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PARISH MASS/CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Mass: 5:00 PM
Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM (Bi-Lingual Italian/English)
10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon
Weekday Mass: 7:00 AM
Saturday Morning & Legal Holidays 8:00 AM
Confessions: Saturday 11:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM & 4:00 PM or
anytime by appointment; please call the Rectory Office.

ADORATION

Every Saturday morning from 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon

NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Tuesday Evenings: 6:00 PM
Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with Novena
Prayers to St. Rocco, St. Anthony and St. Jude.

SICK PARISHONERS

Please notify the Rectory when a parishioner or family member is
confined at home, hospitalized or in a nursing home.

BAPTISMS

10:00 AM on the 1st Sunday of the month by previous appoint-
ment only. Sponsor certificates and birth certificates are required
before date is set for a Baptism. Parental attendance at Parish Bap-
tism Preparation Program is also required.

WEDDINGS Contact Rectory Office at least 1 year before.

From the Pastor's Desk: *A Message from Bishop* *Bruce Lewandowski*

*"I ask you to join me for 21 days of mercy. We
will reflect on, exercise, and pray for mercy—
asking the Lord's mercy for ourselves, and shar-
ing His mercy with others." -*

Bishop Bruce extends his personal invitation to you

In a world full of concerns and pressure—jobs, the economy, immigration, poverty and need, war, vio-
lence, discord, divisions and polarization in our
country, even divisions within the Church—what
can we do? How can we accompany others in such
difficult times?

Bishop Bruce Lewandowski says that amidst all of
this "what's missing right now is mercy." Our bish-
op invites all people of good will to join him on
MERCY21, a 21 day journey to reflect on, exercise,
and pray for mercy beginning on Sunday, Septem-
ber 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy
Cross, and ending with the Memorial of Saint
Faustina on Sunday, October 5.

Each day, participants will be guided in:
a Reflection on mercy, a practical way to Exercise
mercy, and a Prayer for mercy. Together, these daily
REPs (Reflection, Exercise, Prayer) will draw from
the 7-Spiritual Works of Mercy, the 7-Corporal
Works of Mercy, and the 7-Principles of Catholic
Social Teaching.

Sign up now to get Bishop Bruce's MERCY21 daily
REPs by email or text at <https://provd.io/mercy21> or
follow the Diocese of Providence on your favorite
social media platform.

Be merciful as your Father is merciful." - Luke 6:36



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Vigil of the Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm ~ Jeanette & Albert Suter (Memorial)
by brothers Anthony & Gerald

Michael Baron & Gurnery Sgt. Andrew
Clermont (Memorial)
by family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am ~ Santino Rocchio (Memorial)
by wife & family

Fred Michael Torrice (Memorial)
by wife & family

10:00 am ~ Pasquale & Josephine Corsinetti (Memorial)
by family

Patricia & Vincent Tudino & Edward &
Jo-Ann DiLorenzo (Memorial)
by family

12:00 pm ~ Michael & Giovannina Carlino (Memorial)
by children

Antonio Conte (Memorial)
by family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Weekday
7:00 am ~ Parishioners of St. Rocco

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina
7:00 am ~ In thanksgiving to Padre Pio, St. Michael &
Guardian Angel

6:00 pm ~ Novena

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Weekday
7:00 am ~ Antonio Tartaglia (Memorial)
by sister Lucille

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Weekday
7:00 am ~ A special intention by Anthony Sauro Sr.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Weekday/Sts. Cosmas & Damian
7:00 am ~ Maria & Antonio Viveiros (Memorial)
2:00 pm ~ Wedding of Cameron Estrada & Jessica Aguiar

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul
8:00 am ~ Nicola Leonardo (Birthday Remembrance)
by sister

8:30 am ~ 12:00 Noon ~ Adoration

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Vigil of the Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm ~ Deana Cerra Tallo (Memorial)
by sister Kerri

Deana Cerra Tallo (Memorial)
by Aunt Sandra

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

The Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am ~ Antonio Maddalena (Memorial)
by family

Ida Maddalena (Memorial)
by family

10:00 am ~ Domenic, Mary, Robert & Michael
Mastronardi (Memorial) by Diane & the girls

Joseph & Natalie Souza & Arlene LoBianco
(Memorial) by daughter & sister

12:00 pm ~ Norman & Glinda Charpentier &
Stephanie Greenhalgh (Memorial) by family

Sarah Rea & Concetta & Girolano Rea & Mabel
& John DiPippo (Memorial)
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MEMORIALS

September 22nd-28th

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"Come to me all of you." -Matthew 11:28

September 14, 2025

Weekly Collection

Envelopes and Loose Collection

Total = \$5283.00

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Parish Beautification

Total: \$121.00

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Parish Outreach

Total = \$143.00

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Online Giving

Total = \$1570.50

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Other Donations / Collections

\$251.50

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**Total number of  
envelopes used this week:**

**1st collection 224 2nd collection 54**



## **St. Rocco Church**

Polenta Dinner  
Saturday, October 11, 2025  
6:30 pm

Santa Maria di Prata 39 Walnut Grove Street Cranston, RI 02920



Choice of Entrée: Polenta or Cavatti's

\$30.00 per person

Tickets will be sold at the Rectory Office and all the weekend Masses on September 20th & 27th

Deadline is October 1st

No tickets will be sold at the door!!

For more information call Alex Paliotta at 401-301-1912 or Deacon Robert Troia at 401-944-0483

### **PARISH FUNDRAISER UPDATE**

In an effort to mail out the parish fundraiser in a timely manner the return envelope was accidentally printed with the non-profit stamp. Please put a stamp on the return envelope because the post office will not forward it to St. Rocco Church. You can either mail it with a stamp, drop it in the collection basket or return your fundraiser donation to the Rectory office during office hours. If you did mail it without a stamp please check with the Rectory office to see if we did receive it. Thank you again for your time and dedication to St. Rocco Church. Also thank you to those parishioners who have already contributed to our Fundraiser for Capital Improvements. If you have not already donated and would like to do so the QR code is located to the right donate directly to the church fundraiser. Thank you!!

Here is the direct link for our Parish Fundraiser to contribute online.



### **Women's Guild News**



Our first meeting brought New and Existing members together to share in prayers and new ideas for activities in the coming year. If you are interested please come and see what it is all about. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 8th at 6:30 pm in St. Rocco School. "We rise by lifting each other."

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### **Senior Priest Retirement Fund Collection**

This weekend, Catholics across the Diocese have a special opportunity to honor the lifelong service of our senior priests. The second collection will benefit the Senior Priest Retirement Fund—a vital source of support that helps provide retired priests with essentials like food, housing, transportation, and medical care. For decades, these devoted men have celebrated our sacraments, guided us in faith, and stood by us in life's most sacred moments. Now it's our turn to care for them. Please consider making a generous gift to this important effort. Your support ensures that our retired priests can live with dignity, comfort, and peace in their later years. To learn more or make a gift online, visit [www.srpriestri.com](http://www.srpriestri.com).

# A Mission of Preservation & Prosperity

## St. Rocco Church – Plan for the Future

### Mission

St. Rocco's Church is not just a building—it is the spiritual and cultural heart of our parish community. The Mission of Preservation and Prosperity is a call to action for every parishioner to support the ongoing maintenance, repair, and improvement of our beloved parish facilities.

### Goal

This mission will ensure that our church remains strong and vibrant for our generation and for our children, grandchildren, and future parish families. It is rooted in our shared commitment to worship, tradition, faith and community. Through your donations we will implement our Preservation Plan.

### Implementation Plan:

#### Preservation & Improvements

- ▶ Preserve the physical structure: rectory roof, church air conditioning, interior painting and school security cameras.
- ▶ Enhance church facilities for faith gatherings and community events.
- ▶ Ensure a safe and welcoming environment for students to grow and prosper
- ▶ Fundraising Goal: \$ 250K



### History

St. Rocco Church has stood as a place of worship and community for generations.

St. Rocco School is 60+ years strong and continues to provide students with a superior academic and religious education.

Buildings age, systems wear out, and we must act now to preserve what we've inherited.

In the past 4 years we have invested over \$900,000 in restorations and improvements to the school, convent and church all without additional parishioner funding.

"This is our church. It's where we baptized our children, celebrated weddings, mourned our loved ones, and met Christ in the Eucharist. We are bound together in faith—past, present, and future. Now, it's our time to care for what we've been given. Let's preserve St. Rocco's for those who come after us—so that their faith can be formed here, just like ours was."

### St. Rocco Church | School | Convent

### Keys to Prosperity

- ▶ A healthy parish infrastructure supports strong ministry, vibrant liturgy, and family involvement.
- ▶ Prosperity means spiritual and community life can thrive for generations. Prosperity begins when we all come together to unify that goal through donations & support.

### Suggested Contribution

\$100–\$499  
\$1,200

Suggested contributions can be made as a one-time donation or made weekly (\$12), monthly (\$50) or annually (\$600) over a 2-year period.

All donors will be recognized in a parish gratitude bulletin and invited to a thank-you Mass.

### Future Vision

Your gift is not just for today—it creates a foundation for future growth & outreach.

For more information please contact the Rectory at: 401-383-5004 or one of our Committee Members: Richard Montella: 401-714-6622, Ralph Ciunci: 401-862-6184, Cindy Buccì: 401-486-4883, or Alison Anderson: 508-801-4275



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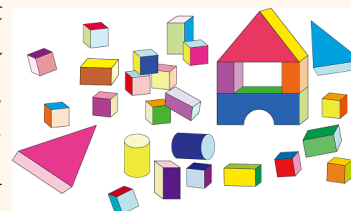
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### Classroom News..Mrs. Adriana Cardillo PK 3 A

We are excited to share that we've had a fantastic faith filled start to the 2025-2026 school year! Our little learners have already begun to explore, discover, and grow in so many wonderful ways. Here are some of the highlights from our first few weeks. The children have settled in beautifully to our preschool routines. It's been heartwarming to watch friendships blossom and see each child becoming more comfortable in our classroom community. We've been focusing on building a sense of security and belonging, and the students have embraced it with enthusiasm. Classroom Activities: Circle Time: We've been introducing new religious songs, games, and stories to engage the children in a fun, faith filled interactive way. Creative Play: From building towers with blocks to expressing their creativity with paint and playdough, the children are developing their fine motor skills and learning to express themselves. Social Skills: We've been practicing sharing, taking turns, and working together through group activities. It's wonderful to see how the students are supporting one another and beginning to understand the value of cooperation. Our current theme is "All About Me!" This allows the children to explore their own identities and learn about the world around them. They've been drawing self-portraits, talking/sharing photos about their families, and discovering the importance of how God made each and everyone of us special!



In the next few weeks, we will be diving into our Fall Exploration theme, where we'll explore nature, weather, and the changing seasons. This week is all about the letter "A" and Apples. We will be experimenting, examining, painting, taste testing and so much more with a variety of apples. We will also start introducing simple concepts like colors, shapes, and numbers through our daily activities and play. We can't wait to continue this wonderful journey with your child and look forward to the growth and discoveries ahead. Thank you for being a part of our preschool family!



### MASS BOOK FOR 2026

The Mass Book for 2026 is available during office hours Monday to Thursday (8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.) **Please note that all the weekend Masses for 2026 will have double intentions.**



### Memorials Available

In memory of a deceased loved one we have the Sanctuary Lamps, Altar Candles and Altar Bread and Wine. They are \$15.00 each for the week. Please call the Rectory office or stop by the office Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

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