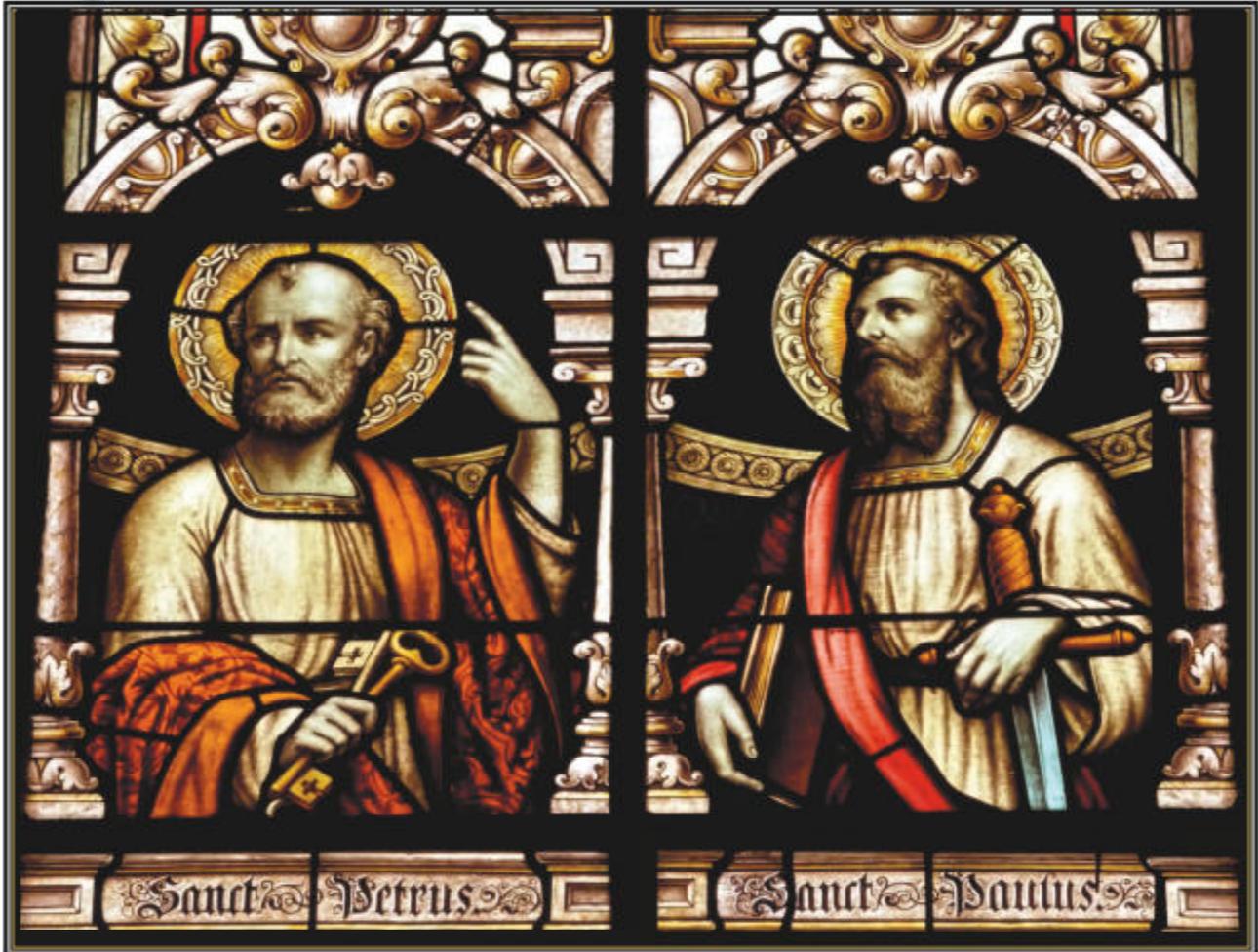




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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm - *Vigil*
Sunday 10:00 am - *Solemn Chant Mass*
1:00 pm & 6:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday
12:05 pm *Main Church*

CONFESSIONS

Mon. - Fri. 11:00 am - 11:45 am
Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Sunday 9:00 am - 9:45 am
12:00 pm 12:45 pm
5:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Holy Day Masses as Listed in Bulletin

PARISH OFFICE

30 Fenner Street
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 26

5:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ORABONA FAMILY
by Louis Orabona and family

Sunday, December 27

10:00 DR. ALFREDO R. ESPARZA (deceased)

1:00 MEMBERS OF THE CATHEDRAL PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

6:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY

Monday, December 28

12:05 BISHOP ROBERT E. MULVEE (2nd Anniversary Rem.)

Tuesday, December 29

12:05 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY

Wednesday, December 30

12:05 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY

Thursday, December 31

12:05 WILLIAM DORAN (deceased) by daughter

Friday, January 1, 2021

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

12:05 NEW YEAR'S BLESSING FOR DIANE TAPIS by
John Tapis

Saturday, January 2, 2021

5:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY

Sunday, January 3, 2021

10:00 JUDGE THOMAS J. CALDARONE, JR. (deceased)

1:00 DR. ALFREDO R. ESPARZA (deceased)

6:00 ALFRED CARPIONATO AND DECEASED MEMBERS
OF THE CARPIONATO FAMILY



Bible Study

For information please call the parish
office at 331-2434.



**Classes for First Holy Communion & for children
grades K-8** will be held on Saturday, January 2nd
from 10am —11:15am.

Confirmation Classes for Teenagers: For
information please call the parish office at 331-2434.

R.C.I.A. classes will be held on Wednesday,
December 30th from
7pm-8:30pm in Cathedral Hall.

For more information you may contact Sister
Elizabeth Castro at:
sister.elizabethmssw@gmail.com

Registration Forms are available on our website:
Religious_education@providencecathedral.org

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FROM THE RECTOR

My dear Brothers and Sisters:

I would like to share with you the following meditation:

Pondering the Holy Family

There is a certain flavor to the days after a child is born into a home. Gratefulness that all went well, a deep relief from anxiety, a new happiness, and a more tender love hover over the household. All this must have been true of the very first Christian family who ever lived, only much more so. Of the young girl and Mother it is told that she didn't need any help, neither for herself nor for her little child. She was able to take care of him alone right away. *And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger.*

We can imagine Joseph going into Bethlehem every day, partly to buy fresh food, and partly to watch how the census was going. In forty days he would have to present Mother and Child in the Temple. He told Mary that the shepherds couldn't get over the things they had heard and seen in that unforgettable night, and had told their friends and neighbors. *And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.* What did Mary do about this? *She kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.* "To ponder" is just another word for "to meditate on" or simply "to think about." With a special effort, some of us might set aside fifteen minutes a day out of a sense of duty to ponder upon divine things. This time of meditation can turn into a real bother, and we may spend it looking at the watch. At the slightest provocation we gladly omit it. But with Mary it seems to be second nature. Already, as a child in the Temple, she must have been meditating on the law of the Lord all the days of her life, as it says in Psalm 118. The splendor of the house of God, the starry sky at night, the countryside of Judea, the Word of God as it was read to her from ancient scrolls by her teachers—everything was one big meditation book for her, telling of the grandeur and also of the mercy of God. She never grew tired of pondering on all those things in her heart.

When God in his eternal wisdom resolved to redeem mankind, he had infinite ways in which to do it. There were shapes and forms we can think of, such as sending the Messiah as an angel in great power and glory, or as a mighty king on horseback, then there are many more possibilities which we in our limited mind can't even conceive. But no, Almighty God chose none of those ways, but instead, sent his only Son as a little child into a family.

MARIA VON TRAPP

Maria von Trapp (+1987), with her children and stepchildren, the Trapp Family Singers, inspired the musical and film The Sound of Music.

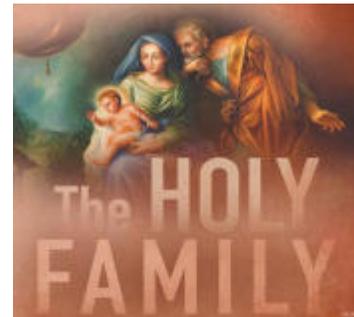
Keep the Heat On: Help or Be Helped

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