Back in the 1950s, graduate students at Johns Hopkins University began a study of two hundred selected young men between the ages of twelve and sixteen who lived in an emotionally, economically and culturally deprived inner city ghetto. When they had completed their analysis of the young men’s social, cultural and economic environment, the student researchers were instructed to make certain predictions as to where the two hundred youngsters would be twenty-five years hence. Among the several predictions was: within twenty-five years, one hundred ninety-six of the two hundred subjects would have done some time in jail. Twenty-five years later, another group of graduate students was assigned to track down the two hundred subjects and check on the accuracy of the prediction. They discovered that only six of that number had spent any time in jail. The graduate students were challenged to discover why the great majority had not behaved as predicted. Each of the one hundred eighty now grown men was asked to identify the most positive influence in their lives. Seventy-five per cent said that the most positive influence was a teacher. Again and again, the name of a particular teacher, a woman, was mentioned. They located this woman, now living in a retirement home and asked what strategies she used. She said, “I just loved those boys, that’s all. Just as Jesus loves me, I just loved them.”

Each weekend we gather at the Eucharist to listen to the greatest teacher. Jesus instructs us through his word and renews us in our mission. May his impact so affect us that we are revitalized and nourished to proclaim his love for us and for all. He is the Word made flesh.

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The Cathedral Community

February 9, 2020

**Pastoral Perspectives con’t**

- **Thought for the week:** When life gets blurry, adjust your focus.
- **Smile for the week:** Why did the baker stop making donuts? He was tired of the hole business.

_God bless! Have a wonderful week!_

Fr. Kevin McKenna

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**President’s Day**

**Monday, February 17, 2020**

The cathedral office will be CLOSED. There will be one mass at 9:00 am.

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**All Bakers Needed for Mardi Gras Baked GOODIE Sale**

We will be holding another baked food sale as a fundraiser for Joseph’s Place. Donations of baked goods are needed for the weekend of February 22 & 23. The baked GOODIES will be on sale after all Masses in the narthex. Please bring your baked goods the day of the sale on Feb. 22 & 23. Thank You!

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**Catholics Speak Out for the Vulnerable: Oppose Physician Assisted Suicide in NYS**

You can be a voice for the vulnerable TODAY. In the words Bishop Matano,

“When we subjectively determine when life begins and ends, when it is viable or not, or when it is too burdensome to endure, we begin a path toward self-destruction. Life is no longer precious, but just another commodity in the business of living. Relativism becomes the absolute, and even the value of life itself is questioned.”

Today you can support the vulnerable in our community who are best served by improving our palliative care system, not the legalization of physician assisted suicide. Put your faith into action, give them your voice, and take the time to sign the petition.

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**Scripture Study for Next Sunday**

Next Sunday, February 16, 2020, is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings will be: Sirach 15:15-20; 1Corinthians 2:6-10 and Matthew 5:17-37.

The portion of Matthew’s Gospel which we hear today, challenges us to be “salt” and “light” in the world, to make a difference. Jesus has invited us to be his followers and to share his Good News with the world, primarily through the way we live our lives. Next Sunday we will hear the very next verses in the same chapter. Those verses, along with the other readings, will talk about the freedom and help that God gives us to accept his invitation, and about the choices that only we can make.

The first line of next Sunday’s Old Testament reading from the Book of Sirach says “If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you.” Human beings have been given both graces and responsibilities. God has revealed wisdom to us that is greater than mere human wisdom. God has made us capable of receiving that wisdom and has given us the Holy Spirit who will shed light and guide us. But God also leaves us free to choose whether or not we will accept wisdom and guidance, free to choose how we will act. We are responsible for our choices.

Before the birth of Jesus, God sent prophets and revealed the “law” to help people live humanely and discover the potential created within them. In the Gospel we hear Jesus say “Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.” In Jesus, the wisdom of God is fully revealed. Jesus does not merely live the letter of the law and avoid trouble, he demonstrates how to live the nuances of God’s love and wisdom. Jesus says it is not enough, for example, to understand the destructive force of murder, we must also see that harboring anger and belittling others diminishes life as well. “Life in Christ” is more than following an external law, it is about allowing the love of God to grow within us and inform our actions in all of the subtleties of our lives. Sin is the result of choosing to ignore the wisdom God’s revealed to us and acting in a way that diminishes our life with God and one another. Sin is the free, but poor, choice we make that keeps us, and others, from experiencing “what God has prepared for those who love him.”

_Rose Davis_
Capital Campaign Update

Greetings fellow Parishioners. As Chair of our Cathedral Community Capital Campaign, I wish to again thank everyone who so generously pledged support to the campaign. Following is a JANUARY 2020 summary of the current activities related to capital projects:

- As of December 2019, collected pledges total $578,121; total outlay thus far for completed projects:
- On-going capital projects status:
  * Rectory boiler upgrade – PROJECT COMPLETE!! Total cost - $42,300
  * HVAC control systems upgrade for church and rectory – PROJECT COMPLETE!! Total cost - $51,200
  * Next projects being considered:
    - Replacing tiles in the restroom hallway
    - Maintenance issues regarding the Cathedral/Office roof
    - Handicap Accessibility and re-keying campus
  * Capital Campaign Contributors Recognition – we are continuing to evaluate appropriate devices/plaques to be displayed.

Please understand that we are working very closely with the Finance Council and the Building and Grounds Committee to maximize the value of each project. We encourage everyone to continue to honor your very generous pledges in a timely fashion. Thank you and have a blessed, prosperous 2020.

Campaign Chair – Nick Harding

We Are a Beacon of Hope Program

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming We Are a Beacon of Hope Program at The Cathedral Community. This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of The Cathedral Community. We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners at Mass, especially during our special Commitment Weekend on March 7 & March 8. If you have any questions regarding the We Are a Beacon of Hope Program, please feel free to contact the parish office.

Parish Offertory Support For February 1 & 2, 2020

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SUMMARY

Cathedral Community Pastoral Council Meeting January 13, 2020 / 6:30 p.m.

Main Points of Discussion:

1). Increased Offering Program, to begin on Sunday, March 8th/Commitment Sunday
   - This is a change from Fall to Lent time period
   - Contracted with organization, Our Sunday Visitor, to manage program

2). Discussion of Recent Joint Gathering of Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee, Social Ministry Committee, Faith Formation
   - How can Pastoral Council best understand and support the goals and mission of each committee
   - How can all committees support the mission, ministry and vision of the Cathedral Community
   - Discussion on possibility for next gathering for all committees in August

3). Pastor’s Report by Fr. Kevin McKenna
   - Updates on Joseph’s Place, success of Thanksgiving Basket distribution, revised Penny Sunday distribution, upcoming Scripture Study program and Ethics of Life programs, CMA success

4). Liaison Reports:
   - Liturgy Committee
   - Social Ministry Committee
   - Faith Formation

Rosary Recited after 12:10 Mass
Monday, Wednesday and Fridays
Come join us!
Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester  
Most Rev. Matthew H. Clark, Bishop Emeritus of Rochester  
In residence: Rev. Daniel White, Secretary to the Bishop

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Finance Council Chair  John Spinosa

Arrangements for Anointing of the Sick/Communion, Baptism, and Marriage may be made by calling the church office.

For information about Faith Formation, please contact the church office.

BISHOP JOHN E. MCCAFFERTY  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 15118

MARCH 6, 2020 LENTEN FISH FRY DINNER  
FIRST FRIDAY BENEDICTION SERVICE

Dinner Served from 5:00-7:00 pm  
Cathedral Hall

First Friday Benediction, 7:00 pm  
Sacred Heart Cathedral Church  
296 Flower City Park, Rochester

Dinner Menu Details:  
$10.00 Fish Dinner  
Choice of (Beer Battered, Baked, Breaded), coleslaw, oven roasted potatoes, roll, dessert (coffee, tea, soda)

$5.00 Macaroni & Cheese Dinner  
Includes applesauce cup, dessert, and drink

Advance ticket sales available in the narthex after all weekend masses of February 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-March 1.

Dinner tickets also available for purchase from the Cathedral Community Office until March 4.

Enjoy a Night Out for Joseph’s Place  
Joseph’s Place is hosting a Beer and Food Pairing at Which Craft Brewery in Webster on February 24th at 6pm. Tickets are $20 and come with a variety of hors d’oeuvres, including multiple vegetarian options, and multiple beer pairing options. Wine and limited bar available for purchase. All profits on the ticket sales will go directly towards outreach in our neighborhood through Joseph’s Place. Tickets will be on sale after masses in the narthex and in the office, Monday-Friday from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. We hope to see you there!
Bring Your Own Bag New York - #BYOBagNY

Consumer Participation
Starting March 1, 2020, a new bag waste reduction law will take effect in New York State - where over 23 billion plastic bags are typically used each year. Plastic bag usage affects both our communities and environment. Plastic bags can be seen stuck in trees, as litter in our neighborhoods, and floating in our waterways. From the significant recycling and disposal issues they pose to the harm they can do to wildlife, the negative impacts of plastic bags are easily seen.

As a consumer, you can help and BYOB - Bring Your Own Bag. Keep reusable bags in your car, or clip folding reusable bags onto your commuting bag or purse so you always have them handy. If you store them near the door or coat closet, you'll be more likely to remember them on the way out. Remember that every time you use a reusable bag, you are doing your part to prevent litter and waste. Using reusable bags makes sense and is the right thing to do. You can also remind your family, friends, and neighbors to bring their reusable bags whenever they shop.

The Bag Waste Reduction Law applies to more than just grocery stores. Whether you're going to the grocery store, clothes shopping, or to a home improvement store, make sure to bring your reusable bags.

Types of Bags You Can Use

While shoppers can bring any type of bag -- including film plastic -- note that there are many alternatives to choose from which are more environmentally friendly. Ideally, a bag should be washable and designed for multiple uses, such as one made from cloth. If you forget to bring a bag with you, many retailers will have reusable bags for sale. An alternative, such as paper, may also be available. Please note that stores are not required to have bags available for customers. Some stores may choose not to switch to paper and may only have reusable bags for purchase. That is why it is important for consumers to BYO BAG - Bring Your Own Bag. If you have a small purchase, such as a magazine, candy or drink, you can help our environment by saying "No thank you" to a single use paper bag and carrying the item instead.

The Bag Waste Reduction Law and Who it Affects

Starting March 1, 2020, all plastic carryout bags (other than an exempt bag) are banned from distribution by anyone required to collect New York State sales tax. For sales that are tax exempt, plastic carry out bags are still not allowed to be distributed by anyone required to collect New York State sales tax (unless it is an exempt bag). The law will affect anyone required to collect New York State sales tax, bag manufacturers and consumers. Cities and counties will also be involved. Under the law:

- cities and counties are authorized to adopt a five-cent carry-out bag reduction fee. This means that in these areas, a consumer will be charged 5 cents for each paper carryout bag needed at checkout. One way to avoid this fee and help the environment is to always bring your own bag.

- stores covered under the NYS Plastic Bag Reduction, Reuse and Recycling Act will still be required to collect plastic bags and other film plastics from consumers for recycling. (Film plastics include items such as bread bags and plastic wraps that come over cases of water, paper towels and other similar items). As a consumer you can help by continuing to recycle these items at participating retailers.

Exempt Bags

Some bags are exempt under the law, so plastic bags may still be distributed to consumers in a few specific circumstances, such as a bag used by a pharmacy to carry prescription drugs, and produce bags for bulk items such as fruits and vegetables. But as a consumer, you can aid in protecting our environment by using reusable bags as much as possible.

More Information go to https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/50034.html

You can access the full text version of the Bag Waste Reduction law (Environmental Conservation Law ECL Article 27, Title 28). (Link leaves DEC's website) Technical information for manufacturers or retailers is available regarding the New York State Bag Waste Reduction Act.

Make a $10 donation to have a sanctuary lamp burn in honor of your loved one. The name of the honored person will be listed in the bulletin. Cards are available with this donation. Please call or stop by the Cathedral Main Office to request this memorial.
Parish Events Feb 8 — Feb 16, 2020

Saturday, February 8
Cub Scouts Bottle & Can Drive, Ridgeway Ave Parking Lot after all masses
Public Policy Weekend after all masses in the narthex
KoC Fish Fry ticket sales after all masses in the narthex
Joseph’s Place fundraiser ticket sales after all masses in the narthex
2:30 pm Confessions—Church

Sunday, February 9
Cub Scouts Bottle & Can Drive, Ridgeway Ave Parking Lot after all masses
Public Policy Weekend after all masses in the narthex
KoC Fish Fry ticket sales after all masses in the narthex
Joseph’s Place fundraiser ticket sales after all masses in the narthex
9:15 am Scout Sunday Mass—Church
10:15 am RCIA—Conference Room
10:00 am Scripture Study—Family Room
10:30 am Faith Formation—School
12:30 pm Community Dinner—Cathedral Hall
12:45 pm Fully Engaged—Conference Room
6:00 pm Confirmation Class—Conference Room

Monday, February 10
6:00 pm Green Team Meeting—Hospitality Room

Tuesday, February 11
7:00 pm Social Ministry Meeting—Conference Room

Wednesday, February 12
2:30 pm All-Star Scholars—Cathedral Hall
5:00 pm Joseph’s Place—Multi-Purpose Room
5:30 pm Bell Rehearsal—Church
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal—Church
6:30 pm Cub Scouts—Cathedral Hall
6:30 pm Heritage Festival Meeting—Hospitality Room

Thursday, February 13
7:00 pm KoC Meeting—Cathedral Hall

Friday, February 14
4:45—5:15 pm Confessions—Church

Saturday, February 15
KoC Fish Fry ticket sales after all masses in the narthex
2:30 pm Confessions—Church

Sunday, February 16
KoC Fish Fry ticket sales after all masses in the narthex
10:00 am Scripture Study—Cathedral Hall
10:15 am RCIA—Conference Room

Cathedral Library and Café Hours:
Monday ~ Wednesday ~ Friday
12:30 ~ 2:00 pm
Weekends ~ Before and After Mass or by appointment
All Are Welcome!
Lots Of Good Books!

Liturgical Ministers—February 15 & 16
Non-internet users, please pick up schedule in Sacristy Hallway.

Sacristan
4:00 pm R. Dinch
7:00 am P. Dwyer
9:15 am M. Williams
11:15 am T. Bagshaw
5:00 pm L. Cole

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Deacons
4:00 pm C. & B. Antonelli, A. Capone, M. Culhane
Den J. Giugno, Sr. J. Hilbert, S. Vullo
7:00 am R. & L. Davis, C. Doty, M. E. Fenlon
P. Gotham, M. Lipari, L. Marcellette
9:15 am P. Casey, M. Hare, Den. L. Kershner, K. Parr
P. Kershner, G. Myrthil, K. & W. Schramm
S. Swartz
11:15 am A. Fien, C. Inzana, Dcn M. Kristen, W. Moroz
D. Sazzotta
5:00 pm L. Cole, V. Strohm, X. Tran

Lector
4:00 pm B. Anastasi (Lector 1)
T. Carfagna (Lector 2)
7:00 am K. Gotham (Lector 1)
9:15 am L. Lin (Lector 1)
D. Taylor (Lector 2)
11:15 am C. Johnson (Lector 1)
J. Mittiga (Lector 2)
5:00 pm G. Benedict (Lector 1)

Altar Server
4:00 pm K. Cook
7:00 am D. Kalumbwe
9:15 am T. John, D. Parr, D. Week
11:15 am P. Conley, NEED A VOLUNTEER
5:00 pm D. & J. Gentile

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN & CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS
Announcements & inserts/flyers for our weekly bulletin must be submitted to the Church Office by NOON on Monday. E-mail submissions must be sent to michele.kelly@dor.org and tracy.jordan@dor.org.

~ Please note: Articles may be edited due to space constraints & inserts/flyers must be approved by staff. Thank you for your consideration of these policies!

Sunday announcements must be submitted to the office by Thursday at noon.
If you know of someone, or you or a loved one have a serious illness, is hospitalized or unable to attend Mass, please contact the Cathedral Office. It is both our duty and privilege to administer sacraments and pastoral care!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

John Appleby, Auriette Atallah, John Bamann

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED
In your charity, please pray for all of our deceased.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them.

Information Desk Welcomers
For the Weekend of February 15 & 16
Saturday @ 4:00 pm — Need Volunteer
Sunday @ 9:15 am — Pat Clay
Sunday @ 11:15 pm — Tony & Sue Pucillo

This Week’s Sanctuary Candle
In Memory Of — Raymond Whitham
Requested by — Frances Whitham

Saturday, February 8, 2020—Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita
1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
4:00 pm Mary Susan D’Ambrosia—Joe & Laura Foley
Mary Jo Whalen—Fien Family

Sunday, February 9, 2020—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
7:00 am John & Carol Culligan—John & Mary Jo Moan & Family
9:15 am Carmelina Peloso—Mike & Patty Fredericks
Marie Kavanagh—Barbara Sojka
Curt Moser—Jim & Heidi Mittiga
Mary Jo Whalen—Bill & Sharon Swartz
11:15 am Elaine George—Laurie Wolfe
5:00 pm For the people of the Cathedral Community

Monday, February 10, 2020—St. Scholastica
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:33-36
12:10 pm Art Fleischman—Julie & Dave

Tuesday, February 11, 2020
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
6:30 am Anna Szabo—Maguire Family

Wednesday, February 12, 2020
1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
12:10 pm Norma McFee—Maguire Family

Thursday, February 13, 2020
1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
6:30 am For those who mourn the loss of a loved one

Friday, February 14, 2020—Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius
1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
12:10 pm Deceased members of the DiPilato/Mastrodonato Families—Mike & Patty Fredericks

Saturday, February 15, 2020
1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
4:00 pm For the people of the Cathedral Community

Sunday, February 16, 2020—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a 27-28, 33-34a, 37
7:00 am Mary Jo Whalen—Larry & Rose Davis
9:15 am Ron Sodke—Joe & Sarah Servate
Samuel LaBue—Mickey Culhane
Johnny Mangan—Phil Dwyer
Mary & Anthony Pasquarella—June, Gary & families
11:15 am Trudy Monaghan—Eva Galambos
5:00 pm For the people of the Cathedral Community