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Bishop Clark to preside at special Mass on 5th anniversary of 9/11 tragedy

Eucharist to begin at the precise moment of the tragedy

Bishop of Rochester Matthew H. Clark will preside at a special Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Monday, Sept. 11, 2006, to remember the victims of the 9/11 tragedy five years ago. The Mass will begin at 8:46 a.m., the precise moment the first hijacked jet crashed into the World Trade Center.

The Bishop also will offer his thoughts about the anniversary in his homily during the Mass.

"No one will ever forget that moment of unthinkable tragedy or how it changed all of our lives forever," the Bishop said. "Many found solace in churches and through prayer. I encourage people to attend the Mass or to offer prayers in their homes or anywhere they are able -- not only for the hundreds of victims and their families, but for the elusive peace our world so desperately needs."

The Cathedral is located at 296 Flower City Park, between Lake and Dewey Avenues. Access is also available off Ridgeway Avenue.

[Members of the media are most welcome to attend the Mass and to provide still and video coverage. Please be in place by no later than 8:30 a.m.]