

Sacred Heart Cathedral



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Cathedral Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00 am — 3:00 pm
(We close for Mass and lunch 12:10 pm—12:40 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, Friday 11:30 am — Noon
Friday 4:45 — 5:30 pm and Saturday 2:30 pm — 3:30 pm

June 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Praised be Jesus Christ!

Priestly Ordination-- First of all, congratulations to (now) Father David Cataline, who was ordained to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ this Saturday!

At the Cathedral, we are blessed to have one seminarian who is in formation for the priesthood—Michael Piersall. Michael will be leaving in a few weeks to continue his seminary training in Rome at the Pontifical North American College.

I would love to have several more seminarians from our parish, as well as women's religious vocations. I ask all of our parishioners to pray for this intention—especially our families with high school aged children.

OCIA-- Once again I would like to invite anyone who is thinking becoming Catholic (or who knows someone in that situation) to consider joining our OCIA program this year.

We will be holding an **Information Session this Monday, June 29th at 7pm in the Cathedral Hall**. All interested should plan on attending!

Roman Feasts-- Monday and Tuesday of this week we celebrate two important Roman feasts—the Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, and the Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. Essentially these two feasts center on the wave of persecution experienced in Rome by the early Christians during the reign of Nero Caesar (54-68 AD).

The city of Rome experienced a major fire in the year 64 AD. In the political pressure of the fire's aftermath, Nero essentially used the Christians as a scapegoat, thus initiating that wave of persecution. The contemporary Roman historian Tacitus gives an account of what happened. Note the cruelty of the persecution, and also the initial charge of "hatred of mankind" which was leveled against them:

Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judaea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome, where all things hideous and shameful from every part of the world find their center and become popular. Accordingly, an arrest was first made of all who pleaded guilty; then, upon their information, an immense multitude was convicted, not so much of the crime of firing the city, as of hatred against mankind. Mockery of every sort was added to their deaths. Covered with the skins of beasts, they were torn by dogs and perished, or were nailed to crosses, or were doomed to the flames and burnt, to serve as a nightly illumination, when daylight had expired.

Nero offered his gardens for the spectacle, and was exhibiting a show in the circus, while he mingled with the people in the dress of a charioteer or stood aloft on a car. Hence, even for criminals who deserved extreme and exemplary punishment, there arose a feeling of compassion; for it was not, as it seemed, for the public good, but to glut one man's cruelty, that they were being destroyed.

Holy Martyrs of Rome, pray for us!

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



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Sister Benita Nicholas, SSJ and all our faithful departed.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Sanctuary Candle

*Intentions Of — Fr. Van Lieshout
Requested by — Friend*

Special Intention — Anonymous



**Matthew John Falkowitz
Christopher Joseph Stineman**

*We welcome the newest Child of God
being baptized this week!*

Money Counters Needed

Sacred Heart Cathedral is in need of money counters. If you are interested and feel called to serve in this ministry, contact Michele at 254-3221. For those who are interested, you are also invited to attend the Money Counter Appreciation Lunch, which will take place on Tuesday, July 28 at 12:30 pm at the Cathedral. If you plan on attending this lunch please RSVP to Michele.

ST. JOHN BOSCO SCHOOLS is so thankful to have filled most of our positions for the 26-27 school year. Thank you for your prayers and support! We are still looking to fill one more lower school classroom, either in PreK or 1st grade. I hope you would consider being a part of our team! As part of the workday, you would attend Mass and adoration every week. You'd be introducing our children to virtue, to the lives of the saints, and a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother. Modeling a solid prayer life is key, so we all can participate in morning prayer time as a lower school, and the whole school stops to pray the Angelus at noon with end of day prayers before dismissal. Prior teaching experience is preferred, but does not always make the best Classical Teacher. Ultimately, we need men and women willing to uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church (by signing an Oath of Fidelity), and who are willing to learn how to teach and adopt the Classical model. Interested parties in this position can reach out to President Andy Follaco via email: afollaco@johnboscoschools.org.

Saturday, June 27, 2026—Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17

10:00 am	Priest Ordination w/Bishop Bonnici & Reception
2:30 pm—3:30 pm	Confession
3:00 pm	Rosary
4:00 pm	Walter Fadowski—Ania
	Elva Garcia—Jeff & Darlene Piersall
	Julita Kondragowcz—Ania
	Intentions of the Grabb Family—Ania

Sunday, June 28, 2026—Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a, Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

7:00 am	Intentions of Charles Lauriat—Mary Jo Lauriat
9:15 am	For the people of Sacred Heart
11:15 am	James Canavan—Tim & Marlene Canavan

Monday, June 29, 2026—Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

11:30 am—Noon	Confession
12:10 pm	Gale Howell—Richard Farnand

Tuesday, June 30, 2026—The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27

7:30 am	Patti Lissow—Rachel Lissow
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Wednesday, July 1, 2026—Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

Am 5:14-15; 21-24; Mt 8:28-34

11:30 am—Noon	Confession
12:10 pm	Kathy Culotta—Culotta Family

Thursday, July 2, 2026

Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8

11:30 am—Noon	Confession
12:10 pm	Melvin & Christine Ritchie—Karen Ritchie

**Friday, July 3, 2026—First Friday — Saint Thomas, Apostle
Office Closed**

Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

11:30 am—Noon	Confession
12:10 pm	Elizabeth Yu—Family
1:00 pm—3:00 pm	Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration
3:00 pm	Benediction
4:45 pm—5:30 pm	Confession

Saturday, July 4, 2026—Independence Day

Am 9:11-15; 9:14-17

2:30 pm—3:30 pm	Confession
3:00 pm	Rosary
4:00 pm	Intentions of Penny Keenan—Moyer Family
	Michael P. Casella—John Casella
	Robert Hardesty—Friend
	For Pro-Life & Pregnancy Centers—Scott Davis

Sunday, July 5, 2026—Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Zec 9:9-10, Rom 8:9-11-13; Mt 11:25-30

7:00 am	For the people of Sacred Heart
9:15 am	Lacy Wood
	Joyce Cignarali—Walters Family
	Debbie Walters—Husband, Bill
	Intentions of Krystyna—Ania
11:15 am	Jean Zecher—Dcn. Mike & Angela Kristan

The Cathedral Office will be CLOSED on Friday, July 3 for the Fourth of July Holiday. There will be confession from 11:30 am—Noon and a 12:10 pm mass followed by adoration and benediction and confessions from 4:45 pm—5:30 pm.

The OCIA Program

Are you or is someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? It is that time of year that we begin to gauge interest and gather names for the next round of OCIA classes (**The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**) here at the Cathedral.

Technically speaking, the OCIA program is an intellectual and spiritually journey for those individuals who have never been baptized, but are interested in exploring the teachings of the Catholic faith in view of potentially seeking baptism and entrance into the full life of the Church next Easter. OCIA classes can also serve as helpful formation for those non-Catholic Christians who are already baptized, but are considering “converting” to the Catholic faith by being received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

No prior connection to the Cathedral is required for these classes, so feel free to spread the news far and wide and invite friends and acquaintances from all around the greater Rochester area. If you are interested, or need more information, or are even “just a little interested” and want to discuss it a little more—please email Fr. Van Lieshout directly at **fr.peter.vanlieshout@dor.org** or call the Cathedral office at (585) 254-3221.

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Why is it IMPORTANT that we register in a Parish

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish, they automatically belong. At times, young adults are still signed up under their parents. Membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priest are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese and how Masses, Confession and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to schedule a mass for a deceased love one, please call or stop by the office. The offering is \$10. Weekend and weekday masses are available for 2026.

Sick, Infirm and Homebound



Because of HIPAA laws, the only way the Parish Staff learns of parishioners who are ill or infirmed is if the **parishioner, or a family member notifies the office.**

If you, or someone you know is ill, hospitalized or moved to a nursing facility or family member’s home, please let the Cathedral Office know.

If you/they are unable to attend Mass, please contact the office to arrange to receive communion.

If a family member has gone to hospice care or needs healing prayers, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick can be administered by a priest. Please call the office at (585) 254--3221.

Event Information

High School Youth Retreat

The retreat will include lunch!

COST: \$40 (per person)

A day of prayerful reflection, friends, and fun for high school youth (entering grades 9-12) sponsored by the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis. The day will include engaging talks on the theme, discussion, team-building, and more. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 31!** For more information, contact Mark at Mark.Capellazzi@dor.org.

When?

Thursday, Aug 13, 2026, 10:00 AM



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\$487,966	\$440,800	+\$47,166

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Electronic giving, via the QR code or website, is simple and convenient way to support the Cathedral Parish, either on a one-time, weekly or monthly basis.

LEAVE A LEGACY: Remember Sacred Heart Cathedral in your Will! Doing so is a meaningful and tangible way of leaving a legacy that will benefit future generations of Catholics.

Volunteers Needed

Joseph's Place Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to join our ministry of serving neighbors experiencing food insecurity.

The commitment is flexible and does not have to be large. Volunteers can serve as little as once a month with a typical shift lasting just 3-4 hours.

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist our guests shop during pantry hours on Wednesdays from approximately 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. Your time and kindness can make a meaningful difference in someone's life.

Please consider sharing your gifts and talents with this important and rewarding ministry. If you would like more information or are interested in volunteering, please contact Pat Scarbinsky at pscarbinsky@gmail.com

Together we can continue to provide food, dignity and hope to those in need.

The Most Reverend John S. Bonnici, Bishop of Rochester
In Residence: Rev. Aaron J. Kelly, Secretary to the Bishop

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND



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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.



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