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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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| Saturday | 5:00 pm - <i>Vigil</i> |
| Sunday | 10:00 am - <i>Solemn Chant Mass</i> 1:00 pm & 6:00 pm |

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday
12:05 pm *Main Church*

CONFESIONS

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| 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 16**

5:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY

Sunday, January 17

10:00 FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

1:00 FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

6:00 FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Monday, January 18

12:05 FOR PEACE IN OUR FAMILIES

Tuesday, January 19

12:05 FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Wednesday, January 20

12:05 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY

Thursday, January 21

12:05 MANUEL GOMES (deceased) by daughter Maria (Anniversary Rem.)

Friday, January 22

12:05 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY

Saturday, January 23

5:00 ESTELLE HENEbury (deceased) by family (19th Anniversary Rem.)

Sunday, January 24

10:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE ROY FAMILY

1:00 FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS AND GUIDANCE ON ALL CIVIC LEADERS

6:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY

**Bible Study**

Tuesday, January 19th from 7pm-8:30pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
NEWS • NEWS

Classes for First Holy Communion & for children grades K-8 will be held on Saturday, January 20th from 10am —11:15am.

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

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R.C.I.A. classes will be held on Wednesday, January 20th 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:

Everything We've Been Looking For

Everything now bears the mark of the almost inconceivable exaltation of humanity through the Incarnation of God and through the baptism which implants in man a new principle of life, participation in the life of Christ and the Holy Trinity. To the extent that every baptized person ... gives himself up to Christ and follows Christ, living from Christ, with Christ, and in Christ—he lives no more but Christ lives in him; he thus participates in the unlimited breadth and fullness of Christ. He who is immersed in the life of Christ, he in whom Christ is truly imitated, the saint, becomes a personality, no matter what his “essential endowments” are. The lack of gifts and the modest natural structure are no longer something depressing, narrowing, and limiting, because they have been transformed into that moving simplicity which is penetrated with the supreme wisdom of Jesus Christ [and] in the pulsations of the most Sacred Heart, *in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge*. The saint is strong in his weakness because he has fully developed the supernatural life received in baptism. One who no longer lives in himself but in whom Christ lives breathes a fullness, a breath and height, whose brightness surpasses even all the fullness and greatness of the highest purely natural genius.

To die in ourselves, in order that Christ may live in us, is thus the only path leading to full personality in a far truer and higher sense of the word. This dying to oneself does not, however, mean the giving up of individuality. On the contrary, the more a man becomes “another Christ,” the more he realizes the original unduplicable thought of God which he embodies. Of course, this is only possible because Christ is the *Son of Man*, because the whole of humanity is contained in him, and above all, because he is not only man, but also the *entire fullness of the Godhead lives in his heart*. Every imitation of a man, even of the greatest, richest, most gifted man, even of a genius, would mean the giving up of one’s individuality, a leveling, a renunciation of personality, not to mention the fact that an absolute, literal imitation of any man is entirely impossible. In relation to Christ, it is quite the opposite. The mysterious truth is that the unique inimitable design of God is fully and ultimately realized in a man only when he is transformed into Christ. Can one find more powerful, more deeply expressed individualities than Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Augustine, Saint Paul, Saint Gregory VII?

DIETRICH VON HILDEBRAND

Dietrich Van Hildebrand (+1977) was a German convert philosopher, and theologian. He was a courageous and outspoken critic of the Nazi regime, and was highly regarded by several popes.

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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Parish Prayer Intentions

Intercessory prayer is a very powerful way to invite the Grace of God into the lives of others. In the Prayer of the Faithful we pray for the needs of the Church, locally and throughout the whole world. Each week we pray for the needs of our parishioners, especially when they are sick or in great need.

A **Prayer Intention Book** has been placed by the statue of Our Lady of Providence with the names of all who seek our prayers. Under her maternal intercession we implore God to bring healing and strength to all in need. Please call the parish office to add names to the **Prayer Intention Book** as we remember them at every Mass.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I have waited, waited for the Lord." In our yearning John the Baptist sends us to the Lamb of God. Jesus looks at us and addresses us with a breathtaking question, "What are you looking for?" For Jesus draws us to himself through the longings of our heart. The Lord once said to Saint Catherine of Siena, "I who am infinite God want you to serve me with what is infinite, and you have nothing infinite except your soul's love and desire." God's law is within our heart, for he has given us that love and desire to lead us to him and that we may delight in doing his will. We are even so bold as to say "we are not our own," because we have the Holy Spirit within us, who joins us to Christ. Whenever we hear Christ's command, we are freed to answer with Samuel: "Here I am."

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