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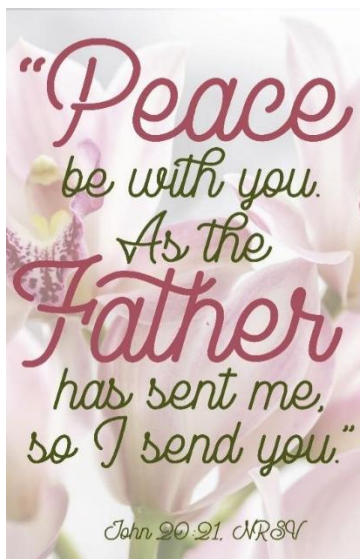
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Ms. Rebecca Elfman – Organist / Director of Music

Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026



Masses: 8:00 am—Traditional Holy Mass **9:30 am**—Contemporary Holy Mass
11:15 am—Traditional Holy Mass, Cathedral Chapel, Our Savior, Tripp Park

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Tuesday, April 14th

7:00 pm – Branch 1 YMS of R monthly meeting, Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 15th

6:00 pm – Gospel of Luke Bible Study
(see announcement)

Thursday, April 16th

6:30 pm – Cathedral Chorale rehearsal

Next Sunday, April 19th – Third Sunday of Easter

Holy Mass: **8:00 am** Traditional **9:30 am** Contemporary
11:15 am Cathedral Chapel, Tripp Park

Seeds of Faith Garden – Savonarola Theological Seminary has started a community garden project behind the seminary called Seeds of Faith Garden. I, Deacon Todd, will be the coordinator of the project and can be found at the seminary (just drop by). I am inviting anyone who has an interest in gardening, or in helping us with the planting, growing, and the construction involved, or with the promotion, to come and join us. We are in need of ideas and elbow grease in general; the project has already started, and some growing was done last year. This year I hope to greatly expand the project. We have specific needs like chicken wire to keep out woodchucks, and wood for building raised beds etc.

Gospel of Luke Bible Study – Join us on **Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral library, lower auditorium, **continuing April 15**, for a **weekly Bible study** on the Gospel of Luke. **Once each month**, we will also **watch an episode of The Chosen** followed by reflection and discussion. All are welcome.

Retired Flag Collection – Troop 42 from St. Stanislaus Church will be starting a project to collect your old, faded, torn flags. The troop and the leaders will collect the flags and dispose of them properly. They will do the disposal during one of their meetings. A bin will be placed in the church auditorium with a sign for old, faded flags.

Thank you for participating in Troop 42's flag disposal project.

Please contact Art Golembeski with any questions you may have at 570-575-5231

Lectors:

4/12 – 8:00 – Kathy Michalina
9:30 – Tera Jean Notari
11:15 – David Rychleski
4/19 – 8:00 – Kathy Michalina
9:30 – Dave Seliga
11:15 – David Rychleski

Old Palms – Please bring your old blessed palms and drop them off in THE SPECIALLY MARKED LARGE, LOW RED BIN in the LOWER church hall over the next few weeks SO THAT we will properly dispose of them.

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‘The Star-Spangled Banner’
Facts about America’s national anthem

by Rebecca Day

Today, America’s national anthem, “The Star-Spangled Banner,” is sung in unison by sports fans across the country each year. It’s often considered the nation’s most famous composition. On each patriotic holiday, whether Independence Day, Presidents Day, or Veterans Day, the song is on the minds of countless citizens

The song has become a lasting symbol of American values like bravery and freedom, but its origin story is murky due to writer Francis Scott Key’s elusiveness about when he published the composition.

Some of the origin story of “The Star-Spangled Banner” remains a mystery, but these facts about the anthem and its author may surprise you.

A Poet, Not a Songwriter

Though Key is credited with writing America’s national anthem, he didn’t consider himself a songwriter. He was an amateur poet. The few preserved poems written by Key focus on the popular themes of the time: love of country and a devotion to faith. [...]

In 1857, a collection of his was published posthumously. “Poems of the Late Francis Scott, Esq.” celebrates the patriotic and artistic contributions he made to America’s foundational canon of artistry. Included in the collection is his most famous contribution, “The Star-Spangled Banner.”

His Poetry Was Musical

Though Key was a poet, his poetry could easily be paired with melody because it was written with form in mind. [...] his poems were more structured. Each verse often contained the same number of lines, adding a rhythmic element to the pieces. He also used rhyme schemes, making it easier to transform his poems into melodic verse.

These creative techniques would come into play for various works like “The Star-Spangled Banner” as he honed his craft.

Key Was a Prominent Washington Attorney

.... Key was actually a lawyer by trade. In September 1814, as effects of the War of 1812 continued, he was summoned by President James Madison to assist in a negotiation for the release of Dr William Beanes, who was captured by the British Successful negotiations took place off the coast of Baltimore, Maryland, in a ship belonging to the Royal Navy. As talks came to a close on September 13th, British warships struck Baltimore in an attempt to seize control of the territory. During what’s known as the Battle of Baltimore, Key spent hours listening to bombs and artillery fire while aboard a ship not taking part in the siege. [...]

On the morning of September 14th, he expected to find a British flag flying over the Baltimore port where he would dock. Instead, he saw an American flag blowing in the wind. [...] As pride swelled in his chest, he was inspired to pen the poem we now call “The Star Spangled Banner.”

Not the Song’s Original Name

One of the narrative aspects of “The Star-Spangled Banner,” tells of Key witnessing the Battle of Baltimore. Lines like “And the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air / Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there” document the moment when he realized the American flag was still waving in the morning after the fight.

[...] he entitled the piece “The Defence of Fort McHenry.” [...] Not long after publication, though, some historical sites suggest a music printer changed the work’s name to “The Star-Spangled Banner.” A famous flag by the same name flew over Fort Mc Henry during the Battle of Baltimore. *(to be continued)*

One Hot Meal Food Pantry – Please bring **peanut butter and jelly** next Sunday for the One Hot Meal food pantry. Thank you for your support.

THIS WEEK’S LITURGIES

Monday, April 13

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Tuesday, April 14

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Wednesday, April 15

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Thursday, April 16

8:30 am – Healing Mass

Friday, April 17

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Saturday, April 18

8:30 am – Holy Mass

Church Dates Ahead

Apr 18th: 25th Conference of Scholars, Scranton

May 15-17th: YMS of R Bowling Tournament

Hosted by Holy Trinity Parish, Woodlawn, NY

May 29–31st: Mission & Evangelism Workshop

June 17-20th: YMSR Men’s Retreat, Waymart

July 4–11th: Kurs, Waymart

Aug 3–7th: Youth Convocation, Jaffrey, NH.

Sept 28 – 30th: PNCC Synod, Manchester, NH