

## Women's Faith Sharing Gathering

The next Women's Faith Sharing gathering is First Friday, March 4, 10:30 - 11:45 in the parish office followed by 12:05 liturgy for those who are able to attend. Faith sharing, discussion and meditation will focus on mercy with reflections by Pope Francis. For more info call Diane (304-233-8574).

## A Huge Thank You

We want to offer a huge thanks to everyone who helped out for the Rite of Election last Sunday. From Greeters and Ushers to bakers and sandwich makers, from donors to readers, you all did a fantastic job—as always. We thank you, and the chancellor of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston thanks you!

## Weekly Collection

Envelopes: \$2,657.50    Loose: \$1,089.69

Online: \$263

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Most Rev. Michael J. Bransfield, Pastor

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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.

## CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP

We will be conducting our spring clean-up at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Wheeling, W.Va., weather permitting, beginning Mar. 1 and concluding Mar. 15.

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 Feb. 28. After Feb. 29 all items will be removed.**

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

Further information is available at Mount Calvary Cemetery Office by calling (304) 242-0460. Copies of the rules and regulations are available at Mount Calvary Cemetery's main office.

*Burial of the faithful and care for their final Catholic resting places with dignity, honor and respect. Mount Calvary offers grave space, mausoleum crypts, niche space and a full line of monuments, grave markers, benches and cameos.*

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



Ms. Debora Valorie Fahey, Parish Assistant for Pastoral Ministries (dfahey@dwc.org)  
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# Il Corriere del Duomo

*Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph*

## Bishop Gathers with Youth at Cathedral



Bishop Michael J. Bransfield gathered with youth from throughout the Wheeling Vicariate Feb. 21 for a Confirmation Retreat sponsored by the diocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

The retreat gathered 260 youth who will all receive the sacrament of Confirmation later this year. "I am pleased to see so many wonderful young people gathered together," Bishop Bransfield said during the Mass he celebrated as part of the retreat, "to prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament

of Confirmation. It is a powerful moment of grace which is ahead of you. I also welcome catechists and family members, who are assisting these young people in their faith formation. You fulfill an important mission in the life of the Church: helping these young people to know Christ and to show their love for him in their service of the poor around us."

Retreats are held with Bishop Bransfield in each vicariate and are coordinated by the Missionary Team at the Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center in Huttonsville.

## Christian Awareness

By Alex Nagem

My days usually begin at the sound of the alarm clock buzzing at an early hour when darkness is abundant beyond the windows of our bedroom. Our two cats will be patiently waiting by the bedroom door to escort me to the kitchen for their early morning meal. They greet me with pitiful cries of hunger, as if they have not had a morsel of food in days. This ritual is customary for me, but unfortunately for my wife, Lori, getting out of bed at 4am to feed two cats when I am out of town is a habit she would rather forgo.

I am not sure why and when sleep began to elude me at 4am each day. My sleep pattern has never been consistent from an early age. As a child, I would watch the test pattern on television until programming started at 6am. While waiting, I would be eating Corn Flakes and milk in a large bowl while lying on the living room floor and have imaginary battles with small figurines of army men and tanks. Now I say morning prayers, read or write and enjoy my first cup of Espresso while our two felines are enjoying their first meal of the day before they return to a restful sleep. I do this sitting in a chair at the kitchen table or my desk. Lying on the floor to drink coffee does not end well.

I could easily say my early morning prayers are something passed on to me from my loving moth-

er. She always has a rosary in her hand, pocket or in reach if needed and seems to have a prayerful mindset whenever I see her. That is a thought that always makes me smile. I believe there is a deciding point in our life that makes our faith in God stronger. As well, there are life experiences that turn us away from the Catholic Church. I am grateful for a mother who reminds her children how to pray, to pray often and never turn away from God no matter what we are faced with in life.

Recently, I read St. Francis De Sales's "Guide to Starting Your Day Right." What better guide to starting a day than one written by a patron saint of authors, journalists, writers and deafness? I only hold myself in the category of one who is deaf since Lori tells me, upon occasion, that I have selected hearing. The guide provides direction to train your focus toward God upon rising in the morning and through your day. In our daily routine of just trying to wake up and walk, then rush to prepare for a day of work, we may forget about prayer and talking to God. Well, we did that on Sunday and we pray before our evening meal, maybe, so were good right? It seems funny to me now to think how we train our bodies and minds, but we tend to forget our spirituality. In my earlier years of counting the number of miles I would place under my Nike Pegasus running shoes, I had trained my body and mind to allow

me to run an average of 60 miles each week with one day off for my body to rest. I had a waist size that brought shivers to Andy Schreiber, owner of the former Bernhardt's of Wheeling, when I would need a suit altered to fit properly. Races did not interest me, though I was involved in a few. They were too distracting. I liked running alone or with my brother, Tommy. The ultimate goal was to reach the "runners high" and to cover a distance measured in miles in the shortest amount of time. Well, those days are gone for me now, as well as, weighing 130 pounds. Only the memories remain and a few lasting injuries to my body. I wonder what my spiritual mindset would be if I had placed this much emphasis on prayer and talking to God in those earlier years of my life? My spiritual life would be much farther ahead.

We do pray more when faced with an uncertain dilemma in our lives. We may attend Mass Services more frequently and ask God for help for what plagues our mind. But after the problem has passed, favorable or unfavorable to our liking, what happens to prayer and talking to God? Do we still talk to God each morning and through the day? When reading or listening to what makes the local or international news, I wonder how many people do pray and talk to God each day. If we dwell on the negative, it overcomes our daily lives. No matter how we attempt to

pray, if we don't allow God to intervene, we have no favorable results. Some may want the medal or acknowledgement that they have won a race for earthly goals. Others may want to continue running toward a goal with no earthly treasures as a long distance runner who does not look for a finish line. They just enjoy the run. "God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other." (C.S. Lewis, "Mere Christianity")

I leave you with the following Bible verse to fill your mind with thought and hopefully provide some comfort for your day. Isaiah 40:28-31, "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted, but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint."

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

*"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"*

Alex J. Nagem

## The Beginning of the Day

## Mass Intentions and Readings

**Sunday—February 28th—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

Station Church of Rome: San Lorenzo fuori le Mura

Sat 6:00p Julia S. Bartolovich  
8:00a Mass for Nancy Waller  
9:15a RCIA, Rectory  
10:30a Mass for the Parishioners  
First Scrutiny  
RDGS: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11  
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9

**Monday—February 29th—Third Week of Lent**

Station Church of Rome: San Marco al Campidoglio

12:05p Mass for Daniel Bernard Blanc  
RDGS: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday—March 1st—Third Week of Lent**

Station Church of Rome: Santa Pudenziana

12:05p Mass for Jean Huff  
RDGS: Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9  
Mt 18:21-35  
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday—March 2nd—Third Week of Lent**

Station Church of Rome: San Sisto

12:05p Mass for Wib Breiding  
RDGS: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20  
Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday—March 3rd—Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin**

Station Church of Rome: Santi Cosma e Damiano in Via Sacra

12:05p Mass for Doris Burke  
RDGS: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23

**Katharine Drexel** died March 3, 1955 at age ninety-seven; Philadelphia heiress and foundress of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament; established some forty-nine foundations, including Xavier University in New Orleans; canonized 1 October 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

**Friday—March 4th—Saint Casimir—First Friday**

Station Church of Rome: San Lorenzo in Lucina

10:30a Women's Faith Sharing Group  
11:15a Confession  
12:05p Mass for Mary Beth King  
12:45p Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6:00p Stations of the Cross  
RDGS: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17  
Mk 12:28-34

**Casimir** died 1484; Polish prince known as the "brother and defender of the poor"; led an austere life; patron of Poland and Lithuania.

**Saturday—March 5th—Third Week of Lent**

Station Church of Rome: Santa Susanna

9:00a Mass for Mary Bridges  
Rosary  
5:00p Confessions  
6:00p Mass for the Parishioners  
RDGS: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday—March 6th—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Station Church of Rome: Santa Croce in Gerusalemme

8:00a Mass for John Sheets  
9:15a RCIA, Rectory  
10:30a Mass for Roxanne Reed  
Second Scrutiny  
RDGS: Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-7 2 Cor 5:17-21  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

## Lent and Holy Week Schedule

**All Fridays during Lent**

6:00p Stations of the Cross

**Feast of Saint Joseph—March 19**

9:00a Mass

**Palm Sunday—March 20**

10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Procession

**Monday of Holy Week—March 21**

12:05 p.m. Mass

**Tuesday of Holy Week—March 22**

12:05 p.m. Mass  
4:00 p.m. Chrism Mass

**Wednesday of Holy Week—March 23**

12:05 p.m. Mass  
6:00p Tenebrae Service

**Holy Thursday—March 24**

6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday—March 25**

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday—March 26**

9:00 a.m. Decorating Cathedral for Easter  
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord—March 27**

8:00 a.m. Mass  
10:30 a.m. Mass  
Easter Egg Hunt following Mass

**Stations of the Cross**

**Fridays during Lent At 6:00 pm in the Cathedral**

