

# 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday OF EASTER



“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.”

-Jn 14:15-17

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## **CATHEDRAL OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL**

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*THE MOST REVEREND BRUCE A. LEWANDOWSKI, C.Ss.R*

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Saturday, May 9

- 2:30 Wedding ~ David Morra and Kathia Elkhoury
- 5:00 CAROLYN B. GAGNE LYON (deceased)  
by Ellen McNulty and Jason Brown

Sunday, May 10 6th Sunday of Easter

- 10:00 LINDA NASSAR (deceased) by the Boone family

**Noon Eucharistic Adoration**

- 1:00 VIRGINIA & ROGER LANGELIER (deceased)  
by family
- 6:00 ANTHONY CABRAL, JR. (deceased)

Monday, May 11

- 12:00 INTENTIONS OF GEORGE & DIANNE MCKINNON  
by David and Ann Quinn

Tuesday, May 12 Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;  
Saint Pancras, Martyr

- 12:00 EDWARD & SIGNY SCIARRA (deceased)  
by Alan and Diane Costantino

Wednesday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

- 12:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY

Thursday, May 14 The Ascension of the Lord; Saint Matthias, Apostle

- 12:00 CHARLES & MARLENE BURKE (deceased)

Friday, May 15 Saint Isidore

- 12:00 MAGGIE TAPERESU & PENINA MHARAPARA  
(deceased) by Bob and Elizabeth Cusack

Saturday, May 16

- 5:00 JOSEPH A. ABBATE (deceased) by Lucille Orabona

Sunday, May 17 7th Sunday of Easter

- 10:00 JOHN K. MASON (deceased) by daughter  
INTENTIONS OF MONSIGNOR MANCINI  
by John and Diane Tapis

**Noon Eucharistic Adoration**

- 1:00 MARIE NORMA FARAONE (deceased)  
by daughter Norma
- 6:00 RITA C. SULLIVAN (deceased)

**Monsignor Mancini's Retirement**

As previously announced, following 22 years of dedicated and faithful service as Rector of the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, the Rev. Monsignor Anthony Mancini will retire from this position on June 30th of this year. Parishioners and friends wish Monsignor many blessings in his retirement and may honor him in a special way at a Mass on May 31st at 10AM. The Mass will be followed by a reception in Cathedral Hall to which all are cordially invited.



The Most Rev. Bishop Bruce Lewandowski also wishes to announce the appointment of the Rev. Monsignor Raymond Bastia as the new Rector of the Cathedral Parish, effective July 1, 2026. Monsignor Bastia is currently in residence at the Cathedral rectory.



**The Sanctuary Lamp  
burns this week for  
Special Prayer  
Intentions by a  
Cathedral parishioner.**

**MISSIONARY APPEAL WEEKEND OF MAY 16 & 17, 2026**

Fr. Francois X. Eale from the **Democratic Republic of Congo** will speak at all Masses and give the missionary appeal here at the Cathedral on the weekend of May 16 & 17 on the behalf of the **Diocese of Kikwit** in support of pastoral work of diocesan priests and to give children from very poor families an opportunity for education and provide clean water to poor communities. A second collection will be taken that weekend at all Masses to support their missionary work. Thank you for your generous response to his appeal for the Church's mission in Congo!



## FROM THE RECTOR - Monsignor Mancini

My dear Brothers and Sisters,  
I would like to share with you the following meditation:

### *Union with the Advocate*

[The] union between God and my soul, effected by grace, is real and true. It is something more than faith can secure; a nearer relationship; a deeper, more personal knowledge; a more ardent and personal love. [This] is not merely given to chosen souls whose sanctity is so heroic as to qualify them for canonization; it is the heritage of every soul in a state of grace.

When I step outside the confessional after due repentance and the absolution of the priest, I am in a state of grace. At once, then, this blessed union takes effect. Within me is the Holy Spirit, dwelling there—sent, given. As the object of knowledge, he can be experienced by me in a personal and familiar way. I can know him even as I am known. As the object of love, he becomes my friend, stooping to my level, lifting me to his. At once, then, although still in a merely rudimentary way, the glories of my ultimate reward can dawn upon me. Even upon earth, I have already crossed the threshold of heaven.

Here on earth I have so much to distract me that I cannot possibly devote myself [to God] in the same way as I shall be able to do then [in heaven]. There are things here that have got to be done, and there is the body itself, which can only stand a certain amount of concentration and intensity. If strained too much, it just breaks down and fails. All this complicates and hampers me. But in heaven I shall take on something (of course, a great deal intensified) of the consciousness and alertness of youth. A child can thoroughly enjoy himself, for he has got the happy faculty of forgetting the rest of life, all his troubles, anxieties, and fears. Heaven, then, means the lopping-off of all those menaces, and the consequent full appreciation of God in knowledge and love. Hence I must not be disturbed if, here on earth, all these wonderful things which I learn about concerning the indwelling of the Holy Spirit do not seem to take place. It is very unfortunate that I do not appreciate them, but it is something at least to know that they are there. It is a nuisance that I do not see him, but it is something at least to be certain he is within me.

FATHER BEDE JARRETT, O.P.

Father Jarrett († 1934) was a Dominican friar from England widely esteemed for his preaching, his lectures, and his many books on theology and spirituality.

### **Catholic Charity Appeal—2026**

**Parish Goal: \$41,895**

Amount Collected through April 18: **\$41,852**

#### **How to Make a Gift to the Appeal**

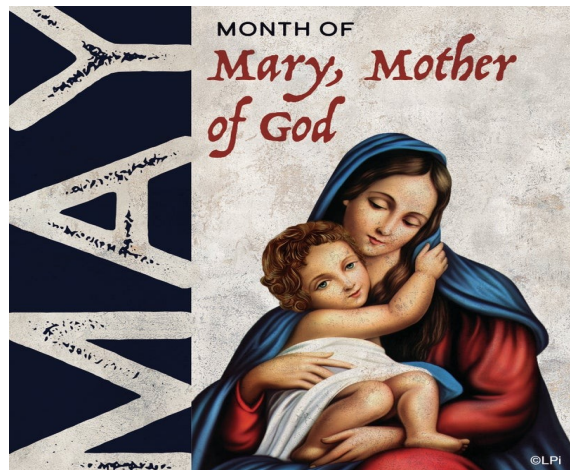
##### **PAYMENT METHODS:**

- Cash
- Credit or debit card
- Check or money order made payable to: 2026 Catholic Charity Appeal
- Donate online at: [givecentral.org/2026CCA](http://givecentral.org/2026CCA)
- Call (401) 277-2121 to make a gift by phone

# FIRST Communion



*This weekend, we joyfully celebrate the First Holy Communion of our children. They have prepared with dedication and eagerly awaited this special day. It is a blessing to welcome them to the table of the Lord for the first time. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our students and pray that they may always remain close to Jesus in the Eucharist.*



### **Pro-Life Rose Sale**

Long-stem red roses will be available **after the 10AM and 1PM Masses on Sunday, May 10th**, in honor of Blessed Mother Mary and your mothers! All proceeds from the sale will benefit Catholic, pro-life Mother of Life Center on Atwells Avenue in Providence ([motheroflife.org](http://motheroflife.org)). The Center provides free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, counseling, client advocacy, parenting classes, material goods for babies, moms, and much more. The suggested donation is \$3 per rose. Contributions in addition to or in lieu of rose purchase will also be gratefully accepted. **Thank you for your always generous support!**

