

Sacred Heart Cathedral



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

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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

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

July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Our nation is now 250 years old!

As Catholics it is important to cultivate the sentiment that our *deepest* identity is not grounded in our national allegiance, but rather in our baptismal union with Christ and his Church, which is truly universal, including as it does “every tribe and tongue and people and nation” (Rev. 5:9). Too often Catholics—and this is a problem in every period of history—fall into the trap of viewing the doctrines of the faith in terms of the partisan politics of the present moment rather than judging those partisan politics according to a mind thoroughly renewed and transformed by a Catholic worldview.

Still, our Catholic faith is not an obstacle to authentic patriotism. In fact, precisely because of our Catholic faith, we should be the most loyal and devoted group of citizens. St. Paul says in Sacred Scripture to the Romans:

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore he who resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of him who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. (Romans 13: 1-4)

What is remarkable is that St. Paul is laying down this principle of good citizenship in reference to the pagan Roman empire, which will eventually be the very one that puts him to death!

On this anniversary, I also think of the observations of the 19th century French diplomat, Alexis de Tocqueville, who toured the (then) young United States in 1831 and published various observations about the American nation and the American “spirit” in his famous work, *Democracy in America*.

With respect to Catholics in the US, he writes:

I think that the Catholic religion has erroneously been looked upon as the natural enemy of democracy. Amongst the various sects of Christians, Catholicism seems to me, on the contrary, to be one of those which are most favorable to the equality of conditions...

On doctrinal points the Catholic faith places all human capacities upon the same level; it subjects the wise and ignorant, the man of genius and the vulgar crowd, to the details of the same creed; it imposes the same observances upon the rich and needy, it inflicts the same austerities upon the strong and the weak, it listens to no compromise with mortal man, but, reducing all the human race to the same standard, it confounds all the distinctions of society at the foot of the same altar, even as they are confounded in the sight of God.

He later goes on to speculate about the future of Catholicism in the United States in a section which, at least to my mind, seem remarkably prophetic:

At the present time, more than in any preceding one, Roman Catholics are seen to lapse into infidelity, and Protestants to be converted to Roman Catholicism. If the Roman Catholic faith be considered within the pale of the church, it would seem to be losing ground; without that pale, to be gaining it. Nor is this circumstance difficult of explanation. The men of our days are naturally disposed to believe; but, as soon as they have any religion, they immediately find in themselves a latent propensity which urges them unconsciously towards Catholicism...I am inclined to believe that the number of these thinkers will be less in democratic than in other ages; and that our posterity will tend more and more to a single division into two parts—some relinquishing Christianity entirely, and others returning to the bosom of the Church of Rome.

On this 250th anniversary of our nation, I pray for blessings upon our nation, as well as the advancement of the Catholic faith within it, confident that these two intentions are in fact one and the same.

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 Grace DeMarco and all our faithful departed.

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



**Lena Sophia Mendola
Rosalie Joan Terpak**

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

Money Counters Needed

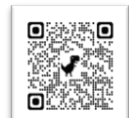
Sacred Heart Cathedral is in need of money counters. If you are interested and feel called to serve in this ministry, contact Michele at 254-3221. For those who are interested, you are also invited to attend the Money Counter Appreciation Lunch, which will take place on Tuesday, July 28 at 12:30 pm at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

GIVING BACK TO GOD

Thank you for your generosity! Your steadfast, sacrificial financial support keeps our Cathedral parish running and able to serve God and our neighbors.

Parish Offertory for June 27 & 28, 2026

Actual	Goal	Variance
\$7,637	\$9,200	-1,563
YTD Actual	YTD Goal	YTD Variance
\$495,603	\$450,000	+\$45,603



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.

CONSIDER USING THE ONLINE GIVING PLATFORM:

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

Saturday, July 4, 2026—Independence Day

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

2:30 pm—3:30 pm
3:00 pm
4:00 pm

Confession
Rosary
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
9:15 am

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

Monday, July 6, 2026—Saints Maria Goretti

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22, Mt 9:18-26

11:30 am—Noon
12:10 pm

Confession
Jeremiah Clifford—Patty Fredericks

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13, Mt 9:32-38

7:30 am

Louis & Josphine Culotta—Culotta family

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12, Mt 10:1-7

11:30 am—Noon
12:10 pm

Confession
Charles Masse—family

Thursday, July 9, 2026—St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9, Mt 10:7-15

11:30 am—Noon
12:10 pm

Confession
James Loughran—Dcn. Mike & Angela Kristan

Friday, July 10, 2026

Hos 14:2-10, Mt 10:16-23

11:30 am—Noon
12:10 pm
4:45 pm—5:30 pm

Confession
Barbara Hanna—Meg
Confession

Saturday, July 11, 2026—St. Benedict, Abbot

Is 6:1-8, Mt 10:24-33

2:30 pm—3:30 pm
3:00 pm
4:00 pm

Confession
Rosary
For the People of the Cathedral

Sunday, July 12, 2026—Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11, Rom 8:18-23, Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

7:00 am
9:15 am

Benito Cartozzolo—Rosa
Rosemary M. Conte—Fleming Family
John Vorrasi—Family
Margaret & Dan Cannan—Tom & Jane Cannan
Bill & Sharon Swartz—Polycarp Family

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND



Bernadette Anastasi, Shirley Atwell, Gary M. Butterfield, Manjo Das, Scott Davis, Muriel DeMartino, Robert DiFulio, Heidi Erb, Frank Campione, Deborah Hard, Sr. Joan Hilbert, RSM, Kristin Helms, Jon Herron, Robert Lighthouse, Andrew Mastin, John McGarvey, Irene Morgan,

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.

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.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

offering is \$10. Weekend and weekday masses are available for 2026.

If you would like to schedule a mass for a deceased love one, please call or stop by the office. The

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

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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.

This Week’s Sanctuary Candle

Special Intention — Anonymous



