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Our Mission Statement

The Cathedral Community is a Roman Catholic parish of the Diocese of Rochester that gathers and worships at Sacred Heart Cathedral. We are an ethnically, racially and economically diverse community with unique gifts and challenges within an urban neighborhood.

Our mission is to reach out with hope to all in our community, neighborhood and beyond, to proclaim the Gospel with joy and enthusiasm, and to prepare disciples who will go forth to serve God and others, especially the poor, with mercy and compassion.



Pastoral Perspectives

Behold, here is our God. He comes to save us!

Behold Jesus. Behold the Lord. Behold happiness.

In just a few days, we will be taking in the mystery of the great gift that is the Word made Flesh. "Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

This is one of our foundational stories which continues to nurture us and tell us who we are. Children love to ask their parents about the day they were born. What happened? Who was at the hospital? What did you say when I was born? Were you happy?

Birth stories tell us who we came from, why we're here, who wanted us. In short they help us understand who we are.

All this and more is found in the story of Jesus' birth. It tells us where we came from, why we're here, who wanted us.

Who we are is not always easy to accept. The difficult circumstances of Jesus' birth promise not that God will do away with our pain, but that God will be with us in that pain. In fact, if you take the gospel seriously, you will probably have more pain in your life because you will be more sensitive to the pain of those around you.

To take the Gospel seriously is not to be given immunity from the human condition. No. For the Christian, as for everyone else, there will be the same sicknesses, the same cold, lonely seasons, the same painful frustrations, the same choices that we regretted, and the same bitter losses. Like everyone else eventually we will have to face death. Faith in God does not, in this world save one from pain, misunderstanding, loneliness, and death. Faith does not offer a life free of pain. What God does promise us is to be with us in that pain. That is why our Savior's name is Emmanuel: God- is- with- us.

My life is meaningful as the Word becomes flesh. My happiness will no longer depend on never getting sick, never making the wrong choices, on somehow being exempt from death's shadow. God is with me as I walk through health and sickness, joy and sorrow, friendship and loneliness, success and failure, youth and aging. Truly God has come to save us!

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December 20, 2020
Fourth Sunday Of Advent

As we all know, planning during the COVID-19 crisis is difficult and requires fluid situations. With each new announcement from the Governor's Office and/or the Monroe County Department of Health, our plans may require change. Our sincere hope is that we will be able to celebrate liturgies according to the following schedule during the Christmas season:

December 19 & 20 – the 4th Sunday of Advent –

Online Mass beginning at 4:00 pm on Saturday, December 19th on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CathedralCommunity) and then subsequently available through Sunday, December 20th on our Facebook page, on the Cathedral Community website (www.cathedralcommunity.org) and on the Cathedral Community YouTube Channel (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzXrpuo_qzqG8dsdfE-Z4PA).

Christmas Eve/Christmas – Online Mass beginning at 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th on our Facebook page and then subsequently available through Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th on our Facebook page, the Cathedral Community website, and the Cathedral Community YouTube Channel (at the addresses listed above).

December 26 & 27 – the Feast of the Holy Family –

Online Mass beginning at 4:00 pm on Saturday, December 26th on our Facebook page and then subsequently available through Sunday, December 27th on our Facebook page, the Cathedral Community website, and the Cathedral Community YouTube Channel (at the addresses listed above).

December 31 & January 1 – Mary, the Holy Mother of God – In person Mass on Thursday, December 31st, 2020 at 4:00 pm and on Friday, January 1st, 2021 at 9:00 am – with COVID precautions.

January 2 & 3 – The Epiphany of the Lord – Resume regular in person Mass schedule (Saturday's at 4:00 pm, Sunday's at 7:00, 9:15, 11:15 am and 5:00 pm) with COVID precautions.

Pastoral Perspectives continued

- *Thought for the week:* Keep your life simple, your mind clear, and your heart open.
- *Smile for the week:* I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

**God bless! Have a wonderful week
and a blessed Christmas!**
Fr. Kevin McKenna

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED



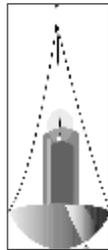
In your charity, please pray for
Deacon James E. Fitch and all of our deceased.
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let your perpetual light shine upon them.*

This Week's Sanctuary Candle

In Memory Of — Arthur Hughes Jr.
Requested by — Michele & Jim Kelly

In Memory Of — Domenick & Gloria Palozzi.
Requested by — Lucille & David

In Memory Of — Antoinette Magliozzi
Requested by — Husband, Sal



Scripture Study for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, December 27, 2020, is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The readings will be: Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3; Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19; and Luke 2:22-40.

Next Sunday's Gospel from Luke describes the day when Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the temple to fulfill the Jewish laws for purification. According to Jewish tradition, the mother of a son was to offer the sacrifice of two pigeons or turtle doves 40 days after giving birth, and a first-born son was to be consecrated to the Lord. While at the temple, the Holy Family met an old man named Simeon and an old prophetess named Anna. These two were inspired by the Holy Spirit to recognize Jesus, to proclaim the baby as the Messiah, and to foretell the impact that Jesus would have upon his family and the world. The love of God, particularly as manifest in the person of Jesus, is intended to transform the world.

The Church has chosen these readings for this feast day because Mary and Joseph shared in the joys, sorrows and struggles of every human family. It is within the human family, as God has created it, that each of us first and most intimately learns about loving human relationships. We also learn about the effects of sin on our loving relationships. Next Sunday is an opportunity for each of us to reflect on our family experience and its unique joys, sorrows, and struggles. This feast invites us to be grateful for the gift of life and the love we have experienced in our family and to be challenged to love better every day in each of our personal relationships.

Rose Davis

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Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester
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Saturday, December 19, 2020

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

4:00 pm Anna Maria Yantz—Kathleen Yantz

Sunday, December 20, 2020—Fourth Sunday Of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

7:00 am Richard Whalen—Mary Jo & Margaret Whalen

9:15 am For those who are homebound

11:15 am Michael & Camel Adams—Tim & Mary Ellen Coleman

5:00 pm For the people of the Cathedral Community

Monday, December 21, 2020

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

12:10 pm Frank Atti—Julie & Dave Boland

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

12:10 pm Gloria Palozzi—Lucille & David

Thursday, December 24, 2020

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Friday, December 25, 2020—The Nativity Of The Lord

Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

For the people of the Cathedral Community

Saturday, December 26, 2020

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

4:00 pm Deceased members of the Petrillo Family—Family
Stephan Ganze—Family

Sunday, December 27, 2020—The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph

Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3, Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

7:00 am Larry Davis—Margaret Whalen

9:15 am Bernard DeVolder—Sandy & Karen Sodke

11:15 am Anna Rita McGlynn—Dcn. Mike & Angela

5:00 pm For the people of the Cathedral Community

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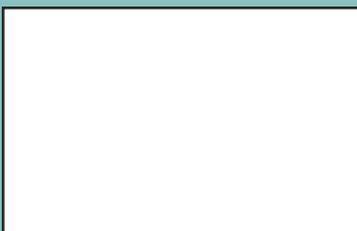


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