



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00 pm Vigil

Sunday | 7:00 am, 9:15 am, 11:15 am

Weekday Masses

Monday | 12:10 pm

Tuesday | 7:30 am

Wednesday | 12:10 pm

Thursday | 12:10 pm

Friday | 12:10 pm

Confession

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday &

Friday | 11:30 am - Noon

Friday | 4:45 pm - 5:30 pm

Saturday | 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

We close for mass and lunch from

12:10 pm – 12:40 pm

Friday – 9:00 am – Noon

Praised be Jesus Christ!

I'm sure that many people remember the "Cross at Ground Zero"—a 20ft tall formation of steel beams in the shape of a cross that was discovered amidst the rubble of the Twin Towers collapse, exactly 25 years ago. The rescue workers erected it on the site and it quickly became a symbol of comfort and hope amidst tragedy. Eventually the cross was moved to nearby St. Peter's Catholic Church for a number of years, before finally being placed on permanent display in the 9/11 Memorial and Museum.

What is less often recounted in the story about the Ground Zero Cross is the date of its discovery: September 13, 2001. In the Liturgical calendar of both the west and the east, September 14th is the Feast day of the Exaltation of the Cross—an ancient liturgical celebration of the cross of Christ (and the discovery of the True Cross of Christ by St. Helen in Jerusalem in 326AD). Technically the Feast of the Holy Cross begins with Evening Prayer (Vespers) of the previous day. That means that the discovery of the 9/11 cross literally coincided with the liturgical feast of the discovery of the True Cross.



The cross itself is always a symbol of both tragedy and hope. Tragedy because it shows the result and ugliness of human sin, which is death; hope because in Christ it is the very instrument of salvation and victory over death. That is the paradox at the heart of our Christian faith, aptly symbolized in the cross itself as an intersection of the vertical and horizontal. It is the centerpoint of all history—"X marks the spot," as they say. And it is the true axis point around which all human affairs orbit. The model of the Carthusian order summarizes this well: "Crux stat, dum volvitur orbis" – The Cross stands still, while the world turns.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 12, 2026--The Most Holy Name of Mary

1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49

2:30 pm--3:30 pm--Confession

3:00 pm--Rosary

4:00 pm For the people of Sacred Heart

Sunday, September 13, 2026--Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30--28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

7:00 am Rita Whalen--Margaret Whalen

9:15 am Adelaide Ealy--David Ealy

Intentions of Richard, Murial & Isaac DeMartino & Family

11:15 am First Responders Mass w/Bishop Bonnici

Monday, September 14, 2026--The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

11:30 am--Noon--Confession

12:10 pm--John Vorrasi--Family

Tuesday, September 15, 2026--Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27:31a; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

7:30 am--Intentions of Michael Zambito

Wednesday, September 16, 2026--Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Cor 12:31--13:13; Lk 7:31-35

11:30 am--Noon--Confession

12:10 pm--Florence Maher--Hubbel Family

Thursday, September 17, 2026

1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50

11:30 am--Noon--Confession

12:10 pm--Grace Jones--Anthony & Anne Ross

Friday, September 18, 2026

1 Cor 15:12-20; Lk 8:1-3

11:30 am--Noon--Confession

12:10 pm--Prena--Family

4:45 pm--5:30 pm--Confession

Saturday, September 19, 2026--Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Lk 8:4-15

2:30 pm--3:30 pm--Confession

3:00 pm--Rosary

4:00 pm--Living & deceased members of the Davis & Macini

Families--Scott Davis

Anne & Edward Hartz--Gene & Sue Cherkis

Joe Ilii Sr.--Joe Ilii Jr.

Intentions of Margaret Sousa--Nietopski Family

Intentions of Matthew McClelland--Nietopski Family

Sunday, September 20, 2026--Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9, Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

7:00 am--For the people of Sacred Heart

9:15 am--Benedetto Carfagna--Children

Louis Velez

Ernest Frazier--Ted & Debbie Knickerbocker Sr.

John A. Joseph--Craig Murphy

11:15 am--Terry Allison--Tim & Marlene Canavan

The Most Reverend John S. Bonnici, Bishop of Rochester
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BANNS OF MARRIAGE



Brendan Villarrubia & Taylor Snyder

Please keep this couple in your prayers as they approach their wedding day and begin their vocation as husband and wife, revealing to the world the faithful love of Jesus Christ for His bride, the Church.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK
AND HOMEBOUND**

Bernadette Anastasi	Muriel DeMartino
Shirley Atwell	Robert DiFulio
Gary M. Butterfield	Heidi Erb
Manjo Das	Frank Campione
Scott Davis	Deborah Hard
	Sr. Joan Herbert, RSM
Kritin Helms	Fr. Thomas P. Mull
Jon Herron	Susie Shoemaker
Adele Lester	Sharon Springer
Robert Lighthouse	Susan Spinosa
Andrew Mastin	Donald Stiner
John McGarvey	Candice Verdon
Irene Morgan	



Pray For Our Deceased

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Andrea Marie Interlicchia, 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

*Special Intentions
Requested by – Brenda Bauer Gotham*

Intentions of Plaw Reh

*In Memory Of – Giuseppe Ilia Sr.
Requested by – Giuseppe Ilia Jr.*



Mass Intentions

Consider requesting a mass for a living or deceased loved one in 2027. The requested offering is \$10. Weekend and Weekday masses are now available. Please call or stop by the office to request a mass intention(s).

Tablarnacle Candles

Make a \$10 offering to have a sanctuary lamp burn in honor of your loved one. The name of honored person will be listed in the bulletin. Cards are available with this offering. Please call or stop by the office to request this memorial.



Newly Baptized

Michael Charles Dunn

*We welcome the newest Child of God
baptized this week.*

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 August 29 & 30, 2026

Actual	Goal	Variance
\$8,824	\$9,075	-\$251

YTD Actual	YTD Goal	YTD Variance
\$95,917	\$79,675	+\$16,242



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!! It's a meaningful and tangible way of leaving a legacy that will benefit future generations of Catholics.

Save The Dates

Masses taking place at Sacred Heart Cathedral

- Tuesday, September 29, 2026 – Mass of Thanksgiving for the Beatification of the Blessed Fulton Sheen and reception of the relic with Bishop Bonnici at 7:00 pm.
- Sunday, October 11, 2026 – White Mass with Bishop Bonnici at 11:15 am.

OCIA Fall 2026 Semester

Classes for those interested in becoming Catholic (or exploring that possibility) will be held Wednesdays from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Cathedral Hall. The first class of the Fall "semester" will be September 16th. All are welcome to attend, *even if you did not attend the summer sessions.*



Our Faith Formation programs are now open for registration with students entering grades 1st — 10th grade.

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| • 1st penance — Renewed by Jesus (2nd graders) | Wednesday 5:30 pm — 6:30 pm |
| • 1st Communion— Receiving Jesus (2nd graders) | Wednesday 5:30 pm — 6:30 pm |
| • Continuing Faith (3rd--7th graders) | Sunday 10:15 am — 11:00 am |
| • Confirmation Year 1 (8th graders) | Wednesday 5:30 pm — 6:30 pm |
| • Confirmation Year 2 (9th graders) | Wednesday 5:30 pm — 6:30 pm |

Please register online <https://sacredheartrochester.org/our-faith/religious-ed/religious-ed-registration/> or fill out a paper registration form available at the information desk and return the completed form to the office.

Stand Together For Life

Come to the Sidewalk! Join the Stand Together For Life!

Date: Saturday, September 26, 2026

Location: Planned Parenthood, 114 University Ave.

Time: 9:15 am Rosary led by the Knights of Columbus

9:45 am Program Start

This month we're honored to have Mike Agostinelli, retired Greece Police as our featured speaker. Bring family and friends to a peaceful, powerful public witness to the sanctity of human life! Come pray, hear inspiring speakers, get pro-life updates and join friends for donuts and coffee.

For more information on our monthly event, please contact Dorothy at (585) 704-4568.

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Fulton Sheen Beatification "Watch Party"

Thursday, September 24th

at 2:45 pm

All are welcome to watch the live coverage of the Beatification together in the Cathedral Hall. We will have a TV and chairs set up downstairs along with some refreshments.

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Joseph's Place Food Frenzy September 19 & 20

Each time Joseph's Place is open, we get many thanks and blessings from those we help. We are able to give them assistance because of your generosity and thoughtfulness.

We are in most need of the following items:

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta and ramen noodles
- Cereal
- Boxed potatoes (mashed, scalloped, etc)
- Hearty chunky soups
- Applesauce
- Canned meats (tuna, chicken, ham)
- Canned pasta (chef boyardee style)
- Toilet paper

Every monetary gift--large or small--makes a difference in sustaining this vital ministry.

Donations to Joseph's Place can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the Cathedral office. Thank you.



Sick, Infirm and Our 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

Bulletin Articles

The deadline to submit a bulletin article to Michele Kelly is by noon on Monday. Please email your bulletin article to michele.kelly@dor.org. Please note, bulletin articles may need Fr. Van Lieshout's approval and articles can also be edited, prior to placing in the bulletin.

Next Liturgical Ministry Schedule October 3 – December 27, 2026

Please enter your **not available dates for the next Liturgical Ministry Schedule, October 3 - December 27 by the end of day, September 21st**. If you do not have a computer, please contact Michele Kelly in the Cathedral office at (585) 254-3221 and your not available dates will be entered into the system for you. Thank you.

Knights of Columbus Council 15118

C & B Ticket Sales

The Knights of Columbus Council 15118, will be selling Charitable & Benevolent tickets after all the masses in the narthex on the following dates: September 19 & 20, October 24 & 25, November 7 & 8, November 21 & 22.

Bottle/Can/Sock Drive

The Knights of Columbus will also be holding a bottle and can drive, October 17 & 18 (The Flower City Parking Lot) bins will be located in the narthex for individuals to drop off socks.



90 Minute Landscaping Blitz

Our Cathedral grounds need some weeding and other basic landscaping care. Fr. Van Lieshout is proposing a 90 minute landscaping blitz; asking for as many volunteers (individuals and families) to spend just 90 minutes scattered all around the grounds to see how much better we can make our grounds look in just a short period of time. This event will take place on Saturday, September 19th from 10 am – 11:30 am. Please bring gloves, gardening tools and a wheel-barrow (if you can transport them). We will start this event with a quick prayer.

Blessed Fulton Sheen Relic Tour

The dates, locations and times are:

Tuesday, September 29 ,2026 at 7 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 7 pm at St. Stephen Church, Geneva

Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 7 pm at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Spencerport

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 7 pm at St. Mary, Geneseo

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 7 pm at St. Joseph, Penfield

Thursday, October 29, 2026 at 7 pm, St. Mary Our Mother, Horeseheads

Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 7 pm, Immaculate Conception, Ithaca

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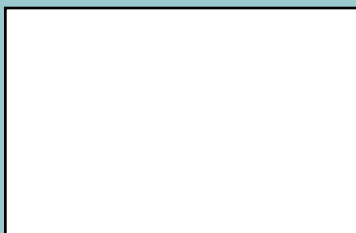
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