



The Cathedral Courier

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November 5, 2017 | THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In many ways being a good Christian and being a good steward has everything to do with humility. Jesus is the absolute epitome of humility and today's readings once again emphasize that fact. However, we also must recognize that it is a way of living to which He calls us as well.

Our First Reading is from the Old Testament Book of Malachi. Malachi is the last of the Twelve Minor Prophets in the Bible, and it is thus the final Book of the Old Testament, placed just prior to Matthew. Scholars debate whether the author is actually someone named Malachi, as in Hebrew "Malachi" means "God's messenger" and it may not even be a proper name. The Book of Malachi is among the shorter books in the Bible with just over 1,300 words. To put that in perspective the Book of Genesis contains more than 32,000 words.

In this particular passage God, through Malachi, addresses those who do not sincerely practice their faith. It is interesting to note that at one point in today's readings, Malachi states, "You have turned aside from the way." The "Way" with a capital "W" was what early Christians were called. It stems from Jesus' statement, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Malachi points out to those to whom he was writing that turning aside from the way is an unacceptable and insincere act. Acting in this way is the opposite of humility.

St. Paul understood what it meant to be humble. For him the focus was always on the faith and on Christ, not on any personal glorification. In the Second Reading drawn from his First

Letter to the Thessalonians Paul says, "We were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well." This idea of serving, of giving self, is key to living a stewardship way of life. In the Gospel, as we will see, Christ really emphasizes



it. Paul makes it clear he was among the Thessalonians to give something to them, not to take something from them. Paul also stresses the love aspect of giving in this way: "...so dearly beloved you had become to us."

Paul clearly liked and respected the Thessalonians for many reasons. He

points out one particular cause that also has an obvious message for us. Paul says, "And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God." Paul consistently taught that the Word comes from God. For Paul this Word was beyond human opinion. Paul did not have "blind faith." He could see how effective it is with those who hear it and believe it. Paul knew that there was power in the Word of God to change lives.

The Word of God could not be more powerful than it is the Gospel Reading from St. Matthew. As the Lord has been doing throughout our recent Gospel Readings, He takes to task the "scribes and the Pharisees." Jesus points out that it is all right to "do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example." It is the same message that God provides through Malachi in the First Reading.

Nevertheless, it is in Jesus' final reminder in this reading that we find the real jewel among His Word. The Lord says, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus was truly the greatest among them, but He always spoke of Himself and viewed Himself as a servant. The basic issue for us as His followers is, "Are we more like the Pharisees or more like the Lord?" We are called to imitate Him and to pursue His philosophy and style. His kingdom is different. In the Lord's kingdom we are measured by how we serve and honor others, not by how we may be served. Do we serve and honor others at all times? 🍷

This Week

At The Cathedral



SUN 5 **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 (Sat) 6:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners
 8:00 AM Mass for Ron Radcliffe
 9:15 AM First Communion Classes (*Parish Offices*)
 10:30 AM Mass for Irene Cross

MON 6 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
 12:05 PM Mass for Mary Lavern Monnes
 7:00 PM Infant of Prague Novena

TUE 7 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
 12:05 PM Mass for Lily Ball

WED 8 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**
 12:05 PM Mass for Julia Bartolovich

THU 9 **THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**
 12:05 PM Mass for Katerina Bolcek

FRI 10 **Saint Leo the Great, pope, doctor of the Church**
 11:15 AM Confessions
 12:05 PM Mass for a Special Intention

SAT 11 **Saint Martin of Tours, bishop**
 9:00 AM Mass for Robert "Herk" Henry
 9:30 AM Rosary
 5:00 PM Confessions
 6:00 PM Mass for Sophie Moses

SUN 12 **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 8:00 AM Mass for the Parishioners
 9:15 AM First Communion Classes (*Parish Offices*)
 10:30 AM Mass for Agata DeCicco



National Vocations Awareness Week

This week (November 5 through 11), we celebrate “National Vocation Awareness Week”. This annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States is dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Pope Francis has said that the promotion of vocations is the responsibility of every Catholic. “Commitment to mission is not something added on to the Christian life as a kind of decoration, but is instead an essential element of faith itself. A relationship with the Lord entails being sent out into the world as prophets of his word and witnesses of his love.” The Holy Father has also expressed that “Today there is the urgency to bring into the Christian community a new ‘vocational culture’”.

Cardinal Joseph Tobin, the Chair of the US Bishops’ Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, reminds us that each of us in the Church has a key role to play in the witness of our vocation in ordinary circumstances, “As we go about our everyday life and most especially this week, we must keep vocations in our prayers, while, at the same time, being a mindful witness with our own vocation. We may never know how our lives may have an impact on someone else’s story. Simply living out our call as disciples of Jesus Christ fully and joyfully in the world bears witness to the love of Christ as He generously bestows on each of us our own personal call.”

Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated and holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God’s gift of a vocation.

Book of the Names of the Dead

The Church has a long tradition of remembering those who have died, and commending them to the love and mercy of God. During November, we are called in a special way to remember “our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection.” The Book of the Names of the Dead will be on display near the baptismal font throughout this month. Contained in this book are the names of our parishioners who have died over the past years. We encourage you to inscribe the names of your family and friends who have died over the past year so that we might remember and pray for them and for all of the holy dead.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

November - Month of All Souls ☸☸☸

In the month of November, we pray in a special way for those who have died - those who are known to us, and those who are unknown. "It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins," observes the writer of Maccabees in the Old Testament (*2 Maccabees 12:45-46*). Intercession on behalf of those who have died is a cherished tenet of our Catholic faith, springing from our belief in the resurrection of the body and the communion of saints. "Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayer and intercession (*Order of Christian Funerals, 6*). Trusting in God's love and mercy, we continue to pray for them, knowing that this spiritual bond with our brothers and sisters who have died can never be broken.

INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE NOVENA at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph



Encountering Christ in His Miracles

Week VII - November 6
"Cleansing of the Ten Lepers"

Rev. Douglas A. Ondeck
Pastor

Our Lady of Peace, Wheeling, WV

Nine Consecutive Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Please join us!

"The more you honor me, the more I will bless you."

Women's Faith Sharing Group

The November Women's Faith Sharing Group will gather on the second Friday, **November 10**, in the Cathedral parish office at 1:00 pm following the noon liturgy and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. All are welcome. (For more info please call Diane at 304-233-8574).

Thank you

The Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center, Wheeling, sends their sincere thanks and gratitude to all those who contributed to our recent cleaning supplies drive. Over 250 pounds of cleaning supplies were collected. Thank you for your continued generosity and care for those in need.

**2017
CHRISTMAS
PROJECT**

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree will be in the church beginning:
Saturday, November 25

Please return the gifts no later than December 3
All gifts are delivered that week and it is important we receive your gift and tag by the due date.

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

Congratulations to one of our faithful parishioners, Mr. Pete Cuffaro, who was recently inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, West Virginia chapter. Pete received the Medal of Courage for overcoming adversity on the mats and in his own life.

In high school, Pete Cuffaro was involved with promoting wrestling at Linsly Military Institute, (keeping score, etc.) as a student there. Cuffaro has been instrumental in supporting and promoting our nearly 50-team OVAC High School Wrestling Championships.

For over 25 years, Mr. Cuffaro has served as a volunteer Clock Operator and Official Score Keeper at the OVAC Wrestling Championships, as well as various other invitational wrestling tournaments in the upper Ohio Valley.

Over the years, Pete Cuffaro has authored numerous wrestling articles in the Wheeling (WV) News-Register's prestigious, award-winning Mat Talk Column. For decades, Mr. Cuffaro has been the featured speaker at various high-school wrestling banquets in the upper Ohio Valley.

Weekly Collection

October 29, 2017

Envelopes: \$2595 Loose: \$871

Online: \$283

Thank you for your generosity and support!



Rector's Ruminations

THE CATHEDRAL CONUNDRUM

Tabernacle, Part II

BY REV. MSGR. KEVIN M. QUIRK

As previously promised, we now turn our attention to the specific details of the Cathedral's tabernacle itself and its noble design.

The Tabernacle that we see sitting at the center of the High Altar was designed by Mr. Weber for the new Cathedral Church and was intended specifically for the space in which it is now located. While not anchored or permanently affixed to the mensa of the High Altar, the Tabernacle is, for all intents and purposes, immovable on account of its weight alone: at over 100 pounds, the Tabernacle cannot be easily moved from its location and has been moved only once in recent years of a cleaning and restoration.

Designed for the Cathedral Church by its master architect, the Tabernacle reflects the architecture of the Church and, in particular, the Church's crossing dome. Architecturally, this is not an unusual design choice. Particularly in the great Churches of the renaissance and in baroque Churches, the principal tabernacle often presented an idealized version of the Church or of its dome. Perhaps the best example of this is the Tabernacle within the Basilica of Saint Peter at the Vatican: the Tabernacle of gilded bronze, designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini (1674) on the lines of the famous tempio of St. Pietro in Montorio, the work of Bramante, and capped by a replica of the Basilica's own dome, designed by Michelangelo. On your next visit to the Basilica of Saint

Peter, make sure to stop into the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for a moment of prayer and to admire Bernini's beautiful Tabernacle, together with Pietro da Cortona's beautiful painting of the Holy Trinity behind it. As a bonus: that painting is the only canvas within the Basilica. The art work on every other reredos in the Basilica, upstairs and in the Grottoes below, is rendered in mosaic.



While not immediately noticeable, the similarities between our Cathedral's Tabernacle and the Church's dome become evident as one draws closer and if one keeps in mind the original appearance of the dome. Note that the Tabernacle has three specific parts to it: the main body of the tabernacle, a shallow domed top, and a monumental crucifix surmounting the top. The main body or shaft of the Tabernacle, like the drum of the dome itself, is an octagon. Here, the sides are not all of equal width; rather, there are four principle faces and four minor faces the spirals of whose finished design give the appearance of columns. Yet, the octagonal shape, whose significance has already been discussed, is evident.

Keeping in mind that the Cathedral's true dome was originally finished by terra cotta mission tiles, which somewhat softened the sectional appearance under their rich, varied red tones, the Tabernacle's true dome roof gives the appearance of begin shingled or scalloped. In any case, it intends to

present as a roof, more than merely a top. It differs from the Church's dome in that it is a decagon with pronounced ribbing, rather than a softer octagon; moreover, it is a shallower dome covering a proportionately larger space than the Cathedral's dome. Perhaps the tabernacle presents a glimpse of another possible appearance to the Cathedral's dome that was abandoned in favor of the design we now see; perhaps it was an idealized version. Whatever the case, the Tabernacle is clearly an echo of the dome itself.

Finally, the surmounting crucifix is an echo of the dome's lantern and cross. Here, however, the lantern has been eliminated in favor of a full crucifix, rendered in bronze and lacquered mahogany, with four crystal gems. Moreover, the crucifix is disproportionately large, compared to the Tabernacle, accounting for close to half the total height of the Tabernacle, while the lantern and its surmounted cross are in perfect proportion to the overall dome. Of course, the Tabernacle's crucifix has a different function than the lantern. It is not merely a decorative finish, but is meant to be an object of contemplation and worship for the faithful during the celebration of the Mass.

When the Mass was celebrated at the High Altar, the Tabernacle, in addition to be shrouded, was also obscured from view by the celebrant. The crucifix, however, rose well above the heads of the celebrant, deacons, and subdeacons and was visible from most points within the nave of the Church. The crucifix itself is not affixed to the top of the Tabernacle; at its base, there is a bronze shaft which fits into a socket at the flattened apex of the Tabernacle's dome. Thus, the crucifix itself can be removed during Passion Tide or during the Triduum, the latter being

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Christian Awareness

Season of Love Reminder

BY ALEX NAGEM

On Saturday I made my list of things needed at the grocery store and one of the department stores at the Highlands. Driving on the interstate to the Highlands, I am reminded several times to watch the speed of my car with speed limits signs on the side of the road. There are other informational signs of the quality of medical care at Wheeling Hospital, best places to purchase a new car, and places to eat. I am listening to Pandora radio while driving. Instrumental Christmas music is playing. The music seems appropriate for a cold, rainy October day to boost my spirits. I like traditional Christmas music, especially instrumentals. Christmas music is a reminder of the special gift we all received. It is a gift that never tarnishes, is always in fashion, and one we should never grow tired having. The gift is the greatest love affair any of us will ever have. Listening to the Christmas music, I can almost smell the cookies baking in my mom's kitchen. The scent of baking cookies seems almost too real. Mom would be listening to the television in the other room as her hands would work the dough in her kitchen. She would tell stories about the cookies she was making and how they were a recipe of grandma. It wouldn't matter how she felt physically, she would make the cookies out of love for all. They were always a special treat. She would make dozens of cookies to give as a special treat to friends and family. As she would talk about someone who liked a particular cookie, she would say, "God bless their heart," multiple times. It takes the love of someone to truly want God to bless them. Is this blessing a reminder of the Christmas Season? As thoughts of my mom baking play in my head and as I watch the speed I

am driving, the instrumental version of "God Rest Merry Gentlemen" begins to play on Pandora. In a time past, I had read that this song is a prayer asking God to keep joy in the hearts of all men. The music seems appropriate with my thoughts of the morning. I wonder how we would treat one another if we are constantly reminded to have a positive and loving attitude toward each other. I imagine how the newspaper headlines would read each day. Instead of talking about threats of war, violence, and the ineptness of those holding a political office, the headlines would tell us of all the charitable acts that are extended to one another. If we are reminded more about the love of God in all that is around us, from television shows and internet blogs to road signs, would our churches be filled more on Sundays and weekdays? I do make myself laugh sometimes with my thoughts. If I have the chance to give a gift of my choice to everyone, it would be that when the next day comes all problems, illnesses, and worries would be gone, and all could start over again. See how Christmas music takes hold of my thoughts. Jesus has already promised us this gift, so why aren't we excited like children when we find out we are receiving the one special gift we asked our parents to give us? As I walk the aisles in the department store, I see some Christmas displays, and yes it is only October. One of the displays has several signs with various sayings. The first sign that catches my eye reads, "Believe." Of all the signs I see each day this one gives an answer to the direction we should follow. For some, this may be a belief in Santa Claus. For me, it is a belief in all that is Holy, the perfect gift for every season. When I arrive home from the store, I am singing the words

to "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." Lori hears me on the porch and opens the front door. She greets me with her special loving smile and before I can ask, she tells me we cannot begin decorating for Christmas. How does she do that? I hadn't even asked the question. It's as if she can read my mind. Though I am not allowed to start decorating our home for Christmas, in my thoughts I am already there. I pray your thoughts are directed toward the meaning of the birth of Christ this and every day as you become a reminder for the Season of Love.

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

"Vocatus Atque Non Vocatus, Deus Aderit" ☺

*A Prayer for
the Deceased*

*O God, Creator and Redeemer
of all Your faithful people,
grant to the souls of
all our faithful departed
Your mercy, light and peace.*

*Lord, we pray that those we love
who have gone before us in faith,
may know Your forgiveness for their sins,
and the blessings of everlasting life,
in company with the Virgin Mary
and all the angels and saints in heaven.*

Amen.

IT'S TIME TO FALL BACK!
Sunday,
November 5 (2am)

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 November 5

Monday

Romans 11:29-36
Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36
Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday

Romans 12:5-15b
Ps 131:1, 2, 3
Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday

Romans 13:8-10
Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9
Luke 14:25-33

Thursday

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17
John 2:13-22

Friday

Romans 15:14-21
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
Luke 16:1-8

Saturday

Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11
Luke 16:9-15

Sunday

Wisdom 6:12-16
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

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

November 9 - Saint John Lateran is one of the four major basilicas in Rome, with St. Peter, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. It is unique among the four since it (not St. Peter's) is the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome, the pope. It the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. "Lateran" was the name of a Roman family whose lands were seized for the Church by the Emperor Constantine, and which then became the site of a great basilica dedicated in honor of St. John the Baptist. For centuries, the old Lateran palace was the residence of the popes. It was only when the popes returned from the Avignon exile in the 14th century that they took up residence at the Vatican. The basilica now has a triple dedication in honor of St. John the Baptist, St. John the Evangelist, and our Lord. Across the front of the basilica is a Latin inscription that says, "This is the mother and head of all churches in the whole world." It is a reminder of why the dedication of this one church is celebrated by the universal Church: we are one family, one flock, and we are led by one shepherd, the successor of Saint Peter.



November 10 - As pope and doctor of the Church, Saint Leo the Great (†461) strongly supported the teachings of the Council of Chalcedon, especially on the humanity and divinity of Christ. He advocated papal authority by moving from the traditional approach that the pope is a successor to Saint Peter's chair to the pope as Saint Peter's heir. Under his leadership, uniformity of pastoral practice was encouraged, liturgical and clerical abuses were corrected, and priests were sent on a mission to extinguish Priscillianism, a heresy that claimed the human body was evil. Saint Leo is recognized as a "protector of the people" because he persuaded Attila the Hun to not invade the city of Rome, and later prevented the Vandals (East German invaders) from torching the city of Rome and massacring its people.

November 11 - Saint Martin of Tours (316-397) was forced by his father, a pagan officer in the Roman army, to join the military. While serving in the military, he had a life-changing event in which he cut his cloak in half to clothe a freezing beggar. Following this encounter he had a vision of Christ wrapped in the cloak. As a result of this experience, St. Martin chose to be baptized and declared himself a soldier of peace for Christ, refusing to participate in any act of violence. He took up the life of a hermit, thereby introducing monasticism into Gaul. Following his election as bishop of Tours he continued living as a monk, but made numerous trips to visit his people and establish new monasteries. The people of Gaul converted to Christianity due to his example. *Patronage:* soldiers; wine producers; France



The Communion of Saints in the Month of November

During the month of November, the Church in a special way, brings to our attention the Communion of the Saints. The Catechism (954) tells us that there are "three states of the Church... at the present time, some of (Christ's) disciples are pilgrims on earth. Others have died and are being purified, while still others are in glory."

As good Christians on earth we are related to the saints in heaven:

a. We honor them by singing their praises and in this way honor God who gave them the graces and help they needed to live holy lives while on earth.

b. In some cases we also try to imitate the holy

way they lived, prayed, worked, suffered and died.

c. We also seek their intercession. We ask them to join us in presenting our requests to the Lord.

"By their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped." (Cat 956) We should frequently pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. They are certain to reach heaven but in the meantime they still need further purification and suffer greatly because they long to see God. The Church prays for them at every Mass. It is good for us to pray daily for the Holy Souls. Many Catholics make it a point to offer some sacrifice daily for the Holy Souls. A prayer frequently prayed is: "May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."

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the custom at the Cathedral.

The four principal faces of the Tabernacle share a main rectangular panel: on the three which do not house the door, the panel is highly fluted. Above each panel is an arched section with a scalloped decoration, each scallop containing a cross. On the north, west, and south faces, between the panel and the arched area, there are the following words in surmounted bronze letters: *Ecce Panis Angelorum* – Behold the Bread of Angels. The western face holds the door of the Tabernacle, below the word Panis. The door is highly decorated with a central panel depicting the host held above the chalice – in the gesture of the *Ecce Agnus Dei* – emitting rays of light or glory done in high relief. The panel is surrounded by a frame decorated with octagonal stars – different from an octogram in that that these stars are formed by overlaying two squares at 45° angles to one

another. Each star – save for two – is surmounted by a quatrefoil topped by another quatrefoil, the quatrefoil being a four-leafed image symbolizing the cross. There are seven of these stars at in the top and bottom sections of the frame – seven being the divine number – and nine in the sections forming the frame's sides. With three being seen as the first complete number (having a beginning, a middle, and an end) and being associated closely with the Holy Trinity, nine was considered a sacred number since it is three threes. Thus, nine levels choirs of angels, nine days in a novena of prayer, nine First Fridays, nine levels to hell, etc. In the top section to the frame, the middle star is surmounted by a beautiful cameo of Christ in profile, interestingly shown in left profile and facing north. With the cameo being a small circle of obsidian and profile rendered in pearl, the whole set in a frame of bronze in a different hue from the rest of the Tabernacle, it is clear that this element existed independent of the Tabernacle and was not

designed specifically for it. Likewise, in the same location in the bottom section of the frame a ruby has been set into the octagonal star. Again, it is evident that the ruby had a separate life before being included in this work. Perhaps both were donatives either from Bishop Donahue or Archbishop Swint, or another benefactor.

Like the ancient arch of the covenant, the inside of the Tabernacle is lined with cedar, this wood whose rosy hue, fragrant odor, and preservative powers are well renowned and fitting paneling for the house of the Blessed Sacrament.

I invite you to come forward and study the Tabernacle and, in particular, to see the beautiful cameo of Christ. As you admire its beauty, think of the great treasure of grace it houses.

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



Around and About

SPAGHETTI DINNER - It's time once again for the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph Spaghetti Dinner and Craft Sale. The 29th annual event will take place on **Sunday, November 5, 2017, from Noon to 6 p.m. at Mount St. Joseph in Wheeling.** Come and eat a delicious meal with the sisters and enjoy their homemade crafts--wreaths, stuffed animals, table runners, baked goods and much more! All proceeds benefit the Sisters. Prices for dinners are: Adults \$7.00; children 4 through 10 \$3.00; and children 3 and under free. Takeout is available by calling 304-232-8160. Thank you for your support.

ORGAN RECITAL - World-renowned organist, concert and recording artist, composer, conductor and international television personality Diane Bish will present an organ concert on the new organ at **St. Mary Church, 212 W Main Street, St. Clairsville, OH.** The dedication recital along with blessing of the new organ will be held at **7:00 p.m. on Friday, November 10.** To reserve a free ticket for the occasion, please contact the parish offices (740) 695-9993.



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News

- ❖ The CCHS Girls' & Boys' Basketball Teams are sponsoring a Sunday Brunch on November 19 from 9am until 1pm in the Great Hall at CCHS. There will be great food, a 50/50 and Basket Auction. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-10 and free for 5 and Under.
- ❖ If you attend CCHS events and would like to share pictures with us, please go to <http://replay.com/r/>, search for our name and download your photos. We would love to use them in our yearbook!
- ❖ School Mass is celebrated each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. All are invited to attend.

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, then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph

Parish Mission Statement

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



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Masses

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

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

Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin

Confessions

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

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

BAPTISMS / INITIATION

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

MARRIAGE

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

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for a visit.

PARISH REGISTRATION

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

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Announcements for the Courier must be submitted to Debbie Fahey by email to dfahey@dwc.org by noon on Monday (5 days prior to publication).

