



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

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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)

Monday, September 14 *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

12:00 ANNE DUTRA (deceased) by son Jim

Tuesday, September 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

12:00 JAMES BARDSLEY (deceased) by family

Wednesday, September 16 *Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

12:00 DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOODS FAMILY

Thursday, September 17 *Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

12:00 5th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS FOR REYNA & RICHARD DESMARAIS (living)

Friday, September 18

12:00 INTENTIONS OF ELIZABETH & LYN (living) by parishioner

Saturday, September 19 *Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

5:00 FOR PARISHIONERS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Sunday, September 20 *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

10:00 GENEVIEVE & GEORGE COLETTI (deceased) by family

Noon Eucharistic Adoration

1:00 ANTHONY CABRAL, JR. (deceased) by family

3:00 Wedding: Ruben Valera and Megan Fernandez

6:00 RITA C. SULLIVAN (deceased) by family

**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

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 on **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.

Classes for **Grades 6-12** will begin on **Saturday, October 3, 2026** from 10am-11:30am in Cathedral Hall



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

Imitating Our Compassionate Master

I'll bet if you were asked at this moment to make up a list of your neighbors' sins, weaknesses, and faults, without blinking an eyelash you'd have a long list. But if I were to have you tell me something beautiful about your neighbor, even your family, you have to admit that the list of faults comes much more quickly. We need to focus on the beautiful qualities that the Father and the Son have planted in [our neighbors'] souls. Compassion heals. Compassion makes things grow. It makes a flower grow out of a garbage heap. It makes things that are desolate bloom.

What are we afraid of? We're afraid of the demands of compassion. To be compassionate is to forget yourself. To be compassionate is to think more of your neighbor. It is to say to your neighbor, "Look, I know you have weaknesses; I know you have faults...but I, too, am a sinner. I have done other things that nobody has ever seen or knows about."

Compassion frees you. Compassion transforms you into the image of the Father. How divine it is to forgive. How divine not to judge. How divine to rejoice, like the father at the prodigal son. How divine to say, "Oh, I'm so glad you're back. I'm so glad you're repentant." Look through the eyes of the Father. Look with the heart of Jesus. Look with the power of the Spirit. The Spirit in you can purify you. The Spirit in you can make you love your brother, though you hate his sin. That is compassionate. Lord, make up all compassionate as the Father is compassionate.

MOTHER ANGELICA OF THE ANNUNCIATION, P.C.P.A.

Mother Angelica (†2016) was a Poor Clare nun and founder of the Eternal Word Television Network.



We are seeking a part-time weekend Sacristan and Wedding Ceremony Coordinator 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

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.

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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MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the parish office to notify us when a parishioner is home-bound, or with a serious illness and would like to receive Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick.



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