

Knights of Columbus Campaign Supports Life

The Knights of Columbus Council 504 in Wheeling will be conducting a Baby Bottle Campaign during Lent. Baby bottles will be distributed to all interested parishioners after each Mass on Sunday March 5th. The bottles are to be filled with loose change throughout the Lenten season and returned on Palm Sunday. All proceeds will be given to a local Crisis Pregnancy Center for the promotion of pro-life activities.

Altar servers pizza and hockey night



All Altar servers are invited to join us

*Sunday March 12, 4:00PM at the Cathedral Offices
for pizza followed by a Wheeling Nailers hockey game.*

Please R.S.V.P by March 5 dfahey@dwc.org

We need an exact number for the tickets

Famous Fish Fries Flourish Once Again in the Friendly City

St. Alphonsus Parish in Wheeling and St. John Parish in Benwood are combining efforts to offer their Fish Fry beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1, and continuing on all Fridays during Lent. Parishioners from both parishes will be working together to make this a successful event. The Fry will be held at the St. Alphonsus Parish Hall, 2011 Market Street, Wheeling from 11am-6pm.

Menu consists of: Fish Sandwiches, French Fries, Macaroni & Cheese, Cabbage & Noodles, Cole Slaw, Desserts and Refreshments. Eat in or take out. To place an order call 304-905-6589.

This is a cooperative effort between the parishes of St. Alphonsus and St. John to share good food, good times, and community. Your support and patronage is welcome and truly appreciated.

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 CCWVa does to alleviate, prevent and reduce poverty in West Virginia and in the Ohio Valley area.

Dr. Michael Match, Director of Music
(mmatch@dwc.org)
Mr. Tyler J. Greenwood, Associate Organist
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Mr. Martin Imbroscio, Sacristan
Mr. Alex Nagem, CPA, CGMA, Comptroller
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Mr. Donald Gruber, Custodian

Most Rev. Michael J. Bransfield, Pastor
Rev. Monsignor Kevin M. Quirk, J.C.D., Rector
(304) 281-7073 (kquirk@dwc.org)
Ms. Debora Valorie Fahey, Parish Assistant for
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Sister Mary Bowman, SFCC, Pastoral Associate for
Ministry to the Sick

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

Congratulations Most. Reverend Michael J. Bransfield

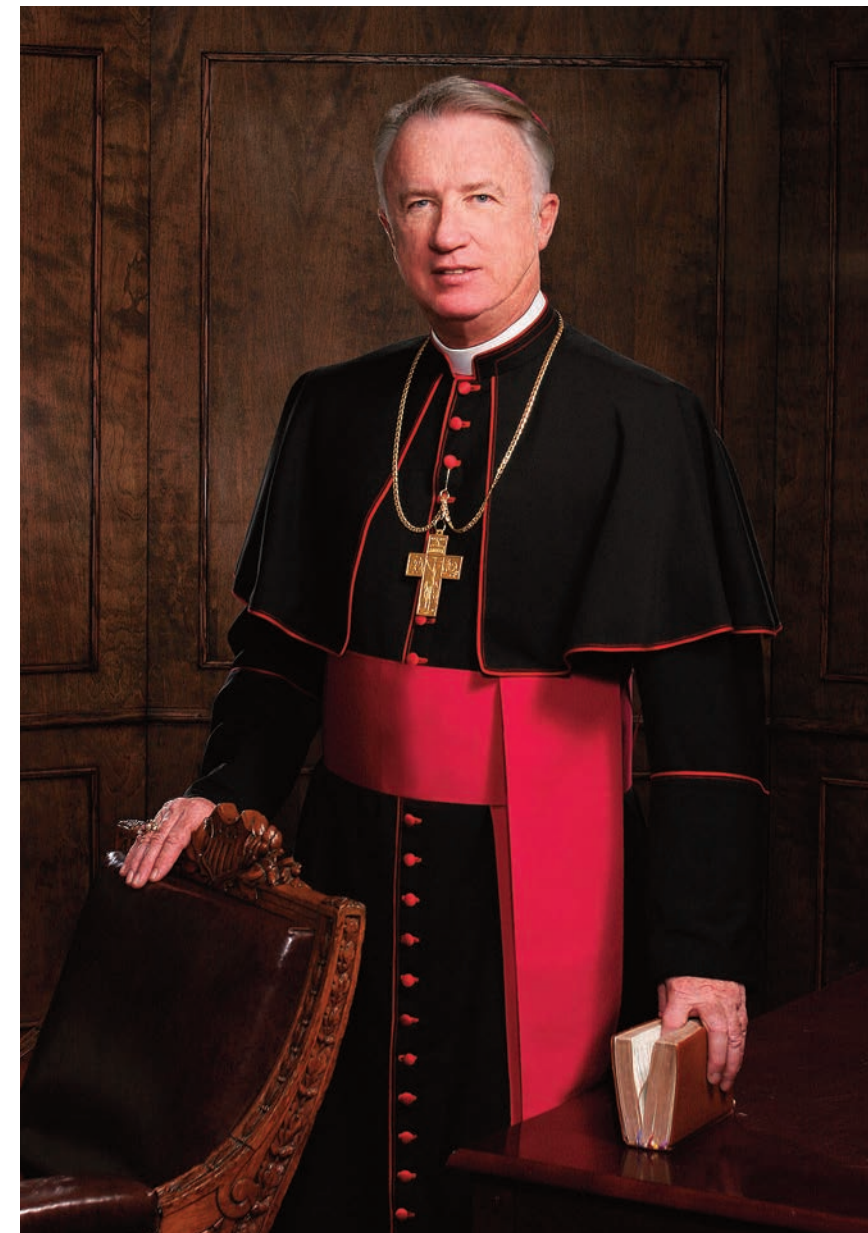
on the 12th Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

St. Peter having triumphed over the devil in the East, pursued him to Rome in the person of Simon Magus. He who had formerly trembled at the voice of a poor maid now feared not the very throne of idolatry and superstition. The capital of the empire of the world, and the centre of impiety, called for the zeal of the prince of the apostles. God had established the Roman empire, and extended its dominion beyond that of any former monarchy, for the more easy propagation of his gospel. Its metropolis was of the greatest importance for this enterprise. St. Peter took that province upon himself; and repairing to Rome, there preached the faith and established his episcopal chair, whose successors have been accounted in all ages.

The feast of the chair of St. Peter is found in ancient Martyrologies, as in one under the name of St. Jerome, at Esternach, copied in the time of St. Willibrord, in 720. Christians justly celebrate the founding of this mother-church, the centre of catholic communion, in thanksgiving to God for his mercies on his church, and to implore his future blessings.

Christ has taught us, in the divine model of prayer which he has delivered to us, that we are bound to recommend to him, before all other things, the exaltation of his own honour and glory, and to beg that the kingdom of his holy grace and love be planted in all hearts. As one of his greatest mercies to his church, we most earnestly beseech him to raise up in it zealous pastors, eminently replenished with his Spirit, with which he animated his apostles.



Christian Awareness

By Alex J. Nagem

There are a group of women that watched many of us grow from toddlers to young adults. They watched over us most days through the week. These women taught us how to pray and behave in church. They taught us how to read and write. They allowed friendly competition with one-on-one math tests at the chalk board. There were no Smart Boards back then. Students competed for a Holy Card or saintly medal proving they were faster than their opponent making calculations in their head. They nurtured our imagination wanting us to think freely. They corrected us, sometimes with punishment, if we misbehaved. They were kind and caring overall. They were as soft and tough as our own mom's would be. These women belong to the religious order of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Some may say these women were too tough on us with the discipline they sought, but we survived. I like to think they were preparing us for a much harsher world than what we endured in the classroom. They probably weren't given the credit they deserved. We make jokes about how mean some could be. I think we probably deserved the punishments we received. If they would have been too soft, they could not have controlled the classroom filled with twelve plus pre-adolescents. We did survive as did they. I do wonder what these teachers of future adults would say now as we have grown into husbands,

wives and parents. I wonder if we would receive the prize of a Holy Card or saintly medal, or would a punishment be waiting for our behavior. My own experience, as you can read, is one of fondness and respect for these women of a religious order who devoted their life to serving God and his children. They are a living picture of one in constant prayer, as some could say. There is a faded memory of the day my daughters who at a young age were introduced to Sr. Vivian. Sr. Vivian was the principal of my grade school, Blessed Trinity. By now, she was retired and living at Mt. St. Joseph. After many years of teaching and administration, her days were now contained within the religious complex. She was alone in her room when we came to visit. She wrapped her loving arms around my girls and began to cry. She looked up with a smile and whispered, "Thank you." I guess that was her way of saying I did a good job to introduce my daughters to her with an unexpected visit.

I wonder what these ladies would say to us since we have grown. Would they be pleased with our behavior? Do we pray as we were taught? Do we pray as often as we should? Are we the gentlemen of groomed behavior and the ladies of manners for which they had hoped? We practice the skills they helped us nurture in language, art, science and mathematics. They placed a positive fear of God in us that allows us to respect and love our Creator, Savior and Holy Spirit. For me, they live a life by which they taught. Maybe we need more disci-

pline in our life. We have forgotten the fear of the infamous ruler hidden in the sleeve. Today, some would cry abuse and have the family attorney call for a monetary settlement. Maybe the ruler across the knuckles was harsh, but we survived. We remember the ruler, but easily forget the sandwich that was made for the students who had forgotten their lunch or had no lunch to bring. There were coats and shoes provided from the little money they had to the child who had even less. They are an example of Jesus' love for us. Even Jesus dealt harshly with those who appeared to be holy and righteous but whose real intentions were the opposite. Matthew 21:12 describes how Jesus drove out the merchants and money changers in the temple. Luke 6:42 tells us how we should examine our own behavior before we accuse others of bad behavior. Revelation 3:16 tells of how Jesus wants us to have a spiritual commitment to a life with God. Strictness has its place in life. It produces discipline or maybe discipline produces strictness. Either way, it is needed for a life with God. Jesus told us not to be lukewarm with our faith. So why would we want to practice our faith without discipline? I believe the good Sisters knew more about life than what we gave them credit in our adolescent years. Remembering the past and looking at the present, they prepared us for what we face. Above all, they taught us how to pray, to pray often, and love our Triune God above all else. This does add strictness and discipline to our daily rou-

tine. Our perfection of each is a constant growth, work in progress as you may. For many of us this growth began with a religious order of nuns who wore a traditional black habit and veil. We only saw their face and hands. I never knew the color of their hair until the changes were made with the Decree on Religious Life in Vatican II. This Decree called for a renewal of religious life. With this renewal, adaptation was needed which required a change in dress. The change in dress did not change their love of Jesus. The change in dress may have lessened the fear of a ruler being hidden in a sleeve, though. As I write and think back on those Blessed Trinity and Central Catholic High School days, seeing the Sisters walk the halls in their traditional black habits or stylish, but modest, modern clothes, I can only say "Thank you." You have brought me this far with your teachings, discipline, and love for us all. I could have used your help with our daughters in their younger years, but they grew up to be young ladies who care for others now in their fields of medicine. You are in my prayers for your devotion and commitment. Thanks for the sandwiches through the years.

"Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy."

—Thomas Merton

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

"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"

Alex J. Nagem

What Would They Say Now

Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday—February 19th—SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 6:00p Mass for the Parishioners
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

Monday—February 20th

12:05p Mass for Paul McGinnis
RDGS: Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday—February 21st—Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

12:05p Mass for Heather Ball
RDGS: Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40
Mk 9:30-37

5:30p Parish Council

Peter Damian, died 1072; O.S.B.; indefatigable defender of the Gregorian Reform, later Cardinal bishop of Ostia; promoter of religious life.

Wednesday—February 22nd—THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

Bishop Bransfield Anniversary of Installation

12:05p Mass for +Michael J Bransfield
RDGS: 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6 Mt 16:13-19
5:30p Finance Council
6:30p Choir Rehearsal

Today's feast, attested as early as the mid-fourth century, has its roots in the commemoration of dead relatives and friends celebrated in Rome between 13-22 February. At this commemoration, a chair was left empty for particular deceased persons. Since the actual date of Peter's death was unknown, it came to be commemorated on 22 Feb., eventually commemorating his taking pastoral responsibility of the Church in Rome.

Thursday—February 23rd—Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

12:05p Mass for Steven Edmister
RDGS: Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mk 9:41-50

Polycarp, died C. 155 at age eighty-six; disciple of St. John and bishop of Smyrna; his Letter to the Pjilippians witness to various New Testament writings; the Martyrdom of Polycarp records his being burned at the stake; one of the first martyrs to be venerated.

Friday—February 24th

11:15a Confession
12:05p Mass for Ann Schlatt
RDGS: Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday—February 25th

9:00a Mass for +Thomas J. McDonnell
Anniversary of Death (1961)
Rosary
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Mass for +Thomas J. McDonnell
RDGS: Sir 17:1-15 Ps 103:13-18 Mk 10:13-16

Sunday—February 26th—EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Mass for the Parishioners
9:15a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices
RCIA, Rectory
10:30a Mass for Nancy Rogers
RDGS: Is 49:14-15 Ps 62:2-3, 6-9 1 Cor 4:1-5
Mt 6:24-34

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.

Weekly Collection

Envelopes: \$2,914 Loose: \$775.50

Online: \$283