

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

The Cathedral Community

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<u>Cathedral Office Hours</u> Monday—Thursday 9:00 am — 3:00 pm Friday 9:00 am — Noon

We are CLOSED Mon—Thurs from 12:10 pm — 12:40 pm

CELEBRATION OF PENANCE

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 11:30 am — Noon Friday 11:30 am — Noon and 4:45 — 5:30 pm Saturday 2:30 — 3:30 pm

April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday Of Easter

Praised be Jesus Christ!

The fourth Sunday of Easter is colloquially referred to as "Good Shepherd Sunday" because every year the Gospel reading is taken from a portion of John 10 in which Christ refers to himself as the "Good Shepherd" who knows his sheep and lays down his life for them.

For the same reason, the fourth Sunday of Easter is also when we commemorate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

As a priest I have so many regular experiences of spiritual fatherhood—hearing confessions, catechizing our youth in the faith, watching our RCIA catechumens and candidates being brought into the fullness of the Catholic faith, watching our children receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time Sunday, May 5, etc., after having helped prepare them through catechesis and the Sacrament of Confession.

But as great as my joy is at all of these moments it makes me further reflect on *how much more* it would gladden me as a spiritual father to witness one of the young men from our parish one day be ordained a priest, or one of our young people make solemn vows in a religious community as a brother or sister. I think I would be beside myself with a sort of holy pride (as would, I hope, the entire parish) at the honor of having one of our own commit his or her entire life to the service of the Lord and His Church, in imitation of the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for us all.

This possibility shouldn't be just wishful thinking. It should be a concrete goal.

One of the telltale signs of a healthy parish is its ability to produce vocations to the priesthood and religious life. It represents a sort of "spiritual fecundity" that is the result of our young people receiving into their lives the lifegiving truths of the Catholic faith and the graces of the sacraments of the Church, and being so thoroughly transformed by them that they heed Christ's call to follow him in a supernatural mode of life. "Spiritual barrenness" (i.e. no vocations over an extended period of time) might be a sign that something is not quite right.

Here are some things that we can do to promote a culture of vocations in our Cathedral parish:

- 1. Pray *daily and specifically* that God grant the special graces of priestly and religious vocations to the young people of our parish. After all, Christ specifically told us: "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send workers into the harvest" (Mt 9:38).
- 2. Actively *encourage* a young man or woman to consider such a call if you see certain signs or capacities in them that could be of service to the Church (devoutness of life, attraction to spiritual things, interest in studying the faith, etc.). Say to such a young person: "You would make a good priest/religious brother/religious sister. Would you consider doing that for us?"
- 3. Young families should present the possibility of a religious vocation as a *good and noble life choice* for their children, and one that is normal for all young Catholics to consider.
- 4. Teach young people how to pray, and encourage them to do so every day. If our children aren't praying regularly and growing personally in a relationship with the Lord, it is virtually impossible for them to receive the graces they need to hear and respond to the Lord's call.

Fr. Van Lieshout's Article Continued

It is highly likely that one or several of our young people that we see in our pews are called by God to a life of service as a priest of religious. The big question is will that seed of a vocation receive the spiritual nourishment it needs to grow? Will those young persons hear God's call and respond with generosity? Or will the world and worldly ambitions smother that call before it has time to develop?

O God, we earnestly beseech Thee to bless this Cathedral parish with many priests and religious who will gladly spend their entire lives to serve Thy Church and to make Thee known and loved.

Bless our families. Bless our children. Choose from our homes those who are needed for Thy work.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us and obtain for us numerous and holy priests and religious.

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Peter Van Lieshout

Earth Day

Monday, April 22, marks the 54th anniversary of Earth Day. This year, the theme is Planet vs. Plastics. Earthday.org is working toward a 60 percent reduction in the production of plastics by 2030. Catholic Climate Covenant's 2024 Earth Day program is designed to activate the U.S. Catholic community to take complementary action, reducing plastic pollution and its impacts on our common home.

Prayer cards to celebrate Earth Day are available in the narthex, provided by the Social Ministry Committee on Sunday, April 21.

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Changes to Blessing of Religious Items



Blessing of religious items/articles will now take place at the end of the month. The next time this will take place will be the weekend of April 27 & 28 a table will be located in the narthex.

Please do not place any item(s) on the table until after mass and when Fr. Van Lieshout is at the table for the blessing. Thank You!

Tabernacle Candles

Make a \$10 offering 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 offering. Please call or stop by the Cathedral main office to request this memorial.



Parish Offertory April 13 & 14, 2024

Goal Actual Variance \$6,832 \$8,700 -\$1,868

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This Weeks Sanctuary Candle

In Memory Of — Joseph Atallah Requested by — Family

Intentions Of — The Capone Family Requested by — Honey McMullen

Intentions Of — Karen Requested by — Grace





PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

In your charity, please pray for Beverly Edwins and all of our deceased

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

Stand Together With Life

Date: April 27, 2024 Time: 9:15 am — Rosary 9:45 am — Program Starts

Our featured speaker is Peter Vazquez, host of "The Next Steps Show" WYSL Radio

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STAND TOGETHER FOR LIFE

PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Heather Beisheim, Angie Capone, Mickey Culhane, Dawn DeManincor, Robert DiFulio, Sharon Herring, Nina Lombardo, Louise Lorette, Law Meh, Gregory McCarthy, Irene Morgan, Janice Moroz, Shirley Shannon, Dan Stella, Patti Stets, Michael Scozzafava, Donald Stiner, Paul Tuttle



Saturday, April 20, 2024

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69 2:30 pm—3:30 pm

Confession 3:00 pm Rosary

Deceased family members of the Spinosa & 4:00 pm

Tiebe Families—Family

Jennifer Fantanza—Dominic Perrone Antonio Reale—Maria Capogreco

Sunday, April 21, 2024—Fourth Sunday Of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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

For the people of the Cathedral Community 7:00 am

9:15 am Intentions of the Women's Group

Joseph Juliano Sr.—Carl Juliano Johnnie Parnell—Colette Joseph Atallah—Family

11:15 am Rev. Msgr. Daniel Trapp—Joe & Mary

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

Monday, April 22, 2024

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

11:30—Noon Confession

12:10 pm Intentions of Michael & Eileen Prince—

Grubaugh Family

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Acts 11:19-20; Jn10:22-10

7:30 am Intentions of Fr. Peter Van Lieshout—

Schwalm Family

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Acts 12;24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50 11:30—Noon Confession

12:10 pm Cosmo Macera—Giuseppina Marcera 7:00 pm We Welcome Holy Trinity, St Kateri LMC,

St. Martin De Porres & St. Kateri —for the

sacrament of confirmation

Thursday, April 25, 2024

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mt 16:15-20

11:30—Noon Confession

12:10 pm Intentions of Rachelle Belokur—Grubaugh

Family

Friday, April 26, 2024

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

11:30—Noon Confession

12:10 pm Intentions of Peter Valone—Grubaugh

Family

4:45—5:30 pm Confession

Saturday, April 27, 2024

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

2:30—3:30 pm Confession 3:00 pm Rosary

4:00 pm Thomas Moffit—Elizabeth Moffitt

Sunday, April 28, 2024—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 9:15 am

Murphy Family—Elizabeth Moffitt Mary Dibble—Dcn. Mike & Angela Kristan

Marriage Anniversary Mass w/Bishop Matano 11:15 am

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



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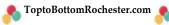
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