



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

OCTOBER 11, 2026 | TWENTY-EIGHTH 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

Mary,
Mother of Life



USCCB 2026 Respect Life Reflection

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her that she would conceive and bear a son, Mary responded with her fiat, “May it be done to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). Mary conceives Christ in her womb, becoming the mother of God, the mother of Jesus. Jesus himself tells us that he is “the way and the truth and the life” (Jn 14:6). In becoming the mother of Jesus, Mary becomes the mother of life. Mary’s acceptance in this unforeseen moment demonstrates how each of us must welcome the gift of new human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.

Eve was called the “mother of all the living” (Gen 3:20). Unfortunately, her disobedience brought sin into the world. In contrast Mary, through her obedience to God, gives birth to our Salvation. Mary becomes the New Eve—the new mother of all the living. Her fiat gives us an example of perfect docility and cooperation with the will of God.

At the Annunciation, when Mary learns that her elderly cousin Elizabeth is six months pregnant, she travels in haste to visit Elizabeth, spending the next three months at her side, even while pregnant herself. In her selfless service to Elizabeth, the Blessed Mother perfectly models how we are called to accompany expectant mothers as they prepare to welcome new life into the world.

Mary’s role as the Mother of Life extends from the Annunciation all the way to the Crucifixion. On Calvary, Mary stands at the foot of the Cross with Saint John. The Gospel tells us: “When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, ‘Woman, behold, your son.’ Then he said to the disciple, ‘Behold, your mother.’ And from that hour the disciple took her into his home” (Jn 19:26-27).

With his final breaths on the Cross, Jesus entrusts Mary and the Beloved Disciple to one another, and by extension establishes a maternal relationship between Mary and the Church. Jesus’ words are addressed not only to Saint John, but to each one of us. In this moment, the physical mother of Jesus becomes the spiritual mother of the Church and all the faithful. Saint John goes on to take Mary into his home and cares for her as she advances in age, demonstrating our responsibility to continue our care for human life, from conception to death. Mary, who taught us how to nurture human life, becomes the recipient of that same honor and care.

The life of the Blessed Mother teaches us to respect each human life in every stage. Mary is our model for upholding the sanctity of all human life. O Mary, “Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life.”

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 10, 2026

Gal 3:22-29; Lk 11:27-28

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

3:00 pm--Rosary

4:00 pm--For the people of Sacred Heart

Sunday, October 11, 2026--Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

7:00 am--Richard Pilliter--Margaret Whalen

9:15 am--John Prewasnicak--Mary Crimi Campbell

Mary Davis--Anne Brett

Intentions of Richard, Muriel, Isaac DeMartino & Family

Intentions of Ngea Mar--Polycarp Family

11:15 am For all healthcare professionals, doctors, nurses, EMT's & caregivers

Monday, October 12, 2026--Columbus Day--Office CLOSED

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1; Lk 11:29-32

11:30 am--Noon--Confession

12:10 pm--Intentions of Cheryl Henderlong--Nietopski Family

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41

7:30 am--Bernard & Mildred McMahon--Culotta Family

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46

11:30 am--Noon--Confession

12:10 pm --Intentions of Iluminada Vilca

Thursday, October 15, 2026--Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54

11:30 am--Confession

12:10 pm--James & Lorraine Gallagher--Karen Ritchie

Friday, October 16, 2026

Eph 1:11-14/ Lk 12:1-7

11:30 am--Noon--Confession

12:10 pm-- Intentions of Thomas Nietopski--Nietopski Family

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

Saturday, October 17, 2026--Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

Eph 1:15-23; Lk 12:8-12

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

3:00 pm--Rosary

4:00 pm--Deceased members of the Spinosa & Tiebe Family--Family

Fedaline Faustina LaBlanc--Family

Intentions of John Sousa--Nietopski Family

Intentions of Amber August--Nietopski Family

Intentions of Iluminada--The Seven Sisters

Sunday, October 18, 2026--Twenty--Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b, Mt 22:15-21

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

9:15 am--Intentions of Theresa Schoff--Nietopski Family

Intentions of William Schoff--Nietopski Family

Intentions of Catherine Ryan--Nietopski Family

Intentions of James T. Mooney--Nietopski Family

11:15 am Dan Canavan--Tim & Marlene Canavan

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Respect Life Month
Novena October 22 - 30, 2026



Join the Respect Life Month Novena, October 22-30, 2026.
Join thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for the protection of human life from conception to natural death.

Each day of the novena, features a different prayer intention, as well as a short reflection, ideas for building a culture of life, and more. **Copies of the Novena will be on the information desk.**

Download the novena or sign up to get the daily prayers delivered straight to your inbox!

<https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month>

Joseph's Place Food Frenzy
October 17 & 18, 2026

This important Corporal Work of Mercy allows us to put faith into action. We are in most need of the following items:

Spaghetti sauce
Pasta & roman noodles
Cereal
Hearty/chunky soups
Crackers

Canned Meat (tuna/chicken/ham)
Canned Pasta (Chef Boyaree)
Mayonnaise
Toilet Paper
Appkesauce



Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and will be used to purchase food. Donations can be placed in the collection basket with a note in the memo line section stating the donation is for **Joseph's Place**. Thank you!

Blessed Fulton Sheen Relic Tour

The dates, locations and times are:

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

The Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

Hopefully, you have received the Catholic Ministries Appeal mailing and have had a chance to review the materials. The theme for this year's campaign is **All Things New Embracing Our Mission in Christ**. The CMA is a vehicle to help us share the hope of the Gospel message throughout the Diocese of Rochester. It supports each of us in our faith life and enables us to live out our purpose as Catholics. Through gifts to the CMA, we support the larger Church so that it may meet real needs throughout the Diocese. Your gift to the CMA enables the Church to be responsive and caring in fulfilling its mission. Please be as generous as your means allow in your response.

This year our goal at **Sacred Heart Cathedral is \$87,000**. Please pray that we make our goal this year. Thank you!

Wedding Anniversaries to be featured in November's Courier

*Each year, the Catholic Courier publishes a list of couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries. This year's anniversary listings will appear in the November 4th print edition and/or at CatholicCourier.com. To list a wedding anniversary of 25 years or more, visit **CatholicCourier.com/classifieds** and click the button labeled "Place Your Own Ad." Online only listings are free; this year, there is a small fee to appear in print. Submission deadline is October 16, 2026.*

Sharing the Blessings of Thanksgiving with Joseph's Place Food Pantry

Lets share our Thanksgiving by helping needy families and individauls who request help from our food pantry! On **Monday, November 23**, we will be distributing **Aldi gift cards** and **roasting chickens** to help our neighbors celebrate the holiday.

Here is how you can support this vital holiday drive:

- **Aldi Gift Cards:** Please donate gift cards in the amount of \$25 or \$50.
- **Monetary Donations:** Cash or checks are gratefully accepted. Please make checks payable to **Joseph's Place Food Pantry**.



How to submit your donation:

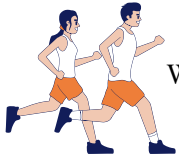
Please place your gift cards, cash or checks in an envelope clearly labeled “**Thanksgiving Gift Cards**”.

Envelopes can be:

- Placed directly in the Sunday collection basket.
- Dropped off during normal business hours at the Cathedral Office; Monday–Thursday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. (we close for mass and lunch from 12:10 pm – 12:40 pm) and on Friday from 9:00 am – Noon.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will bring immediate warmth and nourishment to our neighborhood families this holiday season.

Get Fit & Support Joseph's Place Food Pantry



Walk, run or simply donate to help support Joseph's Place Food Pantry through the 17th Annual Wegmans East Avenue Grocery Run on Saturday, November 7!

This annual event raises much--needed funds for the Rochester-area food pantries and meal programs. Choose from a **10K, 5K, Kids'Fun Run or Virtual Run/Walk**--there's something for everyone!

When registering, be sure to select Joseph's Place as your team. **100 % of your registration fee will come directly back to Joseph's Place!**

Can't join us that day, you can still help. Visit www.groceryrun.org and choose the donation option for **Joseph's Place Food Pantry**. 100% of your donation will benefit our pantry.

Every registration and every donation helps us provide food to our neighbors in need.

Many thanks to the Joseph's Place volunteers, Cathedral parishioners, families and friends who have particiapted or donated in past years. We hope you'll join our team this year!

Learn more, register or donate at www.groceryrun.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Bernadette Anastasi
Shirley Atwell
Gary M. Butterfield
Scott Davis

Muriel DeMartino
Robert DiFulio
Heidi Erb
Frank Campione
Sr. Joan Hilbert, RSM

Kritin Helms
Jon Herron
Adele Lester
Robert Lighthouse
Andrew Mastin
John McGarvey
Irene Morgan

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



Pray For Our Deceased

*In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul
of Mary F. Buonomo 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 – Deborah
Requested by – Friend*

*Intentions Of – Sue & Gary
Requested by – Friend*

*In Memory Of – Linda Goldblatt
Requested by – Steve & Adelaide*



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.

Columbus Day Holiday

*The Cathedral Office will be CLOSED on Monday,
Oct. 12, in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.*

*Confessions will take place from 11:30 am – Noon
followed by a 12:10 pm mass.*

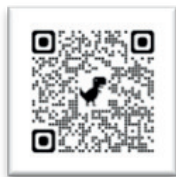
The office will reopen on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

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 October 3 & 4, 2026

Actual	Goal	Variance
\$7,754	\$10,025	-\$2,271
YTD Actual	YTD Goal	YTD Variance
\$128,107	\$116,925	+\$11,182



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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Kyle DeBrine & Molly Kindler
Robert Dierna & Daniela Masci



*Please keep these couples 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.*

Bulletin Article(s) Deadline

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.



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