

THE Cathedral Courier

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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*I am the vine,
you are the
branches,*

Whoever remains in me and I in him
will bear much fruit, because
without me you can do nothing.

JN 15:5

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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 28 - May 5, 2024

SUN 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for the Parishioners
8:00 am Mass for Shirley Sheets
10:30 am Mass for Dee DeMatte

MON 29 Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena

12:05 pm Mass for Bob Foster

TUE 30 Optional Memorial of St. Pius V

12:05 pm Mass for Stanley Pacewicz

WED 1 Optional Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker Month of Our Lady Begins International Workers' Day

12:05 pm Mass for Janet Castilow
7:00 pm Sons of St. Joseph (Cantina)

THU 2 Memorial of St. Athanasius National Day of Prayer

12:05 pm Mass for We Are One Body Radio

FRI 3 Feast of Sts. Philip and James First Friday

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Janet Castilow
12:45 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5:00 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

SAT 4 Easter Weekday First Saturday

9:00 am Mass for John Anthony Helfer
9:30 am Rosary
2:00 pm Wedding
4:20 pm Baptism
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for Albert Mazur

SUN 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter 100th Anniversary of Cathedral Cornerstone

8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
9:15 am Book Club (Rectory)
10:30 am Mass for Nepomuceno Dario



From Father Sateesh

"I am the vine, you are the branches!"



Today's liturgy reinforces the intimate relationship between Christ and his disciples. The first reading narrates how God's grace can change the lives of individuals who seem to act against God's plan like Saul of Tarsus who later becomes Paul. The second reading encourages us to grow in closeness to Christ by keeping God's commandment.

In the Gospel, Jesus employs the metaphor of the vine and the branches, a familiar image for his listeners to reveal that He is not a regular person we can arbitrarily accept or reject. In referencing the Hebrew scripture, in which Israel is the vineyard and God the vinedresser, he discloses himself as the fulfilment of God's promise to Israel. Jesus, the Logos made flesh, is the embodiment of the power by which God creates and sustains the world. It means anything that exists, exists through him.

He is not a teacher we can decide on whether to listen to or follow. Jesus is our life - without life we are dead. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure this out; he is the power through which we exist, from moment to moment. We are related to him on all levels of our existence. There is never a moment we live outside of him. He is in the well-articulated words of Bishop Robert Barron "a force in which we participate. A body in which we are cells and molecules, a river in which we swim". Independent of Him, we the branches can bear no fruit. In the absence of an authentic intimate relationship with Jesus, we can bring forth nothing. A branch does not and cannot sustain itself, its existence is tied up to the vine. Its survival is conditioned by the vine. They are inseparably one. The branch has the same nature as the vine, it has one life and one spirit with the vine and has one object for which it exists that is to bear fruit. It derives its sap from the vine, it has nothing except what the vine provides. In the same manner, we have only one reason as branches of God the vine. We are fashioned in God's image and likeness.

Remaining grafted to Jesus is not without pain and suffering, God allows us to go through trials and suffering even when we are united to him. This is a pruning process that he carries out to enhance better growth. God prunes our ego; he prunes us of all bad influences and those things that may distract us and hamper our relationship. We may claim to be disciples of Jesus; believing in Him and knowing his commandments, yet, what distinguishes the real disciples from the fake disciples is that of fruitfulness. What kind of branches are we and what efforts are we putting in to remain grafted to Jesus the vine?

Fr. Sateesh has arrived safely in India and will return on May 23.
He remains very grateful for your prayers.




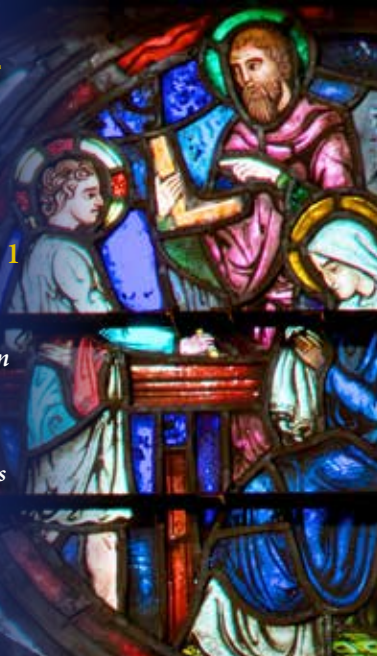
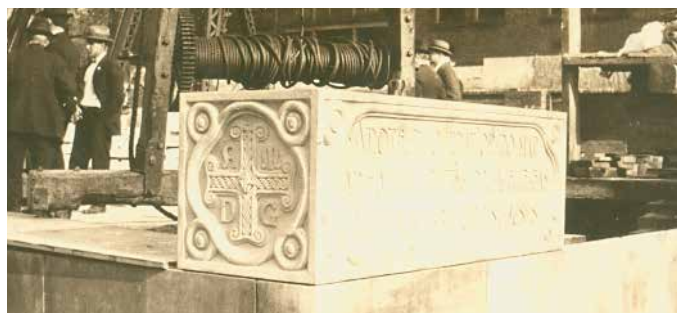
THE MEMORIAL OF
St. Joseph
the Worker

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1
12:05 P.M. MASS

Bishop Mark E. Brennan
Celebrant

There will be a special
blessing at the end of Mass
for all workers


 Cathedral of St. Joseph

100th Anniversary of Cornerstone
 We will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Laying of the Cornerstone of the Cathedral of St. Joseph next Sunday, May 5 during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Hope Scholarship

West Virginia's Hope Scholarship empowers families to make school choices that are right for their educational needs. The Hope Scholarship program offers qualifying West Virginia's K-12 students an opportunity to build an individual learning experience that works best for their child. The scholarship allows K-12 students to receive financial assistance that can be used for tuition, homeschool curriculum, and other qualifying expenses.

Who can participate?

- West Virginia students eligible to be enrolled in kindergarten for the 2024-25 school year.
- West Virginia students enrolled full-time in a West Virginia public elementary or secondary school for the entire instructional term of the academic year preceding the academic year for which the student is applying to participate in the Hope Scholarship Program.
- West Virginia students enrolled full-time and attending a West Virginia public elementary or secondary school for at least 45 consecutive calendar days.

Please visit hopescholarshipwv.com for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker Mass, 12:05pm
May 1 - Sons of St. Joseph, 7pm
May 3 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
May 5 - 100th Anniversary of Cathedral Cornerstone
May 5 - Book Club, 10:30am
May 12 - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
May 12 - Mother's Day
May 12 - May Crowning, 10:30am
May 13 - Rosary Procession, 7pm
May 19 - Pentecost Sunday
May 26 - Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
May 27 - Memorial Day
May 31 - Priesthood Ordination, 5pm


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

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Why We Need Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is the adoration of Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist. In the many Churches, the Eucharist is displayed in a special holder called a monstrance, and people come to pray and worship Jesus truly present before us. Christ's great love for us was shown when he was crucified on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins and give us eternal life. He loves us without limit, and offers Himself to us in the Holy sacrament of the Eucharist. Can we not give Jesus a few minutes of love and adoration in return?

Some Catholics think that we can gain grace from the Eucharist only in the Mass by receiving Holy Communion. This idea limits the power and the love of Jesus too much. Certainly participation in the sacrifice of the Mass and receiving Holy Communion is the most powerful source of grace for us, but it is not the only source of Eucharistic grace. After the sacrifice is completed, the sacrament continues on. Jesus, in His sacramental body and blood remains here with us as our friend, just as He promised. This is why Eucharistic Adoration is so important.

This is why we should visit our friend, Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, to return His love for us and to draw spiritual strength and nourishment and encouragement from that love.

Listen to what Pope St. John Paul II said: "The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration." Notice how he is asking you to be generous with your time. He is not asking for your money but something much more precious – your time.

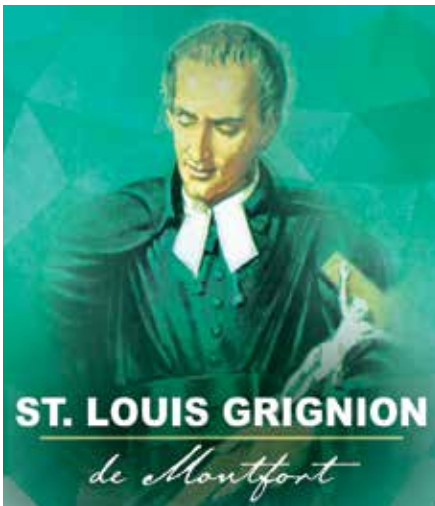
Spending time with Jesus in adoration should not strike us as unusual. It is really a very natural human activity. When two people love each other, they want to spend time together to visit, to get to know each other better.



You cannot love someone you do not know. Adoration of our Lord in the Eucharist is your chance to know Jesus better.

One of the best aspects of Eucharistic adoration is this: how you spend your time with Jesus is entirely up to you. You spend your time with Jesus any way you want. You can pray your Rosary, you can read your Bible, or you can do some other spiritual reading or devotional prayers. But we must always remember, you are there to visit with your friend, Jesus. Talk with Him; tell Him your problems, your needs or your concerns. Tell Him about your joys, too. Chances are He doesn't hear about those very often! But most important, stop and listen, let Jesus do some of the talking. He's been waiting for a chance to visit with you, but your life is so busy with work, family and school, your line is always busy. Jesus can't get through to you. It's time to give yourself a break.

The whole purpose of our human existence is to live forever with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. We get a foretaste of that eternal happiness and peace when we visit and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This is why thousands of people from all over the world will testify that one hour each week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the most peaceful, the most satisfying hour of their whole week.



We remember St. Louis de Monfort on April 28. St. Louis de Montfort was born on January 31, 1673. He was a French Catholic Priest and Confessor. He was known in his time as a preacher, and was made a Missionary Apostolic by Pope Clement XI. He authored several classic Catholic books that influenced many Popes. He is best known for his devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the practice of consistently praying the Rosary. He is accredited as one of the early proponents of the field of Mariology as it is known today. He is a candidate of becoming a Doctor of the Church. His most notable works are "The Secret of Mary" and the "True Devotion to Mary". Truly – he set the example for each of us to have a personal relationship with Mary, the Mother of Our Lord.

Pope's Monthly Intention **May: For the formation** **of religious and seminarians**

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

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 Courtyard

The women's group gathering for May will be held in the Cathedral courtyard.



SONS of
SAINT JOSEPH

Our men's group meets each Wednesday evening and 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.

NEXT EVENT:

"St. Joseph the Worker" with Deacon Paul Lim

Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Chancery Cantina



The Sons of St. Joseph together with their families and Bishop Brennan had a great time attending the Pirates vs. Brewers game this past week at PNC Park in Pittsburgh!

Special thanks to Altmeyer Funeral Homes for providing the transportation!



The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

Ways to Honor Our Lady

- Learn or pray a new Marian devotion (Regina Caeli, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Novenas to Our Lady, etc.)
- Decorate a statue of Our Lady with flowers
- Imitate Mary's deep humility, obedience, and faith



If you are 55 years and over and enjoy sharing conversation, friendship, fun, and spiritual activities, please join us!

Showing of Sight and Sound's "Jesus"

Lunch will be provided

Wednesday, May 15 at 1:00 p.m.

St. Alphonsus Parish Hall, Wheeling

Please RSVP in back of Church by May 12

Join us for our annual Mother's Day Walk for Life!

Saturday, May 11th at 9:00AM

Starting at the Wheeling Park parking lot. Joining our partners, West Virginians for Life.

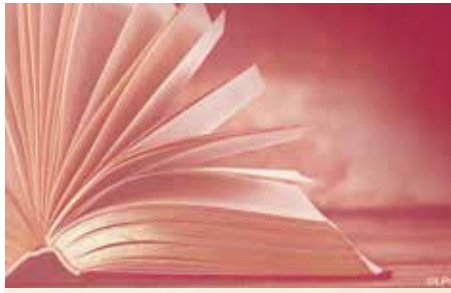
We pray, we witness, we walk; we fellowship at St. Michael's.

Rain or shine, join us to uplift mothers!



ProLife Corner

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of April 28

THIS SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

Acts 14:5-18
Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16
John 14:21-26

TUESDAY

Acts 14:19-28
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 21
John 14:27-31

WEDNESDAY

Acts 15:1-6
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5
John 15:1-8

THURSDAY

Acts 15:7-21
Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 10
John 15:9-11

FRIDAY

Acts 15:22-31
Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12
John 15:12-17

SATURDAY

Acts 16:1-10
Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5
John 15:18-21

NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
1 John 4:7-10
John 15:9-17

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 29 - St. Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor of the Church (1347-1380)

St. Catherine of Siena was a Dominican tertiary and mystic, the twenty-fourth of twenty-five children. In spite of family opposition, she dedicated herself to Christ at a very young age and at the age sixteen, she withdrew from her family to lead a life of intense prayer. When she emerged, she began to dedicate herself to care for the sick and poor. Her joyful spirit attracted a number of followers. After a series of mystical experiences, Catherine felt compelled to write letters to those in secular and Church authority. We can look to Catherine as an example of a person who dialogued with Jesus in prayer, loved those he loved, and built bridges of reconciliation and trust. *Patronage:* Europe

April 30 - St. Pius V, pope (1504-1572)

St. Pius V was a Dominican theologian, elected pope in 1566. His primary task as pope was to implement the reforms of the Council of Trent, which had concluded three years before. During his pontificate, seminaries were reformed, a new Missal was published, and the Catechism and Breviary were revised. Pius retained his white Dominican habit when he became pope; since that time all the popes have worn white.

May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

The Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker is a relatively new addition to the calendar, established by Pope Pius XII in 1955 in order to Christianize the concept of labor and give to all workmen a model and a protector. By the daily labor in his shop, offered to God with patience and joy, St. Joseph provided for the necessities of his holy spouse and of the Incarnate Son of God, and thus became an example to all laborers.

May 2 - St. Athanasius, bishop, doctor of the Church (c.295-373)

Athanasius kept the orthodox beliefs of the Church and fought against Arianism, the heretical belief that God created a son who was neither coeternal nor coequal with the Father. He persevered in right teaching, even when the majority was participating in heresy.

May 3 - Saints Philip and James, apostles (d. 1st century)

As apostles, Philip and James were part of Jesus' inner circle. Philip introduces his friend Nathaniel to Jesus, and points to Jesus as the source of nourishment in the feeding of the five thousand. Both Philip and James died as martyrs, shedding their blood for the sake of the Gospel.

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

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:

Canonized Saints

Question:

How does a person become a canonized saint?

Answer:

It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "Servant of God." The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase "devil's advocate!" When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "Venerable."

If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "Blessed." If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them "Saint."

Rest In Peace

Please remember in your prayers:

Robert S. Foster

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

Funeral Mass: Saturday, May 11 at 11:00 a.m. in the Cathedral

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 Hlebiccki	Jean Schultz	Marshall South	Susan Schulte
Carol Young	Jim Antill	Martha Yocum	Susanna Kress
Carolyn Lash	Jim and Dee	Mary K. Schlosser	Tammy
Carolyn Wieth	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.

