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Mass Schedule

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| Sat. | 5:00 PM | Russell Carpenter memorial (52 nd Anniv.) by the children |
| Sun. | 8:30 AM | Hung Tran memorial by Tran family |
| | 10:30 AM | Special Intention of Samek family |
| Mon. | 7:30 AM | Joseph Simeone, Sr. memorial (birthday) by son |
| Tues. | 7:30 AM | Saint Anthony's Bread Intentions |
| Wed. | 7:30 AM | Terry-Lane Isaacs memorial by Madeleine Porter |
| Thurs. | 7:30 AM | |
| Fri. | 7:30 AM | Francisco Jordao memorial by Maria Jordao |
| Sat. | 5:00 PM | Georgianna Lachapelle memorial (birthday) by daughter |
| Sun. | 8:30 AM | Peter Xuyen memorial by Tran family |
| | 10:30 AM | Pro populo – For the people |



Weekend of July 26, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$1625.00
Thank You!

Catholic Charity Appeal

Please help us reach our **2020 Catholic Charity Appeal** goal. We are over \$13,400 towards the goal of \$18,900. Thank you to all those who have already contributed.

Please make a pledge or gift in one of following easy and convenient ways:

- 1) Direct mail** your gift or pledge by placing your check in the envelope you received in the mail back in late February or use one of the pledge envelopes located in the pew; and drop in the collection basket. **2) Make your gift or pledge safely and securely online** by visiting: www.dioceseofprovidence.org/ccs, or www.givecentral.org/2020cca

3) Text to Give. Smartphone users can text the word “Appeal” to **(401)496-9889** and a link to a secure giving page will immediately be sent back to your one.

From the Seminarian:

The following is from seminarian of our diocese, Patrick Ryan, who is studying for the priesthood. He is entering his second year of theological studies in Rome. He is a member of SS. John & Paul Parish in Coventry and is serving this summer at St. Philip's Parish, Greenville, RI.

The Bible: The Living Word of God

During this most recent year in seminary I had the privilege of taking several courses in Sacred Scripture. One class focused on the Old Testament, another on the Synoptic Gospels, and a third on the fundamentals of Sacred Scripture as a whole. Thanks in part to some fantastic professors these classes were among my favorites. They were the ones that made you want to go to school in the morning. As I studied and read for these classes it became ever clearer that the Bible is an invaluable source of wisdom and inspiration for us as Catholics, and that we would all do well to open up our Bibles and read them, if only for a few minutes each day.

The Bible is much more than just a book. First, there are many books bound together between the two covers, and each of those books was written at a different time and place in history. We therefore get to see the workings of God among different people in different historical contexts. The overall picture produced by the many books of the Bible gives us rich insight into Who God is and how we are called to relate to Him. What's more is that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, living and effective. We believe as Catholics that God speaks to us through the words of the Bible, even now. To prayerfully reflect on a passage of Scripture for a few minutes in silence offers God the chance to illuminate our minds and hearts with regard to the meaning of a passage and to His presence in our lives.

Ultimately we trust the Church to properly interpret the Bible and to correctly formulate moral and theological teachings from it. Our insights should never contradict these teachings, which we can find thoroughly explained in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. For our own personal growth, understanding, and relationship with the Lord, however, it remains possible, and even very good, to prayerfully read sections of Scripture. We can come to better know God's “character” and will through that prayer.

It makes sense that if we want to know God and live in friendship with Him it helps to read the texts that he inspired men to write. Whatever your experiences of the Bible is up to this point, I encourage you to go back to it and to start reading just one of its many books. It would be worth reading a brief introduction to any one of the books, just to know the historical context and literary genre therein.

For what it's worth, I recommend starting with one of the four Gospels, or with one of St. Paul's letters. I like reading “Philippians”, also regarded as “the letter of joy.” You can read the whole letter in ten minutes, and I think you will be impressed with what St. Paul has to say. It might even inspire you to read more of this great book that teaches us how to live as followers of Christ.