

# The Cathedral of St. 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.

*Saint Joseph, pray for our parish.*

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## Schedule

**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.

**Initiation/Baptism:** Rites of Initiation for Adults can be arranged by contacting Debbie at the office. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second Sunday of each month during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Call Debbie to make arrangements.

**Marriage:** Engaged couples should contact Debbie at the office at least six months in advance for pre-marriage preparations.

Anyone needing a ride to Mass or a parish event, please call Laurale Hetzel at (304) 232-2915 or Diane Fredericks at (304) 233-8574..

# Il Corriere del Duomo

*Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph*

## Cardinal Wuerl to Celebrate Red Mass at Cathedral



Cardinal Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington, will once again address members of the Northern Panhandle's legal community as the celebrant and homilist of the annual Red Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. Bishop Michael J. Bransfield will be the designated concelebrant.

Attorneys, lawmakers and public officials will be attending the Mass, which invokes God's blessing and guidance upon those who work in the legal profession.

This will be the second time that Cardinal Wuerl is present for the Red Mass in Wheeling. The cardinal served as the homilist of the cathedral's first Red Mass in January 2009.

Cardinal Wuerl was elevated to the College of Cardinals in 2010 by

Pope Benedict XVI. He participated in the March 2013 conclave that elected Pope Francis.

He serves on numerous national and international bodies and is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, chancellor of The Catholic University of America, chairman of the board of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Foundation and also of The Papal Foundation. He serves on a number of Vatican congregations, councils and commissions including those for the Doctrine of the Faith and for bishops. He has served as chairman of numerous committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Cardinal Wuerl is known for his teaching ministry and is involved **See "Mass" on Page 5**

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## Christian Awareness

By Alex Nagem

I have for the most part been healthy most of my life with no serious medical ailments that have caused long term debilitating physical conditions. Mental frame of mind is not to be mentioned. We all know I have conversations with God as I drink my coffee early in the morning. Recently I was hospitalized with pneumonia and a fever that had lasted about five days jumping from a temperature of 99 to as high as 102.5. The excitement began with me passing out in our laundry room scaring my lovely wife, Lori, out of at least two or three years of life, an ER visit with the help of Wheeling's finest EMT's, and a trip to the doctor's office that ended with me in a hospital bed for three days. For a couple days my dry humor could not be found. If someone would call me on the phone, I tried to remain positive. I just wanted to be alone with my thoughts and God.

Your thinking does go in to areas that you normally avoid when you are counting the tiles on the hospital room ceiling and listening to the IV pump fill your body with needed fluids and antibiotics. The first day and night in the hospital was the toughest for me. I wondered if Lori knew where the life insurance policies are in our home office. Did she know who to call about the investments and retirement accounts? Was

there enough money for her to pay her own health insurance premiums if it was my time? How much was the hospital stay going to cost above insurance coverage? Then the questions about my faith surfaced. I was nervous and somewhat afraid. I have never felt this weak and helpless. Just getting up from the hospital bed to walk a few steps to the bathroom was a strain. I tried to concentrate on prayers but I couldn't focus on the words. When the nurse would come in to take my vitals and talk, I couldn't remember the conversations after she left the room. I know my mind was focused in other areas. Since I couldn't concentrate on the words in a prayer, I began talking to God. Even if I couldn't remember the details of the conversation, my thoughts were in good hands.

As I continued to stare at the ceiling tiles, I thought of a friend and old classmate whose life was recently taken by cancer. Tom and I walked the halls of Central Catholic High School together. We both strayed from our religious beliefs and found our way back. I wondered what thoughts occupied his mind on his last days. I know I would eventually overcome the pneumonia that had taken residence in my right lung. The emotional rollercoaster that comes with being in the hospital, connected to an IV, and not knowing when you will leave plays havoc with the mind. I heard Tom stayed strong

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emotionally and with his religious beliefs in his final days. Tom was ready or as ready as he could be. I wondered if he had a feeling of peace that wrapped him in a cocoon. Tom told me that Psalm 91 was one of his favorite verses in the Bible and seemed to keep his mind at rest. After reading the following, you can see why he was at peace.

My Refuge and My Fortress

91 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

5 You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

6 nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

8 You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge

10 no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

12 On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

13 You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

14 "Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.

15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

It appears that I am on the mend physically and mentally. My dry humor had surfaced on the third day of my hospital stay. I can now remember all the words to my prayers without a struggle. The lungs fill with fresh air just as my soul fills with the fresh air from the Holy Spirit. I will miss the presence of my friend, Tom, though I do think of him when I have my morning coffee. I would like to think when he told me about Psalm 91 he knew that it would come in handy one day as it did for him. The words help when you are on the edge of fear.

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

*"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"*

Alex J. Nagem

## Mass Intentions and Readings

### Sunday—January 17th—SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sat 6:00p Mass for Roy Bauer  
8:00a Mass for Frank Pasden  
9:15a RCIA, Rectory  
10:30a Mass for the Parishioners  
RDGS: Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3, 7-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

### Monday—January 18th—2nd Week in Ordinary Time

9:00a Mass for Josephine Congelio  
RDGS: 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16b-17, 21, 23 Mk 2:18-22

### Tuesday—January 19th—2nd Week in Ordinary Time

12:05p Mass for William Campbell Jr.  
RDGS: 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28 5:30p Parish Council

### Wednesday—January 20th—Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

12:05p Mass for Phil Tedesco  
RDGS: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6  
5:30p Finance Council

**Fabian**, died 250 under Decius; layman elected bishop of Rome in 236; an "incomparable man, the glory of whose death corresponded with the holiness of his life" (St. Cyprian to Pope St. Cornelius); his body came to be transferred from the catacombs of Callistus to the basilica of St. Sebastian.

**Sebastian**, died c. 288 at Rome under Diocletian; chief of the Praetorian cohort whose acta tell of his being pierced by arrows, later being clubbed to death; patron of archers, soldiers, and police associations.

### Thursday—January 21st—Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

12:05p Mass for Gladys Hersey  
RDGS: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-13 Mk 3:7-12

**Agnes**, died 4th c. under Diocletian at the age of twelve; patroness of Christian virtue confronted by political and social violence; represented with a martyr's palm and a lamb; the wool from two lambs blessed today will be used to make the pallia which are presented by the pope to Metropolitans on 29 June; mentioned in the Roman Canon.

### Friday—January 22nd—2nd Week in Ordinary Time

11:15a Confession  
12:05p Mass for Ron Radcliffe  
RDGS: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11 Mk 3:13-19

### Saturday—January 23rd—Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

9:00a Mass for Dolores Miller

Rosary  
5:00p Confessions  
6:00p Mass for the Parishioners  
RDGS: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21

**Vincent**, died 304 in persecution of Diocletian at Valencia; deacon of the church of Saragossa; protomartyr of Spain; Prudentius, Spanish-born poet, sings his praises in his narrative poem Peristephanon; patron of wine-producers.

**Marianne Cope**, died 1918; a religious of the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse, NY; known for her charitable works and virtuous deeds. For 35 years she cared for the lepers on the island of Moloka'i.

### Sunday—January 24th—THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Mass for Ginny Felton  
9:15a RCIA, Rectory  
10:30a Mass for Kylie Edmister and Jamie Ruble  
RDGS: Neh 8:8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 19:8-10, 15 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

### Weekly Collection

Envelopes: \$3,866 Loose: \$715.14

Online: \$248

**Mass on Monday, January 18, 2016—MLK Day—will be celebrated at 9 a.m.**

### Women's Faith Sharing Group

There is no Women's Faith Sharing Group meeting for the month of January.

The next meeting will be Friday, Feb. 5, 10:30 - 11:45, in the parish office, followed by 12:05 liturgy for those who are able to attend. New members welcome. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

# Faithfulness in Mercy is God's way of Being, Pope Says

By Junno Arocho Esteves

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)**—God's mercy is constant and limitless; he is faithful in his mercy for his children, even when they are unfaithful, Pope Francis said.

The greatness and power of God unfolds in his "love for us, who are so small, so incapable," he said at his weekly general audience Jan. 13.

In his first general audience of the new year, the pope began a new series of talks on mercy, reflecting on its description in the Bible, where from the "Old Testament to the full revelation of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Father is revealed in its completeness."

Speaking to some 6,000 people gathered in the Paul VI audience hall, the pope began by reflecting on the biblical description of God who is "merciful and gracious, slow to anger and rich in love and faithfulness."

The pope said the Bible compares God's merciful love to the tenderness and love of a mother who seeks "to love, protect, help (and) is quick to give everything, even herself" for her children. "That is the image that this word suggests," he said. It is "a love that can be defined, in a good way, as 'visceral.'"

God's graciousness, he continued, is exemplified in his compassion for the weak and the poor along with his readiness to re-



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**Pope Francis embraces a child as he meets the disabled during his general audience in Paul VI hall at the Vatican Jan. 13.**

ceive, understand and forgive. This aspect is seen in the father of the prodigal son who did not latch on to resentment against his son, but rather "continued to wait for him."

"Great is his love and joy at having found him again; and then he goes and also calls his oldest son who is indignant and does not want to celebrate, this son who remained at home but lived more like a servant than as a son," the pope said. "But the father stoops down to him as well, inviting him to enter, seeking to open his heart to love, so that none remain excluded from the feast of mercy. Mercy is a

feast."

The beauty of God's love and faithfulness shows affection, grace and goodness, he said, and is nothing like the superficiality of a "soap opera love."

"It is love that takes the first step; it does not depend on human merits but on an immense generosity," he said. "It is the divine solicitude that nothing can stop, not even sin because he knows to go beyond sin, to overcome evil and to forgive."

God's mercy and faithfulness, he added, is a stable presence that strengthens faith and gives Christians the op-

portunity to experience his love, especially during the Holy Year of Mercy.

At the end of the audience, Pope Francis led the faithful in praying for the families and victims of a suicide bomb attack in Istanbul on Jan. 12. The attack claimed the lives of 10 people and left 15 wounded. Turkish officials said the bomber belonged to the so-called Islamic State terrorist group.

The pope prayed that "the Lord, the merciful, give eternal peace to the deceased, comfort to their relatives, firm solidarity to the whole society, and convert the hearts of the violent."

# Let's Play the Name Game!!!



No one has come forward with the name of our last "Name that Parishioner" contestant! At left, you'll see an "OLD" photo of one of our parishioners. Think you know who it is? If you're the first person to tell Msgr. Quirk who is pictured (**IN PERSON**), you'll win a prize. I'm running low on baby pictures of you all! If you'd like to share a picture with me, email me at [tbishop@dwc.org](mailto:tbishop@dwc.org)!

**Calling all Cookie Craftsmen & Confectionary Champions!**

**Feb. 21, 2016** the Cathedral is hosting the **Rite of Election** at **3:00 pm**

Following the Rite is a reception in Central's Great Hall and you guessed it, we need cookies. So many willing parishioners generously gave their time and baking talent last year. We call upon you again. Please bake, or buy, your secret is safe with us, some cookies and drop off to the Sacristy no later than Saturday, Feb. 20. As always Thank You.

*"Stir into flame the gift (flour, sugar, & all the yummy baking goodness) you have received."*

# Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is Today

The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of Life are a single and indivisible Gospel.

Whatever is opposed to life itself, such as any type of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia, or willful self-destruction, whatever violated the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, torments inflicted on body or mind, attempt to coerce the will itself; whatever insults human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children; as well as disgraceful working conditions, where people are treated as mere instruments of gain

rather than as free and responsible persons; all these things and others like them are infamies indeed. They do more harm to those who practice them than to those who suffer from the injury. Moreover, they are a supreme dishonor to the creator.

—St. Pope John Paul II

The USCCB has designated 9 days of prayer for life from January 16 – 24, 2016.

The Missionary Image of our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn, will be visiting several churches in our area during this time period. Please consider coming to view this beautiful replica of the

miraculous tilma of Our Lady. Dates and Locations for viewing are listed below:

**January 16-17**—St. Alphonsus Parish. Holy Hour on Sunday 3:00-4:00pm

**January 18**—Sisters of St. Joseph Retreat Center

**January 20**—Our Lady of Peace Parish from noon to 7:00pm

**January 21-24**—St. Michael Parish. Thursday, 1-21, candlelight service at 7:00pm followed by all night prayer vigil before the Blessed Sacrament.

# World Marriage Day Celebration at St. Vincent's

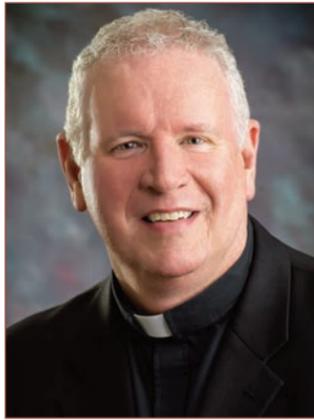
Join us Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 for an evening of celebrating your love and the blessing of your marriage. The celebration will be held at St. Vincent Parish, Marist Center. We will celebrate Mass as a group at 5 pm, with the congregation, then proceed to the Marist Center for a wine and cheese social. A candle lit dinner will follow and one couple will briefly share their marriage experience. Cake, coffee and conversation will end a wonderful evening of fellowship. The cost is \$45.00 a couple. Reservations must be in by Feb. 10, 2016. Contact the Delbrugges @ 304-242-2012 or the Reeds @ 304-242-8156 for reservations and any questions.

# Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimages to Reflect Year of Mercy

With the theme "Celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy," the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Lenten pilgrimages will be held once again in Charleston, Morgantown and Wheeling featuring priests in the diocese known for their "quality of preaching."

Organized by the diocesan Office of Worship and Sacraments, the pilgrimages will present the opportunity for Catholics to come together in prayer during the season of Lent. Each of the pilgrimages will begin with the opportunity to receive the sacrament of penance at 6 p.m. with various priests in the area available to hear confessions. Mass will follow at 7 p.m.

This is a special time for the pilgrimages to be held as the church has begun the celebration of the Year of Mercy, said Bernadette Kime, director of the Office of Worship and Sacraments. They present a unique opportunity, she said, for people to gather in



**Father James Fleming, SJ**

prayer, focusing upon God's boundless mercy and love.

"We encourage people to attend one of the Lenten pilgrimages in order to celebrate the Year of Mercy," Kime said. "The theme of all three pilgrimages is of course God's abundant mercy. ... We are excited about these pilgrimages and ask that parishes consider making them part of their Lenten activities. Perhaps even traveling to the pilgrimage sites together as a group."

This year's pilgrimages

will also feature priests in the diocese as the guest homilists who will preach to faithful who may otherwise never have the opportunity to hear their words.

"Rather than to seek priests outside of the diocese, we have decided to do something like a pulpit exchange," Kime said. "These are priests known for their quality of preaching who have been asked to travel to regions of the diocese where the faithful may never have heard them preach before."

A pilgrimage will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph March 9 with guest homilist Jesuit Father James Fleming, president of Wheeling Jesuit University.

Father Fleming began his service as the 10th president at Wheeling Jesuit University July 1, 2013. Prior to his appointment as president, Father Fleming served as the executive vice president of Wheeling Jesuit from 2010-13, overseeing the university's operations and providing strate-

gic leadership for program development, implementation and assessment.

Father Fleming previously worked at Boston College as a faculty member in the Lynch School of Education and as director of Mission Assessment and Planning, where he led a national research project related to the spiritual development of college students through the design and administration of the Boston College Questionnaire about the Undergraduate Experience (BCQ).

Additionally, Father Fleming has served as a lecturer at the University of San Francisco, as the director of the University Academy, a university-school-community partnership in San Francisco, Calif., and as an instructor of urban education at Santa Clara University. He is the author of numerous articles and publications, and holds a doctorate in educational policy, organization, measurement and evaluation from the University of California, Berkeley.

## Intercessions

Please keep in your prayers: David A. Kress, Jr., Edward Fanning, Helen Kouski, Rosalie Davis, Kathy Cooley, Barb Mazzocca, Rick South, Eva Wood, Mary Alice Florio, James Midcap, Lukie Brown, Hines Rotriga, Patricia Kalisz, Janie, Jim and Dee, Judy Pack, Milissa Rose, Michael DeBlasis, Liam Manning, Virginia Joseph, Dolores Joseph, Mary Ann Fowler, Henry Vogler, Dustin Ronevich, Bob Jones, Frank Davis, Jimmy Hocking, Susan Graff, Brogan Gallentine, Janet Cupp, Richard Simon, Mark Davis, James Benner, Susan Schulte, Margaret Stocke, Thomas Griffith, Julia Sheets, William Schultz, Jean and Chuck Schultz, R. J. Stocke, Jane Rudari, Marlene Martin, Milly Burke, Norma Bosold, Stephanie Bugaj, Arthur Danehart, Jon-Michael Lasher, Shawn Thomas, Thelma Pearson, Kermit Klosterman, Mary K. Schlosser, Jr., Anne Sobota, Susan Mize, Rick Burgy, Betty Teater, Sarah Sargent, Sr., Sally Jochum, Martha Yocum, Father Joseph Wilhelm, Mary Walicki, Thomas Flatley, George Kirchner, Shirley DeCaria, Haley Carter, Caleb Hlebiczk, Bob Armstrong, Austin Cook, Ron Hickman, Stanley Kyr, Annie Midcap, Charles Heizer, Gail Koch, Pete Mack, Nancy Witzberger, Fred Herink, the Children of the Youth Services System, Chuck Fair, Darleen Williams and Mona Wurtzbacher

## Mass ...

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in many education, health care and social service organizations. He is the author of numerous articles and over a dozen books, including the best-selling catechisms, "The Teaching of Christ" and "The Catholic Way". His recent books include, "The Church" (2013), "The Light Is On For

You" (2014), "Open to the Holy Spirit: Living the Gospel with Wisdom and Power" (2014), "The Marriage God Wants for You" (2015), "To the Martyrs" (2015) and "Ways to Pray" (2015).

Cardinal Wuerl hosted in Washington Pope Benedict XVI in April 2008 and Pope Francis in September 2015 for their first pastoral visits to the United States. He was appointed by Pope Benedict

XVI to help direct the October 2012 Synod of Bishops on The New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith. Cardinal Wuerl was also appointed by Pope Francis as a member of both the 2014 and the 2015 Synods on the Family.

The cardinal was born in Pittsburgh and received graduate degrees from The Catholic University of America, the

Gregorian University in Rome and a doctorate in theology from the University of St. Thomas in Rome. He was ordained a bishop by Pope John Paul II Jan. 6, 1986, in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome. He served as auxiliary bishop in Seattle until 1987 and then as bishop of Pittsburgh for 18 years until his appointment to Washington. His titular church in Rome is St. Peter in Chains.

## Bulletin Announcements

**Ignite the Flame!**  
**Confirmation Retreat and Middle School Youth Rally**  
**Special guest: Paul J. Kim and Mark Guiney**  
February 21, 2016  
9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.  
St. Joseph Cathedral, Wheeling  
(Please RSVP at [hbise@dwc.org](mailto:hbise@dwc.org) by February 15<sup>th</sup>)

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## Stewardship Thought

The sudden death of a loved one really stops you in your tracks. She let out a loud howling sound like I have never heard before and then a minute later she was dead. I laid there on the floor holding her and crying, our beloved friend and baby girl was gone. She was only nine years and eight months old. Our lives centered around her, although we didn't know just how much until she was gone.

Are there dogs in heaven? We want to believe there is, because we want to hold her again, we want to kiss her and receive one of her kisses, we want to tell her we love her even though she might not understand the words she understood the love. It might sound silly to mourn the death of a dog, but if you have ever had a dog (they are family) and had to deal with its passing you understand. We have cried many tears and probably will for some time, but God sees our sorrow and our tears.

You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book (Psalm 56:8) NLT.

So I started to think about my own life. I have wanted to get my house in order for some time, but it keeps getting put off. I don't want to leave a mess behind when it's my time. When will that be? I don't know. But wisdom guided by some intelligence...tells me that I can't get out of it. And God's word reminds me that our lives our short no matter how many years we live.

How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog--it's here a little while, then it's gone (James 4:14) NLT.

It's only when we truly know and understand that we have a limited time on earth-and that we have no way of knowing when our time is up-that we will begin to live each day to the fullest, as if it was the only one we had. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

**The Stewardship Committee**