondly, following this same spirit of exile, the Church joins Moses and the Israelites as they wander in the desert for 40 years. It's a time of agony and purification, one where the faithful join together in saying, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?" (Psalm 137:4) The word "Alleluia" is rooted in a Hebrew expression that means "praise the Lord" and is thus omitted during Lent.

As a result, our focus in Lent is not in rejoicing, but in mourning our sins, looking at those things that prevent us from an authentic relationship with God. Once these are removed through Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, we are able to rejoice again at Easter, for it's not only Christ's Resurrection that we celebrate, but our own rebirth in the spirit.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays ~ 6:00 PM

Adoration

Saturday's 8:30 AM ~ 12:00 Noon

Confessions

Tuesday's 5:00 ~ 5:45 PM Thursday's 7:30 ~ 8:30 AM
Saturday's 11:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM & 4:00 ~ 4:45 PM Sunday's 11:00 ~ 11:45 AM

St. Rocco Novena Service & Spiritual Talk

Tuesday Evenings at 6:00 PM

The Holy Year ~ 2025

Tuesday, March 18 ~ St. Joseph
Rev. Brendan Baran, OP ~ Providence College

Tuesday, April 1 ~ History of the Jubilee Year
Rev. Damian Day, OP ~ Providence College

Tuesday, April 15 ~ Holy Week
Rev. Ryan Connors, Rector, OLP Seminary

Tuesday, March 25 ~ What is a Pilgrimage / Holy Door?
Fr. Jeremy Rodrigues ~ Pastor, St. Margaret's, Rumford

Tuesday, April 8 ~ What are Indulgences?
Rev. Patrick Ryan ~ Associate Pastor, St. Philip's

Star of Bethlehem

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St. Rocco's Church Religious Education Program

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Confirmation News

Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors (or Parents) are required to attend 4 out of the 6 Tuesday Evening Lenten Novena and Spiritual Talk.

Important Dates

March 16
Lenten Craft and Coffee
CCD Classes

April 26: Confirmation Retreat
9:00 AM ~ 3:00 PM



St. Joseph Feast: March 19th

Even though St. Joseph never spoke a word in scripture, his silent example of obedient faithfulness and diligent care for the Holy Family during Jesus' formative years has made him one of the most beloved saints of Christianity. Devotion to the foster-father of Jesus is generally traced to the 3rd or 4th century, but according to the Pieta prayer book, there is a prayer to St. Joseph that dates to the year 50. In 1505, it was sent from Pope Julius II to Emperor Charles when he was going into battle. Whoever shall read this prayer or hear it or keep it about themselves, shall never die a sudden death or be drowned, nor shall poison take effect on them; neither shall they fall into the hands of the enemy or be burned in any fire or be overpowered in battle.

Prayer to St. Joseph: *O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. O St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.*

Prayer for the Election of a New Bishop

(from the Diocese of Providence Office of Divine Worship)

Heavenly Father, look with favor upon this the Church of Providence and grant her a bishop who will govern, sanctify, and teach with the heart of a good shepherd. Grant to this chosen man an increase in the gifts of your Spirit, especially wisdom, fortitude, understanding, and the virtues of faith, hope and love. Unite this local Church under the guidance of your Spirit, so that your servant might find a people who praise you unceasingly and give glory to the Majesty which is yours alone. Shower your grace upon us, O Lord, that we may soon rejoice in your gift of a holy shepherd who seeks out the lost sheep and carries them home to Heaven, where your faithful shall glorify you without end. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.



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Classroom News.. Mrs. Brenda Tavares PK 4 A



It is amazing to me how fast a school year goes by; we have already completed over one hundred days of the 2024-2025 school year. The students in Pre-K 4 are growing and learning every day. We are continuing our journey through the alphabet. We are already working on the letter U; we will make an Umbrella and unicorn. We are continuing in our Heggerty program to help us learn the letter sound, and rhyming words!

We are working on our numbers, recognizing the numbers up to twenty and putting them in order. We just read a book about "10 Shiny Snowflakes", we made our own version of the book by writing the numerals from one to ten on the top of the page and writing the number word on the bottom of the page. We then put the correct number of "snowflakes" (glitter dots) on the page. After April vacation we will use whiteboards to draw shapes, write numerals and number words as well as color words and upper and lowercase letters. We are learning about the various parts of a book. We are learning to identify the front cover, the back cover, the spine or binding, the title and that the author writes the words, and the illustrator draws the pictures.



The Pre-K students are working hard on their cutting skills. The children are often at the writing center cutting paper and gluing it together to make pictures and books. We are beginning to learn about space and the planets. The students enjoy bringing our classroom to life with planets, asteroids, and comets. The students are continuing to get ready for Kindergarten. We have been working on rhyming words, sequencing events in a story and measuring. After April vacation we will learn about butterflies, the weather, the different seasons, and plants. We will watch caterpillars grow into butterflies and release them into the trees. We will also plant our own flowers and enjoy watching them grow. Before you know it, we will be planning our end of the year activities, and it will be time for the children to move on to kindergarten. The year always goes by so quickly.



St. Rocco School is Accepting Applications for the 2025 ~ 2026 School Year Grades PK 3 to 8th

We welcome you visit us for a tour and see why everyone is impressed with St. Rocco School! If you are interested in having your child or know of a family interested in attending St. Rocco School, please have them contact our School Office at 944.2993 to schedule a personal tour. Tours are available Monday thru Friday during school hours and on Saturday.



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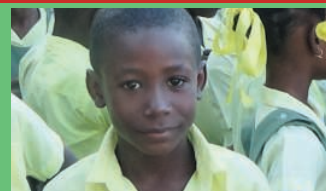
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