



THE Cathedral Courier

Weekly Bulletin for the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, West Virginia

29 March 2026



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

ENTRY OF JESUS INTO JERUSALEM • GAUDENZIO FERRARI • 1513

HOLY MASS

SUNDAY

7:30 AM
10:30 AM

SATURDAY

9:00 AM
6:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

WEEKDAYS (Monday-Friday)

12:05 PM

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Please notify the parish of address changes.

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

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*Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community.
We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese,
and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.*

SACRAMENTS

Confession

Friday: 11:00 am to 11:45 am
Saturday: 11:00 am to 12 Noon

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a meeting with the priest as well as the necessary preparation.

Marriage

Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance to make an appointment with the priest.

Holy Orders

If you believe you are being called by God to serve the Church as a priest, deacon, or religious brother or sister, please contact Fr. John Soplinski, the Diocesan Director of Vocations at jsoplinski@dwc.org or (304) 233-4121.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners confined to home. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Those who are seriously ill or who are preparing for surgery should request a priest for Anointing of the Sick.



Visit the Sacraments page at www.saintjosephcathedral.com for more information.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES

Our Sunday Masses are live-streamed and archived for later viewing at www.dwc.org/mass.
While this is a valuable resource for those unable to attend in person due to health or other serious reasons, please remember that live-streamed Masses are not a substitute for the in-person celebration.

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Masses & Schedule

March 29 - April 5, 2026

SUN 29 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for + Joseph & Sarah Truini
7:30 am Mass for + David Wiethe
9:00 am OCIA (*Cantina*)
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners
6:00 pm Vespers

MON 30 Monday of Holy Week

12:05 pm Mass for + Nancy Miller

TUE 31 Tuesday of Holy Week

12:05 pm Mass for + Jeff Smay
4:00 pm **Chrism Mass**

WED 1 Wednesday of Holy Week

12:05 pm Mass for + Thomas Gompers

THU 2 Holy Thursday

9:00 am Morning Prayer
12:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
Adoration following Mass until Midnight

FRI 3 Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord First Friday



9:00 am Morning Prayer
11:00 am Confessions
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
12:45 pm Seven Last Words of Christ
3:00 pm **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

SAT 4 Holy Saturday First Saturday

9:00 am Morning Prayer
11:00 am Confessions
8:30 pm **Easter Vigil**
Mass Intention for + Joseph & Gigi Pilarczyk

SUN 5 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 am Mass for + Margaret Scheibelhood
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners
Easter Egg Hunt following Mass

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we enter into Holy Week, the most sacred time of the entire Church year. We begin with joy, carrying palms and remembering Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, and we listen to the Passion of the Lord. In a short time, we move from "Hosanna" to the Cross. This reminds us to remain faithful to Jesus not only in moments of joy, but also in times of sacrifice.

This week is not like any other week. These are holy days given to us as a gift. I encourage you to take this week seriously. Make time for prayer. Be present at the liturgies. Walk closely with the Lord in His Passion so that you may truly share in the joy of His Resurrection.

I am also very happy to share with you that, beginning this Monday, our regular weekday Mass schedule will resume at the Cathedral, now that the renovation and restoration work has been completed. We are very grateful to everyone for your patience and flexibility over these past months.

Our Holy Week liturgies are among the most beautiful and ancient in the life of the Church. I encourage you to invite someone to join you, especially for the great celebration of Easter. A simple invitation can make a great difference.

May this Holy Week be a time of grace for all of us, as we follow Christ more closely and open our hearts to His saving love.

In Christ,
Father Pen

Weekday Masses Return to Cathedral

Starting this Monday, March 30, we will resume our normal liturgical schedule in the Cathedral. This includes the celebration of the 12:05 PM weekday Masses as well as Friday 11:00 AM Confessions, and Saturday 9:00 AM Masses. Thank you to everyone for their patience as the extensive renovation work was carried out in the church to prepare for our upcoming centennial celebration.

Day of Fasting & Abstinence

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence. Fasting binds Catholics ages 18-59 and allows one full meal and two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal. Abstinence from meat binds all Catholics age 14 and older. **If possible, the fast is continued until the Easter Vigil as the paschal fast, honoring the Lord's Passion and preparing for His Resurrection.**

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

Each year on Good Friday, a special collection is taken up to support the sacred places and Christian communities in the Holy Land. Your generosity helps preserve the holy sites, support schools and parishes, and provide humanitarian aid to Christians living in the land of Jesus' birth, ministry, death, and resurrection. Please give generously to this important collection.

CELEBRATE

Easter

WITH US!

Easter Egg Hunt for the Little Ones

Easter Hat Show-Off for the Adults

Coffee & Donuts for All

**Easter Sunday,
April 5 @ 12 noon**

Stations of the Cross Garden
(Across from Cathedral Rectory)

THE Cathedral of St. Joseph

Leave a Legacy Gift

Do you hold the Cathedral of St. Joseph close to your heart? Including the Cathedral in your will or estate plan is a thoughtful way to support its mission for years to come—without impacting your finances today.

A legacy gift helps ensure that the faith, worship, and ministry carried out here will continue to flourish for future generations.

Ways to include the Cathedral in your estate plans:

1. List the Cathedral as a beneficiary (POD or TOD) on a bank or investment account.
2. Include a direct gift in your Will or Trust, such as a specific dollar amount.
3. Designate a percentage of your estate or trust to benefit the Cathedral after your passing.

Wording for bequests:

"Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church of Wheeling-Charleston, for the use and benefit of the Rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, WV, for the Cathedral."

Thank you for considering this lasting and faith-filled way to support your parish!

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

- March 29 - Palm Sunday
- April 2 - Holy Thursday
- April 3 - Good Friday
- April 4 - Holy Saturday
- April 5 - Easter Sunday
- April 12 - Reception for New Members, following 10:30am Mass
- April 12 - Divine Mercy Celebration, 2:00-4:00pm
- April 20 - Vespers on the Eve of the 100th Anniversary, 6:00pm
- April 21 - Cathedral 100th Anniversary Mass, 5:00pm

Flower Donations

As we prepare for the celebration of Easter and our Cathedral's Centennial on April 21, we invite you to help us decorate our Cathedral with flowers for these joyful occasions. Donations may be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Flowers." Thank you for helping make our Cathedral especially beautiful for these celebrations.



Help Us Celebrate Our Cathedral's 100th Anniversary

As we prepare for the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St. Joseph on April 21, we are collecting photos from our parishioners and friends to create a slideshow that will be shown at the reception following the Anniversary Mass that day.

If you have pictures from family sacraments or other special moments at the Cathedral, please drop off a copy at the Cathedral Parish Offices or e-mail a digital version to Gregory Gust at ggust@dwc.org.



Baby Bottle Campaign

This weekend, members of the Knights of Columbus will be collecting the baby bottles that were distributed last month. The money collected is used to support local mothers and expectant mothers in need with essential items such as food, clothing, and shelter. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you.

COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE

March 22, 2026

Envelopes: \$1685 • Loose: \$1051 • Online: \$686 • Total: \$3422

Easter flowers: \$605 • Maintenance Fund: \$100

Attendance: 218

Thank you for your generous support!



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Holy Week

MONDAY

Isaiah 42:1-7
Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14
John 12:1-11

TUESDAY

Isaiah 49:1-6
Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17
John 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY

Isaiah 50:4-9
Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34
Matthew 26:14-25

THURSDAY

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

FRIDAY

Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1—19:42

SATURDAY

- (1) Genesis 1:1—2:2
Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35
- (2) Genesis 22:1-18
Ps 16:5, 8-11
- (3) Ex 14:15—15:1
(Ps) Ex 15:1-6, 17-28
- (4) Isaiah 54:5-14
Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13
- (5) Is 55:1-11
(Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4-6
- (6) Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4
Ps 19:8-11
- (7) Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28
Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4
- (8) Romans 6:3-11
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
- (9) Matthew 28:1-10

NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

The Week That Changed the World

How to Celebrate the Most Important Week of the Year

Holy Week is the week that changed the world. As we enter this most important week of the year, we invite you to reflect on its powerful significance and how it leads us to the heart of our faith. In these sacred days, the Church does not simply recall past events, but invites us to enter into the saving mysteries of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. This is the holiest time of the year, when we walk closely with the Lord and contemplate the immeasurable love by which He redeemed the world.

Palm Sunday begins with a joyful procession of palms and the solemn reading of the Passion. We turn our hearts to Jerusalem and join the crowds shouting, "Hosanna!" Christ entered the Holy City to suffer, die, and rise again, so that we might be saved. This day reminds us to follow Him faithfully to the new and eternal Jerusalem: Heaven. It also reminds us how quickly human hearts can change, and calls us to remain steadfast in our love for Christ, not only in moments of joy and praise, but also in times of trial and suffering.

The Chrism Mass is celebrated by Bishop Brennan on Tuesday. The oils used in the Sacraments are blessed, and priests from across the diocese renew their promises. This beautiful liturgy reminds us of our own baptismal anointing and the priestly ministry Christ continues through His Church. It is a powerful sign of the unity of the diocesan family gathered around its bishop, and of the grace of the Holy Spirit still at work in the life of the Church.

Holy Thursday marks the end of Lent and the beginning of the Paschal Triduum. We gather to remember the gift of the priesthood and the institution of the Holy Eucharist. With the washing of feet, we recall Christ's command to love as He has loved us. After Mass, we keep watch with

Jesus at the altar of repose, accompanying Him in His agony in the garden. On this night, we are drawn into the mystery of a love that humbles itself completely and gives itself without reserve.

Good Friday is the day we fix our gaze on the Cross. In silence and solemnity, we venerate the wood on which hung our salvation. Through the reading of the Passion and the reception of Holy Communion, we unite our own sufferings to Christ and die to sin with Him.



Though it is a day marked by sorrow, it is also filled with hope, for the Cross reveals the depth of God's mercy and the price of our redemption. Here we see that love is stronger than sin, and that even death itself is not the end.

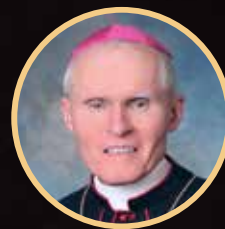
Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday are the heart of the Christian year. At the Vigil, the "Mother of all Vigils," we rejoice in the light of Christ, hear the story of our salvation, welcome new members into the Church through Baptism, and celebrate the Resurrection. On Easter morning, we echo the joy of the empty tomb: The Lord is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia! In the Resurrection, everything is made new. Sin is conquered, death is destroyed, and hope is restored. Holy Week leads us at last to the triumph of Easter, where the Church proclaims with joy that Christ is alive, and because He lives, we too may have life in His name.



The Seven Last Words of Christ

**GOOD FRIDAY
3 APRIL 2026**

12:45 PM



Bishop Mark E. Brennan



Fr. Justin Golna



Fr. Daniel Heusel



Fr. Joseph Wiley



Fr. Carlos Melocoton



Fr. Pen Manikyalarao



Fr. John Soplinski

*Encounter the powerful words
of Jesus from the Cross
through music, prayer,
and reflection.*



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DIVINE MERCY
 SUNDAY, APRIL 12
Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions
 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.
Holy Hour with Divine Mercy Chaplet
 3:00 P.M.
 Cathedral of St. Joseph

The Divine Mercy devotion is a powerful reminder of God’s boundless love, revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s. Through her, Jesus invited the world to trust in His mercy—especially for sinners and those in greatest need.

At the center of the devotion is the Divine Mercy image of Jesus with rays of red and pale light shining from His heart, representing the blood and water that flowed from His side. The words beneath the image, “Jesus, I trust in You,” express the heart of the devotion: deep trust in God’s mercy and a call to be merciful to others.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayed using the rosary, is a powerful intercession for the whole world. Jesus promised special graces to those who pray it with trust.

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and leads up to Divine Mercy Sunday (the Second Sunday of Easter). Each day of the novena has a unique intention given by Jesus, including prayers for sinners, priests, and those who have lost faith.

More than a devotion, Divine Mercy is a way of life—living with trust in God and showing mercy to others. In a world so wounded, the message remains urgent and clear: *Jesus, I trust in You!*

For more information, visit www.thedivinemercy.org

Please remember in your prayers:

Bill Hehr	Joe Bechtel	Millie Kirkpatrick
Blanche Kirkland	Julia Sheets	Pat Edmon
Charlie Gotard	Laine Castello	Pete Cuffaro
Cheryl Garrison	Maria Workman	Susan Ackerman
Crystal Vines	Marsha Bartlett	Susanna Kress

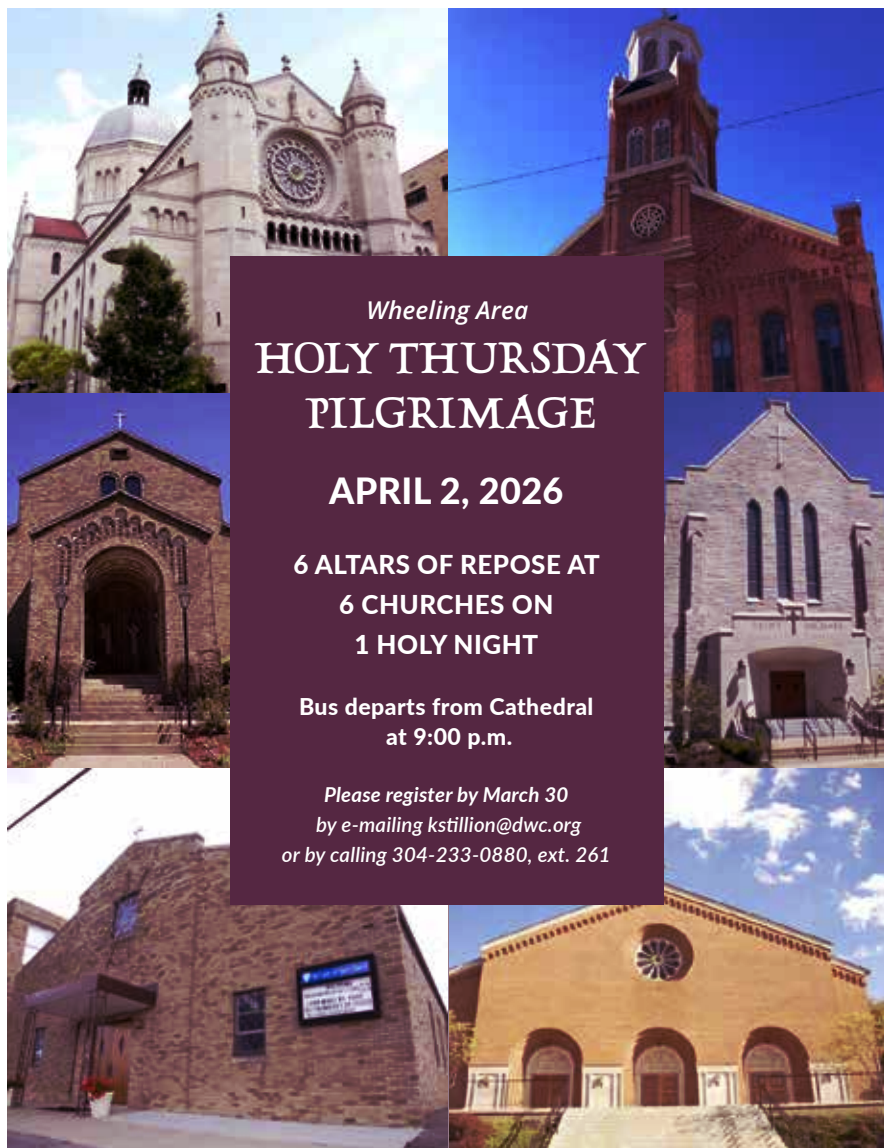
Easter Basket Blessing
 @ St. Alphonsus Church
 2111 Market Street, Wheeling
Saturday, April 4
 (Holy Saturday)
 1:00 pm
Bring a prepared basket with our family’s Easter foods:
meats-cheese-butter-eggs-wine
breads-candy-cake-salt



Cathedral of St. Joseph

Please Join Us for a Reception Honoring Those Newly Received into the Church
Sunday, April 12
 Following 10:30 Mass
 Cathedral Courtyard





Wheeling Area
**HOLY THURSDAY
 PILGRIMAGE**
APRIL 2, 2026
**6 ALTARS OF REPOSE AT
 6 CHURCHES ON
 1 HOLY NIGHT**
**Bus departs from Cathedral
 at 9:00 p.m.**
*Please register by March 30
 by e-mailing kstillion@dwc.org
 or by calling 304-233-0880, ext. 261*

There is an ancient Roman tradition to visit multiple churches after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday night and to pray and "keep watch" before the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose in each of those churches. In the spirit of this tradition, everyone is invited to join the faithful of the Wheeling area for a Holy Thursday Pilgrimage this year on the evening of April 2nd. During the pilgrimage, the faithful will have the opportunity to visit six churches in the Wheeling area to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. A special booklet has been created which allows the pilgrims to follow along the narrative of Jesus' time in the Garden of Gethsemane as well as provide opportunities for personal prayer and meditation.

The bus will depart the Cathedral at 9:00pm and return at approximately 11:45pm. If you are interested in riding the bus, please sign up by contacting Mrs. Kim Stillion at 304-233-0880, ext. 261, or by e-mailing kstillion@dwc.org to reserve a seat by March 30.

If you would like to visit the churches but would prefer to follow behind the bus in your own vehicle or go on your own, you can find the itinerary below:

- Bus departs from the Cathedral of St. Joseph at 9:00p.m.
- Stop 1 (9:15pm-9:30pm): St. Alphonse (2111 Market St, Wheeling)
- Stop 2 (9:45pm-10:00pm): Our Lady of Peace (690 Mount Olivet Road, Wheeling)
- Stop 3 (10:15pm-10:30pm): St. Vincent de Paul (2244 Marshall Ave, Wheeling)
- Stop 4 (10:45pm-11:00pm): St. Michael (1225 National Rd, Wheeling)
- Stop 5 (11:15pm-11:30pm): Corpus Christi (1518 Warwood Ave, Wheeling)
- Stop 6 (11:45pm-Midnight): Cathedral of St. Joseph (1300 Eoff St, Wheeling)



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained: *Good Friday*

Question:
Why is Good Friday called "good"?

Answer:
Good Friday may seem like a strange name for the day on which Jesus suffered and died, but it is called "good" because of what His death accomplished. On that day, Christ freely offered Himself on the Cross for the salvation of the world. What appeared to be a moment of defeat and darkness was, in fact, the greatest act of love in human history. As scripture proclaims, "By His wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). Through His sacrifice, sin was conquered and the door to eternal life was opened.

The "goodness" of Good Friday, then, is not found in the suffering itself, but in its purpose and its fruit. Jesus' Passion reveals the depth of God's mercy, a love so great that He would give His only Son to redeem us. It is a day that calls us to sorrow for sin, but also to gratitude and hope, because the Cross is not the end of the story. Already on Good Friday, we look ahead to Easter, knowing that death will give way to Resurrection. The Cross, once a sign of shame, has become the sign of our salvation.

If you have a question you'd like answered, please email tgreenwood@dwc.org.



SOLEMN MASS FOR THE
*100th Anniversary of the
Cathedral of Saint Joseph*

APRIL
TUESDAY | **21** | AT 5 PM
2026

*Please join us as we celebrate with
great joy the 100th Anniversary
of the Cathedral of St. Joseph
and begin our Centennial Year.*

*A reception will follow in the
Great Hall of Central Catholic High School.*

The celebration begins with
SOLEMN VESPERS ON THE EVE OF THE ANNIVERSARY
Monday, April 20 • 6:00 PM

Holy Week 2026

PALM SUNDAY • MARCH 29

Saturday Evening, March 28

6:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 29

7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Solemn Vespers

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY • MARCH 30 - APRIL 1

Mass at 12:05 p.m.

Chrism Mass, 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31

HOLY THURSDAY • APRIL 2

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Confessions

6:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Altar of Repose until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY • APRIL 3

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Confessions

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

12:45 p.m. The Seven Last Words of Christ

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY • APRIL 4

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Confessions

8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY • APRIL 5

7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass

Easter Egg Hunt following 10:30 a.m. Mass

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