

The Cathedral Community

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Cathedral Office Hours
Monday—Thursday 9:00 am — 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am — Noon
The office will be closed Mon—Thurs 12:10—12:40 pm

MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses

Saturday Sunday 4:00 pm

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 25, 2022 Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

This Sunday, we begin another year of religious education classes and so I ask all of our parishioners to say a few prayers for our students. I'm grateful to our Religious Ed coordinator, Karen Stevens, for her efforts in organizing the program, as well as our volunteer catechists who will be assisting in the classrooms throughout the year.

Every fall when we begin the new catechetical year, I always write something for the bulletin about the *limited scope of what* religious ed classes are able to achieve of themselves, and how the handing on of the Catholic faith to our children and young people requires much more than mere classroom lectures. I repeat below what I wrote in the bulletin last year since it still very much reflects the "full vision" of religious instruction that I aim to inculcate.

In listing the duties of the parish pastor, the Code of Canon Law draws particular attention to the importance of religious education. It states that the pastor "is to take care that the lay members of the Christian faithful are instructed in the truths of the faith, especially by giving a homily on Sundays and holy days of obligation and by offering catechetical instruction" (Can. 528 §1). But just a few sentences later it adds: "He is to have particular care for the Catholic education of children and youth" (Ibid).

I make a conscious effort to fulfill this duty by being involved as much as I can during the Sunday religious education classes.

But there is only so much that classroom instruction can hope to accomplish, and in this culture, it will almost certainly fail to achieve its goal if that is all that we do. The other key pieces of the puzzle are, among other things:

1. <u>Family support</u> – The Church has always reiterated that the parents are the first and primary catechists of their children. The home itself should become what is sometimes referred to as the "domestic church." Is the home truly a place of family prayer? Do you have a crucifix on the wall in every bedroom? Are there images of Our Lord or the Blessed Mother in a place of prominence? Do you keep a bottle of Holy Water accessible and use it frequently to bless yourself, your children and your house?

Most importantly, however, is the role of the family in making sure that Mass attendance on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is the unwavering family expectation, even during times of vacation and travel. I can try to awaken people to the seriousness of this obligation by stressing its importance; or I can speak more positively about the benefits of Mass attendance and the graces that the Mass gives us. But as it relates to catechesis, it is my experience that religious education classes will be almost totally ineffective in nurturing the Catholic faith unless the family is also attending Mass every Sunday and Holy Day.

2. <u>The Liturgy</u> – The Liturgy itself should have a strong pedagogical role in the Catholic education of our young people. By that I mean that the truths of the faith that we teach in the classroom in words should also be "taught" and "experienced" in the liturgy through sights, gestures, postures, sounds, smells, and even reverential silence.

For example, I can teach until I am blue in the face the fact that the Mass really is, as Vatican II puts it, the "sacrifice of [Our Savior's] body and blood" which "perpetuate[s] the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the centuries." But unless this reality is seen and tangibly experienced in the way that we worship, our teaching is just words on page with real effect. The same is true about all of the other truths of the faith. (continued on page 2)

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Another way of saying this is that the classroom should to inspire a sense of wonder and curiosity in the students regarding the immense beauty of our Faith. But then going forth from the classroom, this sense of wonder is sustained and cultivated by their experience of the sacred liturgy.

3. The whole parish – Pope St. Paul VI famously noted in the 1970s that "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." Every individual member of our parish witnesses to their faith by the way that they conduct themselves in the church, and by the way that they live out their spiritual lives on a daily basis. This witness is amplified ten-fold when it becomes a collective parish culture. Silent prayer before and after by parishioners before and after Mass can "speak" louder than classroom lectures. Long confession lines "speak" of the reality of sin but also the greatness of Christ's mercy. Even things like the beauty of vestments, music, and decorations "speak" to the fact that our worship is something holy and heavenly.

So basically, thank you so much for all of the implicit ways that everyone of us can contribute to the Catholic education of our children and youth!

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Peter Van Lieshout



Sacred Heart Cathedral's Women's Group

The Sacred Heart Cathedral Women's Group meets throughout the year for fellowship and faith based study discussions Friday mornings from 10:30 am - Noon, in the Cathedral Hall. All women are invited and children are warmly welcome! Fr. Van Lieshout will be leading the

initial discussion of the next book on our list, The Everlasting Man by G.K. Chesterton, on September 30th. Copies of the book can be obtained through Amazon and other sources (lowest cost version \$5). Free digital versions are also available on the internet.

This is an open study: come every week or come whenever you can - even if you can't read the book and just want to listen to the discussion! For more information about the group, please email SacredHeartCathedralWG@gmail.com



Saturday, September 24, 2022

Eccl 11:9—12:8; Lk 9:43b-45 2:30—3:30 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Nancy Hanna—Herb Mattle & Family 8:00 pm Chanted Chaplet of St. Michael

Sunday, September 25, 2022—Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a-4-7, 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

7:00 am For the people of the Cathedral Community 9:15 am James DeLorenzo—Fleming Family 11:15 am Scott Mattle—Mike & Patty Fredericks

8:00 pm Chanted Chaplet of St. Michael

Monday, September 26, 2022

Jb 1:6-22; Lk 9:46-50

11:30—Noon Confessions

12:10 pm Dora Sandoval—Patty Cost 8:00 pm Chanted Chaplet of St. Michael

Tuesday, September 27, 2022—Saint Vincent dePaul, Priest

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Lk 9:51-56

7:30 am Theresa Gordinier—Bequest Chanted Chaplet of St. Michael 8:00 pm

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Lk 9:57-62 11:30—Noon Confessions

12:10 pm Sharon Swartz—Kathy LaBue Chanted Chaplet of St. Michael 8:00 pm

Thursday, September 29, 2022— Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:1-12a; Jn 1:47-51

11:30—Noon Confessions

12:10 pm Priests of our Diocese past and present—Parishioner 7:00 pm The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Feast of St. Michel, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael

(solemn chanted)

Final Recitation of the Novena 8:00pm

Friday, September 30, 2022—Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Lk 10:13-16 11:30—Noon Confessions

12:10 pm Sharon Swartz—Julie & Dave Boland

4:45—5:15 pm Confessions

Saturday, October 1, 2022—Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Lk 10:17-24 2:30—3:30 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Respect Life Mass & White Mass with Bishop Matano

Sunday, October 2, 2022—Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4, 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

7:00 am For the People of the Cathedral Community 9:15 am Marco Gallelli—Mother, Sandra & brother, Gianluca 11:15 am Gianna Medical of Central & Western, NY—Angela Kristan

Solemn Compline/w Fr. Van Lieshout 8:00 pm

This Week's Sanctuary Candle

In Memory Of — Cosmo Caterino Requested by — John Spinosa

In Memory Of — Joseph Cortese Requested by — Capone Family

In Thanksgiving for the Ruiz Family



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

In your charity, please pray for Helen Richardson and all of our deceased.



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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



Stefan Fleming & Sarah McAndrew John Moonan & Nicole Barkowski Jared Salatino & Chelsea Cutaia

Please keep their future happiness in your prayers.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

The Diocese is abut to launch the 2022-2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). The purpose and necessity for the CMA is unchanged after 40 years. We are responsible for continuing the Church's mission through good times and bad — through prosperous times and lean times. People are still poor, hungry, in need of pastoral care, education and employment. The faithful are in need of ministry and a vibrant parish life. Our youth and young adults are yearning to learn and grow in their relationship with Christ. The Church and our Diocese are in need of trained and educated seminarians, deacons and pastoral leaders to lead our Church into the future. We cannot close our eyes to these needs. Our Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA) goal for The Cathedral Community is \$77,000.

Voting Reminder

Don't forget to register to vote by 10/14 Your voice can shape the future Be sure to vote according to a well-formed Catholic conscience. You are cordially invited to join the ...

Respect Life and White Mass

Honoring Respect Life Month and Healthcare Workers



Saturday October 1, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

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

Mom's Prayer Group

The Cathedral Community is starting a Mom's prayer group! This group is geared toward Mom's with young children but all women are welcome. We will meet at the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 10:30 for prayer and fellowship while our little ones play. The first meeting will be October 5 and take place in the Cathedral Hall. If interested please contact

Sarah Mullen Mullen.SarahL@gmail.com



PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Phillip Batchelor Jr, Bishop Matthew Clark, Ann D'Amato, Jackie Goldfarb, Dan Gentile, Sr. Joan Hilbert, RSM, Karen Hyland, Lucille Ilii, Jerry Mastodanato, Marcia Mendola, Lucas Marone, Steve Spector, Patti Stets, Karen Stevens, Bentley Vega, Helen Walters



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