

# The Cathedral Courier

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, December 8  
*A Holy Day of Obligation*

Mass at  
12:05 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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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.

# This Week

## At The Cathedral



**SUN 3** **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 (Sat) 6:00 PM Mass for Joseph & Sarah Truini  
 8:00 AM Mass for the Parishioners  
 9:15 AM First Communion Classes (*Parish Offices*)  
 10:30 AM Mass for the Moran Family

**MON 4** **Saint John Damascene, priest, doctor of the Church**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Tom Naegele

**TUE 5** **Advent Weekday**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Daniel Krulcik

**WED 6** **Saint Nicholas, bishop**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Charles Naegele

**THU 7** **Saint Ambrose, bishop, doctor of the Church**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Dr. Edward Thomas Nagem

**FRI 8** **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
 11:15 AM Confessions  
 12:05 PM Mass for Wib & Rose Breiding  
 6:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

**SAT 9** **Saint Juan Diego Cuahlatotzin**  
 9:00 AM Mass for Sam Valentino  
 9:30 AM Rosary  
 5:00 PM Confessions  
 6:00 PM Mass for Dr. Adiel Anghie

**SUN 10** **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
 8:00 AM Mass for Sophie Moses  
 9:15 AM First Communion Classes (*Parish Offices*)  
 10:30 AM Mass for the Parishioners



### First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16-18-19  
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

This First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. All the readings during this period of waiting and anticipation concentrate on making us aware that it is time for us to awaken our lives as Christians. Jesus opens our Gospel Reading from St. Mark by saying “Be watchful! Be alert!” and closes it with an intense “Watch!”

We are aware that the One Who is coming is Christ, but that means more than just Christ’s birth at Christmas. It also means the coming of Christ into our lives through grace and the sacraments of Holy Communion and reconciliation. However, its ultimate meaning has to do with preparing for Christ’s second coming. In the past few weeks our readings from Holy Scripture have very much centered on being prepared for that final coming. Today’s readings continue that theme.

For many, Advent and Christmas are times of light, whether it is the light of the candles on Advent wreaths or the lights on a tree or the festive lights which decorate many houses and businesses. Jesus brings light into our world, but we must allow this light to permeate our own lives, to enter into the dark and sinful parts of our lives to illuminate and cleanse them.

This should be a time of renewed prayer and penance which truly prepares us to “watch” for the Lord, not just at Christmas but throughout our lives. There is a natural wonder among children at this time of year, but sometimes as we age, we lose that sense as if we are sleeping. It is time to awaken. Our minds may say “Let go” but our spirituality tells us to “Awaken.” We are filled with spiritual depths. It is time to seek them, find them, and awaken them. It is Advent, time for us to awaken and become aware of the gifts of love we have received from God and others. Or as Jesus reminds us: “Watch.”



### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On December 8, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the solemn dogma defined by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1854. Since Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is the patroness of the United States of America, we have extra cause for joy and devotion on this holy day of obligation.

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, “full of grace” through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Blessed Pope Pius IX proclaimed on December 8, 1854: “The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.” - *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 491

## December - Month of the Divine Infancy

During this month of December, as we look forward to Christmas, we recall the Divine Infancy of Christ. Situated at the highest summit of the Capitoline Hill in Rome stands the Basilica of Santa Maria in Ara Coeli. The 124-step ramp leading up to the 12th century basilica is home to one of Rome's best-loved Christmas traditions. Each of the steps are lit up by candles and thronged by the faithful who prepare to enter into the basilica to celebrate the festival of Christ's nativity. At midnight, the Ara Coeli's greatest treasure, a wooden statue of the child Jesus (said to have been carved from an olive tree in the Garden of Gethsemane) is brought from a private chapel next to the sacristy to a ceremonial baroque throne before the high altar. Many people of Rome believe in the power of this statue. Miraculous healing properties has been attributed to the Bambino Gesu for many ages. Until recently the Bambino went in a special fancy stretcher to visit terminally ill people several times a day. In gratitude for his healing miracles the Roman people generously donated precious gifts to the Bambino. His dress from top to bottom is embroidered with gold and precious stones. As we reflect on Christ's birth and childhood, take a moment to pray this beautiful prayer to the Holy Infant of the Ara Coeli:

*Oh Divine Child,  
In my difficulties: help me  
From the enemies of my soul: save me  
In my errors: enlighten me  
In my doubts and pains: comfort me  
In my solitudes: be with me  
In my infirmities: invigorate me  
When others despise me: encourage me  
In temptations: defend me  
In difficult hours: strengthen me  
With your Sacred Heart: love me  
With your immense power: protect me  
And, into your arms,  
when I die: receive me.  
Amen.*



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

Annie Midcap, Arthur Danehart, Austin Cook, Barb Mazzocca, Betty Teater, Bill Wilson, 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, Jack Jochum, Jr., James Benner, Jane Rudari, Marlene Martin, Janet Cupp, Janie, Jean and Chuck Schultz, Jim Antill, Jim and Dee, Jimmy Hocking, John Petrella, 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, Sarah Hanasky, Sarah Sargent, Shawn Thomas, Shirley DeCaria, Stanley Kyrck, Stephanie Bugaj, Susan Graff, Susan Mize, Susan Schulte, Tammy, Thelma Pearson, Thomas Griffith, Trystan Timmons



**Volunteers Needed** to help deliver the Angel Tree gifts to the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center. We will meet at the Cathedral Parish Offices on **Thursday, December 7 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Best Advent Ever** is a free e-mail program that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during this busy season. You can easily sign up at [DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp](http://DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp). Starting December 3rd (First Sunday of Advent) you will receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips to incorporate into your everyday life, and personal stories. Throughout Advent you will discover how to slow down and find a renewed sense of joy in preparing for Christmas.



### **Weekly Collection**

**November 26, 2017**

Envelopes: \$2316 Loose: \$810  
Online: \$279

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*

### **Christmas Mass Schedule**

*Please join us as we celebrate the Nativity of Our Savior:*

**Christmas Eve**  
Mass at 6:00 p.m.  
and Midnight

**Christmas Day**  
Mass at 10:30 a.m.





# Rector's Ruminations

## THE CATHEDRAL CONUNDRUM

### Votive Lights

BY REV. MSGR. KEVIN M. QUIRK

In the previous conundrum, we discussed the Sanctuary or Vigil Lights which hang in the upper sanctuary, indicating the presence of the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the Tabernacle. While on the topic of tallow, I thought a word or more could be spared for the votive candles burning at the Altars of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph.

In broader contemporary culture, a votive candle appears to refer to a size (and sometimes shape) of candle, larger than a tea light but not as large as a pillar candle and of greater diameter than a taper candle but again not as large as a pillar candle. Indeed, many definitions of a votive candle will describe it as “small,” substituting the most common size of the candle in place of its function, in a kind of impoverishment of the reality. A quick look at the Cathedral’s

votive candle stands will indicate that these lights are not small at all – lasting approximately eight days, depending on the ambient temperature and humidity in the Church. So here, I would like to provide a description of the votive candle, or prayer candle, which is focused more on its function than its shape.

The votive candle takes its name from the Latin expression “ex voto suscepto” (an example of the famous ablative absolute, for the former Latin students among our readers) meaning, “from a vow having been made,” *voto* from the noun *votus* meaning vowed or promised and ultimately from the verb *voveo* meaning to vow or to promise. (The etymologies are provided here at times for a two-fold purpose: to assure the gentle reader that the Church

does not merely have funny names for common things which she made up out of whole cloth and to entice the reader into a deeper love for the classical lingua franca which continues to have significant influence on our vernacular). Sometimes still referred to as “ex-voto,” votive offerings have an evidently pre-historic origin closely associated with



the earliest religious impulses among both pre-humans and humans. Neanderthal finds, among other Paleolithic cultures, have yielded both idols and apparent votive offerings left in hordes. The sheer number of these offerings and their locations make clear that our near ancestors had a religious sense and sought, through the making of vows and offerings of gifts, to gain a hearing. Archeology shows this very clearly among Neolithic cultures, especially in the Levant and Fertile Crescent, where our own Judeo-Christian religious sense was prepared until the day that God called Abraham from Ur of the Chaldeans to the Promised Land. Beginning with Abraham, and even in the pre-history of the first several chapters of Genesis, the Bible is replete with vows

being made to the Lord and being consecrated by a sacrifice or some other offering made at the time of the vow or at the time of its fulfilment.

This is precisely what a votive candle is: first and foremost, it is an offering, for the wax, a mixture of matter taken from nature and transmuted by human labor, is burned up or destroyed, placing it outside of human usage. Indeed, the primary function of the votive candle is to burn up the wax as a sacrifice. Second-

arily, the burning votive candle symbolizes the prayer made for the saint’s intercession or for God’s assistance. The Catholic sense that lighting a candle for someone or for an intention is a worthy and useful practice reaches back to the ancient sense that making a sacrifice to God at the time of prayer, as a sign of supplication, or at the time of fulfilment, as a sign of thanksgiving, is truly beneficial and expedient, as well as pleasing to God. In a tertiary sense, the burning candle is a sign of one’s prayer

remaining in the presence of the saint whose intercession is sought.

At the Cathedral, the votive candles are placed before Our Lady’s Altar and Saint Joseph’s Altar, in response to the devotion (note that devotion ultimately comes from the same Latin origin *voveo* by way of the Latin verb *devoceo* meaning to consecrate) of the faithful to the Mother of God and to the Patron of our Cathedral Church. The light and palpable warmth given by these candles are a tangible expression of the fervor of the faithful in their devotion to these two saints, a devotion which often leaves no candle unlit.

If you have a question for *The Cathedral Conundrum*, please share it with our diligent editor, Mr. Tyler Greenwood (tgreenwood@dwc.org). 🌱



## Unfinished Projects

BY ALEX NAGEM

How many unfinished projects are there around the house? We begin to clean up the basement or garage with driven energy, then for whatever reason we stop, reassuring ourselves that it will be finished later. Maybe our hearts just aren't into it any more, like the exercise bike or equipment we bought to reduce the muffin top around the belt line. We all have unfinished projects, some small that may only take an hour or two. Others like cleaning the basement or attic is an uninterrupted weekend project. We just tend to lose that drive to finish the cleaning. We can always find something else to do, like drink a beer and watch the grass grow. That is much easier on a summer day, right? I know most of us go to Mass at least once a week, some more often. Some may only go to Mass once or twice a year. That's all we need, right? There is no unfinished project here. We have made our weekly or yearly commitment, right? Has the guilt set in yet? What about time set aside for prayer? Be truthful to yourself with this answer. Do you feel there may be room for more prayer, more reflection, and more discernment? Me too. Though I pray each day, there are some days when it doesn't seem enough. There is something missing. The thoughts of unfinished projects at work and home overtake the peace I may have from prayer. I joke and say that my life is not my own. There is more truth in this statement than joke. Don't you feel the same? I recently read the biography of St. Teresa of Avila. As a young child she would be found in silent prayer and would give alms to the poor. She would later feel a void in her life after her mother passed away. She turned to the Mother Mary for consolation, "I threw myself down in despair before

an image of the Mother of God. With many tears, I implored the Holy Virgin to become my mother. Uttered with the simplicity of a child, this prayer was heard. From that hour on, I never prayed to the Virgin in vain." During her teen years, St. Teresa became interested in friends, and doing the things that pique the interest of all teenagers. Then the guilt set in. She felt a void in her life, the guilt of an unfinished project. She later went to a school run by nuns for her education. Her interest in following a spiritual life was renewed. She would later join the Carmelite Order for nuns. The convent which she lived became overcrowded. With all the nuns in one home, there never seemed to be enough time for quiet reflection. St. Teresa continued to teach others on the virtues of contemplative prayer. She is known to have said, "Contemplative prayer is nothing else than a close sharing between friends. It means taking time frequently to be alone with Him whom we know loves us." Her prayers gave her an inner peace so great she felt she was floating off the ground. Again, St. Teresa would face a loss in confidence in her practice of prayer. When she told others of her visions and spiritual experiences with her prayers, she was discouraged from pursuing them further. Some clergy felt they were tricks of the devil. St. Teresa would later meet a priest who convinced her to renew her prayerful life and once again become close to God. With some struggle, she continued her life of prayer. This life blossomed once more. This time the spiritual fire inside her would not falter. She influenced others to join her new order committed to the values of poverty and simplicity. She guided others through strict disciplines, the

power of love, and common sense. She would tell others, "The important thing is not to think much but to love much and so do that which best stirs you to love. Love is not great delight but desire to please God in everything." I would hope one day to have more time to commit to uninterrupted mental prayer. There just never seems to be enough time. But this is just an excuse. This may be the same excuse used for not finishing the cleaning of the basement. No one can see the inside of our basements, just as no one can see the feelings and spiritual life inside each of us, right? But the guilt is still there that weighs on us, or at least it should until we move closer to God.

"What matters in prayer is not what we do but what God does in us during those moments. The essential act in prayer is, at bottom, to place one's self in God's presence and to remain there. This presence, which is that of the living God, is active, rejuvenating life within us. It heals and sanctifies us. We cannot sit before a fire without getting warm," Jacques Philippe in "Time for God."

You are remembered in my prayers as I hope I am remembered in yours. St. Teresa of Avila, pray for us.

"Vocatus Atque Non Vocatus, Deus Aderit" ☩

*Savior of the  
nations, come  
Show yourself,  
the virgin's son  
Marvel heaven,  
wonder earth  
What our God chose  
such a birth*

## 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 December 3

#### Monday

Isaiah 2:1-5  
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Matthew 8:5-11

#### Tuesday

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
Luke 10:21-24

#### Wednesday

Isaiah 25:6-10  
Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6  
Matthew 15:29-37

#### Thursday

Isaiah 26:1-6  
Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27  
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

#### Friday

Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4  
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
Luke 1:26-38

#### Saturday

Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26  
Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8

#### Sunday

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-4  
2 Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8

### 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

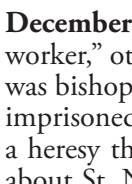
**The Holy Rosary**  
Saturdays after the 9 am Mass



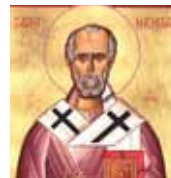
# This Week with the Saints



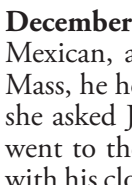
**December 4 - Saint John Damascene** (c.657-749) was a Syrian monk and priest, the “last of the Fathers of the Church.” Islam had taken root in Syria, and John worked for the caliph for a time but left to enter the monastery of St. Sabbas near Jerusalem. He is best known for his defense of the veneration of sacred images and his summary of the teachings of the Greek Fathers, *The Fountain of Wisdom*.



**December 6 - Little is known about Saint Nicholas** (270-343), the “wonder-worker,” other than the fact that he lived sometime during the fourth century and was bishop of the city of Myra in Asia Minor. There is some evidence that he was imprisoned during the Diocletian persecutions and later condemned Arianism, a heresy that denied the Son was co-eternal with the Father. Many stories exist about St. Nicholas, but one most frequently passed down speaks of a poor man who could not feed or clothe his three daughters. Upon hearing of this man’s dire situation, St. Nicholas tossed three bags of gold through his window one evening so the man could tend to his daughter’s needs. *Patronage:* children, bankers, pawnbrokers, sailors, perfumers, brides, unmarried women, travelers, fishermen, dock workers, brewers, poets, prisoners



**December 7 - Saint Ambrose** (c.340-397) was governor when he stopped the people’s riot that erupted during the selection of a new bishop in Milan. The crowd cried, “Ambrose for bishop,” and he was chosen, although he was just a catechumen. The Arian heresy - which denied the full divinity of Christ - divided the Church of his time. When Empress Justina demanded that Ambrose give his basilica to the Arians, he and his congregation locked themselves in and sang in what was the first recorded instance of antiphonal singing. *Patronage:* beekeepers; candlemakers



**December 9 - Saint Juan Diego Cuahtlatotzin** (1474-1548) was a native Mexican, a farmer, and a laborer. On December 9, 1531, on his way to attend Mass, he heard a woman call out from Tepeyac Hill. She was the Virgin Mary, and she asked Juan Diego to tell the bishop to build a chapel on the site. Juan Diego went to the bishop with the request, but the bishop scoffed at him. He returned with his cloak, or tilma, filled with roses, and when he unfurled it before the bishop, the woman’s image was imprinted on the inside. The bishop believed, and the church was built. The image on Juan Diego’s tilma is venerated as that of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



## The Meaning of Advent

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!” Our sanctuaries and our homes ring with these ancient words of invitation and welcome as we embrace the season of Advent. Quieting ourselves, much as the coming of winter stills and quiets the natural world, we seek to prepare a place for Christ to come again and to be born anew - for his come or “advent” - in our hearts and in our world. We remember his entry into human life as a vulnerable newborn, and remembering the Paschal Mystery, we also affirm when he will return in glory at the Parousia, the fulfillment of salvation history.

The coming of the Messiah was a source of hope and anticipation in the life of the people of Israel. Frequently subjugated and often enslaved, they looked to the coming of the savior of the Jewish people as a horizon of promise. In these weeks of Advent, we hear many stories of the covenant that God has

entered into with his chosen people.

We also hear of the expansion of God’s call to the entire human family through his Son, Jesus Christ. We believe that the Messiah sent to save Israel is, in fact, the Savior of all people. All are called to come to God’s holy mountain.

The invitation is not passive. We hear the voice of John the Baptist crying out from the wilderness, inviting all who would seek repentance to the waters of baptism. John does not sit silently, hoping that people will somehow find him, however much that might be to their benefit. His invitation is active. Similarly, Jesus reminds us to “be alert” (Mark 13:33) for the signs that redemption is at hand. The story of the Virgin Mary, who trusted and said yes to bearing God into human form, reminds us that when we hear God calling, our response should be trust and affirmation.

Throughout the weeks ago, let us time from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to truly prepare ourselves to welcome Our Lord.

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA'S ANNUAL APPEAL UNDERWAY

Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) began its annual appeal to donors in October. As donors respond they are hopeful they will achieve their annual goal of \$454,000.

The annual appeal is the single largest fundraising appeal for CCWVa and its statewide services. "We know we can count on our donors and we hope that new supporters will help us reach the goal for these vital funds that directly impact the amount of assistance we provide in communities around the state," said Patti Phillips, director of Development and Marketing of CCWVa.

The first ever World Day of the Poor was observed on November 19. In his message that day, Pope Francis said, "We are called, then, to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet their gaze, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude."

Appeal funds help CCWVa reach more people, to be innovative, to be where people are in need and be prepared with the assistance they need. Essentially bringing them closer to people, encountering them in their suffering and listening.

Beth Zarate, chief executive officer for CCWVa, invited people to, "help us in our mission to bring hope to the hopeless." She tells a story of a young family whose breadwinner, John, lost his job in the mines. The couple came to CCWVa for help; they were relieved to receive food and supplies for their baby. Through further conversation, John enrolled in case management services to identify goals and receive help in attaining those goals. John is now gainfully employed and in thankfulness, the family regularly volunteers with CCWVa to give back.

Donations can be made online at [www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org), by mail at 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003, or by calling 1-888-900-2989. In addition, the traditional second collection at Christmas liturgies throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will go toward CCWVa's appeal.



## Around and About

**SHOE DRIVE:** St. Michael Parish School, Wheeling, has partnered with Funds 2 Org (F2O) an organization providing economic opportunity for workers in developing nations and helping the environment. The shoes that are collected serve as a philanthropic bridge to give people a hand-up and work opportunity. Please donate gently used or new shoes. **Shoe collection dates November 1st—December 15th.** Collection locations: Mail Center Plus, Wheeling Jesuit University Chapel, Central Catholic High School-Main Lobby, St. Michael Parish School-Main Entrance and the SMPS Preschool Lobby.

*Marriage Preparation  
for Engaged Couples*

A New One-Day Retreat

Saturday, January 13th, 2018  
8:30a.m.-8:00p.m.

St. Michael Parish | \$40 per person  
1225 National Rd. | (includes materials  
Wheeling, WV | and 3 meals)

Register and pay online at:  
[WVMarriage.org/RegisterPFCM](http://WVMarriage.org/RegisterPFCM)

*Advanced registration required. No registration accepted day of event.*

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Department of Formation and Mission



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### News

❖ CCHS is collecting non-perishable items to replenish the Blessings Box located adjacent to the former Bishop Donahue High School in McMechen. If you would like to donate, please send some canned goods to CCHS or a small donation designated for the program.

❖ The Annual CCHS Canned Food Drive to benefit the 18th Street Center is scheduled for Saturday, December 9. Please watch for your bag during the week. If you don't receive one, please call the school at 304-233-1660 and we'll get one to you! Thanks for your continued support!

❖ Remember that you can follow all the action of the Maroon Knights by going to [NFHS.com](http://NFHS.com) and searching for CCHS events. If you can't make it to a game, our students bring it home to you!

### 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.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULER

## 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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