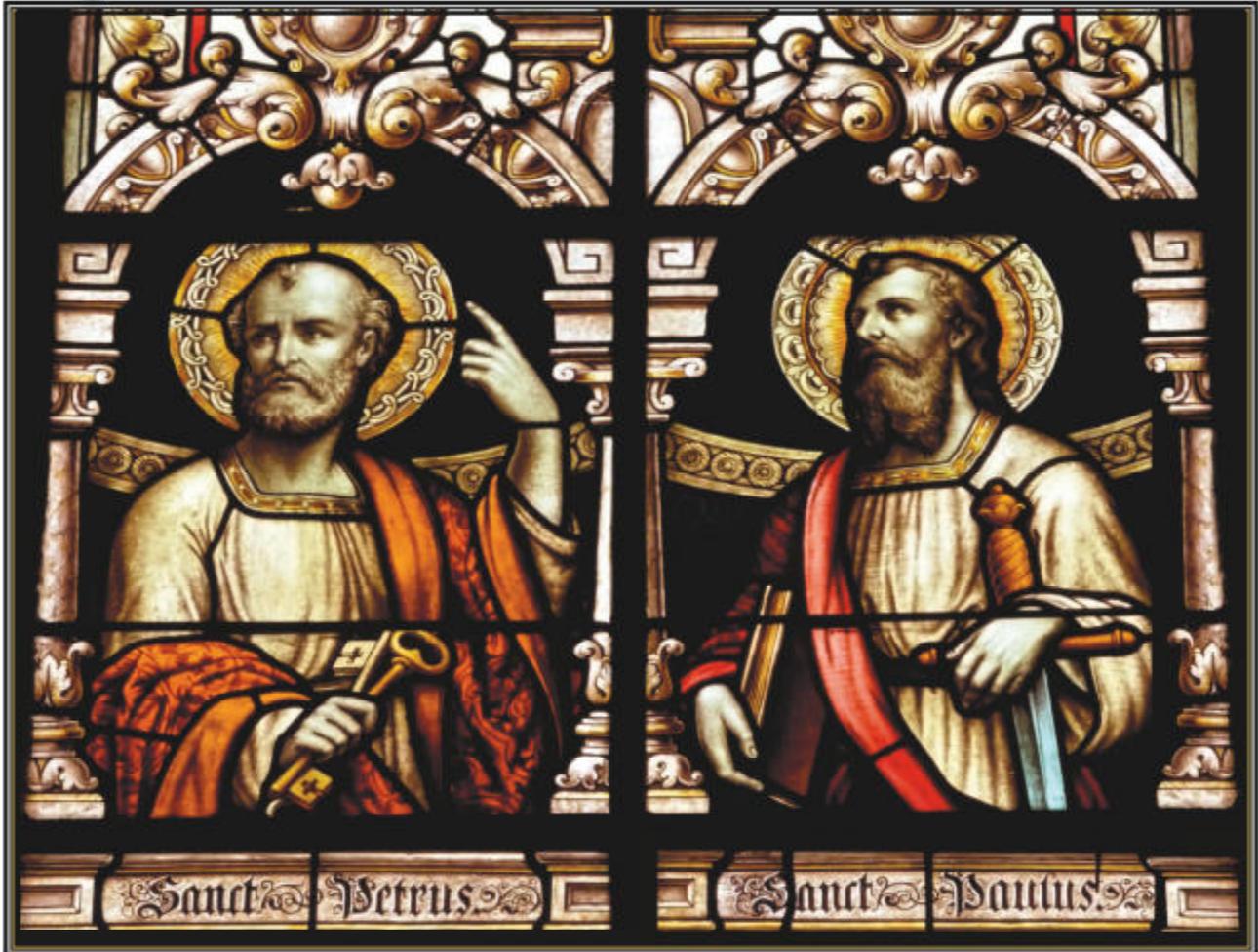




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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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, January 2, 2021

5:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY

Sunday, January 3

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

Monday, January 4

12:05 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY

Tuesday, January 5

12:05 STEPHEN ALBERT DiFABIO (deceased) by Alexandra, Joseph, Elizabeth & Marguerite DiPietro (1st Anniversary Rem.)

Wednesday, January 6

12:05 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY

Thursday, January 7

12:05 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY

Friday, January 8

12:05 FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

Saturday, January 9

5:00 MEMBERS OF THE CATHEDRAL PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Sunday, January 10

10:00 FOR PEACE IN OUR FAMILIES

1:00 FOR YOUNG PEOPLE THAT THEY MAY KNOW GOD'S BLESSINGS AND ENCOURAGEMENT

6:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY



Bible Study

Tuesday, January 5th from 7pm-8:30pm.



Classes for First Holy Communion & for children grades K-8 will be held on Saturday, January 9th 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, January 6th 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:

The Mystery of the Epiphany

The Wise Men from the East...embody...the men and women who in every age set out on the way which leads to the Child of Bethlehem, to offer him homage as the Son of God and to bow down before him. These men who set out towards the unknown were men with a restless heart. Men driven by a restless quest for God and the salvation of the world. They were filled with expectation, not satisfied with their secure income and their respectable place in society. They were no doubt learned men, quite knowledgeable about the heavens and probably possessed of a fine philosophical formation. But they desired more than simply knowledge about things. They wanted above all else to know what is essential. They wanted to know how we succeed in being human. And therefore they wanted to know if God exists, and where and how he exists. Whether he is concerned about us and how we can encounter him. Nor did they want just to know. They wanted to understand the truth about ourselves and about God and the world. Their outward pilgrimage was an expression of their inward journey, the inner pilgrimage of their hearts. They were men who sought God and were ultimately on the way towards him. They were seekers after God.

Human beings have an innate restlessness for God, but this restlessness is a participation in God's own restlessness for us. Faith is nothing less than being interiorly seized by God, something which guides us along the pathways of life. Faith draws us into a state of being seized by the restlessness of God and it makes us pilgrims who are on an inner journey towards the true King of the world and his promise of justice, truth, and love.

The Wise Men from the East were also, and above all, men of courage, the courage and humility born of faith. Courage was needed to grasp the meaning of the star as a sign to set out, to go forth—towards the unknown, the uncertain, on paths filled with hidden dangers. We can imagine that their decision was met with derision: the scorn of those realists who could only mock the reveries of such men. Anyone who took off on the basis of such uncertain promises, risking everything, could only appear ridiculous. But for these men, inwardly seized by God, the way which he pointed out was more important than what other people thought. For them, seeking the truth meant more than the taunts of the world, so apparently clever. The Wise Men followed the star, and thus came to Jesus, to the great Light which enlightens everyone coming into this world. As pilgrims of faith, the Wise Men themselves became stars shining in the firmament of history, and they show us the way.

POPE BENEDICT XV

His Holiness Benedict XVI reigned as pope from 2005 to 2013.

Peace,
Monsignor Mancini

Keep the Heat On: Help or Be Helped

Bishop Tobin recently kicked off this year's **Keep the Heat On** heating assistance campaign, a program that helps struggling families with heating assistance who have exhausted all other public and private means to keep their families warm during the Rhode Island winter. Since 2005, your generous support has provided more than \$3.25 million in assistance to more than 14,681 Rhode Island households in need.

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If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, please visit the web site: www.heatRI.com or call **401-421-7833** for additional information.

A New Year's Day Prayer - 2021

—Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.



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