

PARENT INFORMATION REGARDING TUITION ASSISTANCE

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(parish bulletins, school & parish newsletters, school & parish websites, etc.)

2017-2018 DIOCESAN TUITION ASSISTANCE PROCESS IS OPEN

For the 26th consecutive year, the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is striving to keep Catholic school education affordable for Catholic families who desire it for their children but who may need some financial assistance to make that dream a reality. Thanks to the ongoing and genuine commitment of Bishop Michael J. Bransfield to the Catholic schools in our Diocese, funds have, once again, been allocated for distribution to Catholic families in need of financial assistance.

Applying for TAP through FACTS is easy and affordable. You are encouraged to apply if your child is already enrolled or has been accepted by one of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for the 2017-2018 school year.

Who is eligible? Any Catholic student accepted for the 2017-2018 school year in any Diocesan Catholic school (PK thru grade 12) and who belongs to a parish included on the drop-down list as part of the on-line application is eligible. Determinations are based upon a family's degree of need relative to all other applicants.

How do I apply? Applications are made on-line. Go to www.factsmtg.com, click on "Grant & Aid Assessment" and log in. If you do not have Internet access, contact your school office for assistance.

Cost? The application fee is \$30. The Diocese will pay \$15 and families pay the other \$15.

Grants: Diocesan grants for Catholic families who have completed their applications and show financial need will receive up to 50% of the child's tuition.

Phase I Deadline April 30, 2017 In order to receive notification in late May, applications (including all required documentation and payment of the fee) are to be received by FACTS by April 30, 2017. Phase I is intended for families with children currently enrolled or already accepted for the 2017-2018 school year in any Catholic school in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Phase II Deadline August 15, 2017 In order to receive notification in early September, all applications for 2017-2018 (including all required documentation and payment of the fee) MUST be RECEIVED by FACTS no later than August 15, 2017. This is a firm deadline. Phase II is intended for families new to the school or who have had a life-changing event (i.e. birth, death, loss of job, major illness). If an application was submitted during Phase I, please contact the school. Please do NOT submit a second application.

Note 1: No assistance will be available from the Diocese or from any school unless:
1. an application is completed in full (ALL questions answered) and submitted
2. all required documentation is provided, AND
3. the family portion (\$15) of the application fee is paid by the deadline.

Note 2: ONLY ONE APPLICATION PER FAMILY should be submitted per school year. If you made an error or had a life event change, please do NOT submit a second application. Contact your principal and your application can be updated by FACTS.

Questions? If you have questions, please contact the principal of your school.

Gala to Benefit Catholic Charities West Virginia

Make your reservations for Catholic Charities West Virginia's 7th Annual Impressions of Hope Gala, a Mardi Gras celebration. The event will be held Saturday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the White Palace. Purchase a seat for \$75 per person, or take advantage of the special group rate of \$250 for four people. Visit CatholicCharitiesWV.org or call (304) 905-9860. All proceeds benefit the vital work that CCW-Va does to alleviate, prevent and reduce poverty in West Virginia and in the Ohio Valley area.

Seven Sundays Devotion to St. Joseph

Join the St. Josemaria Institute for the Seven Sundays Devotion to St. Joseph!

The Seven Sundays Devotion is a long-standing tradition of the Church in preparation for the feast of St Joseph on March 19.

The devotion begins on the seventh Sunday before March 19 and honors the seven joys and sorrows that St. Joseph experienced as husband of the Mother of God, faithful guardian of Christ, and head of the holy family.

Visit <http://stjosemaria.org/seven-sundays-devotion-st-joseph> to subscribe and to receive a reminder and the devotion for each Sunday (February 5-March 19, 2017)

Serving our neighbor and our God is a huge responsibility! Join us for a Ministry Retreat to refresh your spirit and renew your ministry.

Saturday, February 25 from 9 a.m.- Noon at Saint Joseph Retreat Center. No cost to attend; refreshments provided. RSVP is appreciated but not mandatory: www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org/events/Wheeling-Retreat or contact Kate: kkosydar@ccwva.org / 304-622-4532

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Sunday Masses: 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Weekday Mass: 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound: Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

Il Corriere del Duomo

Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph



This is the view from my office EVERYDAY! Just wanted to share it with all.

Christian Awareness

By Alex J. Nagem

I hear the rain tapping on the roof. Is this another manner in which God is telling us he is here? The rain washes the winter dirt from the surrounding sidewalks and roads. It is a baptism of cleansing. It provides needed moisture to the winter plants and the spring growth. The rain is a sign that God does provide. Have we thanked God for this gift? A farmer or those who live in the areas of the world with little water would give thanks, I hope. We encounter different seasons through the year. Each has a purpose known to God. We may curse the rain, snow, cold and heat, but have we given thanks. It is easy to overlook what is provided to us. We have our families, jobs, and hobbies that keep us busy. Our ailments may distract us through the day. We are too busy to think of God. Oh, but when there is a problem of any source, we turn to God for help and he listens and provides. We may not like the response we receive, but it is His response for which we have asked. If we don't like the response should we turn away from God or follow His lead anyway? I have done both in my life. Following God's lead does have a better outcome. We have all made those decisions that have us second-guessing our thoughts. Yet again, have we turned to God for help?

I think we all want to be a leader of some sort. When we were kids we

wanted to be the captain of the sport we played. We wanted to be the pitcher or the quarterback. We wanted to call the play or always handle the ball. As we grew, we wanted to be the top in our classes in school. There was a hope that we would give the valedictorian speech or the commencement address later in life. We wanted to share our wisdom and wit with others. I have heard many of each over the years. One phrase that I heard often was, "With the help of God." Hearing these words from a teenager are reassuring that God's help is needed in life. I often wonder if and when these words are forgotten for a time. When our children leave our homes and venture out on their own to colleges and universities across the state or country, do the religious habits we tried to instill in them continue on their own? They are now leaders of their own life making right and wrong decisions. We can only hope and pray for the best for them. Our youngest daughter is living in Charlotte, NC. She is an ICU nurse in one of the area hospitals. Since Jess lives away, there is always excitement and a little fear when the phone rings and we notice her name on the caller I.D. As parents of daughters, Lori and I always have this small amount of fear that something is wrong when our daughters call. After we say hello there is a second pause to hear an excited or whimpering voice. We both hope for the excited

voice. On one call from Jess, she began by saying, "Guess where I was?" For me, I don't like guessing but I played along. I thought for a few seconds and said, "I don't know, the zoo, or maybe skydiving?" When Jess said she was coming back from church, I asked who I was talking to. Our daughter who as a nurse always carries a rosary and small prayer book in her scrubs had not gone to church on a regular basis for a while. She was one of the young twenty something's who thought they could do things without the need for a weekly celebration of the Eucharist. To our surprise and delight, she found a church close to her home that she liked and felt comfortable, went to confession, and joined the parish. Our little girl has grown up! As a father, I had to ask what brought this on. To my continued surprise she said it was about time she turned to God since he was helping her and she didn't realize it. She felt God answered her prayers by providing direction for her to a better hospital, job and new friends. The hospital is only a few minutes from her home instead of a half hour or more commute. The pay and benefits are better. Best of all for Jess is Ali. Ali is a nurse supervisor who Jess worked with in the past. Ali contacted her for the job. She said this position was perfect for Jess. When she knew she needed a nurse for her ICU department, Jess came to mind. Jess felt this was the direction she had hoped

and asked for. To think, our youngest daughter, the gypsy butterfly as my mom calls her, has realized her Catholic upbringing. Jess continued to tell me that there came a day when she felt she could not do it all on her own. "Being an adult is tuff", she said, as if I needed reminded. She had opened the little prayer book she kept in her scrubs and starting reading one day. The direction wasn't clear but she trusted the words as she read. She felt it was time to turn to God for direction. That makes a parent happy. Lori and I now receive phone calls on Sunday or Saturday evening from Jess as she tells us the people she met at church, what the Homily was about, and how she liked the priest celebrating the Mass. Ah, there is hope for our children. We do hope the excitement continues. We may each have similar stories to tell that provide us hope for our children. We as parents just continue to pray for them.

"It is presumptuous in me to wish to choose my path, because I cannot tell which path is best for me. I must leave it to the Lord, Who knows me, to lead me by the path which is best for me, so that in all things His will may be done." Teresa of Avila, Interior Castle

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

"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"

Alex J. Nagem

A Time to Turn to God

Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday—February 12th—SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 6:00p Mass for Jim & Dorothy Midcap
8:00a Mass for Ron Radcliffe
9:15a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices
RCIA, Rectory
10:30a Mass for the Parishioners
RDGS: Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37

Monday—February 13th

12:05p Mass for John Schaffner
RDGS: Gn 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday—February 14th—Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop

12:05p Mass for Dorothy Littlehales
RDGS: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 129:1a, 2, 3ac-4
Mk 8:14-21

Cyril, died 869, and Methodius, died 885; brothers known as the "Apostles to the Slavs"; prepared Slavic liturgical texts; served as the "spiritual bridge between Eastern and Western traditions"; patrons of the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and all of Europe.

Wednesday—February 15th

12:05p Mass for Emma Ball
RDGS: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 166:12-15, 18-19
Mk 8:22-26
5:30p Finance Council
6:30p Choir Rehearsal

Thursday—February 16th

12:05p Mass for Mary Lavern Monnes
RDGS: Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29
Mk 8:27-33

Friday—February 17th—The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

11:15a Confession
12:05p Mass for Michael Sargent
RDGS: Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-15 Mk 8:34—9:1

The Order of Friar Servants of Mary, or Servites, founded by seven Florentine cloth merchants in 1223, today numbering about 800 religious; they popularized devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows.

Saturday—February 18th

9:00a Mass for Rose Breiding
Rosary
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Mass for the Parishioners
RDGS: Heb 11:1-7 Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 Mk 9:2-13

Sunday—February 19th—SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Mass for Virginia Sacco
9:15a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices
RCIA, Rectory
10:30a Mass for Robert Junkins
RDGS: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

Cemetery Spring Clean-Up

March 1 through March 15
(weather permitting)

MOUNT CALVARY CEMETERY

All items will be removed throughout the entire cemetery (graves and mausoleums). Items in vases on the graves will be removed too. Please remove any items you wish to keep by **February 28**. After **February 28** all items will be removed.

Please do not place any items in the cemetery until March 16.

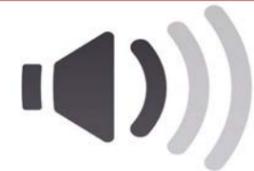
Monthly First Friday Mass at 5:30 p.m. celebrated at the Bishop's Chapel located in Mount Calvary Cemetery. All are welcome.

Rules and regulations are available at the office.

Burial of the faithful and care for their final Catholic resting places with dignity, honor and respect.

We offers grave space, mausoleum crypts, niche space and a full line of monuments, grave markers, benches and cameos.

For more information contact Mount Calvary Cemetery Office at (304) 242-0460.



Hearing devices for mass are now available in the vestibule of the church before masses, just ask a greeter. Please return after use.

Weekly Collection

Envelopes: \$3,046 Books: \$1,063.85

Online: \$283