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## OCTOBER 11, 2026
## 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**FR. PERI. ANANDARAYAR, SdC** *Pastor*

**FR. SILVIO DE NARD, SdC** *Assistant Pastor*

***Sacred Heart Parish is entrusted to the care of the Servants of Charity, an international Religious Order founded in 1908 by St. Luigi Guanella in Italy.***

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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**WEEKEND MASSES**
*Saturday:* ***3:30*** *pm (City View Manor) &* ***5:00*** *pm*
*Sunday:* ***9:00*** *am &* ***11:30*** *am*

**DAILY MASS**
*Monday-Friday:* ***7:00*** *am*
*Saturday:* ***8:00*** *am*

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**
***9:00*** *am &* ***7:00*** *pm (Church)*

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** (Chapel)
*Tuesday & Wednesday:* *7:30 am – 3:00 pm*
*Saturday:* *8:30 am – 4:00 pm*

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**
*Saturday: 4:00 pm – 4:45 pm or by appointment*

**BAPTISM** *Sunday at 12:30 pm*

**CCD CLASSES**
*Sunday from 10am to 11am from September to April*

**REGISTRATION**
*Please call the rectory and make an appointment with the Pastor. We warmly welcome you to the Sacred Heart Parish Family.*

**MATRIMONY:** *Contact the Pastor one year before the date of your wedding.*

**COMMUNION CALLS:** *Every Friday.*
*Please call the Rectory when someone desires to receive a visit from one of the priests.*

***SENHOR SANTO CRISTO CHAPEL***

O Senhor Santo Cristo, we thank You for all the benefits that You have given us. Keep us away from physical and spiritual dangers. May Your peace reign in this world so far away from You, the ultimate source of peace and love on earth. Bless our families and parish. Amen.

## PRAYER LIST

*We kindly ask you to keep the members of our parish family who are ill and suffering in your prayers:*

Luz Ospina; Melissa M.; Jeff DeMedeiros; Fr. Jose Rocha; Michelle D.; Ligia McCormick; Cecelia Ceprano; RR; ST; Viriata Roderick; BD; Kim Bausch; Amanda Perry; Donna Lemos; Danielle Lachance; Susan Burcroff; Linda F.; Jody Nivins; Donna Lima Johnson; Kristen Conti.; Sara F; Joan Leonardo; Maria Costa; Dennis Rodrigues; Louise Peck; Stephen Evans; Dennis Shea; Joan Marie; Jean Vincent; Jeff Purcell; Gloria Pacheco; Anna L.; Amy Joy; Julie DaSilva; Maria Duarte; Freddy Rego; John Tavares; Richard Laiter; Marie Lawrence; Landon F.; Evelyn Cole; Lucia Dutra; Cheryl Dutra; Elizabeth Smith; Gabriela Costa; John & Jacob Thomson; Adriana; Megan Alix; Helia M. Nunes; Michael Adams; Francisco Gonzalez; Lisa Aguiar; Jennifer Griffith; Christine Luciano; Dorothy Hutson; John Carvalho; Gregory Zella; Kathy McCoy; Arlindo Borges; Roberto; Cheryl Parella; Marilyn Lucier; Derek; George Shea; James Barbosa; Ezequiel Melo; Hope Laiter; Matthew Boudreau; Daniel Lewis; Allison Roberto; Alex Wilson; Zachary Leiszler; Amy Federivicz; Carol Ladeira; TC; DC: Monica Rainville Baton; Fred Rioles; Rosa Maria Santos; Katie Gauthier; Theresa C.; Sofia Lima; Cheryl, Gloria & Maria Lima, Bill Lynch; Ryan Massey, and all our sick parishioners at home, in nursing homes, hospitals and hospices.

*May* ***God bless you all.***

## *Sanctuary Lamp Lit*

**for this week is in memory of**

**JOSEPH EPHREMIAN - 97 -**

By the Parish Family

*If you would like to have the sanctuary Lamp lit for the week in memory of loved ones, please, put your intention in the collection basket along with a free-will donation.*

# SOMETHING TO REFLECT UPON…

## OCTOBER 4, 2026

Today we celebrate the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Last Sunday's Gospel was about evil tenants killing servants, even the son of the owner in order to get a vineyard for free; today's Gospel presents us another parable with a similar message.
Jesus was a wonderful storyteller who knew how to capture people's attention, even today.
Today's parable centers on a wedding banquet. A king gives a wedding feast for his son and invites many guests from his kingdom. Strangely enough, none of the invited guests accepts the invitation. They refuse the invitation because of previous appointments or jobs. Some even mistreat and go so far as to kill the servants who bring the invitation.
It seems that the big shots of that kingdom were not happy with their king but they were very sure that the king would forgive them. Wrong!
Jesus says that '*the king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city*". Whoa!
But this is not enough. The king asks his servants to go out into the streets and invite to the feast as many people they were able to find. And they did. The hall was filled with guests, bad and good alike, Jesus says. When the king came to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed properly. The king did not appreciate that and so he asked the servants to binds the man's hands and feet and to throw him outside. Boy, that's something!

Once again we have to remember to whom Jesus is speaking. His audience were the big shots of Jerusalem and the high priests of the Temple. Those people knew better than Jesus and even God. They were proud of their religion but also perfectly unbelievers. They thought they were better than the rest of the people, ignorant and knowing nothing. They were the best of humanity. They knew better than the prophets. They were smarter than God. Like many Christians in the world, even here in East Providence, Rhode Island.
If you are not aware, churches on Sunday are not full of people. Past pastors built large churches because so many Catholics faithfully attended Mass. Not today. It seems that going to church on Sunday is optional. But it is not because the Third Commandment says so.
Besides, the word 'commandment' is a command, a must we have to do.
The first is: I, am the Lord your God.
The third says: Remember to keep the Sabbath day. That Sabbath day is Sunday, the day we remember the Resurrection from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.

God invites us every weekend to go to Mass; to praise the Lord; to listen to his Gospel and to think about what Jesus is teaching; to spend time together with other people to pray to the same Lord and God; to receive Jesus in the Holy Communion; to be immerse into the divine mystery of the Holy Mass where Jesus becomes our heavenly food for our salvation.
At this point I ask you, "Do we want to be saved, to go to Heaven, to be with God forever and ever? I do and hopefully you do too".

Jesus closes his parable with these words, "*Many are invited, but few are chosen*." Jesus is inviting us to spend time with Him not only in our home but also in church, his home. If you cannot go for a good reason, He understands. If you read this bulletin it seems that you come to church.
"*Come to the feast. Many are invited, but few are choosing to come*", Jesus says. Are we so bad that we are going to disappoint Him? Please, come and meet the Lord Jesus together with other parishioners. God is great, good and merciful. Let us love Him. May the Good Lord bless us all! Amen.

***Fr. Silvio***

# MASS INTENTIONS

## September October 11 - 18, 2026

***Saturday, October 10th***

St. Edward Detkens, Polish priest, martyr (d. 1942)

**8:00am:** ***FORGOTTEN SOULS IN PURGATORY** by Judith
***J.W. THURMAN** by friend

**3:30pm:** ***RAY & SHARON PATTON** by family

**5:00pm:** ***KENNETH & WINIFRED BROWN** by family
***ALL LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS**

***Sunday, October 11th***

*28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME*

**8:30am:** *Rosary in the Chapel*

**9:00am:** ***ARNALDO DINIZ & DAVID ABELHA** by family
***CHRISTINE CANDEIAS** by Diane
***LUIS DaSILVA** by Maria Da Silva
***WILLIAM & ALICE MURPHY** by family
***CONCETTA HOPKINS** by James Hopkins Jr
***JAMES CARNEY** by family
***JAMES DUTRA** by Barbara Dutra & family
***MURIEL & FRANK DUARTE** by Fran Clerx

**11:30am:** ***DANIEL & MARIE O'CONNEL** by David O'Connell
***MARIA DO CARMO CAMARA, CARLOS MANUEL CAMARA; GIL CAMARA;** by daughters
***MANUEL & GRACE AZEVEDO** by family

***Monday, October 12th***

COLUMBUS DAY

**7:00am:** ***KATIE & BO B DURHAM** by family
***CHRISTINE BOCCANFUSO** by family.

***Tuesday, October 13th***

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

**7:00am:** ***GABRIELA OSPINA** by family
***CLAIRE MULLEN** by family
***IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA** by Rosa Costa

***Wednesday, October 14th***

St. Callistus, 16th Pope (d. 217)

**7:00am:** ***JOHN COUGHLIN** by family
***FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD** by S.D.

***Thursday, October 15th***

St. Teresa of Jesus, Spanish nun (d. 1582)

**7:00am:** ***ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY** by Carmen
***GREG & ALICE COUGHLIN** by family

***Friday, October 16th***

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, French nun (d.1690)

**7:00am:** ***CARL DAN & WINNIE KILLIAN** by family

***Saturday, October 17rd***

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Syrian bishop, martyr (d.107)

**8:00am:** ***PHIL De CAMERA** by friends

**3:30pm:** ***PHIL KING** by a friend

**5:00pm:** ***DON SMITH** by friends
***ALL LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS**

***Sunday, October 18th***

*29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME*

**8:30am:** *Rosary in the Chapel*

**9:00am:** ***JAMES HOPKINS SR** by James Hopkins Jr.
***ANA & AMILCAR CARVALHO** by Tina Fernandes
***LUIS DaSILVA** by Maria DaSilva
***JAMES DUTRA** by Barbara & family
***WILLIAM & ALICE MURPHY** by family
***MURIEL & FRANK DUARTE** by Fran Clerx

**11:30am:** ***MICHAEL O'CONNELL** by brother David
***CHARLIE DEMEDEIROS; MANUEL & MARIA BARBOSA** by Mary DeMedeiros
***JOSE & MARIA CARREIRA - ADRIANO & EMILIA CARREIRA** by family
***DECEASED MEMBERS OF LUBRANO & FONSECA FAMILIES** by Lubrano family
***MANUEL & GRACE AZEVEDO** by family

**The Parish Community**
**thanks those parishioners**
**who buy & brings flowers for the church.**
**May the Lord bless them**
**for their generosity. Thank you!**

## OCTOBER ROSARY

**Our Pope Leo 14th**
**is asking Catholics around the world**
**to pray the Rosary during the month of**
**October in church or at home**
**for the end of wars in the world**
**especially the Russian-Ukraine war.**
**Sacred Heart Church**
**offers a community Rosary every**
**Tuesday and Friday at 6:00 PM**

## < < CCD Corner > >

**COLUMBUS DAY – NO CCD**

**If you have not yet registered**
**PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE**

**ATTENDING MASS ON SUNDAY IS MANDATORY NOT OPTIONAL. PLEASE, DEAR PARENTS, BE THE FIRST FORMATORS OF GOOD CATHOLICS FOR YOUR CHILDREN.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Sandy at 401-434-0326, Ext. 4 or via email at sduarte@sacredheartepri.com

## LAST CALL!!!
## "Sacred Heart Parish Jubilee Year Pilgrimage"

We are excited to announce a bus trip to the **Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA on Saturday October 17, 2026.**

The round-trip transportation cost will be $60 per person, and may be lower depending on the number of participants.

Pilgrims are responsible for the purchase of their own food. Food is available for purchase at the Shrine (cash only), or you are welcome to bring a packed lunch.

For more information and payment, please contact Marisa De Macedo at 401-516-1199.

Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church, memo: Pilgrimage.

Thank you and God Bless! ***Father Peri***

**The Sacred Heart of Jesus**
**we adore in our church**
**is the delight of our own hearts**
**because the church where we pray**
**is our Paradise on earth.**

*Saint Fr. Luigi Guanella, SdC*

## CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF FAITH!
## SACRED HEART CHURCH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Join us as we celebrate **150 years** of Sacred Heart Church, the Mother Church of East Providence

**Sunday, October 25, 2026**

**1:00 PM**

**at the Church Hall**

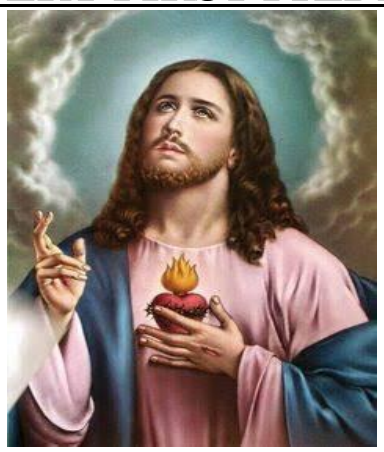
Come enjoy a Family Style Dinner, together as a parish family. The menu features soup, salad, penne with house sauce, roast beef au jus with mushrooms, chicken marsala, potato, vegetable, dinner rolls, coffee, tea, and ice cream and cake for dessert, Soda included with your meal. Beer and wine will be available for purchase.

Cost: Adults: $60 Children: $30

**RSVP by Sunday, October 18, 2026.**

We hope to see the whole parish family and friends of our parish there as we give thanks for a century and a half of blessings!

## *SACRED HEART OF JESUS PATRON OF OUR PARISH*
## EVERY FIRST FRIDAY



Devotion to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus
Holy Mass followed by
Sacred Heart Devotion
with the exposed Blessed Sacrament
at 6:00 PM - All are welcome

## WE JOYFULLY WELCOME OUR SERVANTS OF CHARITY PRIESTS VISITING US FROM ROME, INDIA, AND PHILADELPHIA

**Rev. Fr. Soosai Rathinam**
*Vicar General from Rome*
**Rev. Fr. R. Gnana Raj**,
*Provincial Superior from India*
**Rev. Fr. S. Amal Raj**,
*Provincial Vicar from Philadelphia, PA*
and four priests from India who are members of the Provincial Council. Next week, all the Servants of Charity priests serving in the United States, including our priests from East Providence, will gather in Michigan for a special meeting. This weekend, the visiting priests will join us in celebrating Mass at **Sacred Heart on Saturday at 5:00 PM** and at **Our Lady of Loreto on Sunday at 8:30 AM**.
We warmly welcome them and ask God to bless them and their ministry!

## Sacred Heart Bible Study

***"Learn the Bible and Grow Closer to God"***
**Monday, October 11**
**NO BIBLE CLASS**
**Class to resume on October 19 6:00 PM**

## SACRED HEART 365 CLUB

April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027
**# 70 MARIA DEMENESES**
$ 30.00

## *GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING*

**"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?"**

SUNDAY COLLECTION A WEEK AGO

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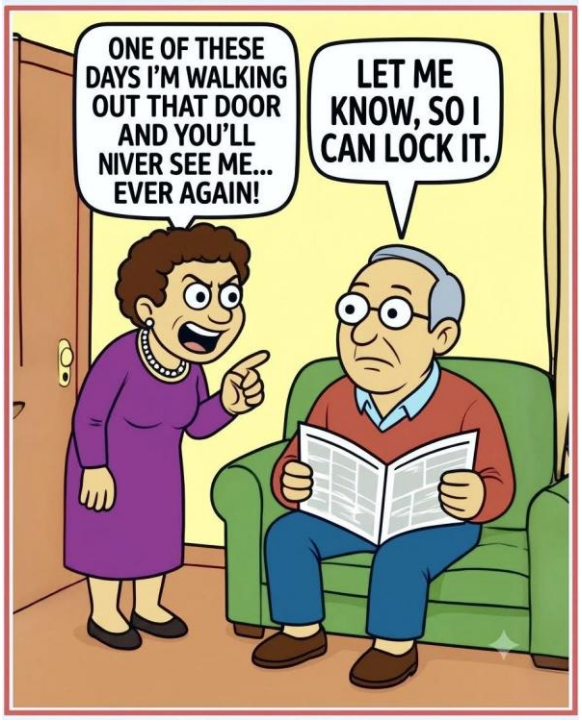
| At Mass Giving | $ 4,568.00 |
| Online Giving | $ 175.00 |
| Total | $ 4,743.00 |

A Year Ago $ 3,327.00

*THANK YOU for your generosity*

# Sunday Chuckle




## HAVE A BLESSED WEEK

A 65-year-old woman had a heart attack and saw God during surgery.
"Is my time up?" she asked.
"No," God said.
"You have another 33 years, two months, and eight days."
After recovering, she decided to make The most of her extra years.
She got a tacelift, liposuction, breast implants, a tummy tuck, new hair,and brighter teeth.
After her final surgery, she left the hospital.
While crossing the street, she was hit and killed by an ambulance.
Furious, she asked God,
"You said I had another 33 years!
Why didn't you save me?"
God replied, "I didn't recognize you."
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