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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 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday Of Easter

Criminal Justice Advocacy

Diocesan Public Policy Committee

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

Our Diocesan Public Policy Committee continues to ask Catholics to learn about and speak out for more humane conditions for incarcerated people. In New York State, even as the overall prison population has declined, the percentage of older incarcerated people has increased. One in four are 50 or older. The vast majority are black and brown people, highlighting the racial bias in the system. Research shows older people, especially those who were convicted of serious crimes, have the lowest incarceration rates of any age cohort, posing little to no risk.

We are asking for your support of two bills that would give more prisoners the opportunity to be released on parole. The **Fair and Timely Parole** (S.1415/A.4231) bill would mandate that prisoners who’ve served their terms be granted parole unless they pose a clear risk of violating the law. It would give people a chance to be assessed for parole on the reforms they’ve made to their characters, and not just on their past crimes. The **Elder Parole** (S.15/A.3475) bill allows people in New York State prison age 55 and older who have served 15 or more consecutive years to be considered for parole, regardless of their crime or sentence. Please call your Assembly member and State Senator and ask them to support these bills:

State Senate switchboard:(518) 455-2800
State Assembly switchboard: (518) 455-4100



Pastoral Perspectives

We spend a good part of our lives struggling against ordinary and extraordinary risks. We do everything

possible to minimize them.

We build nest eggs to secure ourselves against the risk of poverty.

We wear fancy fashions to secure ourselves against the risk of embarrassment over our personal appearance.

We cling to certain persons to insure ourselves against the risk of loneliness.

We keep others at arm’s length to secure ourselves against the risk of rejection.

We may even get regular medical check-ups and see our dentists twice a year.

We check our brakes and fasten our seat belts, put our money in banks, and double lock our doors. We take our vitamins and do our exercises. But, try as we may, there is no evading the reality that to be alive is to take risks.

But we take those risks knowing that we walk with the Shepherd. He is the door; he is the gate by which they come into the fold and go out to the pasture. The faithful shepherd protects his flock. He knows his sheep. This intimate knowledge of his flock, which involves love, is his reason for laying down his life for them.

Jesus says: “I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe; he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture.” With everything and everyone today screaming to get our attention, and to make us follow them, we really have only one sure voice, that of the Good Shepherd, who wants only to lead us through the valley of darkness into the green pastures of our eternal home.

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Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territory, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Pastoral Perspectives Con't

- *Thought for the week:* Hard times are often temporary. Harsh words are usually permanent.
- *Smile for the week:* What's the hardest thing about learning to skate? The ground!

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



Aria Grace Schiller

We welcome our newly baptized into our parish community!

Parish Support — April 17 & 18, 2021

Actual	Goal	Variance
7,124	\$11,229	\$-4,105
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$381,614	\$387,937	(6,323)

PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Bernie Beisheim, Bishop Matthew Clark, Ann D'Amato, Margaret Fien, Marilyn Hare, Pat LaPlaca, 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

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Scripture Study for Next Sunday



Next Sunday, May 2, 2021 is the Fifth Sunday of Easter. The readings will be Acts 9:26-31; 1 John 3:18-24; and John 15:1-8.

During the Easter season, we hear frequently from the Gospel of John and about the various images that Jesus used to help us understand our relationship with him. Today we heard Jesus describe himself as the Good Shepherd. Next Sunday, Jesus says that he is *“the true vine”* and we are the branches. Both are helpful images.

It is the vine that sustains the life of the plant. It sends its roots into the soil and turns its leaves to the sun. A branch cannot survive if it is cut off from the vine. Likewise, Jesus is the source of our life, the one who has revealed the Father to us and redeemed us. *“My Father,”* says Jesus, *“is the vine grower. He takes every branch that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.”* Faithfulness to God’s Word (Jesus) is the pruning device. When we follow God’s commands, we cut out from our lives everything that keeps us from producing good fruit. It is also interesting that this particular Gospel reading uses the word “remain” eight times. Coming from the Greek word that means to stay or abide, it refers to the mutual indwelling that exists between Jesus and every disciple. Encouraging us to “remain in” Jesus is another way of encouraging us, the branches, to stay connected to the vine who is Jesus. Our second reading next Sunday repeats the message *“Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them.”*

Next Sunday’s first reading from the Acts of the Apostles is part of the dramatic account of one person connected to Jesus who has allowed himself to be “pruned” by God. Originally a persecutor of Christians, “Saul” is now one of the greatest disciples of all, bearing much fruit as the great “apostle to the Gentiles.” His new name, “Paul,” reflects his transformation.

Rose Davis

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 the office at 254-3221 to request this memorial.



Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester
 Most Rev. Matthew H. Clark, Bishop Emeritus of Rochester
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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
 Maria Luisa Reyes Lopez—Sanzotta Family

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 Vincent J. Meagher—Carmen Raindancer

Monday, April 26, 2021

Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

12:10 pm Morey Culhane—Wife, Mickey

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

12:10 pm For family relationships

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

12:10 pm Joan Listman—Dave & Julie Boland

Thursday, April 29, 2021

Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

12:10 pm For those who are homebound

Friday, April 30, 2021

Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

12:10 pm Jessica Rovisa — Patty Fredericks

Saturday, May 1, 2021

Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

4:00 pm Larry Davis—Family

Sunday, May 2, 2021—Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Acts 9:26-31, 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

7:00 am For the people of the Cathedral Community
 Arthur De Matteo—Fleming Family
 Frank Strowger—Kathy & Dave Haight,
 Peggy & Tony Ruscio & Pat & Bob Weissinger
 Irene Fleming—Family
 LaVerne Wolfe—Laurie Wolfe
 11:15 am William Montagna—Family

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

In your charity, please pray for
 Michael McGrath, Josephine Falzone,
 Mary Burelson and all of our deceased.



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

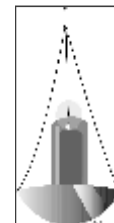
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Requested by—Sue Spinosa

Intentions Of—Betty Merica

Requested by—Michele & Jim Kelly



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