



## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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

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Saturday, September 5 *Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

2:00 Wedding: Nicholas Barboza and Megan Boory

5:00 FOR PARISHIONERS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, September 6 *23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00 MARY V. MASON (deceased) by family

**Noon Eucharistic Adoration**

1:00 BISHOP LOUIS E. GELINEAU AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GELINEAU FAMILY

3:00 Wedding: Chadd Rampini and Kyleigh Zelano

6:00 ANTHONY & RITA G. CABRAL (deceased)

Monday, September 7

**NO 12:00 MASS—Labor Day Holiday**

Tuesday, September 8 *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

12:00 FOR PARISHIONERS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Wednesday, September 9 *Saint Peter Claver, Priest*

12:00 MARY KELLY (deceased) by the Kelly family

Thursday, September 10

12:00 LORI AGRELO (deceased) by Brandy

Friday, September 11

12:00 JUDITH ELAINE D'ANTUONO (deceased)  
by Lucille A. Orabona

Saturday, September 12 *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

3:00 Wedding: David Sherman, Jr. & Brie Fuentes

5:00 FOR PARISHIONERS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, September 13 *24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00 FRANK GARDINER (deceased) by son David  
(19th Anniversary Rem.)

**Noon Eucharistic Adoration**

1:00 THOMAS POWELL (deceased) by family

6:00 VIRGINIA FLYNN (deceased) by family  
(Remembrance)

**Religious Education & O.C.I.A. Formation  
2026 - 2027**

Our Religious Education and O.C.I.A. program will begin soon! We warmly welcome all children, youth, and adults as we prepare to grow together in faith, prayer, and the knowledge of Jesus Christ. We also welcome, Sister Cristina Gomez, HMSP, Missionary Sisters Servants of the Word, as the new Religious Education & O.C.I.A. Coordinator for the Cathedral Parish.

Religious Formation is a continuous and life-long experience. Our Formation classes begin with the first grade and continue each grade through the Confirmation program in high school. It is especially important that first graders be registered as the First Eucharist and Reconciliation program is a two year preparation for the Sacraments. If you have a child entering first grade, or if you are new to the Cathedral parish, please call the Cathedral office at 401-331-2434.

Registration forms must be completed before the start of classes. Also, if the sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion have already been received, a copy of those sacramental certificates should be supplied with the registration form.

Registration forms will be available at the entrance to the Cathedral, and on the Cathedral's website:  
[www.providencecathedral.org](http://www.providencecathedral.org)

**There will be a Meet & Greet Orientation meeting for parents and students Grades 1-5 scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2026 from 10am-11:30am in Cathedral Hall.**

Classes for **Grades 1-5** will begin **Saturday, October 3, 2026** from 10am-11:30am in Cathedral Hall.

**There will be a Meet & Greet Orientation meeting for parents and students Grades 6-12 scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2026 from 6pm-7:30pm.**

**Please note that only this first meeting will be on a Monday, all classes will be held on Tuesday evenings.**

Classes for **Grades 6-12** will begin on **Tuesday, September 29, 2026** from 6pm-7:30pm in Cathedral Hall.

*Please consult the website at:*  
[www.providencecathedral.org](http://www.providencecathedral.org)



**IMPORTANT MEETING WITH MSGR. BASTIA FOR ALL YOUNG ADULTS WHO ARE PRESENTLY SERVING MASS AT CATHEDRAL CEREMONIES. MEETING IN THE CATHEDRAL ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH AT 10AM. PLEASE CONTACT MSGR. BASTIA TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE.**

## A Meditation

### *Why We Gather in His Name*

The smallest thing, a disturbance in the atmosphere, a change of temperature, is enough to destroy life. The frost of spring, an unusual drop in temperature on a May evening, and the harvest is destroyed. The same is true for the most important and most fragile part of man: his divine life. The Christian community offers an environment that shows men how to live according to the ways of Christ, who assists, supports, and illuminates the heart of man.

Just as I do not invent my life, I do not invent my faith but instead receive it as it is. Likewise, I do not have to invent my prayer, but I receive Christ's prayer, born of the Spirit of God and already existing in the community of his children. The older people introduce the little ones to the life of Christ; the previous generations educate and admit the new generations into this movement of prayer born of Christ and supported by the fact that he is waiting for us. No doubt, it is often the young who recall and demand the essential things, and the fervor of the new members revivifies that of the older ones. But it is also from the fidelity of the older members that the newly arrived draw truth, or else lose it.

The Church is able to offer me the prayer of Christ and to welcome me into a living environment, a community, where this prayer can originate and grow. Thus, it is no more a matter of choice for a "member" to live attached to his organism or to separate himself from it than it is for a Christian to do without his community. A man is Christian only if he is a member of Christ, and he is a member of Christ only if he receives within himself the life that comes through communion in faith and the prayer of his brothers.

*FATHER BERNARD BRO, O.P.*

*Father Bro (†2018) was a French Dominican friar, a distinguished theologian, and the author of many books.*



**We are seeking a part-time weekend Sacristan and Wedding Ceremony Co-ordinator for the Cathedral. If you are interested in this position, please contact Msgr. Bastia at 401-331-2434 for more information.**

### NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**In September** we will be organizing a new Parish Pastoral Council. The focus of this council is not primarily financial, but rather to be an advisory resource for the Rector of the Cathedral. The scope of work of the Pastoral Council will be to coordinate, evaluate and to propose and direct on a leadership level the pastoral, liturgical, educational and evangelization activities and ministries of the Cathedral Parish. If interested to serve the parish on this Council please contact Msgr. Bastia.

*Msgr. Bastia*

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COLLECTION COUNTING TEAMS**

Our parish is still in need of **two volunteers** to join our money-counting teams at the Cathedral Office on a Monday morning at 8:30AM for about two hours (every other week). Each team would open the weekend collection envelopes and prepare the offerings for deposit.

We are grateful to those who have already volunteered for this important ministry!

If you can help, please contact the Rector, Msgr. Bastia at (401) 331-2434 for further information.

**Training will be provided.**

*We hope you had a restful and happy summer!*



*As we head into the fall, we kindly ask those who were away to please catch up on your regular weekly or monthly offerings. Thank you for your faithful support and generosity.*

### **O. C. I. A.**

Registration forms for the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** Faith Formation program are available on the Cathedral's website and at the entrances to the Cathedral. The **O.C.I.A.** program is for any adult who may be interested in becoming a baptized Roman Catholic, or any adult Catholic in need of the Sacraments [First Holy Communion, Penance, Confirmation].

**IMPORTANT:** For baptized Catholics please attach a copy of your Baptismal, First Holy Communion certificates if the Sacraments were received.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SPONSOR:** Please attach a copy of the Baptismal, First Holy Communion and Confirmation certificates and if married a current notification of Catholic Marriage. Sponsors should be a regular faithful Roman Catholic practicing and always willing to embrace the teachings of Jesus in the Gospel.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**There will be a Meet & Greet Orientation meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, 2026 from 7pm-8:30pm in Cathedral Hall.**

**First class for O.C.I.A. will begin on Wednesday, October 7, 2026 from 7pm-8:30pm in Cathedral Hall.**

Please visit the Cathedral's website for any updates and/or additional information at:

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