

# The Cathedral Courier

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## *The Lord is with me, like a mighty champion*

There is a consistency in today's readings that might be considered the norm. Many Catholics may say they do not regularly read the Bible, but Holy Scripture, all of which comes from the Bible, is something we hear at every Catholic Mass. Scripture has always played an important role in the prayer life of the Church and of its members. For many centuries the exposure to Scripture for Catholics was passive — that is, they heard it but they did not read it. There were two reasons for that: 1. Many could not read; and 2. The average person did not/could not own a book.

Since the invention of the printing press, are you aware the most commonly-printed book is the Bible? It seemed the custom of reading and interpreting the Bible was a Protestant practice. All that changed in 1943 when Pope Pius XII issued his encyclical *Divino Afflante Spiritu*, which encouraged Catholics to study Scripture more carefully.

Holy Scripture is rich with meaning for us. Our First Reading today comes from the prophet Jeremiah. Like many prophets Jeremiah lived more than 600 years before the birth of Christ. Just prior to today's readings Jeremiah laments all the trouble he has experienced because of God's call for him to prophesy and proclaim His Word. He also states that as much as he would prefer not to proclaim God's Word (Jeremiah 20: 9) there came into his heart "as a burning fire" that Word. Does that not sound similar to what the two followers of Jesus expressed after meeting Him on the road to Emmaus? "Did not our hearts burn within us?"



Michaelangelo. *The Prophet Jeremiah*, circa 1508-1512, Sistine Chapel, Vatican City

We are blessed with the Word of God regularly at Mass. Do we listen? Do we hear it? Do we find meaning in it and try to use it in the way we live? That is what we should do. In spite of his misgivings and regardless of his fears, Jeremiah knew that he was called to proclaim. Each of us receives a similar calling, but to fulfill that, we must make the effort to understand and to absorb Holy Scripture as presented to us.

St. Paul is believed to have penned his letter to the Romans while he was in Corinth. Although Paul desired to go to Rome, he had not as yet done so. However, he knew that the Church was growing in Rome as it was elsewhere. This particular epistle of Paul is his longest, and perhaps his most detailed theological treatise, which addresses the issue of sin. As uncomfortable as it may be for us, we need to understand that we were born sinners.

Jesus atoned for our sins, but we need to spend our lives also striving to eliminate sin from our lives and acknowledging our sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our earthly mortality. Yet Jesus offered us a way to eternal life through His sacrifice and death. It is up to us to accept and live with that. It is up to us to respond as disciples of Christ in reaction to that. It is up to us to live our lives as good stewards as part of our discipleship.

So many times in Scripture Jesus makes it clear to us what we are called to do. In today's Gospel, He states, "What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light." It would seem that is a call to us to explain Holy Scripture, His Words, by showing others exactly what they mean, and the best way to do that is in how we live our lives. It is not that the Lord speaks to us truly "in darkness," but unless we hear His Word and take it to heart we are not speaking "in light." Jesus assures us that if we, like Jeremiah, have confidence in Him, our rewards will be beyond imagination. It is easy in this secular world to yield to temptation (sin) and it is equally easy to rationalize away the fact that we are Christians and we are called to demonstrate that and proclaim it in our lives.

Yet the Lord assures us, "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." Being a Catholic is not an easy task. But we need to truly understand that our perspective is beyond this world. That is what it means to be a follower and a disciple of Christ. 🌱

# This Week

## At The Cathedral



### Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty



**SUN 25** TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 (Sat) 6:00 PM Mass for Jack Scott  
 8:00 AM Mass for Robert Skrzypek  
 10:30 AM Mass for the Parishioners

**MON 26** Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time  
 12:05 PM Mass for Fr. James Donegher

**TUE 27** Saint Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor of the church  
 12:05 PM Mass for Sophie Moses

**WED 28** Saint Irenaus, bishop, martyr  
 12:05 PM Mass for Dorothy Hafferty

**THU 29** SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES  
 12:05 PM Mass for Jack Jochum

**FRI 30** First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church  
 11:15 AM Confessions  
 12:05 PM Mass for Roger High

**SAT 1** Saint Junípero Serra, priest  
 9:00 AM Mass for Dr. Adiel Anghie  
 9:30 AM Rosary  
 5:00 PM Confessions  
 6:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

**SUN 2** THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 8:00 AM Mass for Sophie Moses  
 10:30 AM Mass for Nancy Rogers



O God our Creator,  
 from your provident hand we have received  
 our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.  
 You have called us as your people and given us  
 the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,  
 and your Son, Jesus Christ.  
 Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,  
 you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,  
 bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel  
 to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us  
 in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.  
 Give us the strength of mind and heart  
 to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;  
 give us courage in making our voices heard  
 on behalf of the rights of your Church  
 and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,  
 a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters  
 gathered in your Church  
 in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,  
 so that, with every trial withstood  
 and every danger overcome—  
 for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,  
 and all who come after us—  
 this great land will always be “one nation, under God,  
 indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

Launched in the summer of 2011 by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB), the Fortnight for Freedom annual initiative serves as a vital channel for promoting the preservation and protection of our religious liberty through prayer and activism across the country.

*For more information, please visit [usccb.org/fortnight](http://usccb.org/fortnight)*

### Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles June 29

This Thursday the church celebrates two of the most well-known saints, Peter and Paul, who according to legend were executed on the same day under the command of Emperor Nero and buried in Rome.

In a sermon in the year 395, Saint Augustine of Hippo said: “Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles’ blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.”

**- July is the Month of the Precious Blood -**

“As we now approach the month devoted to honoring Christ’s Blood - the price of our redemption, the pledge of salvation and life eternal - may Christians meditate on it more fervently, may they savor its fruits more frequently in sacramental communion.” So wrote Pope Saint John XXIII, in his apostolic letter *Inde a Primus*, encouraging this devotion.



**THIRST**

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

**THIRST will be returning on July 13 at 6:00 pm**

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

*From the Parish Council...*

Please see the bulletin insert this weekend for biographies of the candidates for the upcoming election on the weekend of July 8/9. Special thanks to our parishioners for their recommendations.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of these parishioners who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:

**Gay Ann Kirby** (June 13, 2017)

**Ronald Eugene “Ron” Perrelli** (June 16, 2017)

**Henry Louis “Bud” Vogler, Jr.** (June 17, 2017)

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**The Pope’s Monthly Intention for July**

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:

**Lapsed Christians**

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

**Summer Mass Attendance for Travelers**

With the availability of internet access, there is no reason why summer travelers cannot participate in the Holy Mass on weekends. You can access [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) or google **Catholic Church (City/State)** to find a church. Please don’t take a vacation from Our Lord during the summer.

*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 Kalisz, Pete Mack, R. J. Stocke, Richard Simon, Rick Burgy, Ron Hickman, Rosalie Davis, Sally Jochum, Sarah Hanasky, Sarah Sargent, Shawn Thomas, Shirley DeCaria, Stanley Kyr, Stephanie Bugaj, Susan Graff, Susan Mize, Susan Schulte, Thelma Pearson, Thomas Griffith, Trystan Timmons



*Photo by Donald Gruber*

An outdoor Eucharistic Procession was held on Sunday, June 18 to celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word**

Children’s Liturgy will be on break in July and will return in August.

**Weekly Collection**

**June 18, 2017**

Envelopes: \$3691 Loose: \$1006

Online: \$509

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*



# Rector's Ruminations

## CATHEDRAL CONUNDRUM

### Altar of Sacrifice

BY REV. MSGR. KEVIN M. QUIRK

In last week's installment of the *Conundrum*, dear reader, I promised to provide a more detailed description of our own Altar of Sacrifice, to close out this three week description of the Altar within the sanctuary.

In a certain way, this is just the right time to begin this review of the Altar of Sacrifice, as it first arrived at the Cathedral – albeit in crates – five years ago this week, to be installed, together with the new flooring and the new Ambo during that summer and dedicated in October 2012. That five years ago seems a time just past and yet so many, many years ago. Indeed, Father Thomas R. Gallagher was the last priest of our Diocese to have lain prostrate on the 1996 sanctuary floor and to have celebrated his first Mass at the 1996 wood carved, portable Altar. In the intervening five years, Father Gallagher has become Pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Follansbee and the 1996 Altar has been relocated to St. Joseph Parish, Martinsburg, while our new Altar stands so nobly as the central point of the sanctuary.

Just five years ago, Bishop Bransfield dedicated this new Altar, following a ritual as ancient as our fathers in faith, those wandering Arameans forming a rag-tag nation behind Moses and lead by a pillar of clouds during the day and a column of fire at night. God Himself, while giving the Law that would make that loose band a single nation, instructed Moses to build an altar of sacrifice out of stone, and closely dictated the manner in which the altar was to be anointed: “with this sacred anointing oil you shall anoint [...] the altar of holocausts [...]. When you have consecrated them they shall be most sacred; whatever touches them shall be most sacred; whatever touches them shall be sacred. Aaron and his

sons you shall also anoint and consecrate as my priests” (Ex 30:29-30).

The new Altar of Sacrifice was specifically designed to “match” the original High Altar designed by Edward Weber and consecrated by Archbishop Swint. The same materials were used, with the frontal and side panels being made of calacatta paonazzo (a white, dramatically veined marble) and the Altar's mensa (literally Latin for “table top”) being executed in a single piece of rosso lepanto turco (a deep red marble with white pockets and medium veining), and accented by cornice work and columns executed in botticino (a light marble of buttery appearance), all drawn from the original quarries along the Tyrrhenian Sea. In addition to using the same materials, the Altar of Sacrifice follows the design of the High Altar, with three critical exceptions. First, the Altar of Sacrifice instead of having three distinct sections to its frontal, has but one, allow the Altar of Sacrifice to form a perfect cube – actually two cubes, one nested inside the other, as the lines of mensa and base form one cube within which is found a perfect marble cube forming the altar's core. Being a cube or golden square it is, in keeping with the Euclidean ideal, framed by four gammas ( $\Gamma$ , the Greek letter G), which, suffice it to say, as a great number of significances in mathematics and the Greek obsession with idealized shapes and planer geometry. Where the High Altar is a rectangle, the Altar of Sacrifice is a perfect square, reminiscent of the Altar dedicated by Moses and the Altar of Sacrifice in Solomon's temple. Second, the Altar of Sacrifice is completed on all four sides and approachable from any side, where the High Altar does not have any marble facing on its back

and is not approachable from the rear. While the front is decorated with botticino disk mounted and centered on the calacatta panel framed in marble marquetry on both Altars, the Altar of Sacrifice has a similar panel on the celebrant's side. Finally, the mensa of the Altar of Sacrifice is also supported by eight botticino columns (recall, gentle reader, from many moons ago the significance of eight and its varied repetition in our Cathedral Church), which are reminiscent of the columns supporting the baldachino over the High Altar.



And so Bishop Bransfield anointed this Altar at which we offer sacrifice, consecrating it with the Sacred Oil of Chrism, the same oil used to seal young people with the gift the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation and to anoint the hands of a priest in the Sacrament of Holy Orders. These ancient rites have special meaning to us as holy people, connecting us with the ancient covenant between God and Noah, God and Abraham, and God and Moses, and recognizing the rich treasury of sacred history that is handed on to us. It is a profound way of marking this altar as an Altar of Sacrifice, an altar where instead of birds or senseless beasts, instead of the first fruits of the harvest, we offer bread and wine which become the body and blood, the soul and divinity of Jesus Christ our Lord offered in an un-

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# Christian Awareness

## Conversation with God

BY ALEXJ. NAGEM

**Me:** Good morning Heavenly Father. A few things have been on my mind lately. May I trouble you with my thoughts?

**God:** I have been waiting for you to talk about these thoughts. What took you so long?

**Me:** I have been trying to overcome them and reason through them myself. There is always a setback. When I look for examples of Christian lifestyle, I also see examples of those whom I would have not expected giving in to temptations.

**God:** You must remember that your life on earth is not to be perfect, no matter how hard you try. **T**he perfection will come when you are with me in Heaven.

**Me:** You mean I will be with you in Heaven? I'm in?

**God:** Don't be impatient or presumptuous, my child. You, as every man and woman, have a chance to be with me in Heaven. You have not finished the work planned for you. There are still temptations and encounters that must be overcome. My Son set the example for all to follow. Sadly, though Jesus is accepted by many as My Son, there are many who reject him. Those who accept him don't always follow his teachings and example, as when he was tempted in the desert and he overcame them. You know of his temptations in the desert, don't you?

**Me:** Of course, Jesus was tempted by hunger, by power, by wealth and materialism. After fasting for forty days and nights, Jesus was hungry. He was tempted to satisfy his craving for food by turning stones into bread. Jesus was tempted to throw himself off the pinnacle of the temple and

only rely on Your protection for his safety. Lastly, Jesus was tempted by wealth, splendor, and earthly glory if he would turn from You and only worship the evil one. Jesus was being tempted by earthly pleasures. I guess these are what have overcome my thoughts lately. Wait! You knew this. This is why you asked me about the temptations of Jesus?

**God:** I AM. I know your thoughts and desires. It is free will that can work with you or against you in following My Son's teachings. You are free to love me or reject me. The consequences are not the same for both. To follow Jesus to be with me, you pay a cost on earth, but the rewards are great with me beyond your knowledge and comprehension. But you are not worried about yourself with these temptations, are you? It is what you see in others.

**Me:** Since we tend to follow the leads of others, it is easy for any of us to fall to temptations. I guess we don't realize others are watching our actions and listening to what we say. We can either set a good example or shed poor light as an example. The choice is ours with free will. Why don't we see the consequences of our actions? Are we that blind?

**God:** I want my children to freely follow my Word. You have many opportunities to accept or reject the Word. Though you can always be forgiven, you cannot always commit the same sin without consequence. There are three divine virtues that all should adhere. They are Faith, Hope, and Charity. All three are important, but Charity, now that is pure love for me above all things and a love for one another as one self. Charity is the perfection of your human spirit. With your acts of charity, you glorify me

and replicate my nature. This pleases me. You do want to please me don't you?

**Me:** Above all else, Heavenly Father. But we tend to be greedy with our time and money. We want to control others with threats of ill consequence. If we give, we complain about it or want it to be known to all what we have given. But if I can only give the coins in my pocket, I may be embarrassed to let anyone know what I have given. Greed is not shown by all. But those with greed tend to be noticed more. They project their own self worth which is only imagined in their own minds.

**God:** You are referring to humility. The humility instilled in you since birth must be nurtured. It is like a flower seed that needs sun light, water, and a nourishing soil to grow into a colorful, delicate flower. As a flower in full bloom, all can see its beauty and enjoy its scent. But as the flower fades, it does not die after one season. It enters into a state of rest and produces other flowers with its seeds or with new shoots. The flower does not give praise to itself. Its beauty and scent gives pleasure to me and to you. Being humble is not to deny your talents or gifts but to recognize them and use them to help others. But even in a bed of flowers, weeds can grow and the bed can be overcome by the strangle hold of the weeds. You need to have self reflection to eliminate the weeds.

**Me:** I guess we must stop thinking like a child and planning like a child. We need to grow in the knowledge of You and nourish our love for You and for others. We need to be a reflection of You when we look in a mirror. With our acts of faith, hope and love, we may then one day, after our state of rest, see You before our eyes.

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## 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 June 25

#### Monday

Genesis 12:1-9  
Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22  
Matthew 7:1-5

#### Tuesday

Genesis 13:2, 5-18  
Ps 15:2-4b, 5  
Matthew 7:6, 12-14

#### Wednesday

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Ps 105:1-4, 6-9  
Matthew 7:15-20

#### Thursday

Acts 12:1-11  
Ps 34:2-9  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18  
Matthew 16:13-19

#### Friday

Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22  
Ps 128:1-5  
Matthew 8:1-4

#### Saturday

Genesis 18:1-15  
(Ps) Luke 1:46-50, 53-55  
Matthew 8:5-17

#### Sunday

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a  
Ps 89:2-3, 16-19  
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11  
Matthew 10:37-42

### 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

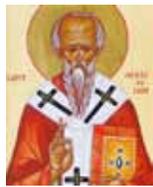
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy**  
Fridays

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



# This Week with the Saints

**June 27 - Saint Cyril** (378-444), the patriarch of Alexandria, was an avid defender of the faith; therefore, he was no stranger to conflict. He found himself at odds with Nestorius, the archbishop of Constantinople, who advocated that the Blessed Virgin is the mother of Christ (*Christotokos*) not the Mother of God (*Theotokos*). St. Cyril presided over the First Council of Ephesus (431), which condemned this particular belief, known as Nestorianism, as heresy and proclaimed Mary as the Mother of God. The Council of Chalcedon (451) based its teachings regarding the two natures of Christ on the thought of St. Cyril. Due to the breadth of his writing on the Incarnation and the dignity of the human person, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.



**June 28 - Saint Irenaeus** (130-202) was the bishop of Lyons, France, a disciple of St. Polycarp of Smyrna, and one of the first Christian theologians. His best known work, *Against Heresies*, is an attack on the gnostics, who claimed to have a secret oral tradition from Jesus. Irenaeus refutes them by pointing out that we know who the bishops are back to the Apostles, and that none was gnostic. He is an early witness to the recognition of the four accounts of the Gospel, to the unique importance of the Bishop of Rome, and to the apostolic succession — the unique interrupted transmission of authority from the Apostles themselves to present-day bishops.

**June 29 - Saints Peter and Paul** were martyred around the year 64 A.D. during Nero's persecution following the Great Fire of Rome. Tradition says that Peter fled Rome to avoid arrest and saw Jesus on the road. "Where are you going, Lord?" Peter asked. Jesus replied, "I am going to Rome to be crucified again." Peter turned back and was crucified upside down, because he felt unworthy to meet his death the same way as Christ. Paul was arrested in Jerusalem and was sent to Rome, where he was placed under house arrest. He was slain by beheading, because as a Roman citizen he could not be subjected to the indignity of crucifixion. *Patronage*: fisherman, ship builders, missionaries, writers, journalists



**June 30 - The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church** were those who suffered martyrdom during the reign of Nero, approximately 54-68. Nero, a ruthless and unstable man, blamed the early Christians for a fire that destroyed two-thirds of Rome. Some believe Nero himself may have started the fire to clear land for future building projects, in particular, a palace. Heinous and barbaric tactics were used to torture and kill Christians, including crucifixion, covering people with wax and lighting them ablaze as human torches, and feeding them to animals. Saints Peter and Paul were among thousands of Christians that were killed at the hand of Nero.

**July 1 - Saint Junípero Serra** (1713-1784) was a Spanish Franciscan friar, best known for founding the string of twenty-one missions that stretch from San Diego to Sonoma, California. Junípero was born in Majorca. At age sixteen he entered the Franciscans. After completing his theological studies, he served as professor of philosophy at Majorca before volunteering for the missions in the "New World." Upon arrival, he went to Mexico City to dedicate his mission at the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Serra founded his first mission at San Diego in 1769, and worked his way up the coast along El Camino Real, making converts as he went. In spite of a leg injury he suffered at the beginning of his ministry, he traveled on foot whenever possible, eventually covering 24,000 miles. The chapel at Mission San Juan Capistrano is believed to be the oldest standing building in California, and the only one left where Serra is known to have celebrated the liturgy. Pope Francis canonized Junípero during his visit to the United States in September 2015. This was the first canonization to take place on U.S. soil. *Patronage*: Vocations, Serra Foundation



*All holy men and women, Saints of God, pray for us!*

## Ruminations ...

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bloody sacrifice to God the Almighty Father for our salvation and where we join to that sacrifice the many works, hopes, and prayers of our lives that they may be carried up into heaven by the angels themselves upon the great ladder which is Jesus Christ.

For this reason, our altar is decorated the Alpha and the Omega

on its front disc to remind us that Jesus Christ Himself is the beginning and the end of all things, that all things are held in him, and that the altar is one of the meaningful ways that Christ is present in the church. The disc on the obverse of the Altar is decorated with the grapes and wheat from which our sacrifice of bread and wine are made and offered to the Lord. The wheat as well is a play on the Bishop's Coat of Arms,

which feature four stalks of wheat or bran, that is a Field of Bran, thus indicating his surname. Much can be said about the beauty of this altar, but more important than that, I hope that as you look upon this altar, you will catch a glimpse of the ancient tradition of faith handed on to us in this altar consecrated to the service of the Lord. 🌿

## Awareness ...

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**God:** I will always be your loving Father to help nurture you as gardener cares for his beds of flowers. I will provide all you will need. Let self pride and earthly desires be like a weed that

has been pulled from the garden. Let their roots dry and shrivel in my sunlight. The more you avoid temptations that strangle your growth, the closer you are to Me.

“Lord, take me where you want me to go. Let me meet who you want me to meet. Tell me what you want

me to say, and keep me out of your way.” Fr. Mychal Judge (First known casualty of 9.11)

My continued prayers are said with you mind, as I hope I am remembered in yours.

“Vocatus Atque Non Vocatus, Deus Aderit” 🍷



## News from Rome

**AUDIENCE WITH NFL PLAYERS** “Values are to be embodied on the field, but also in all aspects of one’s life.” Pope Francis addressed members of the National Football League on June 21 in the Vatican. “Our world, and especially our young people, need models, persons who show us how to bring out the best in ourselves, to use our God-given gifts and talents, and, in so doing, to point the way to a better future for our societies.”

**GENERAL AUDIENCE** Pope Francis during his General Audience on Wednesday, June 21 spoke on the great importance of saints in our lives and the support that they can give us. “The lives of the saints remind us that the Christian ideal is not unattainable. Despite our human weakness, we can always count on God’s grace and the prayers of the saints to sustain us in faith and in hope for the transfiguration of this world and the fulfilment of Christ’s promises in the next.”



## Around and About

**SAINT MICHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL** will be held on **July 6 from 6pm-10pm** and **July 7 & 8 from 5pm-11pm**. Canned goods and toiletries will be accepted for Catholic Charities. For more information, visit [www.stmikesparish.org](http://www.stmikesparish.org) or call the parish office at (304) 242-1560.

**INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE NOVENA - Saint Mary’s Church, Martins Ferry** will begin their annual Novena with Benediction on **July 3 through August 28 at 7:00 pm** for nine consecutive Mondays.

### 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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*Information for the Courier  
must be submitted to the parish office  
by noon on Monday  
(5 days prior to publication)*

### SUNDAY MASSES

6:00 pm (Saturday)  
8:00 am  
10:30 am

### WEEKDAY MASSES

12:05 pm Monday through Friday  
9:00 am Saturday

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

11:15-11:45 am Friday  
5:00-5:45 pm Saturday  
Or by appointment

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

Please call the parish office to arrange for a visit.

### 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.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the  
parish office.

Please notify the parish office of address changes.



### PARISH LEADERS

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