

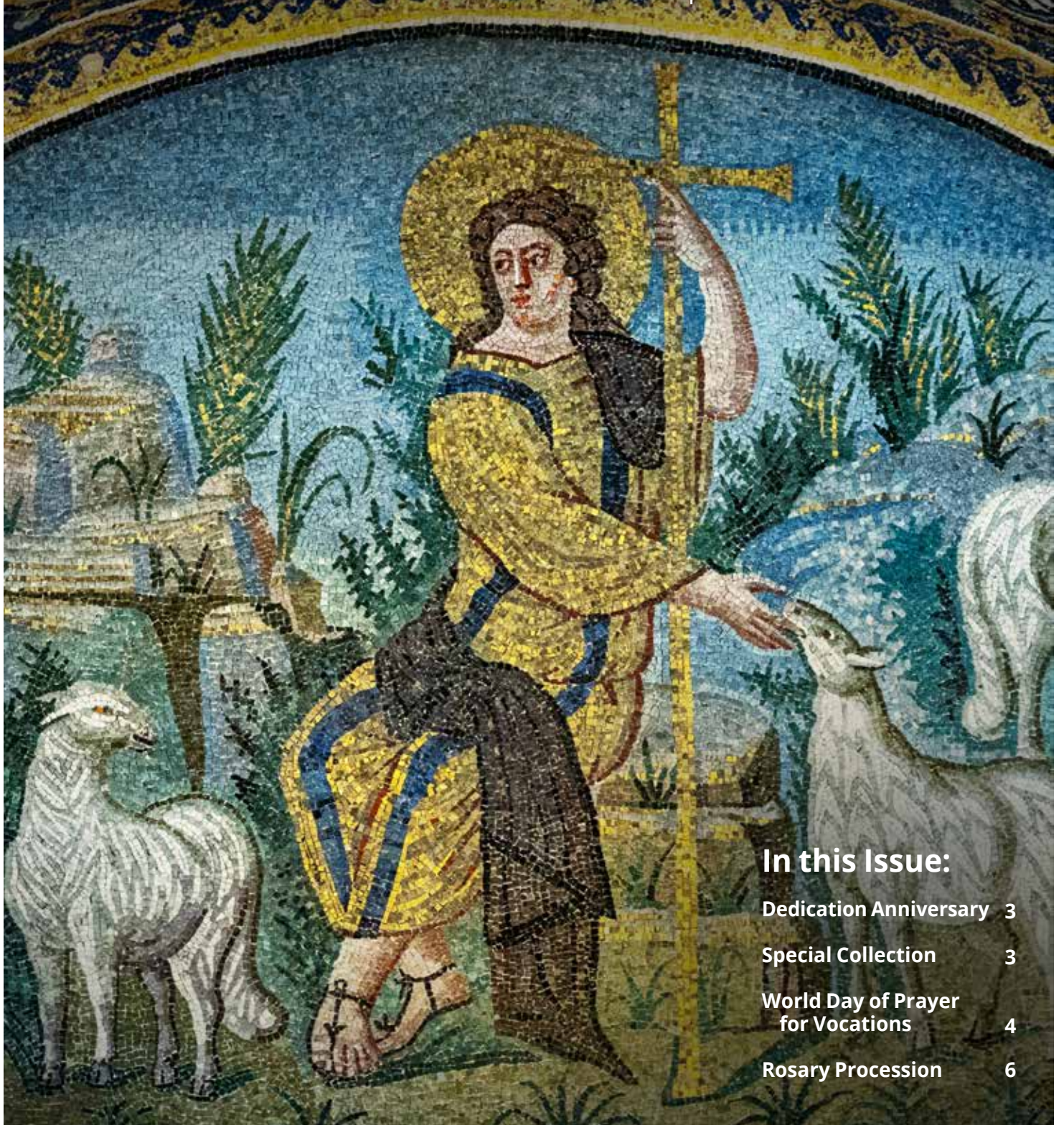
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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.

This Week

April 21 - 28, 2024

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for James Martin Prupura
8:00 am Mass for Nadine Greenwood
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners

MON
22

Solemnity of the Dedication of the Cathedral

12:05 pm Mass for Living & Deceased Parishioners

TUE
23

Optional Memorials of St. George; St. Adalbert

12:05 pm Memorial Mass for Fr. Jerome McKenna

WED
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Optional Memorial of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

12:05 pm Mass for Fidelis Shuter
6:40 pm Sons of St. Joseph - Pittsburgh Pirates
Game with Bishop Brennan

THU
25

Feast of St. Mark

12:05 pm Mass for James Quirk

FRI
26

Easter Weekday

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Evelyn W. Ghaphery

SAT
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Easter Weekday

9:00 am Mass for Fr. Walter Buckius, S.J.
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Mass for Shirley Sheets
10:30 am Mass for Dee DeMatte



From Father Sateesh

"Jesus the Shepherd, Searches, and Saves us!"



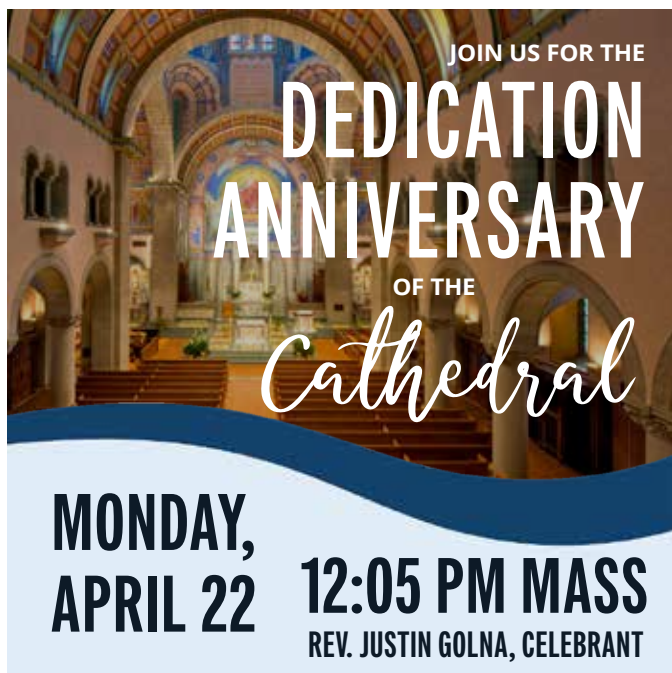
During this Easter season we are given many signs of the presence of the Risen Lord. We see his presence when he appears to the apostles after he has risen. We also see his presence in the community formed around the Risen Lord, and the witnessing of the apostles. Today we are given one more characteristic of the Risen Lord, his care for his sheep, and all who belong to his flock. As people of the Resurrection, we are assured that He is our Good Shepherd. Do we care about others?

In today's first reading we see the power of the Risen Lord, which had transformed Peter who preaches eloquently and takes on the establishment. Peter was speaking to the elders, the scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees, a powerful opposition for an uneducated fisherman, yet he and the other apostles displayed courage as they confront them head on. "If we are being questioned and asked how this man was healed, let it be known that this man is standing in good health by the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Peter could have taken the credit for the miracle. Peter has learnt his lesson and knows that if he relies on himself, he will fall, but his confidence is in the Lord who never fails. Peter moves from the immediate fact of the healing to the thing signified, namely the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

One of the most beautiful descriptions of God given by Jesus is contained in today's gospel reading where he proclaims: "I am the good Shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep." Jesus was the visible sign of God's constant care for his people. In our present-day set-up, the image of the shepherd may be alien to us but in Palestine the shepherd was a common figure in the countryside. The shepherd in Palestine led his flock, he did not drive them as shepherds elsewhere did. The shepherd literally lived with his flock, spent most of the day and night with them. Though there were hundreds of sheep belonging to different shepherds, the shepherd knew his own and his own sheep recognized his voice and followed him to the pastures. The good shepherd cared for the sheep to the point of death. He does not just surrender his life for his sheep, but he gives his life willingly, as He said at the last supper.

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, a good time to pray for the good shepherds as well as the bad ones; and a good time to realize that the Good Shepherd still walks with us. Let us try to become more loving people. Love has the power to do things which hatred does not. I pray that the experience of this personal love of Jesus may bring about a transformation which our world is so much in need of today. May we discover the Risen Lord our God Shepherd always caring for us!

Fr. Sateesh will be on vacation visiting family and friends in India from April 22 through May 23. Please keep him and his safe travels in your prayers.



JOIN US FOR THE

DEDICATION ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Cathedral

MONDAY, APRIL 22 12:05 PM MASS
 REV. JUSTIN GOLNA, CELEBRANT

Special Collection for Recovery Efforts THIS WEEKEND - APRIL 20 & 21

Efforts continue across the Mountain State after the severe flooding that occurred earlier this month. West Virginia encountered tornados, microbursts, strong winds, heavy rains, and mudslides. Several counties have experienced moderate-to-substantial flooding, notably along the Ohio River and its tributaries. The National Weather Service has confirmed 5 tornadoes in West Virginia – Huntington (Cabell/Wayne), St, Albans (Kanawha), Cross Lanes (Kanawha), Quick (Kanawha) and Lavista (Fayette). A State of Emergency has been declared in 17 West Virginia Counties.

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of April 20-21, 2024, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred. Checks should be made out to your respective parish with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at <https://dwc.org/disaster-relief/>.

Proceeds from this collection will support the long-term humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities West Virginia. Their offices assist families long after other organizations have moved out. The role of Catholic Charities will last months and years as they help families and individuals in the rebuilding process to restore safe, secure, and sanitary living conditions. All of the money raised will stay in West Virginia to assist our neighbors.

Please remember in prayer all those whose lives have been changed in the wake of these disasters. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 22** - Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral
- April 24** - Sons of St. Joseph Pirates Game, 6:40pm
- May 3** - First Friday
- May 5** - May Crowning, 10:30am
- May 12** - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
- May 12** - Mother's Day
- May 13** - Rosary Procession
- May 19** - Pentecost Sunday
- May 26** - Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
- May 31** - Priesthood Ordination, 5pm
- June 2** - Solemnity of Corpus Christi
- June 23** - National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Arrival
- June 24** - National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Mass & Procession


TOGETHER IN FAITH Wheeling Vicariate

This platform will enable all parishioners and parishes within the Wheeling Vicariate to share our best practices, events, discussions, and faith-related content. It encourages engagement in online Bible studies, discussions about faith, and sharing of uplifting content. The goal is to celebrate achievements, share positive narratives, and support each other on our spiritual journeys.

LET'S UNITE TOGETHER IN FAITH

 **JOIN OUR FACEBOOK COMMUNITY**
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wheelingvicariatetogetherinfaith>

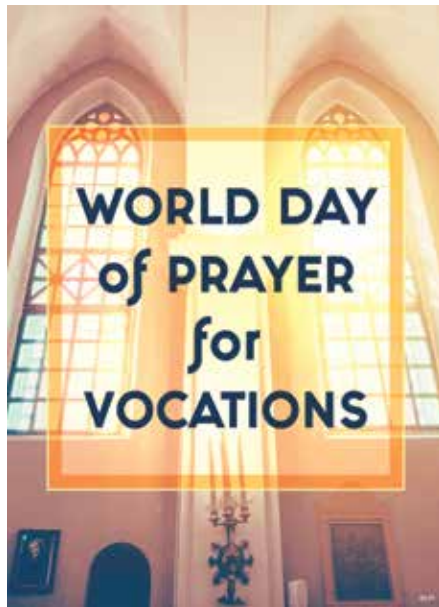
Don't have cash or check? Consider making a contribution using our online services www.saintjosephcathedral.com/giving or scan the QR code from your phone!



SCAN ME

Collection
April 14, 2024
 Envelopes: \$1659
 Loose: \$528
 Online: \$403
Total: \$2590
Thank you for your support!

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 on Facebook & Instagram



This year marks the 61st Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on April 21, 2024.

The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life.

Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Solemnity of the Dedication of the Cathedral April 21; Observed This Year on Monday, April 22

On April 21, 2024, we celebrate the 98th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. Because this day falls on a Sunday this year, it is observed on Monday, April 22. Throughout the Diocese, the date of the dedication of the Cathedral is important. The anniversary of dedication is celebrated as a feast for all the parishes of the diocese. At the Cathedral itself, this special date is celebrated as a Solemnity.



Thomas G. Simons, author of *Holy People, Holy Place: Rites for the Church's House* writes: "The celebration of the anniversary of the dedication of the parish church building is an often forgotten opportunity to celebrate the life of the local church and re-emphasize to the people the importance of the gathering place for God's holy people. It is an occasion in which sacred identity and local history become tangible. The continuity of the faith from generation to generation is celebrated" (68).

The Cathedral is called the "mother church" because it houses the bishop's cathedra (seat), from which it receives the name. The *Ceremonial of Bishops* tells us that "The cathedral, the sign of diocesan unity, is the place where that unity can be given concrete expression. For all these reasons, it should be a model of liturgical life, both in architecture and in celebration. (42 ff.)

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph is home to Wheeling's oldest Catholic community, dating to 1822. It has been the liturgical heart of the Diocese of Wheeling (originally) since the Diocese's erection by Pope Pius IX in 1850 and is an architectural and artistic treasure in both the city and state.

In 1847, the Cathedral was moved from its former location further south to the corner of Eoff and 13th Street, and the Church was titled to Saint James the

Apostle. In 1805, St. James became the Cathedral of the Diocese, with Bishop Richard V. Whelan as the first bishop of Wheeling.

In 1872, in response to the rising devotion to Saint Joseph, Husband of Mary throughout the universal Church and the burgeoning labor movement among the Catholics of the coal fields, Bishop Whelan petitioned Rome to change the title of the Cathedral to honor Saint Joseph.

Bishop Patrick Donahue became Bishop of Wheeling in 1894. Donahue conceived a design and began to interview possible architects, eyeing Edward J. Weber of Pittsburgh, a rising star in Church architecture, as a likely candidate. Bishop Donahue's death in October 1922, before work had even begun may have scuttled all plans, were it not for a serendipitous fire in 1923 that did significant damage to the Cathedral structure.

The fire cleared the way for Bishop John J. Swint, the fourth Bishop of Wheeling, to begin the construction of the new Cathedral, with the help of Weber and a team of artisans. In two short years, the new Cathedral was completed and church was dedicated on April 21, 1926.

PARISH GROUPS

Book Club

Sunday, May 5

9:15 - 10:15 am in Rectory

Our book club meets monthly to explore topics of the spiritual life, literature, and culture.

Women's Group

Tuesday, May 14

6:30 - 7:30 pm in Chancery Cantina

The women's group meeting for March is cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. We will meet next on April 9.



SONS of
SAINT JOSEPH

Our men's group is open to all men who are looking for a place where they can find authentic friendships and grow in their faith alongside other men.

Fellowship: Pirates vs Brewers Game with Bishop Brennan

Wednesday, April 24 at 6:40 p.m.

Bus transportation from Cathedral will be provided



ProLife Corner

Pro-Life Provision For the Journey

The Vatican (specifically, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith) just published *Dignitas Infinita*, or *Infinite Dignity*, about our God-given worth and needs. All humanity possesses this infinite dignity – regardless of our circumstances

– which we must honor, cultivate, and protect, from the womb, onward. *Dignitas Infinita* reminds us of these timeless Truths, our timeless Beauty, and the responsibilities of this timeless Goodness.

It also highlights thirteen violations of human dignity, ending with digital violence. It notes, "The internet, in particular, offers immense possibilities for encounter and solidarity." However, "the digital environment is also one of loneliness, manipulation, exploitation, and violence, even to the extreme case of the 'dark web,'" noting that "Such tendencies represent the dark side of digital progress."

Last Friday we learned how to keep ourselves safe in face-to face situations, and we encourage you to be just as savvy, and just as safe online! We encourage you to read for yourselves about these digital and other dangers to human dignity and well-being here: <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/04/08/240408c.html>

In the womb, face-to-face, online...everywhere; always:

each of us has the right to be alive, to be safe, to be whole, to flourish, and to be loved.

Each of us has the responsibility to protect these rights for others, especially those most vulnerable.

Be safe; be careful; be loved!

Save the date: Saturday, May 11th at 9:00AM: Our Annual Mother's Day Walk for Life, from Wheeling Park to St. Michaels parish!



Month of the Holy Eucharist

The month of April is dedicated to devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This tradition has developed because Easter Sunday often falls in April, and when it does fall in March, the Easter season continues on through all of April. In essence, April is a month of Easter, and during the Easter celebration we remember the Eucharistic sacrifice Christ gave us and the baptism in the Holy Spirit, which would come after Jesus's resurrection.

At the Last Supper, surrounded by His Apostles, Jesus gave to the world the most sublime gift of His Real Presence by instituting the Sacrament of the Eucharist – His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Jesus took bread and pronounced the words: "Take and eat, this is my Body"; then He took a cup of wine and said: "Take and drink, this is my Blood. Do this in memory of me." With these words Jesus instituted the greatest of all of the Sacraments, the Sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist.

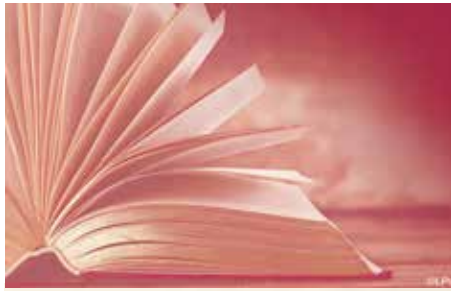
Ways to Honor the Holy Eucharist

- Truly prepare yourself to receive Christ in the Holy Eucharist by arriving early to Mass and spending time in prayer.

- If you are not in the state of grace before receiving Holy Communion, go to confession

- Spend time in Eucharistic Adoration

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of April 21

THIS SUNDAY

Acts 4:8-12
Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

MONDAY

Acts 11:1-18
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4
John 10:1-10

TUESDAY

Acts 11:19-26
Ps 87:1-3, 4-5, 6-7
John 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY

Acts 12:24—13:5
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
John 12:44-50

THURSDAY

1 Peter 5:5-14
Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17
Mark 16:15-20

FRIDAY

Acts 13:26-33
Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11
John 14:1-6

SATURDAY

Acts 13:44-52
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
John 14:7-14

NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 9:26-31
Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-31
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

The readings are included each week so that those who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

April 23 - St. George, martyr (275-303)

St. George of Lydda was a soldier under Diocletian, likely a military tribune, who resigned his commission rather than follow orders to participate in worship of Roman gods and was subsequently martyred. George demonstrated great faith and courage when he defied Diocletian at the cost of his life. *Patronage:* knights; soldiers

St. Adalbert, bishop, martyr (956-997)


St. Adalbert served as a missionary at the pope's request, evangelizing pagan populations in Prague and in Prussia until his martyrdom. Twice Adalbert tried to trade episcopal life for the quiet of a monastery, but he was obedient to his call to the mission field and died as an example of heroic faith.

April 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest and martyr (1577-1622)

St. Fidelis was a Capuchin friar known for his learning, charity, and devotion, whether serving as prior in Germany or preaching to former Catholics in the north of France, where he was martyred by Calvinists. His combined wisdom and humility allowed Fidelis to convert many by his example.

April 25 - St. Mark, evangelist (d. 1st century)

St. Mark is the author of the second Gospel which he wrote between AD 60 and 70. He was not an apostle, as were Matthew and John, but he was close to Peter. His simple and direct Gospel account was one of the main sources for the other evangelists. Mark's portrayal of Jesus is very human and serves as a model for us to "go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature" (Mk 16:15). *Patronage:* Egypt; Venice; notaries



Rosary Procession

All are invited to join us
in praying the Rosary in procession
for our Church, our world,
and our families.

Monday, May 13
MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

7:00 pm

Procession begins at
ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH
and ends at the
CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH

An optional shuttle from the Cathedral
to St. Alphonsus will be available from
6:15 pm to 6:50 pm to allow participants
to park at the Cathedral where the
procession will end.

Commemorating 100th Anniversary of Benwood Mine Disaster in Prayer

Sunday, April 28 at 4:00 pm

Mt Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston invites the public to a special prayer service at 4pm, Sunday, April 28, at Mt Calvary Cemetery, 1685 National Road, Wheeling, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Benwood mine disaster.

The event will honor the lives of 119 men and boys, who lost their lives as a result of two explosions within the Wheeling Steel Coal Mine in Benwood on April 28, 1924.

While the miners were from the surrounding communities on both side of the Ohio River, the majority were immigrants from Poland, Greece, Italy, Hungary, Russia, Serbia, Croatia, Lithuania, and Ukraine. Notably many were also Catholic, belonging to St. John Parish in Benwood and St. Ladislaus in South Wheeling.

The memorial on April 28th this year will take place at the site at Mt. Calvary, where the largest mass burial in Wheeling ever took place. On May 5, 1924, 22 miners were buried during a service that was conducted in three languages. Others were later buried at Mt. Calvary, but in different areas.

Victims of the disaster including those miners who were burned beyond recognition were buried in a mass grave at Greenwood Cemetery across the street.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Pilgrimages

Question:

What is a pilgrimage? Why do people go on them?

Answer:

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God.

Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called “indulgences”) can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far.

Rest In Peace

Please remember in your prayers:

Stanley M. Pacewicz

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon him.*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer	Chuck Fair	Kaitlyn Hanasky	Rachel Wade
Angela Niehart	David A. Kress, Jr.	Kermit Klosterman	R. J. Stocke
Archer Hatch	Dianna Albright	Kristin Smith	Richard Simon
Arthur Danehart	Doug Jones	Langan Family	Rick Burgy
Austin Cook	Eric South	Liam Barns	Ron Hickman
Barb Mazzocca	Eva Wood	Liam Manning	Rosalie Davis
Beth Jochum	Fr. Joseph Wilhelm	Lukie Brown	Rose Otey
Betty Teater	Frank Davis	Margaret Stocke	Sarah Hanasky
Bill Wilson	Frederick C. Schweizer	Marge Muecheck	Sarah Sargent
Bob Armstrong	Gail Koch	Marie Farnsworth	Shirley DeCaria
Billy Hanasky	George Kirchner	Marie & Conner	Stanley Kyrck
Brian Hanasky	Geri Adams Nagy	Workman	Susan Graff
Brogan Gallentine	Hines Rotriga	Mark Davis	Susan Mize
Caleb Hlebiczk	Jean Schultz	Marshall South	Susan Schulte
Carol Young	Jim Antill	Martha Yocum	Susanna Kress
Carolyn Lash	Jim and Dee	Mary K. Schlosser	Tammy
Carolyn Wiethe	Jimmy Hocking	Mary Walicki	Teresa Helfer
Catherine Lanham	Joe Bechtel	Michael DeBlasis	Thelma Pearson
Charles Heizer	John Petrella	Milissa Rose	Tony Helfer
Charles DeBeni	Jon-Michael Lasher	Nicholas Barns	Trystan Timmons
Children of the	Judy Pack	Pete Cuffaro	Victoria Jeskey
Youth Services System	Julia Sheets	Pete Mack	Zoey Knight
Christina Helfer	Kathy Cooley	Philippa Shores	

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under “Accountability” for additional information and reporting methods.

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAYS 6:00 pm (Saturday)
8:00 am
10:30 am

WEEKDAYS 12:05 pm (Monday thru Friday)
9:00 am (Saturday)

HOLY DAYS Please consult the bulletin

CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY 11:15 - 11:45 am

SATURDAY 5:00 - 5:45 pm
or by appointment

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

By appointment. Please contact the parish office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery. If ill, homebound or hospitalized, a visit can be scheduled upon request.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office.

Please notify the parish of address changes through contacting the parish office or by visiting the website.

Bulletin Articles due by 9am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

