



# The Cathedral Courier

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August 6 2017 | TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. According to most Catholic scholars and theologians, the Transfiguration is the culminating point of the Lord's public life. His Baptism is considered to be the starting point of that public life, and the Ascension is the end. Our Gospel Reading today, which reports this event, is from the Book of Matthew. However, the Transfiguration is also reported in Mark and Luke, and St. Peter makes reference to it in one of his letters, and by St. John as well.

It is natural that Peter and John would allude to the Transfiguration as they (along with St. James the Greater) witnessed it. Jesus took the three Apostles and led them to a "high mountain" where He was transfigured before their eyes. The mountain is never directly identified, but tradition has ascertained it to be Mt. Tabor.

Of course, it is not the mountain but what occurred there that is important. In the original Greek from today's Gospel St. Matthew uses the Greek word *metemorphē* (μεταμορφώω) to describe the Transfiguration. It means "a complete change of form, structure, or substance." Most of us are familiar with the term metamorphosis, the word used to describe what occurs when a caterpillar becomes a butterfly.

However, the Transfiguration is something beyond that. Jesus allows

the three Apostles who were present (as well as those of us who hear the Word) to view what eternal life in heaven is like. Christ's divinity is on full display. To use Matthew's words, "His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light."

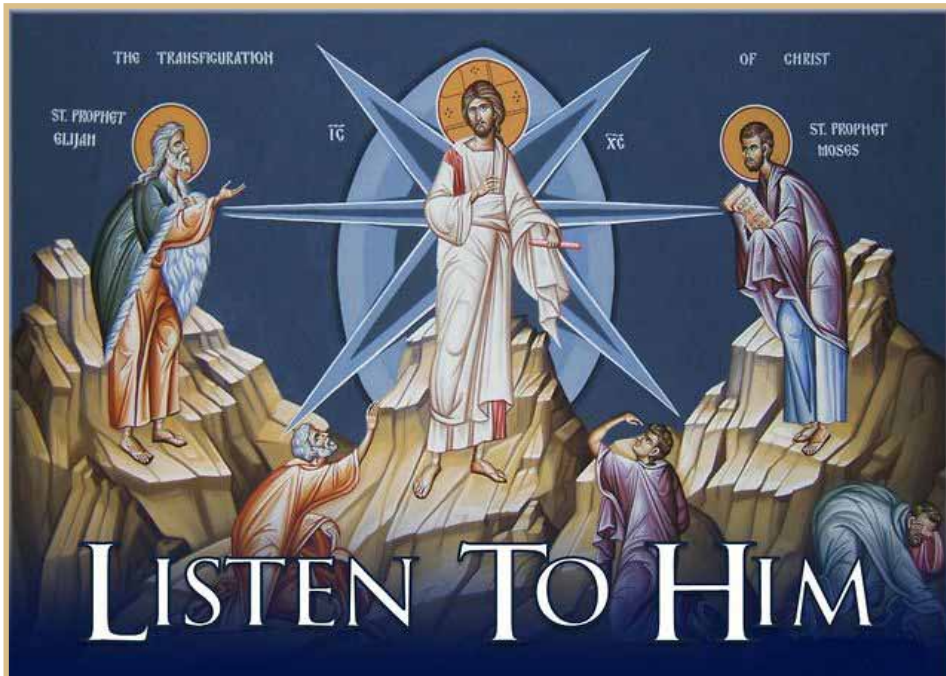
Our First Reading from the Book of Daniel contains almost exactly the same description as that found in the Gospel. The prophet Daniel describes what will occur as follows: "His clothing was bright as snow, and the

in the New Testament.

In our Second Reading from St. Peter's Second Letter the Apostle Peter also alludes to the Transfiguration. Peter writes, "...we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty...when that unique declaration came to him from majestic glory, 'This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him (Jesus) on the holy mountain."

Those words from God are reported quite accurately in our Gospel Reading from St. Matthew, but this is Peter repeating them. You can almost sense Peter remembering the experience clearly. At the time Peter mistakenly placed Jesus as an equal to Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration, and this was the way God made it quite plain to Peter that this was not the case. This may have been a rebuke to Peter, but now it is a valuable memory to him.

The voice of the heavenly Father thundered once again with that same proclamation that was heard at the Baptism of the Lord: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Let us, therefore, "rise, and do not be afraid" to listen to Him, to allow our hearts and minds to be penetrated and transformed by his dazzling love. He is our Lord and King, "the Most High over all the earth." (Ps 97:1) 🌟



hair on his head as white as wool." As if that prophecy was not enough, Daniel takes it to the next step by going on to say, "One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven."

The term Son of Man is one that Jesus was most likely to use in indication of Himself. Seeing it in a prophecy, and especially one which is so clearly the Transfiguration merely more closely associates Jesus with the Transfiguration which is to come and described so perfectly

# This Week

## At The Cathedral



**SUN 6** **TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**  
 (Sat) 6:00 PM Mass for Jean Huff  
 8:00 AM Mass for Greg Sacco  
 10:30 AM Mass for the Parishioners

**MON 7** **Saint Sixtus II, pope, and Companions, martyrs; Saint Cajetan, priest**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Nancy Rodgers

**TUE 8** **Saint Dominic, priest**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Rose Obiudu

**WED 9** **Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Leonard Snyder

**THU 10** **SAINT LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Walter "Dee" Alexander

**FRI 11** **Saint Clare, virgin**  
 11:15 AM Confessions  
 12:05 PM Mass for Mary Lavern Monnes

**SAT 12** **Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, religious**  
 9:00 AM Mass for Sophie Moses  
 9:30 AM Rosary  
 5:00 PM Confessions  
 6:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

**SUN 13** **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 8:00 AM Mass for Frank Pasden  
 10:30 AM Mass for Nancy Rodgers  
 Baptism



### Novena Prayer for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*To be prayed for nine consecutive days beginning on August 7 in preparation for the Solemnity of the Assumption (August 15)*

Mary, Queen Assumed into Heaven,  
 I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth,  
 you have at last been taken to the throne  
 prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.

Lift my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption  
 above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity.

Teach me how small earth becomes  
 when viewed from heaven.

Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate  
 through which I shall pass to your Son,  
 and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul  
 in the unending bliss of heaven.

From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim,  
 I look to you for help.

In honor of your Assumption into heaven  
 I ask for this favor:  
*(Mention your request).*

When my hour of death has come,  
 lead me safely to the presence of Jesus  
 to enjoy the vision of my God for all eternity  
 together with you.  
 Amen.

*Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...*



Photo by Colleen Rowan

*Congratulation* to the Cathedral sacristan,  
 Mr. Martin Imbroscio, who was instituted in  
 the ministry of acolyte during Mass on July 29.  
 May the Lord God continue to bless him in his  
 dedicated and faithful service.



## Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary takes place on the day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, usually in June, but in this month when we celebrate Mary's Assumption (August 15) and her Coronation or Queenship (August 22), we also give honor to her Immaculate Heart. There are many prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Here is one short enough to memorize and pray every day during this special month: *O Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain for me from Jesus a pure and humble heart.*



### The Pope's Monthly Intention for August

*The Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this month's intention:*

#### Artists

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

### Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center

Volunteers are needed to serve people in need at the **Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center** on 18th Street in Wheeling. The Center is open to everyone for meals six days a week and provides other assistance to people in need who are in Ohio and Marshall Counties in West Virginia and Belmont County, Ohio. Immediate volunteer needs include kitchen assistance and food prep, meal deliveries in Elm Grove and Wheeling Island. Sign up or receive more information about volunteer opportunities at the Center by contacting Grant Coleman at 304-232-7157 Ext. 7 or [gcoleman@ccwva.org](mailto:gcoleman@ccwva.org).

## Faith Formation



**IT'S TIME TO REGISTER** for the 2017-2018 RCIA and Sacramental Preparation Classes which start on Sunday, September 16 at 9:15 a.m. First Communion in the Cathedral offices, RCIA in the Rectory. Registration is open until September 3. Please contact our Assistant for Pastoral Ministries, Ms. Debbie Fahey by email ([dfahey@dwc.org](mailto:dfahey@dwc.org)) or by phone (304-233-4121) to register or get more information.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** starts back on Sunday, August 6, 2017. At the 10:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday, following the Opening Prayer and before the First Reading, children are invited to come forward to the Sanctuary to go with the teachers to their own space where they are led through the Sunday scripture readings, prayers, and activities. All children are welcome and encouraged to attend.

### In your charity, please keep in your prayers:

Annie Midcap, Arthur Danehart, Austin Cook, Barb Mazzocca, Betty Teater, Bob Armstrong, Bob Jones, Brogan Gallentine, Caleb Hlebiczki, Charles Heizer, Children of the Youth Services System, Chuck Fair, Darleen Williams, David A. Kress, Jr., Dustin Ronevich, Eva Wood, Father Joseph Wilhelm, Frank Davis, Fred Herink, Gail Koch, George Kirchner, Haley Carter, Hines Rotriga, James Benner, Jane Rudari, Marlene Martin, Janet Cupp, Janie, Jean and Chuck Schultz, Jim Antill, Jim and Dee, Jimmy Hocking, Jon-Michael Lasher, Judy Pack, Julia Sheets, Kathy Cooley, Kermit Klosterman, Liam Manning, Lukie Brown, Margaret Stocke, Mark Davis, Martha Yocum, Mary Alice Florio, Mary Ann Fowler, Mary K. Schlosser, Mary Shutler, Mary Walicki, Michael DeBlasis, Milissa Rose, Milly Burke, Mona Wurtzbacher, Norma Bosold, Patricia Kaliszcz, Pete Mack, R. J. Stocke, Richard Simon, Rick Burgy, Ron Hickman, Rosalie Davis, Sally Jochum, Sarah Hanasky, Sarah Sargent, Shawn Thomas, Shirley DeCaria, Stanley Kyrck, Stephanie Bugaj, Susan Graff, Susan Mize, Susan Schulte, Thelma Pearson, Thomas Griffith, Trystan Timmons



## THIRST

Join us as we move through passages of Sacred Scripture and practice *lectio divina* as a group.

**The next THIRST will be on August 24 at 6:00 pm in Columbian Hall**

(downstairs of St. Alphonsus Church, 2111 Market Street, Wheeling)

"As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, my God."

### Banns of Marriage

**Alex Palachette & Kaytelyn Gompers**

**August 19, 2017**

*Second Publication*

**Austin Pitchok & Melissa Lamp**

**August 26, 2017**

*First Publication*



*If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.*

## Weekly Collection

**July 30, 2017**

Envelopes: \$3257 Loose: \$547

Online: \$299

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*



## Behold Your Vocation

BY JUSTIN GOLNA

One of the greatest inventions changing the modern age is the smartphone. With this small device, a person has access to most of humanity's knowledge through the internet, emailing and sending messages, has the ability to play games, also make phone calls to friends and loved ones. Yet, especially among the millennial generation, the calling feature is rarely used. The current generation is one who would rather send a text message than have a phone call or an in-person conversation. The phone is used to distract rather than connect, and as a result, one's ability to hear can become impaired.

As a calling, a vocation needs to be heard. The silence that this requires is not necessarily an exterior silence, although this is needed in today's noisy and distracted world, but it also requires an interior silence. This interior silence allows for the voice of the Lord, "a light silent sound" (1 Kings 19:12), to be heard as it stirs a man to consider and eventually accept the divine mission to sacrifice one's life, and all that it entails, in service to others. This is especially true when hearing a voice requires silence. The Latin word, *vocare*, means "to call". By their very nature, each man is called to live a human nature in community. In paragraph 1879 of *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* it is stated, "The human person needs to live in society. Society is not for him an extraneous addition but a requirement of his nature". To this end, every vocation has a communal dimension that must be realized. Religious are bound to communities, the married state forms a family, and the priestly state is for the care of souls most often realized in a parish. The priest, however, does not merely live amongst the community, but rather is placed as a father to them in order that

the community may be led to Heaven.

A vocation, however, is not merely a social encounter. The calling that takes place within a vocation is a call at the deepest core of man's being that originates with God. The purpose of a vocation is primarily for the salvation of one's own soul. Secondarily, the vocation is for the salvation of others. A husband and wife work out their salvation first and then help each other on the path to holiness. The raising and education of children is intrinsically linked to the matrimonial sacrament and, as a result, is a right and responsibility of the parents.

Each vocation has rights and responsibilities, and also sacrifices, to which the priesthood is not exempt. The diocesan priest promises respect and obedience to the bishop and his successors, praying the Liturgy of the Hours, and celibacy. These promises are to ensure that the priest is able to achieve the holiness of life necessary to perform the functions of the ministerial priesthood. Thus, the ministerial priesthood is, as the Catechism writes, "at the service of the common priesthood. It is directed at the unfolding of the baptismal grace of all Christians. The ministerial priesthood is a means by which Christ unceasingly builds up and leads his Church" (CCC 1547). This statement by the Church highlights that the priest is in service to the baptized faithful, who make up the common priesthood, and that the priest does not live isolated due to his promises, but rather in service to a community.

This communal aspect is also necessary for a man to respond with courage to the vocation to the priesthood. Marriage is a natural vocation, and as such, is often spoken about the most within a family. However, the supernatural vocation of the priesthood needs to be fostered within families. The current "crisis in

vocations" is, in fact, a crisis in responding to the vocations that are being asked of men. However, without the support of family and friends, a majority of men being called to the priesthood will turn a deaf ear to the appeal of Christ to "Come, follow me" (Mt. 4:19).

One of the greatest fears I faced, and one I hear among men thinking of entering a seminary, is that there is no turning back after joining a seminary. As much as a man needs to pray and prepare to ensure that entering a seminary at that moment of his life is God's will, the man can only discern a little outside of a seminary. The real discernment happens when he enters and finds it does not entail a lifetime commitment. There have been many great men who have left the seminary in order to pursue marriage and have become wonderful and loving husbands and fathers. Yet there are many more men who have entered with an open mind, but perhaps only one foot in the door, and have been formed into holy and courageous priests. Unfortunately, the world today is not friendly to the Gospel message, and as such, is in need of men who will happily and courageously lay down their lives in order to spread the Kingdom of God.

The world needs priests to say Mass, forgive sins, and to perform last rites for the dying. Families and parishes need to encourage their sons to give up earthly pleasures in exchange for the riches of the Kingdom of God. Then, and only then, will the human vocation of community bring about more men willing to accept the call to the vocation of the ministerial priesthood. In doing so, the young man will find out that he has given up earthly pleasure and comfort in order to receive glory and riches that are eternal. The seminary is the place to find this calling and I pray that every man will answer the call of Christ, "Come, follow Me" with the fiat of Mary, "Let it be done unto me". 🍷



## Why So Many

BY ALEX NAGEM

Saturday evening, Lori and I were sitting on our porch enjoying an evening without rain. We were talking and watching about two dozen birds feasting on the seeds she placed in the three feeders earlier. There were eight varieties of birds in the front yard. I asked her what I thought was a simple question to answer, “Why are there so many variety of birds? Why did God create so many?” She smiled at me in that way she does when she knows it really isn’t a question for her to answer. To humor me though, she says, “God made the world interesting.” Then she adds, “Why are there so many different animals, fish, and varieties of trees and plants?” My wife does have a way to feed my imagination after all these years together. I could have answered my question by saying our God is awesome and complex, and let it rest. Though, that statement is true, I wanted more of an answer. I turned to the Bible for answers and found Ecclesiastes 3:11, “He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man’s heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to end.” We take credit for what we have created in technology, science, medicine, mathematics, and literature. Is this our credit to take or do we see God’s hand in all creation, including ourselves? If we look at the nature around us, we can see how interesting and beautiful God’s creation is. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (295) states, “We believe that God created the world according to his wisdom. It is not the product of any necessity, whatever, or of blind fate or chance. We believe that it proceeds from God’s free will. He wanted to make his creatures to share in his being, wisdom and goodness.” “For you created all

things and by your will they existed and were created.” (Rev 4:11) Therefore the Psalmist exclaims: “O Lord, how manifold are your works. In wisdom you have made them all and the Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.” (Psalm 104:24, 145:9) Our God is complex and magnificent. Think of each bird you see. Look at the size, color of feathers, the complexity of the wings, the small heart, and brain, the muscular and skeletal system. Genetics may play a part in the design of birds today, but for those who truly believe God has a hand in all creation, He designed the genetic makeup to allow for these feathered creatures to fly, reproduce and sing, and change over time. God cares for each of His creations. Matthew 10:29-31 states, “Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows.” All created have worth in the eyes and mind of God. An artist creates many works. He does not stop at one and say he did a good job. There is a passion, a love, a desire to create more. Each one is just as good as or better than the one before. If we look upon God as an artist of the world we live in, He has created many works of art of which he is proud and calls good. Every bird, fish, and animal gives praise to God in its own way by acting in the manner for which it was created. Birds fly, reproduce, care for their young, and bring enjoyment to all who watch and care for them. We, as a creation of God, have dominion over all the other creatures, (Genesis 1). With all that said, I stick to my initial answer of why God created so many different kinds of birds, He is awesome

and complex. There are some questions we have that cannot be answered with satisfaction. Some answers are taken on faith. Some are taken with the knowledge that we may not have full understanding of God’s intention. But we have a curiosity, a desire, to learn more about our God. We continue to study and to think about the One to whom we pray, give thanks and praise each day for what He has gifted to us. There will come a joyous day, I pray, when we will find the answers to all the questions of the universe and see the face of God.

“There is not one blade of grass, no color in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice.” John Calvin

You are remembered in my prayers, as I hope I am remembered in yours.

“Vocatus Atque Non Vocatus, Deus Aderit.” 🍀



### Sunday Mass from the Cathedral

is broadcast each week on Sundays  
at 11:00 a.m. on Channel 4  
(ABC Ohio Valley).

In addition, a recording of the  
Mass from the previous Sunday  
is available for viewing online  
throughout the week  
at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org).



## Scripture Readings

The readings are included each week so that those who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

### Week of August 6

#### Monday

Numbers 11:4b-15  
Ps 81:12-17  
Matthew 14:13-21

#### Tuesday

Numbers 12:1-3  
Ps 51:3-7, 12-13  
Matthew 14:22-36

#### Wednesday

Numbers 13:1-2, 5—14:1, 26-39a, 34-35  
Ps 106:6-7, 13-14, 21-23  
Matthew 15:21-28

#### Thursday

2 Corinthians 9:6-10  
Ps 112:1-2, 5-9  
John 12:24-26

#### Friday

Deuteronomy 4:32-40  
Ps 77:12-16, 21  
Matthew 16:24-28

#### Saturday

Deuteronomy 6:4-13  
Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51  
Matthew 17:14-20

#### Sunday

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a  
Ps 85:9-14  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:22-33

### Weekly Devotions at the Cathedral

The following devotions are prayed each week following the 12:05 pm Mass:

**Miraculous Medal Novena**  
Monday

**Litany of Saint Joseph**  
Wednesday

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy**  
Fridays

**The Holy Rosary**  
Saturdays after the 9 am Mass



# This Week with the Saints

**August 7 - Saint Sixtus II**, a third-century pope, was best known for solving the controversy surrounding Baptism performed by the heretics. He stated that the validity of Baptism should be based on the recipient's desire to be Christians and not on the errors of the baptizer. This decision restored relations with the African and Eastern Churches. Sixtus was pope for only a year when he and six of his deacons were beheaded during the reign of Emperor Valerian.

**Saint Cajetan (1480-1547)**, born to the Venetian nobility, he studied law in Padua, and was offered governing posts, but turned them down for a religious vocation. Cajetan was ordained at age 36. In 1522, Cajetan founded a hospital in Venice, Italy for victims of incurable illness. Cajetan was aware of the need of reformation in the Church, and felt called to enter a religious community to serve the sick and poor. He formed the Congregation of Clerks Regular (Theatines), a pioneer religious order of the Counter Reformation, whose mission was to bring clergy back to a life of prayer, Scripture study, preaching, and pastoral care. *Patronage*: job seekers; unemployed people



**August 8 - Saint Dominic (1170-1221)**, a contemporary of Saint Francis of Assisi, founded a mendicant order (those who rely on the charity of others) of men, called the Order of Preachers, or Dominicans, to preach against theological error. One of the pressing issues facing the newly established order was the Albigensian heresy, claiming that matter, specifically the body, is evil. Contrary to this heretical thinking, the Black Friars, as they were commonly known, went from town to town preaching the goodness of the body. In order to preach sound doctrine with clarity, St. Dominic exhorted his sons to engage in rigorous academic study. He eventually started a contemplative female branch of the Dominicans to support the apostolate of the men through prayer. *Patronage*: astronomers; falsely accused



**August 9 - Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (1891-1942)** was born Edith Stein at Breslau in 1891 into an observant Jewish family, but by the time Edith reached her teens, she had become an atheist. Influenced by her study of Thomism and the writings of Saint Teresa of Avila, she became a Catholic in 1922. She entered the Discalced Carmelite convent in Cologne in 1933. At the end of 1939, she moved to the convent at Echt, Holland, on account of the Nazi persecution of the Jews. But in 1942, Edith, along with her sister Rosa, who had also become a Catholic, was deported to Auschwitz and died in the gas chamber on August 9, 1942. She was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1998.



*Patronage*: Europe

**August 10 - Saint Lawrence († 258)**, one of the seven deacons of the Roman Church, fell victim to the anti-Christian persecutions launched by the emperor Valerian. Although little is known about the events leading up to his death, legend claims that he was martyred by being roasted on a gridiron. According to tradition, his death brought an end to idolatry and led to the conversion of Rome. His life has been the subject of many artistic masterpieces, including the paintings of Fra Angelico.



*Patronage*: Rome; cooks

**August 11** - Inspired by the Lenten sermons of her close friend Saint Francis of Assisi, **Saint Clare of Assisi (1193/4-1253)** renounced her wealth to found the Poor Clares, or Minoresses, a community of nuns devoted to a simple, austere life of prayer. She is the patron saint of television, due to a vision she had while lying sick in bed on Christmas Eve, in which she saw the crib and heard the singing just as if she were present in the church. In art, she is often depicted holding a monstrance because she protected Assisi from attackers with the Blessed Sacrament. Her sister Saint Agnes eventually joined the Poor Clares. *Patronage*: Poor Clares; television; good weather



**August 12** - Under the influence of her spiritual director Saint Francis de Sales, **Saint Jane Frances de Chantal (1572-1641)**, a wealthy widow and mother from France, founded the Congregation of the Visitation of the Virgin Mary. Unusual in its time, this new community of enclosed nuns welcomed individuals with frailties due to health and age, and who were often refused admittance by other cloistered orders. She was no stranger to pain, having witnessed the death of her husband and some of her children, but she transformed her experiences of sorrow into moments of transformation and service to the sick. *Patronage*: loss of parents; widows






# News from Rome

**DOING GOOD IN EVERYDAY LIFE** Pope Francis recalls an important message of the Gospel in his tweet published on his account @Pontifex on August 1: “We effectively do good when we do it without seeking reward and in the concrete situations of everyday life.”

**GENERAL AUDIENCE** Pope Francis resumed his weekly General Audiences on August 2 after they were on hold during the month of July. The Holy Father again took up the theme of Christian Hope, focusing in particular on the Sacrament of Baptism, the Gateway of Hope. In his catechesis, Pope Francis spoke about several aspects of the Baptismal liturgy. The older form of Baptism anticipated catechumens making the first part of their profession of faith turned to the west. After rejecting Satan, they turned to the apse, toward the east, where the sun rises, and professed their faith in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In our times, the Pope said, we have lost our fascination with this rite; we have lost our “sensitivity to the language of the cosmos.” But we have retained the significance of the rite: to be a Christian means “to look to the light, to continue to make the profession of faith in the light, even when the world is wrapped up in the night and in darkness”.

**GREETINGS TO KNIGHTS** Pope Francis sent his warm greetings and gratitude to the Knights of Columbus on the occasion of their 135th Supreme Convention, August 1-3 in St. Louis, Missouri. “This same experience of God’s love and power, lived in the heart of the Church, led to the founding of the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal and charitable union of Catholic laymen, workers, husbands and fathers.” In his letter, the Holy Father went on to say that “the subsequent history of your Order demonstrates how a spirit of solidarity and mutual concern inspired by God’s love can grow, like the mustard seed in the parable (cf. Lk 13:19), into something immensely greater, contributing to the glory of God, the spread of his Kingdom, and the universal mission of the Church.” Pope Francis also expressed particular gratitude for the Knight’s relief efforts in the war-torn Middle East.



**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE**  
 BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE  
 OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
 WASHINGTON, D.C.

On **Saturday, September 16, 2017**, join Bishop Michael J. Bransfield on a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Bus transportation available from various points around the diocese. Call St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town at 304-726-5558 or go to [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) for more information. You must pre-register for this event.



*Cathedral of Saint Joseph*  
**- Parish Picnic -**  
 Sunday, September 10  
 12:30pm - 3:00pm  
 Bethlehem Community Park



# Around and About

**LEBANESE FESTIVAL** - Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, announces its 84th Annual Two-Day Lebanese Fest (Mahrajan) on **Saturday, August 12, 4:00-10:00pm** and **Sunday, August 13, Noon until 7:00 pm** at **Oglebay Park, Wheeling (Site 1, Levenson Shelter)**. Admission is free. An outdoor Mass will be celebrated on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. There will be continuous live entertainment, authentic Lebanese food and pastries, family-friendly activities, and lots more. For more information, please visit [lebanesefest.org](http://lebanesefest.org) or contact the parish at (304) 233-1688.

## From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop’s designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr. Anthony Cincinnati, 270. For more information on the Diocese’s Office of Safe Environment, please go to [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), then click the “Diocese” tab, then click “Office of Safe Environment” under the “Offices” menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church’s efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under “Issues and Action,” click “Child and Youth Protection” from the drop down menu.



# The Cathedral of Saint Joseph

## Parish Mission Statement

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.



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## Masses

Sundays: 6:00 p.m. (Saturday)  
8:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 12:05 p.m. Monday thru Friday  
9:00 a.m. Saturday

Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin

## Confessions

Friday 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Saturday: 5:00-5:45 p.m.  
or by appointment

### BAPTISMS / INITIATION

Both Baptism and the Rite of Initiation for Adults can be arranged by contacting the parish office.

### MARRIAGE

Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for a visit.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office. Please notify the parish office of address changes through the parish office or by visiting the website.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

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