



THE CATHEDRAL VOICE

HOLY MOTHER OF THE ROSARY CATHEDRAL

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Welcome to Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral!

Whether you are a member, seeking a new spiritual home, or just stopping in to visit, you are welcome here.

Mass is at 5 PM Saturday and 10 AM Sunday

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| <p>Sunday, April 26, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Easter – Cycle A</p> <p>9:30 AM Choir warm up 10:00 AM Holy Mass</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lector: Jenna Lightcap</p> <p>11:00 AM Coffee Hour, Adult Bible Study</p> | <p>Thursday, April 30, 2026 Solemnity – Joseph the Workman</p> <p>9:00 AM Mass of the Day 10:00 PM Seniors Gathering – Mystery Penny Sale</p> |
| <p>Monday, April 27, 2026 Anthimus of Nicomedia, Bp</p> <p>8:00 AM +Phyllis LaJeunesse, by Cathy Zalenski 11:30 AM Bingo</p> | <p>Friday, May 1, 2026 Feast – Philip & James, Apostles</p> <p>9:00 AM Mass of the Day</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, April 28, 2026 Vitalis & Valeria, M</p> | <p>Saturday, May 2, 2026 Athanasius of Alexandria, Bp, D</p> <p>8:00 AM +Angelo Alfano (Annv.), by Kathy Alfano 5:00 PM Holy Mass</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lector: Beverly Basinski</p> |
| <p>Wednesday, April 29, 2026 Peter of Verona, M</p> <p>8:00 AM Mass of the Day</p> | <p>Sunday, May 3, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter – Cycle A</p> <p>9:30 AM Choir warm up 10:00 AM Holy Mass</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lector: Frank Russo</p> <p>11:00 AM Coffee Hour, Adult Bible Study</p> |

PARISH COMMITTEE COUNTERS

APRIL: Dennis Richards, Mary Ellen Sanfilippo, David Bett, Frank Russo

MAY: Christina Giczkowski, Christopher Lightcap, Norman Glowka, Beverly Basinski

Dear Parish Family,

Please be aware that I am available for: spiritual direction, private confession, blessing of homes, visitation of the sick, visitation of the homebound, and other pastoral ministrations. Please call the office at 716-685-5766 for an appointment.

Love and blessing,

Fr. Joseph Pasquella

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Monday: | Acts 11:1-18 | John 10:1-10 |
| Tuesday: | Acts 11:18-26 | John 10:22-30 |
| Wednesday: | Acts 12:24-13:5 | John 12:44-50 |
| Thursday: | Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman Genesis 1:26-2:3 Col 3:14-17, 23-24 | Matt 13:54-58 |
| Friday: | Acts 13:26-33 | John 14:1-6 |
| Saturday: | Acts 13:44-52 | John 14:7-14 |

HMRC BINGO

Every Monday at 11:30 AM
Door opens at 10:00 AM

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| STW #55 | \$ 278 |
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| QUEEN OF HEARTS | \$ 2,657 |

This Week's Team:

Team 2

Invitation to learn more about our parish

For those interested in joining our parish or learning more about us: please contact our administrative assistant Cheryl at our parish office so as to set up an appointment to meet with Bishop John or Father Joe.

May Devotions

Devotions to our Blessed Mother will be held on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM. Please plan on attending these services during the month of May in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mother's Day Candles

Names are now being accepted for Mother's Day candles. Cost is \$2 per name for memorials or to honor a living person.

Forms are available in the vestibule. Please print clearly and return completed forms to Chris Giczkowski or the parish office **no later than this Sunday, April 26.**



Prayer for the Sick

Heavenly Father of mercy and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need. May they find consolation, lasting health, and deliverance in Your healing presence, and we thank You for all Your gifts. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray for Raul & Debbie, Margaret, Cheryl Eckert, Bob Giczkowski, Tom Heftka, Janice Jones, Gerry Kowalewski, John LoDeco, Mike Logen, Fr. Joe Pasquella, Autumn Peterson, Vicki Rencewicz, Fr. Rick Rueberger, Yvonne Seekins, Marian Sleczkowski, Denise Swantek, and Louise Szpila.

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

Good Shepherd Sunday centers on Jesus as the gate and shepherd Who knows His sheep by name, leading them to the more abundant life. It calls believers to recognize Christ's voice amidst worldly noise, trusting His guidance rather than self-reliance, and to celebrate vocations, particularly pastoral leadership.

Key reflections for this Sunday include:

- **The Personal Shepherd:** Jesus is not a distant ruler but a personal shepherd Who calls us by name, indicating an intimate, loving relationship.
- **Recognizing His Voice:** In a world filled with competing voices, believers are challenged to cultivate discernment through prayer and scripture to recognize the Shepherd's voice.
- **Abundant Life:** Jesus provides access to safety and flourishing—the "abundant life"—unlike the hired hand who abandons the sheep.
- **Vocations Sunday:** This day is also celebrated as a Day of Prayer for Vocations, inviting us to pray for priests and to recognize God's specific call for every person.
- **Following the Shepherd:** The invitation is to let Jesus lead rather than constantly trying to sit in the "driver's seat," trusting He leads to perfect union with God.

Fr. Joe Pasquella

Free Movie Night – Bird Boy

Saturday, May 16 at 6:15 PM

Join us for another free family film on our new theatre equipment!

Orphaned August doesn't seem to belong anywhere—until he finds an unlikely friend in a tiny ostrich named Koobus. Their bond brings joy, laughter, and a sense of belonging neither has known before. But when Koobus is taken away for defending August, the boy sets out on a daring rescue. Set against the South African countryside, this heartwarming story celebrates friendship, courage, and the meaning of family.

Free refreshments!

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help plan Bishop Mack's retirement celebration. Please join us at our first meeting on Wednesday, May 6 at 6:00 PM.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Alden Ecumenical Choir

The Alden Ecumenical Choir presents *What Wondrous Love*, a concert this Saturday, May 2 at 7:00 PM (at Alden Presbyterian Church) and Sunday, May 3 at 2:00 PM (at Akron First United Methodist Church).

A free will offering is being collected to benefit Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and donations of new or gently used twin-sized bedding are being accepted.

Scholarship Fundraising Concert

Canisius University is holding a fundraising concert on Sunday, May 17 at St. Stanislaus Church in Buffalo, following the Noon Mass with music led by the Chopin Singing Society. The concert will feature Polish operatic soprano Dominika Zamara and the Combined Chorus of the Polish Singers Alliance of America.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fish Fry Prep: May 7, 9:00 AM

Seniors Gathering: May 7, 10:00 AM, LRC

Healing Mass: May 7, 7:00 PM

Fish Fry: May 8, 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM or sold out

Free Movie Night: May 16, 6:15 PM

MASS SCHEDULE – DAILY 8 AM

WEEKEND: SATURDAY 5 PM & SUNDAY 10 AM

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