



"Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil

One. It is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to *renew the promises of our Baptism*".

- Pope Benedict XVI

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS
 The Sacrament of Penance is offered
 in the Church:
Saturdays from 4:15 to 4:45 pm in English
Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 pm in Spanish

Five Steps to Confession

1. Examine your conscience, it is important that we spend some time to consider prayerfully what we have done or omitted to do since our last confession.
2. Be sorry for your sins, try to have perfect sorrow. No sin can be forgiven unless we are truly sorry for having offended God.
3. Make a firm resolution not to sin again and to avoid the occasions of sin. True sorrow must always include the promise to avoid the sin in the future. We must also be willing to remove whatever leads to sin.
4. Tell your sins to a priest and receive absolution. Jesus said to the Apostles (and through them, to their successors): "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven and whose sins you retain are retained."
5. Perform your penance promptly.



Looking Ahead

MARCH

8 – Daylight Savings Time Begins – Spring Forward 🕒

28 – Annual Parish Dinner Dance
 at Santa Maria DiPrata Hall, Cranston, RI

29 – Palm Sunday 🌴

APRIL

2 – Holy Thursday 👣

3 – Good Friday †

5 – Easter Sunday 🐰

**Annual Parish
Dinner Dance**

👗 Saturday, March 28, 2026 👤

*Santa Maria Di Prate Society Hall
 29 Walnut Grove Avenue, Cranston, RI
 Music by: Steve Anthony*

Tickets: \$60 per person

Annual Souvenir Ad Book
*Please consider purchasing an Ad in our
 souvenir book for your business, family, or In
 Memory of a loved one.*

*Memorial Lines and Family Name Lines are
 available for \$10.*

**Please call the Parish Office for information.
 Thank you for your support!**

**MASSES FOR
MARCH 2 - 8, 2026**

Every Mass is offered for the faithful, living or dead, however the following are specifically remembered this week.

Monday, March 2 – Lenten Weekday
7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners

Tuesday, March 3 – Lenten Weekday
7:30 am – For A Special Intention

Wednesday, March 4 – Lenten Weekday
7:30 am – Intention of Priest Celebrant

Thursday, March 5 – Lenten Weekday
7:30 am – For A Special Intention

Friday, March 6 – Lenten Weekday
World Day of Prayer
7:30 am – Intentions of Parishioners
3:00 pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet

Saturday, March 7 – Lenten Weekday
8:00 am – The Holy Souls in Purgatory in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

LORD’S DAY MASSES

Saturday, March 7

5:00 pm
Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday, March 8
Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am
Frank & Marion Cuiccio by daughters

11:30 am
Maria Leamy – Month Mind Remembrance by Rose
Edward Leamy – 19 Year Remembrance by Rose



*“Christian love is prophetic:
it works miracles and knows no limits.”*
Pope Leo XIV

Please give prayerful consideration to a gift for the **2026 Catholic Charity Appeal**; which funds over 30 programs and ministries serving thousands of people in the Diocese of Providence. Please help by donating or pledging your support to the Catholic Charity Appeal by returning a Catholic Charity envelope in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you!



**SANCTUARY CANDLE &
ALTAR BREAD & WINE:**

In Memory Of

Benjamin Lombardi – *Birthday Remembrance*
Steven Paul Procaccini – *Birthday Remembrance*

WEEKLY CHURCH SUPPORT

Church Collections & Mail-in Budgets

Weekend of February 21 & 22, 2026:
\$5,499.00

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