

## Rite ...

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Blood, for the first time.

**What does the white robe symbolize?**

The newly baptized are dressed in a white garment after baptism to symbolize that they are washed clean of sin.

**What does the candle symbolize?**

A small candle is lit from the Easter candle and given to the newly baptized as a reminder to them always to walk as children of the Light and to be the light of Christ to the world.

**What does the Sacred Chrism symbolize?**

The Sacred Chrism, or oil,

is a sign of the gift of the Holy Spirit being given to the newly baptized. It is also a sign of the close link between the mission of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, who comes to the recipient with the Father in Baptism.

**What is the role of a godparent for an adult being baptized?**

Godparents, also called sponsors, accompany the candidates through the RCIA process. They are called to show the candidates good example of the Christian life, sustain the candidates in moments of hesitancy and anxiety, bear witness, and guide the candidate's progress in the baptismal life.

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

## Fish Frys Continue

St. Alphonsus Parish in Wheeling and St. John Parish in Benwood are combining efforts to offer their Fish Fry beginning all Fridays during Lent. 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.

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Rev. Monsignor Kevin M. Quirk, J.C.D., Rector  
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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.

## Awareness ...

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church community united in Christ.

I have stood in front of an old wooden altar in a small chapel in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The altar is a heavy looking table made of rough cut lumber that was planed smooth by hand. Our Lady of Guadalupe and the depiction of the Crucifixion are painted on the wall behind the altar. The kneelers and pews show signs of the faithful use. The cobblestone floor has been well traveled. No wax or artificial shine on this floor. The surface worn by countless steps of the faithful and curious provides a natural shine. You could easily tell where the faithful knelt by the worn marks on the back of the pews. The finish is discolored by the resting of folded hands in

prayer. There are many lit candles and natural light in this chapel of less than 80 seats. A young lady is in deep thought staring at the altar. She did not turn around at the sound of shoes on the stone floor. Her conversation with God was more important. The welcome feeling was just as great in this little Spanish chapel as it is in our magnificent Cathedral. There are signs of many with questions and conversations with God in both. I pray our desire to talk with God and the welcome feeling we receive never cease.

"Call to me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things which you do not know," Jeremiah 33:2-4.

*"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"*

Alex J. Nagem

### Calling all Cookie Craftsmen & Confectionary Champions!

March 12, 2017 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."*

Dr. Michael Match, Director of Music (mmatch@dwc.org)  
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Mr. Martin Imbroscio, Sacristan  
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Mr. Donald Gruber, Custodian

# Il Corriere del Duomo

*Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph*

## Rite of Election to be Celebrated at the Cathedral

March 12, at 3 p.m., Bishop Michael J. Bransfield will preside over the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at our Cathedral church further moving catechumens and candidates from throughout the region closer to full communion with the Church.

Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, thousands of men and women are received into the Catholic Church. For those of us who don't know about the RCIA Program, or have questions about it, see below.

**What is meant by "full communion with the Church?"**

Coming into full communion with the Catholic Church describes the process for entrance into the Catholic Church for men and women who are baptized Christians but not Roman Catholics. These individuals make a profession of faith but are not baptized again. To prepare for this reception, the people, who are called "candidates," usually participate in a formation program to



help them understand and experience the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. Some preparation may be with catechumens preparing for baptism, but the preparation for candidates is different since they have already been baptized and committed to Jesus Christ, and many have also been active members of other Christian communities.

**What is the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday like?**

The Easter Vigil takes

place on Holy Saturday, the evening before Easter Sunday. This is the night that "shall be as bright as day" as proclaimed by an ancient church hymn as we joyfully anticipate Christ's Resurrection. After the Liturgy of the Word, the catechumens and candidates are presented to the parish community, who pray for them and join in the Litany of the Saints. Next, the priest blesses the water, placing the Easter or Paschal candle into the

baptismal water. Those seeking baptism then renounce sin and profess their faith after which they are immersed into the baptismal water three times with the clergy pronouncing the words, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." In some situations the water may be poured over the head of those seeking baptism while the clergy pronounces the words of Baptism.

After the baptism the newly baptized are dressed in white garments and presented with a candle lighted from the Paschal Candle. They are then confirmed by the priest or bishop who lays hands on their heads, and invokes the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He then anoints them with the oil called Sacred Chrism. The Mass continues with the newly baptized participating in the general intercessions and in bringing gifts to the altar. At Communion, the newly baptized receives the Eucharist, Christ's Body and **See "Rite" on Page 4**

## Celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph with Us

In honor of St. Joseph, patron saint of our Cathedral and Diocese, please join the Cathedral Parish Monday, March 20 at 6 p.m. for Mass and the return of the St. Joseph's Table Dinner in the Great Hall of Wheeling Central

Catholic High School. The Society of St. Joseph will be cooking breakfast for dinner for all to enjoy.

MEN, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!! Let's get the band back together and prepare breakfast for dinner for our friends. We'll be making all

the favorites, so we need as many men as possible to join us. Ken Staley is in charge of the even this year so please let him know if you are able to help. His Phone number is (304) 639-7795.

Please join us for this

great event and offer your prayers through the Mass to the patron of our cathedral and our diocese! We ask that attendees bring in at least one non-perishable food item to be donated to the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center.

# Christian Awareness

By Alex J. Nagem

It started out to be a typical Monday morning when I parked my car in the Chancery lot. I was thinking of the projects that needed finished this week. I also wondered what others may come my way that would be interfering with my plans for the week. Then the feeling came over me of something I needed to do. You know the feeling when you are driving to an intersection. You planned to turn right but a feeling comes over you that you should turn left instead. Did you have a premonition or is it the result of an over active mind? Instead of walking to the Chancery I had the urge to stop in the Cathedral first. The lights were on throughout the Cathedral which eliminated the many shadows that live in the dim light. I stood in front of the pews and stared at the depiction of Jesus in Heaven painted above the altar. A silent prayer surfaced from the depths of my cluttered mind. I wondered where the words originated. It was if the words were trapped in my mind and finally set free. But when the words stopped flowing into a prayer, I felt better for a Monday. I stood in front of the altar steps where I have received the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist many times and stared at the eyes of Jesus in the painting. How many times have confused believers stared at these eyes? How many prayers, cries for help, for forgiveness, and thanksgiving have been said in front of this altar? Would I be the only person in this morning standing here? Was Msgr. Kevin here before

me saying a prayer for us all and for himself?

Why do we come and sit, kneel and walk the isles of a church through the day? There is a feeling of comfort in many churches of which I have pulled open their doors. It is a feeling of welcome, but also guilt. Guilt that this time is not repeated more frequent. But I say prayers as I drive and walk, at home and at work. Do I need to be in a church for this welcome feeling to exist? I believe Jesus is in the Eucharist, resting in the Tabernacle. He is waiting for our participation in the Eucharistic Celebration to provide nourishment for our Christian journey. Is this why I am here? There is no Mass to attend at this time of the morning. But I am here none the less. Was there a feeling of guilt that had surfaced? We all have guilt. That is a part of being Catholic, right? I wondered why my thoughts were in the direction of the open Cathedral this morning. I also thought of the many souls that have been in the Cathedral before me. How many thousands have knelt in these pews? Were they giving thanks, or asking forgiveness directly to God because they couldn't confess their sins to a priest? How many questions have been asked in front of this painting of Jesus? How many answers received have been followed or misunderstood? How many Baptisms and Profession of Faith been repeated among these walls? How many have attended The Last Supper as memorialized during each Mass? We are a community in Christ when we attend Mass. We all face Jesus in the humble manner and stance, or at least we should in the

## Why Go to Mass?

mind of your writer. I am surprised by the many thoughts and questions as I stand here. Is this what God had intended? Is this His way of telling me I am of the company of many who have stood here before me? There is a feeling that draws us to this altar to stare at the eyes of Jesus as he looks down upon us. We are all welcome in His eyes. Today is not a Day of Judgment or admission of guilt. It is not a day of asking for help, but it is a day of asking why. Was this a day of Jesus welcoming me, or was he asking to be welcomed? Was he asking me to stop reliving the past and worrying about the future? The past cannot be changed and should be left to its grave. The future comes quickly. The decision to turn left or right at the intersec-

tion to see what waits has not been made. The present, well, it's here. For now it is a time of reflection in a place of comfort where there is always a feeling of welcome. As for the number of times someone has stood in this same spot with the same questions, it has become one more. What draws us to a church and the Sacraments, even if the Sacrament is only one of Reconciliation? If we are familiar with God, we want to be where he resides, right? But doesn't God reside in all of us? Is this why we feel safe in a community of our peers that have the same goals and beliefs, who are willing to help others with prayer and an open hand? For me, this describes a

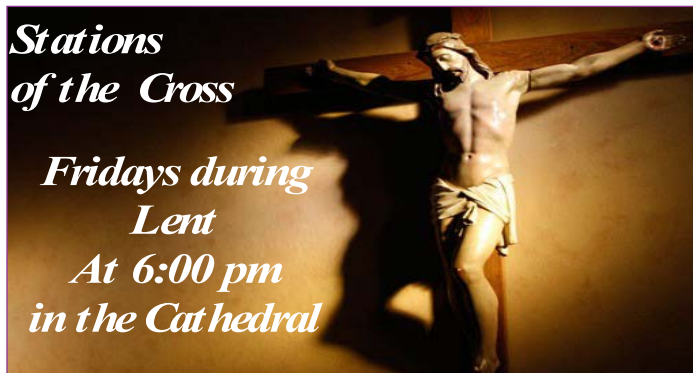
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## Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to assist with the Rite of Election Luncheon, and we need all the help we can get, please meet on the first floor of Central Catholic High School in the main hallway at 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 12. Someone will be there to provide directions.

Thank you for your wonderful ministry of service.

## Stations of the Cross



Fridays during Lent  
At 6:00 pm  
in the Cathedral

## Women's Faith Sharing Group

The March gathering for the Women's Faith Sharing Group is scheduled for Friday, March 10, 1:00 pm in the parish office following noon liturgy and Chaplet of The Divine Mercy. Lenten reflection: Ongoing Conversion (Any questions or info call Diane (304) 233-8574

## Mass Intentions and Readings

### Sunday—March 5th—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Station Church of Rome: *Saint John Lateran*

Sat 6:00p Mass for Jack Scott  
8:00a Mass for John Sheets  
9:15a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices  
RCIA, Rectorry  
10:30a Mass for the Parishioners  
RDGS: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17  
Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11

### Monday—March 6th

Station Church of Rome: *San Pietro in Vincoli*

12:05p Mass for Mike Driscoll  
RDGS: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

### Tuesday—March 7th—Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Station Church of Rome: *Sant Anastasia al Palatino*

12:05p Mass for Schaffner Family  
RDGS: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15

**Perpetua**, a noble lady, and **Felicity**, her slave, died at Carthage in 203 under Septimus Severus; both mentioned in the Roman Canon.

### Wednesday—March 8th—Saint John of God, Religious

Station Church of Rome: *Saint Mary Major*

12:05p Mass for Mary Drosieko  
RDGS: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19  
Lk 11:29-32

**John of God**, died 1550 in Granada; shepherd, soldier, and entrepreneur before his conversion at age 42; laid foundation for the Order of Hospitallers today numbering about 1,200 religious; patron of hospitals and the sick, of nurses and booksellers.

### Thursday—March 9th—Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

Station Church of Rome: *San Lorenzo in Panisperna*

12:05p Mass for Mary Lavern Monnes  
RDGS: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8  
Mt 7:7-12

6:30p Choir Rehearsal

**Frances** died 1440; noblewoman, wife, and mother; founded a community of Benedictine women oblates committed to serving the poorest of poor; patroness of widows and motorists.

### Friday—March 10th

Station Church of Rome: *Santi Apostoli*

11:15a Confession  
12:05p Mass for Jean Huff  
RDGS: Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26  
6:00p Stations of the Cross

### Saturday—March 11th

Station Church of Rome: *Saint Peter's Basilica*

9:00a Mass for Mary Ann Gala  
Rosary

5:00p Confessions  
6:00p Mass for the Parishioners  
RDGS: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

### Sunday—March 12th—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Station Church of Rome: *Santa Maria in Domenica alla Navicella*

8:00a Mass for Sophie Moses  
9:15a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices  
RCIA, Rectorry

### 9:15-10:15a Confession

10:30a Mass for Leonard Romanek  
3:00p Rite of Election  
RDGS: Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22  
2Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

## Lent and Holy Week Schedule

### All Fridays during Lent

6:00p Stations of the Cross

### Feast of Saint Joseph—March 20

12:05a Mass  
6:00p Mass  
**St. Joseph's Dinner after Mass**

### Palm Sunday—April 9

10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Procession

### Monday of Holy Week—April 10

12:05 p.m. Mass

### Tuesday of Holy Week—April 11

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

### Wednesday of Holy Week—April 12

12:05 p.m. Mass

### Holy Thursday—April 13

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

### Good Friday—April 14

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

### Holy Saturday—April 15

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

### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord—April 16

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