

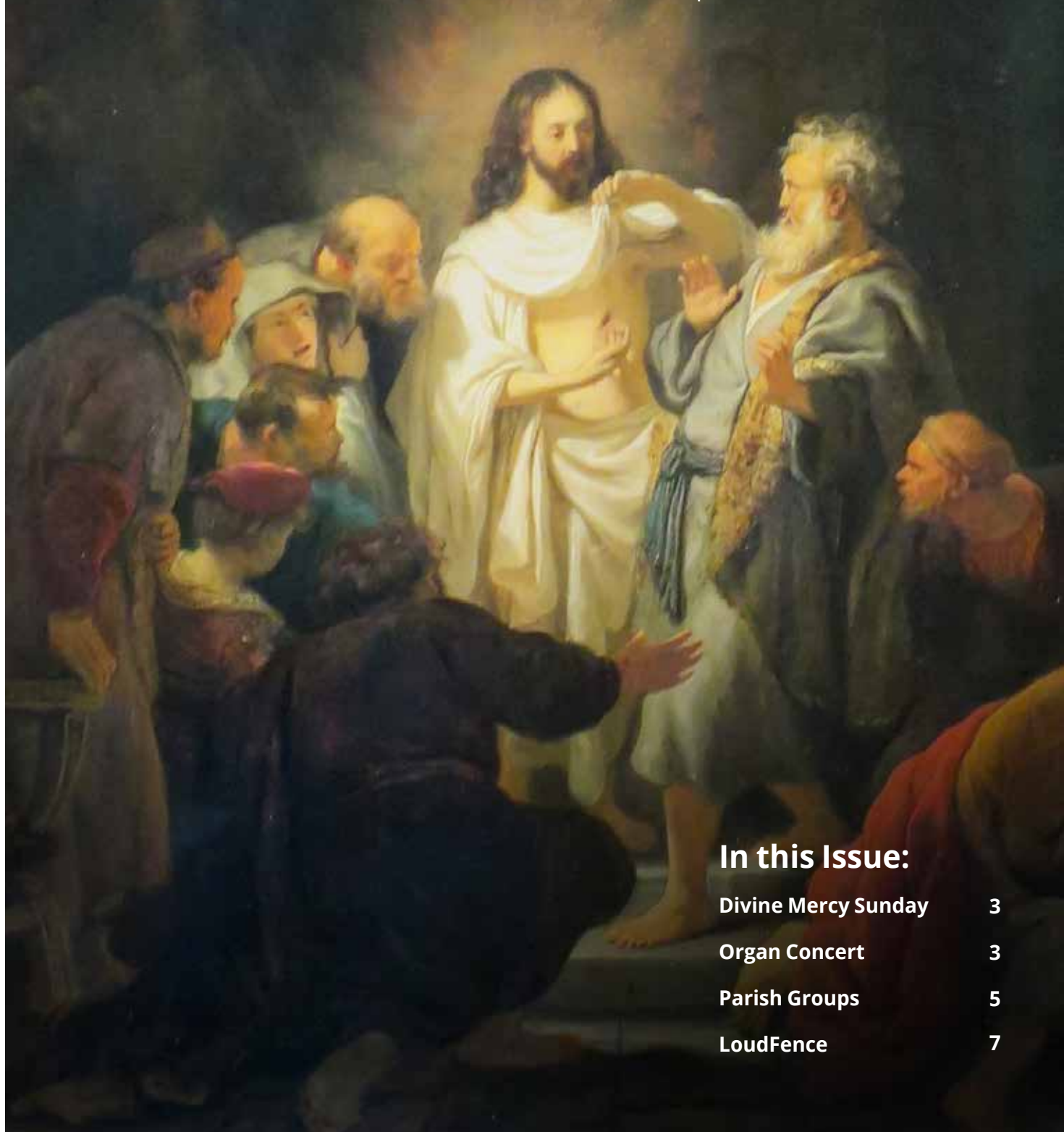
# THE Cathedral Courier

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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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 7 - 14, 2024

SUN  
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**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Octave Day of Easter**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for the Parishioners  
8:00 am Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery  
10:30 am Mass for Albert Schubert  
2:00 pm Confessions  
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour  
6:00 pm Octave Day of Easter Organ Concert

MON  
8

**Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**

12:05 pm Mass for James Quirk

TUE  
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**Easter Weekday**

12:05 pm Mass for Anton Malek  
6:30 pm Women's Group (*Chancery Cantina*)

WED  
10

**Easter Weekday**

12:05 pm Mass for Nadine Greenwood  
6:30 pm Sons of St. Joseph (*Chancery Cantina*)

THU  
11

**Memorial of St. Stanislaus**

12:05 pm Mass for Elias George

FRI  
12

**Easter Weekday**

11:15 am Confessions  
12:05 pm Mass for Mark Torbett

SAT  
13

**Optional Memorial of St. Martin I**

9:00 am Mass for Debra Sine  
9:30 am Rosary  
5:00 pm Confessions  
6:00 pm Mass for Janet Lieb

SUN  
14

**Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners  
10:30 am Mass for Nepomuceno Dario



*From Father Sateesh*

*"My Lord and my God!"*



Everything that happens evokes a response. What is your personal response to the Resurrection? A man fell in a ditch. Realist: That's a ditch. Optimist: Things will get better. Pessimist: Things will get worse. Newspaper reporter: I will pay you for an exclusive story about life in the ditch. City: Did you get a permit for your ditch life? Mathematician: I will calculate the length and depth and width of the ditch. Income tax agent: Have you paid your taxes for the ditch? A Man: "Give me your hand!" and his name is Jesus of Divine Mercy.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles describes the salient features of the early Christian community. The Acts tell us that soon after the resurrection more and more believers were added to the Lord. It should be noted that the text says, 'these were added to their number', which suggests that it was not the apostles, but God who added to their number. It was God's work and not men's efforts that caused the multitude to join their ranks. Many signs and marvels were worked at the hands of the apostles not by their own power but by the Risen Lord who was alive in their midst. Jesus is always alive in His Church, and it is He who grants the increase and He who is the heart of the living Church. It is said an empty tomb proves Christianity; an empty Church denies it.

The episode of Thomas missing the first apparition of the risen Lord is exclusive to the gospel of John. Everyone tends to focus on Thomas the doubter, but the fact is that almost everyone had doubts about the risen Lord and was as doubting as Thomas! They could not believe that he was alive, so Jesus had to be patient with them and give them signs in his many apparitions to them. In this episode Jesus comes to the frightened disciples and shows his pierced hands and feet and offers them his peace. The apostles are filled with joy but still have their doubts and fears, so he reassures them, "Peace be with you!" After giving them his Spirit of peace the risen Lord sends them out on a mission to go and share his peace and forgiveness with others. We are all called to be his witnesses and channels of peace and forgiveness. If we cannot forgive others, we cannot receive his peace. Thomas, we are told, was not present when the Lord appeared to the disciples and when told of the Lord's appearance, he voices his doubts strongly. "Unless I see the holes that the nails have made and put my hand into his side I refuse to believe!" We may judge Thomas harshly for his doubts but often we do the same and put terms and conditions for our belief. The risen Lord was patient and took Thomas at his word and appeared to him and asked him to see and feel for himself. "Doubt no longer but believe." God treats us likewise. He comes down to our level and acts on our terms. But the challenge is to believe without proof, for that after all is the basis of faith. God gives us no proofs but plenty of signs of his presence and love. Can we like Thomas cry out: "My Lord and my God!" May the Risen Lord help us to doubt no longer but believe!





**DIVINE MERCY**  
 SUNDAY, APRIL 7  
*Confessions*  
 2:00 P.M.  
*Holy Hour*  
 3:00 P.M.

"Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."  
*(Diary of St. Faustina, No. 300)*

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

Who doesn't need His Divine Mercy that heals, restores and gives hope? We all need it, and He pours it out upon us and on the whole world. The Second Sunday of Easter was established by Pope St. John Paul II as Divine Mercy Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the deep mercy of Christ and His revelation to St. Faustina Kowalska.



Octave Day of Easter  
**ORGAN CONCERT**

Sunday, April 7, 2024  
 6:00 p.m.

We invite you to a free organ concert given by guest organist Sean Maxwell in joyful celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection on the Octave Day of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday.



**Sean Maxwell, ORGANIST**  
 Sean Maxwell, a native of West Virginia, has been active as an accomplished organist and harpsichordist in Austria since 2015. Maxwell has performed throughout Austria, Germany, Italy, the Czech Republic, Portugal, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

**THANK YOU!**

Heartfelt thanks to all our liturgical ministers who volunteered to help make our Holy Week and Easter liturgies such beautiful moments of grace! We are fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers who share their love for Jesus Christ and our parish by giving of their time and talent.

We are especially grateful to those who contributed for the Easter flowers which decorate our Cathedral Church and provide such a beautiful environment in which to celebrate the splendor of Christ's Resurrection! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

May the peace and joy of the Risen Christ be with you throughout this Easter season!

**Welcome New Catholics!**

Please join us in prayerfully welcoming the newest members of the Church, Andrew Haley and Mary Lough! These catechumens completed their OCIA training and were welcomed into the Church through the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil!



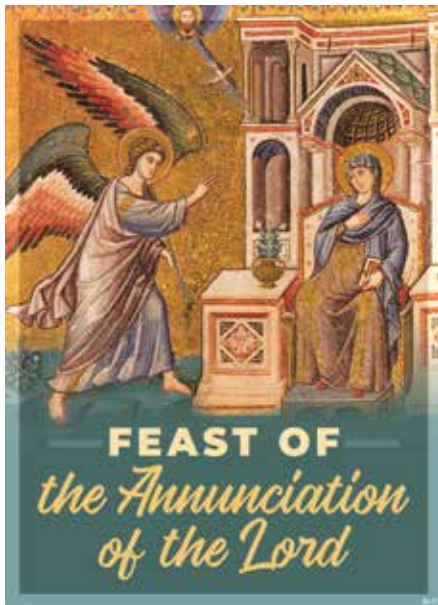
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**Collection**  
 March 31, 2024  
 Envelopes: \$3110  
 Loose: \$1130  
 Online: \$738  
**Total: \$4978**  
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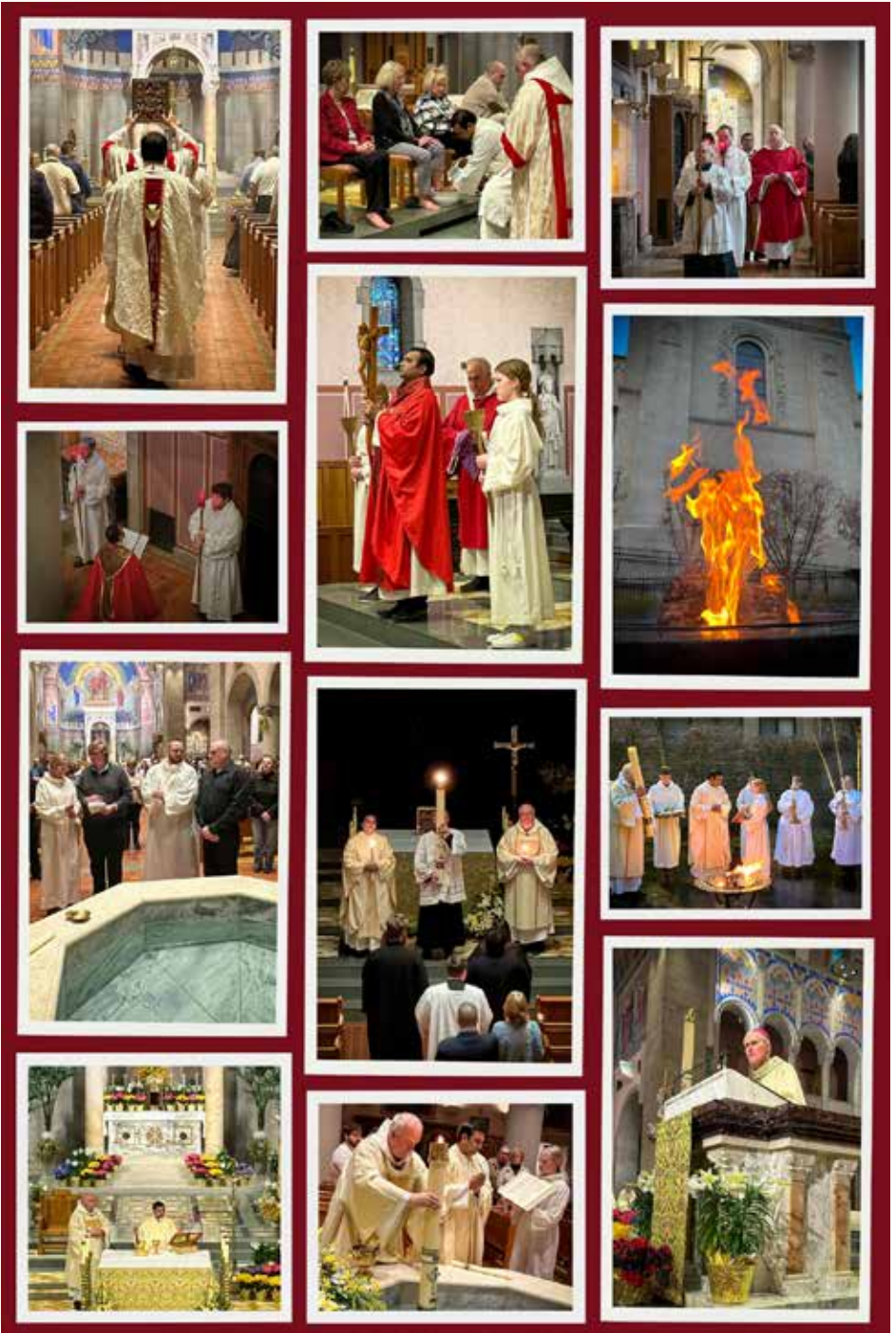
The Solemnity of the Annunciation was first celebrated in the fourth or fifth century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human.

Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is normally celebrated on March 25 - nine months before Christmas; however, it was transferred this year because that date fell during Holy Week.

## Holy Week 2024

What a Holy Week filled with grace, hope, and faith! We are truly grateful to all who made our celebrations this year so rich in prayer and praise. May we, each day, faithfully witness to Him who suffered, died, and rose to save us!



# PARISH GROUPS

## Book Club

Sunday, April 7

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, April 9

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.*

**Service Evening**

**Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Chancery Cantina**



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

**Lunch at Mehlman's in St. Clairsville**

**Wednesday, April 17 at 1:00 p.m.**



**ProLife Corner**

## Food, Fellowship, & Good Stuff for a Good Cause

Join us and our partners, West Virginians for Life, at their Passionately Pro-Life Dinner & Live Auction

Monday, April 8th; Corpus Christi Parish Center  
5:30 for mingling and browsing auction items;  
Dinner begins at 6:00

Tickets are \$20.00 each; available at the door.  
Proceeds will purchase educational materials.

## The Regina Caeli

During the Easter season, this prayer is prayed in place of the Angelus:

**Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.**

**For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.**

**Has risen as He said, alleluia.**

**Pray for us to God, alleluia.**

**Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.**

**For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.**

**Let us pray. O God, who by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, brought joy to the world. Grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joy of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## 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

## April 11 - St. Stanislaus, bishop and martyr (1030-1079)

Noted for his concern for the poor, St. Stanislaus was bishop of Krakow. He was martyred for declaring that an unjust king had no place in the Church. *Patronage:* Poland

## April 13 - St. Martin I, pope and martyr (598-655)

St. Martin I was a Roman of noble birth and had a reputation for intelligence, learning, and charity. He fought against the Monothelite heresy, which claimed that Jesus had two natures—human and divine—but only one will.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Week of April 7

#### THIS SUNDAY

Acts 2:42-47  
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

#### MONDAY

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10  
Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11  
Hebrews 10:4-10  
Luke 1:26-38

#### TUESDAY

Acts 4:32-37  
Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5  
John 3:7-15

#### WEDNESDAY

Acts 5:17-26  
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
John 3:16-21

#### THURSDAY

Acts 5:27-33  
Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20  
John 3:31-36

#### FRIDAY

Acts 5:34-42  
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14  
John 6:1-15

#### SATURDAY

Acts 6:1-7  
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19  
John 6:16-21

#### NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  
Ps 42:2, 4, 7-8, 9  
1 John 2:1-5  
Luke 24:35-48

*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.*

## Holy Thursday Pilgrimage

"Remain here and keep watch with me." Following the command of Our Lord to His disciples on the night before He died, we joined faithful in the area for our Holy Thursday Pilgrimage, visiting and praying before the beautifully decorated altars of repose in six different churches!





# Plan to attend



## What is LOUDfence?

An international organization that started out of compassion to support faithful Christians who had been abused, as well as the faithful who care and pray for healing, hope, and change.

LOUDfence is a way to bring a hushed and taboo topic into a healthy conversation and act of solidarity as a step forward.



## Ceremony after Mass?

Faithful will tie ribbons to represent prayers, hope, and healing for victims of abuse in Christian churches. Inspired by the gospel, LOUDfence works with churches around the world to actively foster a culture for safeguarding and truth telling. Being a safeguarder is being one to stand at the foot of the cross, helping others to literally live out the values of the gospel.

**Mass & LOUDfence Ceremony**  
**10:30 am, April 7**  
**Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling**  
 Celebrants  
 Bishop Mark Brennan of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston  
 & Bishop Paul Mason of England



## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### Catholic Life Explained:

#### *Divine Mercy Sunday*

#### Question:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

#### Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 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 Mucheck     | 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 Hlebiczi                        | 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 Youth Services System | Judy Pack              | Pete Cuffaro      | Victoria Jeskey |
| Christina Helfer                      | Julia Sheets           | Pete Mack         | Zoey Knight     |
|                                       | 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](http://www.dwc.org) under “Accountability” for additional information and reporting methods.



# The Cathedral of Saint Joseph



## 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

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- 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.**

