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THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT
THINGS FOR US; WE ARE
FILLED WITH JOY. PSALM 126:3

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YEARS

A NIGHT TO HONOR MARY
8 SEPTEMBER 2021

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL
ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE

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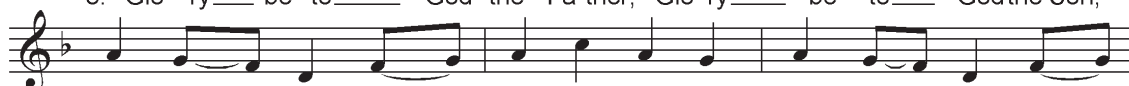
Chant

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

SING OF MARY



1. Sing of ___ Ma-ry, ___ pure and low-ly, Vir-gin ___ Moth-er ___ un-de-filed.
2. Sing of ___ Je-sus, ___ son of Mar-y, In the ___ home at ___ Naz-a-reth.
3. Glo-ry ___ be to ___ God the Fa-ther; Glo-ry ___ be to ___ God the Son;



1. Sing of ___ God's own ___ Son most ho-ly, Who be-came her ___
2. Toil and ___ lab-or ___ can-not wea-ry Love en-dur-ing ___
3. Glo-ry ___ be to ___ God the Spir-it; Glo-ry ___ to the ___



1. lit-tle child. Fair-est ___ child of fair-est moth-er,
2. un-to death. Con-stant ___ was the love he ___ gave her,
3. Three in One. From the ___ heart of bless-ed ___ Mar-y,



1. God the ___ Lord who came to ___ earth, Word made ___ flesh, our ___
2. Though he ___ went forth from her ___ side, Forth to ___ preach and ___
3. From all ___ saints the song as-cends, And the ___ Church the ___



1. ver-y broth-er, Takes our ___ na-ture ___ by his birth.
2. heal and suf-fer, Till on ___ Cal-va-ry he died.
3. strain re-ech-oes Un-to ___ earth's re-mot-est ends.

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RECITATION OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Leader: ✕ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit
All: Amen.

Apostles Creed

Leader: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the
Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third
day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the
right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

All: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

On the first bead, Our Father

Leader: For the intentions of our Holy Father, Francis.
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name; Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

All: **Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

On the first bead, Hail Mary

Leader: For an increase in the virtue of Faith.
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among
women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All: **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

On the second bead, Hail Mary

Leader: For an increase in the virtue of Hope.
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among
women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All: **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

On the third bead, Hail Mary

Leader: For an increase in the virtue of Hope.
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among
women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All: Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

All: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell,
lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.



HYMN

*Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing;
You reign now in splendor with Jesus, our King.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!*

THE FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY

The Annunciation of the incarnation of our Lord

ENGLISH

In this mystery, let us pray for the unborn, the protection of all human life from conception until natural death and for an end to the sin of abortion in our nation.

Reader: ***Our Father*** who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name; Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

All: **Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

(10 times)

Reader: ***Hail Mary***, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among
women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

All: **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Reader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

All: **O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell,
lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.**

HYMN

*In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;
On earth we, your children, invoke your sweet name.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!*

THE SECOND JOYFUL MYSTERY
The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth & Zechariah

PORTUGUÊS

In this mystery let us pray for our families, especially our children and grandchildren, that they may remain faithful to God, and that those who have fallen away from their faith may return with renewed vigor by the grace of God.

Reader: Pai Nosso que estais nos Céus, santificado seja o Vosso Nome, venha a nós o Vosso reino, seja feita a Vossa vontade assim na terra como no céu.

All: O pão nosso de cada dia nos dai hoje, Perdoai-nos as nossas dívidas assim como nós perdoamos nos temos offendidos, e não nos deixeis, cair em tentação, mas livrai-nos do Mal. Amén.

(10 times)

Reader: Ave Maria, cheia de graça, o Senhor é convosco. Bendita sois vós entre as mulheres, e bendito é o fruto do vosso ventre, Jesus.

All: Santa Maria, Mãe de Deus, rogai por nós, pecadores, agora e na hora de nossa morte. Amén.

Reader: Glória ao Pai, ao Filho e ao Espírito Santo,

All: assim como era no princípio, agora e sempre e pelos séculos dos séculos. Amén.

All: Ó meu Jesus, Perdoai-nos e livrai-nos do fogo do inferno. Levai as almas para o céu principalmente, aqueles que mais precisarem. Amén.

HYMN

*Predestined for Christ by eternal decree,
God willed you both virgin and mother to be.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!*

THE THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY
The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus in Bethlehem

ESPAÑOL

In this mystery let us pray for peace, that peace will reign in the world and that all violence, hatred and discrimination will be eliminated.

Reader: Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu Nombre; venga a nosotros tu reino; hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo.

All: Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del mal. Amén.

(10 times)

Reader: Dios te salve María llena eres de gracia el Señor es contigo; bendita tú eres entre todas las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesús.

All: Santa María, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros, pecadores, ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amén.

Reader: Gloria al Padre, al Hijo y al Espíritu Santo.

All: Como era en el principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.

All: ¡Oh! Jesús mío, perdona nuestros pecados, líbranos del fuego del infierno, lleva al cielo a todas las almas, especialmente a las más necesitadas de Tu misericordia. Amén.

HYMN

*We pray for the Church, our true mother on earth;
And beg you to watch o'er the land of our birth.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria!*

THE FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY
The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus in the Temple

ITALIANO

In this mystery, let us pray for our Diocese, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may the Gospel never go unheard and may acts of charity abound with great fervor.

Reader: Padre nostro, che sei nei cieli, sia santificato il tuo nome, venga il tuo regno, sia fatta la tua volontà, come in cielo così in terra.

All: ***Dacci oggi il nostro pane quotidiano, e rimetti a noi i nostri debiti come noi li rimettiamo ai nostri debitori, e non ci indurre in tentazione, ma liberaci dal male. Amen.***

(10 times)

Reader: Ave, o Maria, piena di grazia, il Signore è con te. Tu sei benedetta fra le donnee benedetto è il frutto del tuo seno, Gesù.

All: ***Santa Maria, Madre di Dio, prega per noi peccatori, adesso e nell'ora della nostra morte. Amen.***

Reader: Gloria al Padre e al Figlio e allo Spirito Santo.

All: ***Come era nel principio, e ora e sempre, nei secoli dei secoli. Amen***

All: ***Gesù mio, perdona le nostre colpe, preservaci dal fuoco dell'inferno e porta in cielo tutte le anime, specialmente le più bisognose della tua misericordia. Amen.***

HYMN

*Most blessed of all women, you heard and believed,
Most blessed is the fruit of your womb then conceived.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria!*

THE FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERY

The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple

POLSKI

In this mystery, let us pray for the sick, the infirmed and the lost, that those burdened by the difficulties of life may find peace through God's grace and the care of others.

Reader: Ojcze nasz, któryś jest w Niebie, świeć się Imię Twoje, przyjdź Królestwo
Twoje, bądź wola Twoja, jako w Niebie, tak i na ziemi,

All: *chleba naszego powszedniego daj nam dzisiaj I odpusc nam nasze winy, jako
i my odpuszczamy naszym winowajcom, i nie wódz nas na pokuszenie,
ale nas zbaw ode złego.*

(10 times)

Reader: Zdrowas Mario, laskis pełna Pan z Toba, błogosławionas Ty między
niewiastami I błogosławiony owoc żywota Twojego Jezus;

All: *święta Mario, Matko Boza, módl się za nami grzesznymi teraz i w
godziny Śmierci naszej.*

Reader: Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu

All: *jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków.* All: *O mój Jezu przebacz
nam nasze grzechy, zachowaj nas od ognia piekielnego,
zaprowadź wszystkie dusze do nieba, a szczególnie te, które najbardziej
potrzebują Twojego miłosierdzia.*

HYMN

*The angels rejoiced when you brought forth God's Son;
Your joy is the joy of all ages to come.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Maria!*

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears! Turn, then, O most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Leader: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

All: *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: Let us Pray.

O God, whose only-begotten Son, by His life, death and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN

*In glory forever now close to your Son,
All ages will praise you for all God has done.
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Maria!*



THE CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING

REVELATION 21, 1-5A

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people 4 and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." The one who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US

*Reverend Monsignor Anthony Mancini
Commissioned for the 150th Anniversary
of the Diocese of Providence*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





LUKE 1:26-38

THE HOLY GOSPEL

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. Coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

HOMILY

THE MOST REVEREND THOMAS J. TOBIN, D.D.
Bishop of Providence

PROCESSION WITH THE STATUE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

While the procession moves throughout the church, the following litany is sung.

Kyrie, eleison.

R. Kyrie, eleison.

Christe, eleison.

R. Christe, eleison.

Christe, audi nos.

R. Christe, exaudi nos.

Pater de caelis, Deus,

R. miserere nobis.

Fili, Redemptor mundi, Deus,

R. miserere nobis.

Spiritus Sancte Deus,

R. miserere nobis.

Sancta Trinitas, unus Deus,

R. miserere nobis.

Sancta Maria,

R. ora pro nobis.

Sancta Dei Genetrix,

R. ora pro nobis.

Sancta Virgo virginum,

R. ora pro nobis.

Mater Christi,

R. ora pro nobis.

Mater Ecclesiae,

R. ora pro nobis.

Mater Misericordiae,

R. ora pro nobis.

Mater Divinae gratiae,

R. ora pro nobis.

Mater spei,

R. ora pro nobis.

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

R. Christ have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

R. Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,

R. have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

R. have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

R. have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,

R. have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,

R. pray for us.

Holy Mother of God,

R. pray for us.

Holy Virgin of virgins,

R. pray for us.

Mother of Christ,

R. pray for us.

Mother of the Church,

R. pray for us.

Mother of mercy,

R. pray for us.

Mother of divine grace,

R. pray for us.

Mother of hope,

R. pray for us.

Mater purissima,
R. ora pro nobis.

Mater castissima,
R. ora pro nobis.

Mater inviolata,
R. ora pro nobis.

Mater intemerata,
R. ora pro nobis.

Mater amabilis,
R. ora pro nobis.

Mater admirabilis,
R. ora pro nobis.

Mater boni Consilii,
R. ora pro nobis.

Mater Creatoris,
R. ora pro nobis.

Mater Salvatoris,
R. ora pro nobis.

Virgo prudentissima,
R. ora pro nobis.

Virgo veneranda,
R. ora pro nobis.

Virgo praedicanda,
R. ora pro nobis.

Virgo potens,
R. ora pro nobis.

Virgo clemens,
R. ora pro nobis.

Virgo fidelis,
R. ora pro nobis.

Speculum iustitiae,
R. ora pro nobis.

Mother most pure,
R. pray for us.

Mother most chaste,
R. pray for us.

Mother inviolate,
R. pray for us.

Mother undefiled,
R. pray for us.

Mother most amiable,
R. pray for us.

Mother most admirable,
R. pray for us.

Mother of good counsel,
R. pray for us.

Mother of our Creator,
R. pray for us.

Mother of our Savior,
R. pray for us.

Virgin most prudent,
R. pray for us.

Virgin most venerable,
R. pray for us.

Virgin most renowned,
R. pray for us.

Virgin most powerful,
R. pray for us.

Virgin most merciful,
R. pray for us.

Virgin most faithful,
R. pray for us.

Mirror of justice,
R. pray for us.

Sedes sapientiae,
R. ora pro nobis.

Causa nostrae laetitiae,
R. ora pro nobis.

Vas spirituale,
R. ora pro nobis.

Vas honorabile,
R. ora pro nobis.

Vas insigne devotionis,
R. ora pro nobis.

Rosa mystica,
R. ora pro nobis.

Turris Davidica,
R. ora pro nobis.

Turris eburnea,
R. ora pro nobis.

Domus aurea,
R. ora pro nobis.

Foederis arca,
R. ora pro nobis.

Ianua caeli,
R. ora pro nobis.

Stella matutina,
R. ora pro nobis.

Salus infirmorum,
R. ora pro nobis.

Refugium peccatorum,
R. ora pro nobis.

Solacium migrantium,
R. ora pro nobis.

Consolatrix afflictorum,
R. ora pro nobis.

Seat of wisdom,
R. pray for us.

Cause of our joy,
R. pray for us.

Spiritual vessel,
R. pray for us.

Vessel of honor,
R. pray for us.

Singular vessel of devotion,
R. pray for us.

Mystical rose,
R. pray for us.

Tower of David,
R. pray for us.

Tower of ivory,
R. pray for us.

House of gold,
R. pray for us.

Ark of the covenant,
R. pray for us.

Gate of heaven,
R. pray for us.

Morning star,
R. pray for us.

Health of the sick,
R. pray for us.

Refuge of sinners,
R. pray for us.

Comfort of migrants,
R. pray for us.

Comforter of the afflicted,
R. pray for us.

Auxilium Christianorum,
R. ora pro nobis.

Regina Angelorum,
R. ora pro nobis.

Regina Patriarcharum,
R. ora pro nobis.

Regina Prophetarum,
R. ora pro nobis.

Regina Apostolorum,
R. ora pro nobis.

Regina Martyrum,
R. ora pro nobis.

Regina Confessorum,
R. ora pro nobis.

Regina Virginum,
R. ora pro nobis.

Regina Sanctorum omnium,
R. ora pro nobis.

Regina sine labe originali concepta,
R. ora pro nobis.

Regina in caelum assumpta,
R. ora pro nobis.

Regina Sacratissimi Rosarii,
R. ora pro nobis.

Regina familiae,
R. ora pro nobis.

Regina pacis,
R. ora pro nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
R. parce nobis, Domine.

Help of Christians,
R. pray for us.

Queen of Angels,
R. pray for us.

Queen of Patriarchs,
R. pray for us.

Queen of Prophets,
R. pray for us.

Queen of Apostles,
R. pray for us.

Queen of Martyrs,
R. pray for us.

Queen of Confessors,
R. pray for us.

Queen of Virgins,
R. pray for us.

Queen of all Saints,
R. pray for us.

Queen conceived without original sin,
R. pray for us.

Queen assumed into heaven,
R. pray for us.

Queen of the most holy Rosary,
R. pray for us.

Queen of the family,
R. pray for us.

Queen of Peace,
R. pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins
of the world,
R. spare us, O Lord.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,

R. exaudi nos, Domine.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,

R. miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins
of the world,

R. graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins
of the world,

R. have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray,

Grant, we beseech you, O Lord our God, that we your servants, may enjoy lasting health of mind and body, and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, be delivered from present sorrow and enter into the joy of eternal happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Bishop: May almighty God bless you, the Father, ✠ and the
Son, ✠ and the Holy ✠ Spirit.

All: Amen.

Deacon: Go in peace.

All: Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING HYMN

HAIL HOLY QUEEN ENTHRONED ABOVE

1. Hail, — ho - ly Queen en - throned a - bove; O Ma -
 2. Our — life, our sweet - ness here be - low, O Ma -
 3. And — when our life - breath, leaves — us, O Ma -

1. ri - a! Hail, — Queen of mer - cy and of love.
 2. ri - a! Our — hope in sor - row and in woe, O Ma - ri - a!
 3. ri - a! Show — us thy Son, Christ Je - sus.

Tri-umph, all ye cher-u-bim; Sing with us, ye ser-a-phim! Heav'n and earth re -
 sound the hymn: Sal - ve, sal - ve, sal - ve Re - gi - na!

WHAT unhappy Eve lost thou dost restore by thy holy Child; thou
 dost open the gates of heaven that sinners may rise to the stars.



QUOD EVA TRISTIS ABSTULIT TU REDDIS ALMO GERMINES
 INTRENT UT ASTRA FLEBILES CÆLI RECLUDIS CARDINES



A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

The Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul traces its history back to 1832. At that time, Rev. John Corry was the priest in charge of the missionary territory incorporating the city of Providence. Acting through Mr. Francis Hye as his intermediary, Father Corry purchased a plot of land in the city on a slope of land that was then called, "Christian Hill". When Father Corry first saw the site that Mr. Hye had purchased for him, he remarked, "In a few years there will be no such place in Providence as this for a Catholic Church".

The first structure on the site was a small church, built to provide a place of worship to the then limited number of Catholics in Rhode Island. This structure was dedicated as the Church of SS. Peter and Paul on November 4, 1938. In 1844, the Diocese of Hartford was created with the consecration of Right Rev. William Tyler as the first Bishop. The new diocese included the states of Connecticut, Rhode Island and also, Cape Cod. Bishop Tyler decided to make the city of Providence, which was central in the diocese, his city of residence. Upon arrival in Providence, he chose the Church of SS. Peter and Paul as his Cathedral. Bishop Tyler soon began to purchase land to enlarge the church which was consecrated as a Cathedral in 1847.

Bishop Tyler died in 1849 and was buried in the crypt of the Cathedral. He was succeeded in 1850 by Right Rev. Bernard O'Reilly, the second Bishop of Hartford. In 1872, the Diocese of Providence was created with the consecration of Right Rev. Thomas F. Hendricken as the First Bishop of Providence. Three months after taking office, Bishop Hendricken began collecting money for the construction of a new Cathedral. The old Cathedral, only forty years old was in a state of bad repair.

On Thanksgiving Day of 1878 a huge block of Kilkenny marble was laid as the cornerstone of the present Cathedral. From that day on Bishop Hendricken would only permit work to proceed if he had the money to pay for it. He refused to go into debt in the building of the Cathedral. When he died in 1886 the Cathedral, while yet unfinished, was opened for his funeral. Today his body is entombed in the West transept of the Cathedral in recognition for his instrumental efforts for its construction.

The second bishop of Providence, the Most Rev. Matthew Harkins was consecrated in the Cathedral on 1887. Regular services in the Cathedral had begun in November of that year. When the work on the building was finally completed, the Cathedral was consecrated in Sunday, June 30, 1889.

Prior to 1968, the Cathedral had never undergone a major renovation. Normal maintenance had kept it intact, the building survived several hurricanes over the years, yet its only major face-lifting was painting in 1921. But in 1968, the late Bishop Russell J. McVinney, in anticipation of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the diocese, a process that took more than three years to complete.

Bishop McVinney died in August of 1971 before renovations were completed. Renovations were nearly completed on January 26, 1972 when The Most Rev. Louis E. Gelineau was ordained in the Cathedral as the sixth Bishop of Providence. In that same year the Apostolic Delegate, to the United State, The Most Rev. Luigi Raimondi, officiated at the dedication ceremonies for the renovated Cathedral.

Bishop Robert E. Mulvee was installed as the seventh Bishop of Providence in June of 1997 until his retirement in 2005. On March 31, 2004 the Holy Father, Saint John Paul II, appointed the then Bishop of Youngstown, The Most Reverend Thomas J. Tobin as the eighth Bishop of Providence and he was installed on May 31, 2005. In 2013 upgrades were made to the lighting and flooring under the pews in preparation for the 125th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral. In 2006, since the lower Church had been transformed into a multi-purpose hall, the crypt of the Cathedral was dismantled and the mortal remains of the Bishops that had been entombed there were moved to St. Ann Cemetery, Cranston. Bishop Tyler, the first bishop of Hartford was transferred to the Archdiocese of Hartford. In January of 2019 the funeral Mass for Bishop Mulvee was celebrated in the Cathedral.

In 2017, Bishop Tobin announced a major capital campaign to raise funds for various agencies in the Diocese. Subsequently, a portion of the funds was earmarked for the Cathedral roof which was approximately 130 years old. That project was completed in 2020 which led to another major restoration of the Cathedral towers which have greatly deteriorated over the years. The Cathedral remains one of the most beautiful architectural gems of the city of Providence.

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