

# The Cathedral Courier

Weekly Bulletin for the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Wheeling, West Virginia

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May 28 2017 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## *“Go, and make disciples of all nations.”*

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. One writer maintains that this is not just something that happened 2,000 years ago, but an event which literally unlocks the meaning of life, and reveals to us the plan of God for all creation. If that is even partially correct, this is something to which we need to pay attention and consider what it does mean for our lives.

Our readings for this holy day universally reinforce not only Jesus' physical ascension, but also the design He set forth for His Church and for His work to continue. St. Augustine once wrote, "Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with Him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: 'If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.' For just as He remained with us even after His Ascension, so we too are already in heaven with Him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies."

In our First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, which comes to us from the absolute beginning of Acts, we hear, "...He was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen." The succeeding readings complement that by making it clear whom the chosen should be.



Jesus' followers give every indication that they expect everything to occur right then. They asked "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" The key phrase is "at this time." Imagine if Jesus had replied that the process of restoring the Kingdom would be ongoing for more than 2,000 years. Yet, that is the reality we now understand. Jesus said to them, and to us, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you." This is a definite statement. The Lord goes on to indicate that we all are to be His witnesses; that, too, is not a request or a command; it is a statement of fact. If we want to be witnesses though, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit, and that may require an effort on our part.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians, our Second Reading, speaks a message that parallels the charge given by the Lord in the initial reading. Paul says, "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call."

Jesus' words, as reported in the Gospel Reading from Matthew, are "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you always until the end of the age." As is always the case, these words are intended for us also. This is called by some "the Great Commission."

When we were baptized, we were baptized with water, but more importantly, we were at that moment incorporated in Jesus Christ Himself, made members of His Body, the Church. St. Augustine also wrote, "Where the Head is, there is the Body; where I am, there is my Church. We, too, are one; the Church is in me and I in Her, and we two are your Beloved." Yes, we have ascended with the Lord, but are we part of the Church in the way Jesus wanted us to be? Is the Church part of us? It should be. We are called, and we must work each day to respond to that calling. 🌟

# This Week

## At The Cathedral



**SUN 28** **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**  
 (Sat) 6:00 PM Mass for Ann Schlatt  
 8:00 AM Mass for Jack Jochum  
 10:30 AM Mass for the Parishioners

**MON 29** **Seventh Week of Easter**  
**Memorial Day**  
 9:00 AM Mass for the Parishioners

**TUE 30** **Seventh Week of Easter**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Edward J. Davis, Sr.

**WED 31** **THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Christina Grimmie

**THU 1** **Saint Justin, martyr**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Jack Scott

**FRI 2** **Saints Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs**  
**First Friday of the Month**  
 11:15 AM Confessions  
 12:05 PM Mass for Phil Shapaka  
 12:40 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 1:25 PM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

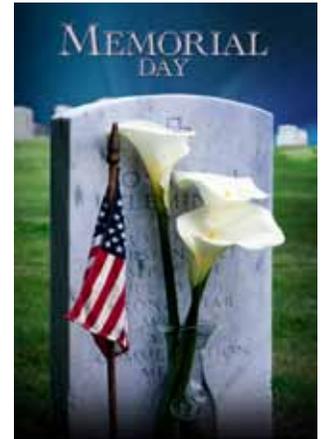
**SAT 3** **Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, martyrs**  
**First Saturday of the Month**  
 11:00 AM Diaconate Ordination  
 5:00 PM Confessions  
 6:00 PM Mass for Martyr Purpura

**SUN 4** **PENTECOST**  
 8:00 AM Mass for the Parishioners  
 10:30 AM Mass for Sophie Moses



### Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy,  
 you destroy war  
 and put down earthly pride.  
 Banish violence from our midst  
 and wipe away our tears,  
 that we may all deserve  
 to be called your sons and daughters.  
 Keep in your mercy  
 those men and women  
 who have died in the cause of freedom  
 and bring them safely  
 into your kingdom of justice and peace.  
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Mass on Memorial Day, May 29,  
 will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. at the Cathedral.**

## Ordination to the Diaconate

Please pray for Mr. Martin Smay,  
 who will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate  
 on **Saturday, June 3 at 11:00 a.m.**  
 in the Cathedral of Saint Joseph.

## 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.

*Catholic* 2017  
**Sharing**  
*Appeal*

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 and your Hearts to Love”**

110 Parishes and Missions  
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## - June is the Month of the Sacred Heart -

On the Friday following the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Because this solemnity usually falls in June, this month is also known as the "Month of the Sacred Heart." Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is all about pondering Christ's love and meditating on Christ's suffering for our salvation.

*O Jesus, meek and humble of heart,  
make our hearts like unto thine!*

### First Friday - June 2

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is of great antiquity in the Church. It was Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, however, who made this devotion widespread. The great promise of the Sacred Heart is most consoling: the grace of final perseverance and the joy of having Jesus' heart as our sure refuge and infinite ocean of mercy in our last hour.

*To gain this grace, we must:*

- ❖ Receive holy Communion on nine consecutive first Fridays.
- ❖ Have the intention of honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of reaching final perseverance.
- ❖ Offer each holy Communion as an act of atonement for offenses against the Blessed Sacrament.

**The Cathedral observes First Friday each month with**

**11:15 am Confessions**

**12:05 pm Mass**

**12:40 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Benediction concludes the period of Adoration at 1:25 pm**



**The Cathedral of Saint Joseph  
offers sincere congratulations, prayers,  
and best wishes  
to the 2017 Graduating Class of  
Wheeling Central Catholic High School!**

*"It is the Lord who goes before you;  
he will be with you  
and will never fail you or forsake you.  
So do not fear or be dismayed."*

-Deuteronomy 31:8

### *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, James Midcap, Jane Rudari, Marlene Martin, Janet Cupp, Janie, Jean and Chuck Schultz, 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, Henry Vogler, 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, Rick South, 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

*Special Thanks*  
to our devoted Catechists

**Mary Dailer  
Tamora Morris  
Julia Sheets**

for giving of their time  
to share our Catholic Faith.

### **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).

### **Weekly Collection**

Envelopes: \$3036 Loose: \$826  
Online: \$393

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*



# Rector's Ruminations

## CATHEDRAL CONUNDRUM

### The Paschal Candle

BY REV. MSGR. KEVIN M. QUIRK

In the last installment of the Cathedral Conundrum, we visited St. Joseph's Chapel in the southern portion of the sanctuary. Before continuing our consideration of several items within the lower sanctuary – the portion of the sanctuary directly below the dome where the Altar of Sacrifice is situated – it seems appropriate to offer a few words about an adornment that is located in the sanctuary only during the Easter Season: the Paschal Candle.

The origin of the Paschal Candle is uncertain as is the prominent role that it plays in the Easter Vigil, together with the blessing of the new fire and the new water. However, it likely traces its origins to the first century b.c. the Jewish custom of lighting a lamp at the conclusion of the Sabbath, indicating God's presence in the home throughout that night. This custom was carried over into early Christian practice of keeping vigil for every Sunday and especially that of Easter with a service of Light ("Lucernarium") and the communal praying of psalms. The rite, therefore, has its roots in the very beginning of Christianity.

By the second half of the fourth century the Lucernarium of the Easter Vigil had become a distinctly solemn rite: indeed, in a letter written in 384 to Presidio, a deacon from Piacenza, Italy, St. Jerome mentions the established custom of singing a hymn in praise of the candle and of the Easter mystery it represents. St. Ambrose and Augustine are also known to have composed such Easter proclamations. The poetic and solemn text of the Exultet now in use originated in the fifth century but its author is unknown; the current text appears to have been settled by Blessed

Alcuin of York in the eighth century.

The use of the Candle has varied over the centuries. From the 10th century the use prevailed of keeping it in a place of honor near the Gospel until the feast of the Ascension.

*The Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts* (1988) now provides that "The Paschal candle has its proper place either by the ambo or by the altar and should be lit at least in all the more solemn liturgical celebrations of the season until Pentecost Sunday, whether at Mass or at Morning and Evening Prayer. After the Easter season the candle should be kept with honor in the baptistery so that in the celebration of baptism the candles of the baptized may be lit from it. In the celebration of funerals the Paschal candle should be placed near the coffin to indicate that the death of a Christian is his own Passover. The Paschal candle should not otherwise be lit nor placed in the sanctuary outside the Easter season."

From around the 12th century the custom began of inscribing the current year on the candle and adorning it with the other symbols now seen in the contemporary rite. As a result, the candle hence grew in size so as to merit the attribution of pillar mentioned in the Exultet.

The same *Circular Letter* provides that "The Paschal Candle [...] for effective symbolism must be made of wax, never artificial, be renewed each year, be only one in number, and be of sufficiently large size so that it may evoke the truth that Christ is the Light of the World." In this way, the Paschal candle clearly represents Christ, the Light of the World. The pure beeswax of which the candle is made represents the sinless Christ who was formed in the womb of

His Mother. The wick signifies His humanity, the flame, His Divine Nature. Five grains of incense inserted into the candle in the form of a cross – marked with colored pieces of wax – recall both the aromatic spices with which His Sacred Body was prepared for the tomb, and the five wounds of the Crucifixion.

During the Easter Vigil, the priest or deacon carries the candle in procession to the new fire, which itself symbolizes our eternal life in Christ. The candle, representing Christ himself, is blessed.



As the celebrant traces the sign of the cross and inscribes the Greek letters Alpha and Omega along with the numerals of the current year, he says "Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega, all time belongs

to him and all ages, to him be glory and power through every age forever, Amen." This prayer expresses in a few words and actions the entire doctrine of St. Paul on Christ as Lord of the Universe: nothing escapes the influence of Christ's redemptive act; the whole creation man things and time now belong to him.

This whole ritual of blessing and lighting the Paschal Candle expresses that the candle too is a creature renewed and has the sacral function of symbolizing to the world the glory of the Risen Christ. That is why the sign of the cross is first traced on the candle, for the cross is what gives all things their meaning. In this last week of Easter, as you listen to the Word of God proclaimed, consider that lit candle burning brightly, the sacramental of Christ the Risen Lord, whose bright light scatters the darkness and gives warmth and comfort to us all. 🌿



## God and Nature

BY ALEXJ. NAGEM

As I am walking out of the grocery store my cell phone rings. My wife, Lori, was calling. She tells me the deer have pushed against the plastic fencing and broke through to get to the young weeping cherry tree. The culprit ate the leaves on one side of the tree. This year the tree was beginning to fill out with leaves. Oh, well maybe next year, or the one after. Instead of a relaxing day with a book and cup of coffee after returning from the grocery store, I headed to Lowe's for more fencing and posts. As I stared at the fencing and posts deciding what are the better to buy without spending hundreds out of my paycheck, I noticed three little birds on the upper shelf. They were chirping and rubbing their beaks against the shelf. They were being exactly as God had created them, nothing different. They would fly, sing, produce offspring, and live the life as God has intended. We are to be superior to birds, but they seem to have a less stressful and productive life. They work diligently to build a nest, hunt for food, and produce offspring. Isn't this their way of giving praise to God, being nothing more than what God had intended? If they live around our home, Lori helps with their need for food. We have three feeders in the pine tree. She also tosses seed on the ground around the tree to feed more birds at once. The neighboring squirrel and chipmunk enjoy the seeds as well. I am amazed at the amount of seeds one squirrel can eat. It is enjoyable to watch the squirrel stretch and perform acrobatics to reach the feeders. When you give thought to creatures and nature around us, they could have only come from an all intelligent, powerful, and loving Creator. Do we tend to look beyond the simplicity of nature, or do we marvel at its beauty and grace, and

give praise to God? "But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you, or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand are the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind." Job 12:7-10. Yes, all this did come from my staring at fencing, deciding which to buy. Well, except for the verses from Job. Imagination is a terrible thing to waste, (as I laugh to myself.) This is a gift God has provided to us. Shouldn't we use it often?

Later at home, I begin to place two wooden posts in the ground. They look like a tree with no leaves or branches that the deer have eaten. Again, imagination takes over my thoughts. The posts just stick straight up from the ground waiting for the fencing to be attached as another attempt to keep hungry deer from our young trees and flowers. You can see the marvels of our Creator in the smallest blade of grass, the clouds in the sky, and the movement and behavior of birds and wildlife. Have you wondered why grass is the shape that it is, or why it is the color green? Did God know that it would be cool to the touch under our bare feet, or that it would provide food for animals, unless they are nibbling at trees that Lori and I have planted? Have you noticed the texture, color and shapes of flowers or leaves of a tree? Have you felt the cool wind on your face on spring and summer days and smiled? Is the cool wind a gentle caress of the hand of God? If we are to think of God constantly, why would this not enter our thoughts? When you enjoy the taste of a sweet orange or a crisp, sugary apple, do you give thanks to God? These are some of the foods He has provided to us.

Only a loving and caring Creator would think of all our needs. Many thoughts run through my mind as I stare at the hillsides around my home. Do we really care for our gifts when we deface beautiful hillsides with billboards and signs or toss trash on the side of the road or street? Have we cared for the earth and the creatures that walk among us as God has provided? I feel a little guilty as I wrap and connect the fencing around the posts. Am I protecting something of beauty to enjoy or keeping food away from a hungry creature God has created? I think the deer have sufficient greens to eat. Let me enjoy the trees that I have planted for their beauty and shade.

There are several pregnant deer around our home. Soon new born fawns will be running and jumping in the side yard under the constant, watchful eye of their mother. They are a new life that God continues to create. Their behavior is also enjoyable to watch, unless they break through the fencing, again, to nibble at the young leaves of the trees. I watch the deer in the side yard with their black nose and dark brown eyes. They stand calm and still as they watch me work. One raises its front leg and gently lowers it as if softly stomping to get my attention, or is this a sign of frustration with the realization this new fencing is better quality and higher in height? It is only my imagination. Three small birds have found a perch on the top of the posts. They chirp and brush their beaks against the top of the posts. Are they the same three birds I saw earlier, probably not? They are just watching me work, providing me with company and a song. I do enjoy nature, the gift from God. We care for our small garden of flowers, plants and trees as a prelude, I hope, for

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# Liturgical Calendar for this Week

**May 31 - The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** to Elizabeth originated in the Middle Ages. It was celebrated on various dates until it was assigned this date. It occurs one month before the celebration of the Solemnity of St. John the Baptist on June 24.

Luke's account of the visitation invites us to engage the tenderness between Mary and Elizabeth. In a tender exchange, Mary and Elizabeth affirm one another's experience of God's presence and action on behalf of his people. As Elizabeth recognized God's presence within Mary, so we are called to help others recognize God's presence with and within them. What a gift it must have been for these two women to spend time together. Given their miraculous pregnancies and unique experiences of God, they could only turn to each other to ponder and process what was happening. As God brought them together, their companionship during this time must have been a source of mutual comfort, encouragement, and joyful anticipation. Praise be to God for knowing our needs even before we are aware of them, and caring for us through the love and friendship of those around us.

This feast day is an excellent time to pray for expectant parents.

**June 1 - Saint Justin** was a philosopher who became one of the Church's first apologists, exploring the rational basis of faith and arguing that true philosophy would lead to Christ. We are also indebted to Justin for one of the earliest descriptions of the Mass (it can be found in the Office of Readings for the Third Sunday of Easter). His memorial is a good day to pray for theologians, philosophers, and for ourselves - that we will seek God not only with our hearts, but with our minds.

**June 2** - Not much is known of these two early martyrs, who died in 304, except that **Marcellinus** was a priest, **Peter** was an exorcist, and they were both martyred under Diocletian. While in prison, they managed to convert the jailer and his family. Pope Damasus honored them with an epitaph. They are mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer I.

**June 3** - Along with his twenty-two companions, **Saint Charles Lwanga** (1860/1865-1886) is considered a proto-martyr, one of the first African martyrs. Saint Charles, a native of Uganda, served the kabaka, or king, as a master of pages whose primary task was to train young people in royal service. Unfortunately, he was thrust into this position during the reign of the anti-Christian king, Mwanga. As a recent convert he felt impelled to catechize the young pages in the ways of Christianity, which led to several Baptisms. When the king found out about his actions, he demanded that Saint Charles and the newly baptized renounce this faith, but they remained steadfast in their beliefs, resulting in arrest and sentenced to death. Saint Charles and six others were wrapped in a mat of reeds and burned to death. His final words were *Kotonda wange*, "My God."

## The Pope's Monthly Intention

*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:*

### National Leaders

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

## Upcoming Events at the Cathedral

June 3	Diaconate Ordination
June 18	Corpus Christi Mass with Solemn Eucharistic Procession

## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

May 29, 2017 through June 4, 2017

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-7  
John 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21  
John 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Zephaniah 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6  
Luke 1:39-56
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11  
John 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b  
John 21:15-19
- Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7  
John 21:20-25
- Sunday: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34  
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 John 20:19-23



# Catholic News Throughout the Globe

## POPE FRANCIS:

**FIVE NEW CARDINALS** During the Angelus Address last Sunday, May 21, Pope Francis announced he will create five new cardinals during a Consistory on June 28, 2017. The new cardinals-designate, coming from Mali, Spain, Sweden, Laos, and El Salvador, “demonstrates the catholicity of the church spread across the globe,” Pope Francis said. On June 29, the day after the consistory and the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, the new cardinals will concelebrate a Mass with him, the entire College of Cardinals and new archbishops from around the world.

With five new cardinals, the College of Cardinals will have 227 members, 121 of whom are under the age of 80 and therefore eligible to vote in a conclave. The number of electors exceeds by one the limit of 120 set by Blessed Paul VI.

**CONDOLENCES TO MANCHESTER VICTIMS** Pope Francis has sent a telegram expressing condolences and prayers to the victims of Monday night’s bombing of a concert venue in Manchester, England, and condemning the attack, in which at least 22 people were killed and 59 others injured. The Holy Father called the attack “barbaric” and expressed “his heartfelt solidarity with all those affected by this senseless act of violence.”

**GENERAL AUDIENCE** During his General Audience this past Wednesday, May 24, the Holy Father continued his catechesis on Christian Hope, reflecting on the Risen Lord’s encounter with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. “Unrecognized, the Lord walks with them and listens as they tell of how their hopes were shattered by the tragedy of the cross. Jesus then slowly opens their hearts to a new and greater hope by explaining how the Scriptures were fulfilled in the suffering and death of the Messiah,” the Pope said. He went on to say that “like the disciples, we too are sent forth to encounter others, to hear their joys and sorrows, and to offer them words of life and hope based on God’s unfailing love, which accompanies us at every step of life’s journey.”

## Awareness ...

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what we pray will come.

“By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is

charged with the glory of God and I feel fire and music under my feet.” -Thomas Merton

In our time of conflict, war and terror, when some can’t enjoy the beauty of nature I end with this prayer to St. Michael. “St. Michael Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.” -Pope Leo XIII

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



## Around and About

**RECITATION OF THE ROSARY** - The Recitation of Holy Rosary will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 28 at the **Knights of Columbus Carroll Council #504 Hall**, 118 Edgington Lane, Wheeling.

**POLISH MASS** - Celebrated at **Saint Alphonsus, Wheeling** on the Third Sunday of Every Month at 10:30 a.m.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** - **Saint Michael’s, Wheeling** has Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

## 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**

**Mrs. Judy Miller**  
PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

**Mr. James Carroll**  
FINANCE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

**Mr. John Petrella**  
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