

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

The Cathedral Community at Sacred Heart

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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 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

My Dear Fellow Parishioners and Guests of Sacred Heart Cathedral,

For those who do not know me, my name is Michael Piersall, and I am a seminarian for the Diocese of Rochester. My home parish is Sacred Heart and you most likely have seen me altar serving or helping in other ways around the parish.

This Sunday will be my last Sunday at Sacred Heart for some time, as on Tuesday, July 21st, I will be leaving to begin theological studies in Rome, where I will be there for two years before I can return. Accordingly, as I say goodbye to you all, I want to tell you a little of what I have been doing as a seminarian so far and what I will be doing as I continue formation. I would also like to ask for your prayers as I take this next step, and thank you for all your support.

I began seminary studies two years ago. After spending two prior years at Christendom College, I decided that it was time for something more, so I became a seminarian, which led me to Our Lady of Providence Seminary and Providence College in Rhode Island. These two years made up the first stage of my progression in seminary, where I completed a bachelor's degree in philosophy.

My time in Rhode Island was a blessed experience! In the excellent company of my fellow seminarians at Our Lady of Providence Seminary, I learned about philosophy, pastoral care, and developing the spiritual life. In the seminary I found a true balance of life that emphasized the whole person, which I greatly enjoyed and felt I had been lacking previously.

I now prepare to begin Major Seminary, where I will study theology in Rome for around 5 years in all.

It's hard for me to believe, but in a very short time, I will travel to Italy and begin my formation at the Pontifical North American College. When I first arrive, the class ahead of me will kindly offer an orientation, after which I will proceed to Assisi, where I will study Italian for about a month. Further language studies in Rome will follow, as classes surprisingly will not start until October. During this time, I'll be learning Italian which will be especially helpful, as I will be taking my classes in Italian at the Gregorian University.

I am truly excited for this new stage of formation! They say that Rome is the greatest teacher, and I am looking forward to learning from Rome and experiencing Europe. It is an incredible opportunity to step into the heart of the Church and learn what it has to offer.

Sadly, however, this means that I will leave Sacred Heart. Seminarians attending the North American College do not return to visit the U.S. for the first two years, so it will be some time, before I can see you all again.

Thank you all for your support in my vocation! I really appreciate all the prayers and support that you all have given me. As I take this big step, please keep me in your prayers, and please know that you all will be in my prayers as well.

May God bless us all as each one of us follows our own vocations and may everything we do be done out of love of God and for His glory.

God Bless,
Michael Piersall
Seminarian, Diocese of Rochester

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PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of all our faithful departed.

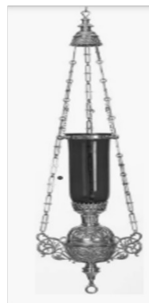
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

This Week's Sanctuary Candle

*In Memory Of — Thuan Nguyen
Requested by — Sister*

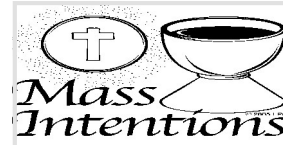
*In Memory Of — Lucille Ilii
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*In Memory Of — Joseph Brett
Requested by — Anne Brett*



REMINDER

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Saturday, July 18, 2026—Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Mt 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

2:30 pm—3:30 pm

3:00 pm

4:00 pm

Confession

Rosary

Michael Keenan—Moyer Family

John Vorrasi—Family

Heather Affronti—George Family

Sharon Sanguedolce—Joanna Sanguedolce

Sunday, July 19, 2026—Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19, Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

7:00 am

9:15 am

For the people of Sacred Heart

Intentions of Lisa Cuff—The Seven Sisters

Vincenzo Lombardo—Rosa

John Vorrasi—Family

Maung No—Polycarp Family

Virginia Parker—Tim & Marlene Canavan

11:15 am

Monday, July 20, 2026—Saint Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr

Mt 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42

11:30 am—Noon

12:10 pm

Confession

Deceased members of the Mason Family—

Grace & Sons

Tuesday, July 21, 2026—Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Mt 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50

7:30 am

Antonea D.—Ana Dominguez & Family

Wednesday, July 22, 2026—St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

11:30 am—Noon

12:10 pm

Confession

Elena Brasile—Family

Thursday, July 23, 2026—Saint Bridget, Religious

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17

11:30 am—Noon

12:10 pm

Confession

Heather Affronti—Mary & Joe Giorgi

Friday, July 24, 2026—Saint Sharbel Makhlof, Priest

Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23

11:30 am—Noon

12:10 pm

4:45 pm—5:30 pm

Confession

Alejandro Dominguez—Family

Confession

Saturday, July 25, 2026—Saint James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

2:30 pm—3:30 pm

3:00 pm

4:00 pm

Confession

Rosary

David J. Donofrio—Cheryl & Tom Tomasso

David Donofrio—Joe Ilii Jr.

John Vorrasi—Family

Jim Gerhardt—Deborah & Brian Gerhardt

Sunday, July 26, 2027—Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

1 kgs 3:5, 7-12, Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

7:00 am

Intentions of Mary Jo Lauriat—Donald & Jayne

Kuchman

9:15 am

For the people of Sacred Heart

11:15 am

Nino Trunfio MD—Ripton, Tara, Tessa &

Graham

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, Fr. Thomas P. Mull, Susie Shoemaker, Sharon Springer, Susan Spinosa, Donald Stiner, Candice Verdon

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Xavier Moreira
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9:45 – 11:00AM
Rosary 9:15



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In Residence: Rev. Aaron J. Kelly, Secretary to the Bishop

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- 1st penance — Renewed by Jesus (2nd graders)
- 1st Communion— Receiving Jesus (2nd graders)
- Continuing Faith (3rd--7th graders)
- Confirmation Year 1 (8th graders)
- Confirmation Year 2 (9th graders)

Wednesday	5:30 pm — 6:30 pm
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Sunday	10:15 am — 11:00 am
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