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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

May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday Of Easter

Camp Stell Maris Scholarship – deadline this week

We have been offered two scholarships to Camp Stell Maris for the week of July 25-31 for children ages 7-15. Families would only have to pay a nominal fee for the week. If you are interested, you must contact the office by THIS Wednesday, May 12th so that a form and deposit may be submitted by the 14th. Please call the parish office at 254-3221 if interested.

Pastoral Perspectives



A telemarketer called the home of a prospective customer. “Hello”. Then the following conversation took place...

“Hello, what’s your name?”

“My name is Jimmy.”

“How old are you Jimmy?”

“I’m four years old.”

“Good! Is your mother at home?”

“Yes, but she’s busy.”

“Is your father at home?”

“Yes, but he’s busy.”

“I see. Who else is there?”

“The police.”

“The police? May I speak to one of them?”

“They’re busy too.”

“Any other grown ups there?”

“The firemen.”

“May I speak to a fireman?”

“Not now. They’re busy, like the policemen.”

“Jimmy, all those people in your house and I can’t speak to any of them? What are they doing?”

“Looking for me. I guess I’m lost.”

Whenever we get that “I guess I’m lost” feeling, Jesus is never too busy not to answer our call. “I am the Good Shepherd,” says the Lord. The shepherd walked out ahead, exercising tender, loving care. Often he risked his own safety to preserve the flock’s unity, protecting it against beasts of prey and thievery. It was his duty to lead the sheep toward green pastures, find them watering places, and search for those who had strayed too far. A real shepherd was born to his task. He was sent out with the flock as soon as he was old enough to go. He grew into the calling of being a shepherd. The sheep became his friends and his companions. It became second nature to him to think of them before he thought of himself.

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Thursday, May 13th is The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation.



**Masses for the holy day:
6:30 am, 12:10 pm and 5:20 pm**

Fr. Kevin’s Celebration

Save The Date

Please join us as we honor Father Kevin McKenna with many good wishes and a Special Blessing!

Date: Sunday, June 27, 2021

Time: 12:30 — 3:00 pm

Where: Under the tent —Ridgeway Ave. parking lot

(additional information will follow in a future bulletin)

Video Presentation

You are invited to submit to Joe Muller (joseph.muller@dor.org) by June 1, a statement of 40 words or less illustrating how Fr. Kevin McKenna has impacted your family, our parish, the neighborhood and beyond through his faith, humor, kindness and example. These statements will be incorporated into a video presentation as part of Fr. Kevin’s farewell celebration. Please note the staff reserves the right to edit statements for length in order to include all who wish to participate.

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He was especially concerned for those confused and weak among them, lest they be lost or unable to keep up.

"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me."

- *Thought for the week:* If you can't give good advice, set a good example.
- *Smile for the week:* Why did the dog cross the road ... twice? To fetch a boomerang!

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

DIOCESAN MISSIONS SUNDAY

Next weekend, May 15th and 16th, we shall observe Diocesan Missions Sunday. Proclaiming the Gospel is not something we can do once for all, but is an ongoing part of the Church. This is the message of the new evangelization.

"Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey."

Evangelii Gaudium, "The Joy of the Gospel" (127).

Our dedicated Sisters of Mercy in Chile and the Sisters of St. Joseph in Brazil have been on pilgrimage sharing their gifts of faith and service to God's people.

We are called to help them next weekend with our prayers and a sacrificial gift, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair and emptiness prevail. Surely, we can help to bring hope to them.

Seeds of Hope Increased Offertory Program

You should have received your 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. 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.



Scripture Study for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, May 16, 2021, is the 7th Sunday of Easter. The readings will be Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; 1 John 4:11-16; and John 17:11b-19.

All three readings next Sunday remind us that God is never far away. We are never alone or without direction. The readings reveal how God remains present to us, God's people, and how the Holy Spirit guides and empowers God's faithful over the course of our lives.

The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, describes how Jesus' followers selected a replacement for Judas. Encouraging the disciples to accomplish this task, Peter quotes Psalm 109, the words of King David spoken centuries earlier, "*may another take his office.*" Using a process of casting lots which they believed to be guided by the Holy Spirit, Matthias was chosen.

Through people of faith and across centuries, the Spirit of God is present among God's people, enabling God's plan to unfold among and through them.

The second reading, from John's first letter, states that God *is* love. To love is to have God in our midst. "*If we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us.*" It is God's Holy Spirit, now given to the Church, who helps us to understand this reality and to "see" the presence of God in our lives and world.

In next Sunday's Gospel passage, Jesus prays to his Father during the Last Supper. Knowing that his death is imminent, Jesus prays for those he will leave behind asking God to "*keep them from the evil one.*" The followers of Jesus will remain in the world and continue his mission. As Jesus' prayer continues beyond this passage, he prepares his followers to recognize his presence in a new and unfamiliar way – not in the physical body they have come to know and love, but in the presence of the Holy Spirit. It is now the Holy Spirit who will reveal Jesus and God's loving presence to all the faithful.

Rose Davis





Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 8, 2021

Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21

4:00 pm For all living and deceased mothers

Sunday, May 9, 2021—Sixth Sunday Of Easter

Mother's Day

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48, 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

7:00 am For all living and deceased mothers

9:15 am For all living and deceased mothers

11:15 am For all living and deceased mothers

Monday, May 10, 2021

Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a

12:10 pm Intentions of Joseph Soltis—Carol Halloran

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

12:10 pm For peace with justice

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Jn 16:12-15

12:10 pm For world peace

Thursday, May 13, 2021—The Ascension Of The Lord

Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23; Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

6:30 am For the priests of our diocese

12:10 pm For the victims of natural disasters

5:20 pm For those who are hungry

Friday, May 14, 2021

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

12:10 pm For those who are homebound

Saturday, May 15, 2021

Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

4:00 pm Anne & Edward Hartz—Gene & Sue Cherkis

Eddie Brodka—Chet & Dolly Dimitroff

Peggy Lukens—Family

Sunday, May 16, 2021—Seventh Sunday Of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26, 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19

7:00 am Lary Davis—Friends at Rochester Refugee

9:15 am Gerard Empey—William & Beverly Empey

Robert Wolfe—Laurie Wolfe

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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When Single Efforts Join Together There Is Hope

Our Diocesan Public Policy Committee is most grateful to the Cathedral Community parishioners who generously signed petitions or sent postcards in February in support of the Nourish New York Program, which purchases fresh food and dairy products from our New York State farmers and then makes those items available to our food pantries. Governor Cuomo has honored our request to provide \$50 million dollars for our food banks, and has made the Nourish New York program a permanent one — a wonderful blessing for so many! We are also deeply thankful for the news that the governor has signed legislation greatly limiting solitary confinement in New York State prisons and even ending it in many specific cases. Our New York State Catholic Conference and Social Ministry Committee have worked for this result for many years, and are greatly uplifted to experience once more the truth of the Social Ministry Motto, “When single efforts join together, there is hope.” Again, most grateful thanks to all who responded on Public Policy Sunday, to our own dedicated Social Ministry Committee and to all who not only cared, but took actions that have made a wonderful difference for so many of our brothers and sister in need.

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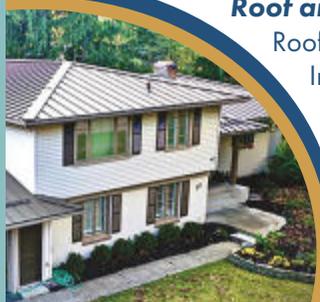
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