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Cathedral Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00 am — 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am — Noon

MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses

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

Daily Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 12:10 pm
Tuesday at 7:30 am

CELEBRATION OF PENANCE

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 11:30 am — Noon

Friday 11:30 am — Noon and 4:45 — 5:15 pm
Saturday 2:30 — 3:30 pm

September 26, 2021

Twenty—Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

I'm currently trying to read through some of the various histories of the three churches (Sacred Heart, Most Precious Blood, and Holy Rosary) that combined to create the Cathedral Community, now over 15 years ago.

With October as the month of the Holy Rosary, I've been focusing in particular on the history of Holy Rosary parish—looking through pictures in the old parish directories, reading through the edifying and sometimes humorous accounts of the former pastors, admiring the lovely and unique architecture of the Spanish-Mission-style church, and frankly, just marveling at the religious fervor of those previous generations who apparently lived such a vibrant parish life right there on the corner of Lexington Ave and Finch St.

I'm tempted towards a feeling of melancholy while looking back at such accounts, given that so much has changed. But one thing that I hope unites us to Holy Rosary's past is our shared commitment to the prayer of the Holy Rosary itself!

There are few forms of prayer that are more highly praised and encouraged by Popes, Bishops, Saints, and countless lay Catholics, than the prayer of the **Holy Rosary**. In fact, at the famous Marian apparitions at Fatima in 1916 and 1917, Our Blessed Mother *herself* requested its daily recitation: "Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war (i.e. WWI)."

If our parish is a cross-section of the typical Catholic experience in our times, I'm sure that we have everything from fervent daily devotees who haven't missed their daily rosary in years, to those who occasionally pray it in prayer groups or in times of particular need, to those who haven't hardly touched a rosary in years, and even those who have never learned how to pray it at all. I guess my hope for all of us would be that this coming month of October could be a time to discover or to rekindle our appreciation of this classic Catholic devotion.

I don't have space in this column to lay out all the reasons that I think the rosary is important, or to answer common objections to the practice, or to deal with struggles that can occur during its recitation. All I'll say here is that in my experience as a priest is: 1) The rosary works; and, 2) It is as relevant today in the lives of young Catholics as ever.

I can easily recount story after story of people whose spiritual lives were transformed by their encounter with the rosary. It is solace for the spiritually weary, strength to those who have grown lukewarm, spiritual protection for those trying to overcome temptations to sin, and one of the best ways I've seen to help people fall more deeply in love with Christ through meditation on the mysteries of his life.

And as I said above, the rosary has an enduring relevance in the life of the Church. If you listen to the stories of young Catholics in their 20s who have maintained the practice of the faith after high school in the midst of the incredible pressure of an aggressively secular culture, or returned to it in early adulthood, I would guess that something like 9 times out of 10 the recitation of the rosary *plays some* part in their story.

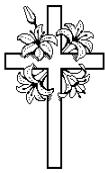
Do you have a rosary that you carry with you at all times? That's a good place to start!

Also note that during October, the statue of the Blessed Mother that we inherited from Holy Rosary church will be on display, as has been the custom here in the past.

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary, Fr. Peter Van Lieshout

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.*

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Joseph Mendola & Andrea Dutcher
Kevin Jagodzinski & Meghan Phillips
Joe Lupisella & Shelby Rathbun
Michael Chaderjian & Samantha Smith

Please keep their future happiness in your prayers.

Joseph's Place Food Pantry Update

Greetings from all of us over at Joseph's Place! After a brief closing in 2020 due to Covid, the food pantry has been back in operation since July 2020. Upon reopening, prepackaged food boxes were distributed to minimize crowd formation and appointments were required. As of June 2021, guests with appointments once again are able to come into our pantry and shop for their own food.

Attendance this year has been lower than pre-COVID times; a pattern also seen in other food pantries. We hypothesize this lower attendance could be due to the extra government money available to many of our guests to ease the stresses of the pandemic. As this government money becomes less available, we expect the families in our neighborhood will need our help more than ever.

One new initiative the pantry is focusing on this year is to expand the amount and type of personal care product we have available. Personal care and hygiene products are necessities—we all need them for our day-to-day comfort and health. Many families in the Cathedral neighborhood struggle to put food on the table, much less buy personal care products needed for everyday life. Since these types of products cannot be purchased with SNAP (food stamps), we are trying to offer a selection of these products for our guests.

Year to date, we helped 490 households which translates into 1230 individuals and 11,070 meals provided. Thank you to all of our volunteers, both those who assist our guests when they come for food and those who answer the phone and schedule appointments. We also want to thank all of you, our parishioners, for your support of Joseph's Place with your food donations, financial donations and prayers.

The solemn mass of the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels, will take place on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 7 pm at the Cathedral.

Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester
 Most Rev. Matthew H. Clark, Bishop Emeritus of Rochester
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This Week's Sanctuary Candle

*In Memory of—La Shaun Curry
 Requested by—Lorraine Van Cour*

*In Memory of—Richard Proia
 Requested by—Alice Proia*

*Intentions of—Mary Lynne Turner
 Requested by—Dan & Margaret Gentile*



The Prison Ministry is looking for 2021 and 2022 calendars, stapled only **NO SPIRAL BOUND**. Please drop these off at the main office during normal business hours, Mon—Thurs 9:00am—3:00pm and Fri 9:00am—Noon. Thank you.



You are cordially invited to join the...

RESPECT Life MASS



Sunday October 3, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.

Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
Principal Celebrant and Homilist
Sacred Heart Cathedral
296 Flower City Park
Rochester, NY 14615



PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Le Roy Ange, Judy Batchelor, Bernie Beisheim, Bishop Matthew Clark, Ann D'Amato, Donna Finncharo, Dorothy Gullen, Marilyn Hare, Louise Herring, Jon Herron, Karen Hyland, Pat LaPlaca, Lucas Marone, Kathleen Meisenzahl, Ruth Nettles, Jeff Piazza, Rosemary Piazza, Nancy Prinzing, Kaia Linh Rohr, Jim Schell, Shayne Shackelford, Barbara Stifter, Sharon Swartz, Bentley Vega

Suggestion Box

The Cathedral Community Pastoral Council has been meeting monthly with Fr. Van Lieshout since July. More information will soon be forthcoming about the members of council; but in the meantime, one of the things we have discussed is more 2 way communication with the parish. Starting this week, you will notice a RED suggestion box on the information desk in the narthex. We encourage you to leave questions/issues that you would like to suggest to parish council or to Fr. Van Lieshout.. Going forward we hope to find a way to make summaries of our meetings available online for your review.

Saturday, September 25, 2021

- Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45
4:00 pm Nevis Thiagaraj—Family
8:00 pm Chaplet of St. Michael

Sunday, September 26, 2021—Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

- Nm 11:25-29, Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
7:00 am Sandra Crusoe—Barb & Steve Spector
9:15 am Conrad Scheg—Gail McElligott
Lee Reh—All-Star Scholars
Gaetano & Enrichetta Catalani—Family
11:15 am For the people of the Cathedral Community
8:00 pm Chaplet of St. Michael

Monday, September 27, 2021—Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

- Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50
12:10 pm For the intention of Moo Pleh—Family
8:00 pm Chaplet of St. Michael

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

- Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56
7:30 am Special Intention
8:00 pm Chaplet of St. Michael

Wednesday, September 29, 2021—Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

- Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51
12:10 pm Intentions of Kyle Gerhardt—Gene & Sue Cherikis
7:00 pm Mass for the Archangels, Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Thursday, September 30, 2021—Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 12:10 pm Kimberley Kim—Share Group

Friday, October 1, 2020—Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

- Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16
12:10 pm Intentions of Fr. Van Lieshout & vocations in the Rochester Diocese—Friend

Saturday, October 2, 2021—The Holy Guardian Angels

- Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Mt 19:1-5
4:00 pm Priests of Diocese of Rochester, Past & Present—Parishioner
Mary Judith Abbott—Lynn Marra

Sunday, October 3, 2021—Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday

- 7:00 am For the people of the Cathedral Community
9:15 am Lee Reh—Family
Marco Gallelli—Mother, Sandra & Brother, Gianluca
11:15 am Respect Life Mass with Bishop Matano

For those attending the Novena to St. Michael Sept. 21 – 28 and the mass on Sept. 29 a police presence will be in our area during this time.

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