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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.

**MASS AND PENANCE TIMES**

**Celebration of the Eucharist**

Saturday 4:00 pm  
Sunday 7:00 am , 9:15 am & 11:15 am

**Celebration of Penance**

Friday 4:45 — 5:15 pm  
Saturday 2:30 — 3:30 pm

**April 18, 2021**

**Third Sunday Of Easter**



***Pastoral Perspectives***

Sometime after Sidney died, Tillie was finally able to speak about what a thoughtful man her husband had been.

“Sidney thought of everything,” she told all her friends. Just before he died, he called me to his bedside. He handed me three envelopes. “Tillie,” he said, I have put all my last wishes in these three envelopes. After I’m dead, please open them and do exactly as I have instructed. “Then I can rest in peace.”

“What was in the envelopes?” her friends asked.

“The first envelop contained \$5000.00 with a note.

‘Please use this money to buy a nice casket.’ So, I bought a beautiful mahogany casket with such a comfortable lining that I know Sidney is resting comfortably.”

“The second envelop contained \$10,000.00 with a note.

‘Please use this for a nice funeral.’ I arranged a very nice funeral for Sidney, very dignified, and bought all his favorite foods for everyone attending.”

“And the third envelop?” her friends asked.

“The third envelop contained \$50,000.00 with a note: Please use this to buy a nice stone.”

Holding her hand in the air, flashing a ten-carat diamond, Tillie said: “So how do you like my stone?”

At Easter, we gazed at a stone rolled back. The Lord had risen. He was not in the empty tomb.

On the road to Emmaus, two hungry, discouraged disciples finally recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread. They were hungry for answers, hungry for meaning. Life is not, cannot be, about endless consumption, conceit, and competition. We do not live on bread alone, even with seventy-five varieties to choose from. We are hungry for relationships that do not fray, friendships that do not betray and a God who will make all this peaceful, even out of senseless tragedies.

So, Jesus invites us to his meal today: Do not weep; come and eat.

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**Seeds of Hope — Increased Offertory Program**

This week you will receive a letter detailing our increased offertory program — Seeds of Hope. 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 that we do. You may place your commitment card in the collection box in the church or mail it back to the Cathedral. Please contact the office, if you have any questions at 254-3221. Thank you.

**Pastoral Perspectives Con't**

- *Thought for the week:* When you stop and look around, life is pretty amazing.
- *Smile for the week:* What's big and gray with horns? An elephant marching band!

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

**Criminal Justice Advocacy  
Diocesan Public Policy Committee**

**“Lord, when did we see You... in prison?”** Matthew 25:39.

“Please, don’t give up on them.”- A former inmate speaking to a jail ministry on behalf of her incarcerated friends.

We have many times heard Jesus speak about giving liberty to captives (Luke 4:18), and we are always deeply touched by His compassion upon the crucified thief who asked Jesus to remember him as he entered into His Kingdom. Yet, we might ask ourselves how often our own outreach concerns extend to our incarcerated brothers and sisters and their families. Are we aware of the conditions in jails and prisons in our society?

America’s rate of incarceration is greater than any other nation’s in the world: although our country has 5% of the world’s population, it has 25% prisoners. Sentence length and time served are much longer in the US than elsewhere, and include more solitary confinement, less rehabilitations, and poor re-entry assistance. The levels of Covid-19 in many of our prisons promoted one NYC inmate to remark, “It’s... like we aren’t even human.”

A crime data expert at the Brennan Center for Justice recently observed, “It is really a system that sets people up for failure.” (America, August 2020).

As we continue to struggle with our own confinements during the pandemic, let us deepen our understanding of the sufferings of our incarcerated sisters and brother and pray to know how we can best care for them. In the coming weeks of this Easter Season, our Diocesan Public Policy Committee will be providing further information and assistance to parishes in these efforts.

**Parish Support — April 10 & 11, 2021**

Actual	Goal	Variance
\$10,087	\$11,229	\$-1,142
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$374,490	\$376,708	(2,218)



**Scripture Study for Next Sunday**

Next Sunday, April 25, 2021, is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The readings will be: Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; and John 10:11-18.

Our first reading next Sunday, from the Book of Acts, portrays a Peter who has changed significantly since the events of Holy Week. Peter is no longer in doubt or denial. He has experienced the love of the risen Christ and, filled with the Spirit, Peter boldly proclaims Christ to all who will listen. He even uses an Old Testament metaphor to convince his listeners that Jesus, the one who has been crucified, is the Messiah for whom they have waited, though not the Messiah they expected. “...the stone rejected by you, the builders,” says Peter, “has become the cornerstone.”

In our Gospel reading, we will hear Jesus say “I am the good shepherd.” The phrase “I am” is used in the Old Testament to indicate God’s self-revelation. Jesus attempts to teach his listeners about the great love that he/God has for them by comparing himself to a good shepherd. A good shepherd “lays down his life for the sheep,” unlike the hired hand who runs for protection when he spots a wolf. The good shepherd knows his sheep and they know him. The good shepherd even bears responsibility for those who are not yet part of his flock; they, too, are impacted by his voice. God desired to convince humanity of his love for them through the incarnation, life, death and resurrection of his son, Jesus. And Jesus says “this is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life...” Through his obedience, Jesus revealed the magnitude of God’s love for us. Jesus also taught us that, at times, Christian love will require us to sacrifice our own desires so that we might to reveal love to others.

*Rose Davis*



**Maeve Alexandra Mallon**

*We welcome our newly baptized into our parish community!*

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK**



Bernie Beisheim, Bishop Matthew Clark, Ann D’Amato, Margaret Fien, Marilyn Hare, Pat LaPlaza, James Maier, Lucas Marone, Jeff Piazza, Rosemary Piazza, Nancy Prinzing, Jorie Marie Pucillo, Kaia Linh Rohr, Jim Schell, Beka Schieff, Richard Snell, Mary Stanley, Bentley Vega



*Mass  
Intentions*

**Saturday, April 17, 2021**

*Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21*

4:00 pm Ron Mercer—Joe & Laura Foley  
Walter & Lina Schwan—McGinity Family

**Sunday, April 18, 2021—Third Sunday Of Easter**

*Acts 3:13-15, 17-19, 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48*

7:00 am Peg & Sam LiPari—Family  
9:15 am Richard Rightmyer—Judith Kiehl  
Kathleen Serchia—Marion & O'Laughlin Families  
For the people of the Cathedral Community  
11:15 am Francesco Zogari—Children

**Monday, April 19, 2021**

*Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29*

12:10 pm Frank Atti—Julie & Dave Boland

**Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

*Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35*

12:10 pm For those who are hungry

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021**

*Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40*

12:10 pm Nevis Thiagaraj—Family

**Thursday, April 22, 2021**

*Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51*

12:10 pm Barbara Vito—Patty Fredericks

**Friday, April 23, 2021**

*Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59*

12:10 pm Joan Listman—Julie & Dave Boland

**Saturday, April 24, 2021**

*Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69*

4:00 pm Cosmo Macera—Wife, Giuseppina  
Marie Mac Dowell—Dolly & Chet Dimitroff

**Sunday, April 25, 2021—Fourth Sunday Of Easter**

*Acts 4:8-12, 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18*

7:00 am Peggy & Sam Lipari—Family  
9:15 am John Bamann—Elaine Bloem  
11:15 am For the people of the Cathedral Community

Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester  
Most Rev. Matthew H. Clark, Bishop Emeritus of Rochester  
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**PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED**

In your charity, please pray for  
Diana Lippa, Charles Fustanio and all of our  
deceased.



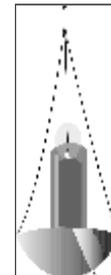
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,  
and let your perpetual light shine upon them.*

**This Week's Sanctuary Candle**

**In Memory Of—Nevis Thiagaraj**  
*Requested by—Family*

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