



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.



August 27 - September 3, 2023

SUN **27**

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Jack Belby, Sr. 8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners 10:30 am Mass for Albert Mazur

MON 28

Memorial of St. Augustine

12:05 pm Mass for Rita DiCarlo

TUE 29

Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

12:05 pm Mass for Mary Bartolovich

WED **30**

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Greg Sacco

тни 31

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Bartholomew & Rose Purpura

FRI 1

Weekday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation First Friday

11:15 am Confessions

12:05 pm Mass for Sarah Truini12:45 pm Eucharistic Adoration Begins

5:00 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

SAT 2

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary First Saturday

9:00 am Mass for Nimnoom Ghaphery

9:30 am Rosary 5:00 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Mass for Marty Purpura

SUN

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass for the Living and Deceased

Members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and David & Faye

Ghaphery Family

10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners





"Privileged to be given the keys of God's House!"

In today's world, we have a glut of opinion polls especially around election times. These opinion polls show the variety and often contradictory views people can have about particular issues or personality. In the gospel we have an example of an early opinion poll conducted by Jesus



himself. Though it was a limited one, it concerned a vital question, namely the identity of Jesus. 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' Jesus knew who he was. The question was for the benefit of the disciples. In his time, the question was on everybody's lips: Who is this man Jesus? The question echoes through the entire Gospel. Jesus rejected the inadequate answers of others and demanded that the disciples speak for themselves: "And you, who do you say that I am?" "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter answered. All of us as believers have to give our personal answer to that question. A person cannot be baptized without a profession of faith.

The more people we have in the Church who believe out of personal conviction, the more the Church will be founded on rock. The profession of faith is only the beginning. We must live our faith. We must allow our lives to be shaped by our faith. Peter is the center of today's Gospel. He is a leader but he has his weaknesses and faults. He denied Jesus, He did not fall simply because he was weak. He fell because he felt he was strong. In giving authority to a man who denied him, Jesus showed that he was establishing his Church not on human strength, but on his own love and faithfulness. God does not choose perfect people to do his work. God chooses people who are flawed, but nevertheless have the capacity for greatness and holiness. Peter's story helps us to understand ourselves and shows us how to develop a close relationship with Jesus.

Jesus was born in a manger, in a simple carpenter's family; He never went to school, nor attended college; He never wrote a book. Until the age of thirty he was a village carpenter. At thirty he became a nomadic preacher; but he never travelled more than 200 miles from the place of his birth. When he was thirty-three years old, public opinion turned against him; He was betrayed by his friend and deserted by the others. He was unjustly condemned to death and was nailed as a criminal between two thieves. When he died, they laid him in a borrowed tomb. Twenty centuries have come and gone. Till today he is the central figure of history. No library is complete without his biography. All ages and dates are numbered from His birth; He never led an army, never held a gun; but all the armies that ever marched and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of a man on this earth like that one solitary life. Enjoy the privilege of knowing Jesus and share Him with others!



Eucharistic Adoration

THIS FRIDAY from 12:45 to 5:00pm

Stop by the Cathedral this Friday afternoon and spend quiet some time with Our Lord!

First Communion Sacramental Prep

It's time to register for the 2023-2024 First Communion Class! To register or for more information, please contact Ms. Debbie Fahey at 304-233-4121 or dfahey@dwc.org.

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If you recall, last year we held a Community Festival here at the Cathedral, which was a tremendous success! **This year we will be celebrating this community event as a Fall Festival on Sunday, September 24th from 11:30 am to 7:00 pm.** We are working hard to make this year's festival enjoyable for everyone with a variety of food vendors like *DiCarlo's Pepperoni Rolls, Antonio's Authentic Italian Sausage,* and our own Rocco Basil. We will have several craft vendors, inflatable games for kids and even a pumpkin patch. The highly esteemed band *Eli and the Mojo Kings* will be providing live music.

We have partnered with our neighbors at Macedonia Baptist Church to expand our event in the true spirit of community. With this expansion and the effort of continued growth, we need your help.

We would love for anyone who is willing to volunteer in any capacity to sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. We will get in touch with our volunteers to assign specific roles for the day of the festival.

Another exciting component of this year's festival will include a parishioner bake sale. Please consider donating a sweet treat. You will find a sign-up sheet for the bake sale in the back of the church as well.

Thank you for your time and your help. We look forward to bringing this event to life and hope that you will join us!



Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague

Theme - The Eucharist: Gift, Mystery, & Reality

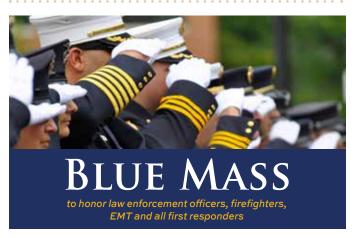
SEPTEMBER 11 TO NOVEMBER 6, 2023 NINE CONSECUTIVE MONDAYS 7:00 p.m.

> "The More You Honor Me, The More I Will Bless You."



THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

The annual Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague will begin on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Each week consists of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, a homily given by a guest priest, music, and prayers to the Infant Jesus of Prague. The list of blessings attributed by devotees of the Infant Jesus is endless. God has been astonishingly generous in blessing those who have been devoted to His Infant Son. Mark your calendars and join us for our novena this year!



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 | 6:00 PM

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH

1300 Eoff Street, Wheeling, West Virginia

Bishop Mark E. Brennan, Celebrant

A reception will follow in the Great Hall of Wheeling Central Catholic High School.

All are welcome





Collection

August 20, 2023

Envelopes: \$1975 Loose: \$561 Online: \$843

> Total: \$3379 Thank you for your support!



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Saint Monica

Feast Day: August 27

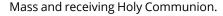
Monica was born to devout Christian parents in North Africa in the 4th century. She married a pagan who was less than faithful to her and a troubled marriage ensued. Among her three children was St. Augustine, perhaps the greatest theologian the Church has ever had. Yet, Augustine was not born a Saint. He took after his father and lived a life of dissipation for many years. Monica was, understandably, tortured by this and spent many hours in prayer for her husband and son and not without effect. Shortly before his death, won over by her prayers and virtuous example, her husband entered the Church. After 17 years or prayers and tears, Augustine turned from the ways of falsehood and error and he, too, entered into the way of salvation by following the Lord Jesus, Who is the Way and the Truth and the Life.

Many of us have family and friends who are outside the Church or have wandered away from the Church and it is for these loved ones that we have poured forth countless prayers and, like St. Monica, even shed tears. Sometimes her 17 years of prayer is small compared to the amount of time we have spent begging God's mercy on behalf of our friend. However, we must never lose hope. Let us keep praying for them and ask St. Monica to intercede for them!

LITURGICAL LIVING

Why do I have to fast one hour before Mass?

Many Catholics from an older generation will remember the "midnight fast." It meant that one could not eat before Mass starting from the midnight before. For this reason Masses were generally celebrated at dawn and Masses in the evening were extremely rare. Few people wanted to fast all day long before attending



This practice of fasting before Mass is an ancient discipline, present as early as the 2nd century. It remained in place until Pope Pius XII reduced the fast to three hours in 1957. The fast was further shortened in 1964 when Pope Paul VI lowered it to one hour before reception of Communion.

The current Code of Canon Law reflects this change and states, "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919 §1). However, in some cases those rules do not apply. "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919 §3).

But why? What does it matter if I ate a cheeseburger right before I walked into church on a day I intend to receive the Holy Eucharist?

Jesus knew the power of fasting and went into the desert without food for 40 days before setting out on his public ministry. Furthermore, he taught his disciples that, "This kind [of demon] cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting" (Mark 9:29).

Fasting builds up our spiritual strength, and the Church asks us to complete this simple task every time we receive Holy Communion for our own benefit.



Just like any athlete we need to exercise discipline and fasting is great for building those spiritual muscles. Without fasting we are weak and our passions drive us to wherever the wind blows.

Additionally, Pope St. John Paul II lamented in Dominicae Cenae how modern Catholics possess a "lack of Eucharistic 'hunger' and 'thirst,' which is also a sign of lack of adequate sensitivity towards the great sacrament of love and a lack of understanding of its nature." We need to "hunger" and yearn for the Eucharistic before we can properly receive it. Our reception of Holy Communion needs to correspond to an inner hunger that is indicative of a soul that thirsts for God's love. If we don't have this hunger (brought to mind by our physical hunger during fasting), we might think of Holy Communion as something ordinary, not needing any preparation beforehand.

Last of all, fasting before Mass is an image of the Eucharistic stories in the Gospels, specifically the Feeding of the Five Thousand. After a long day the disciples urged Jesus to send the crowd away so that they could buy food for themselves to eat. Instead, Jesus multiples the bread and fish, leaving everyone "satisfied" at the end of the meal. Just like the crowd on that day, when we approach the table of the Lord we must be hungry, or as the Psalmist proclaims, "As a hart longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for thee, O God" (Psalm 42:1).

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FIRE UP YOUR FAITH

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Evangelization is the primary task of the Church and we, the

members of the Church, are called to evangelize. Let us go forth and seek out those who want to be Catholic and bring them to experience an encounter with Jesus. Therefore,

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Is interested in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Has been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what to do to become Catholic?

Registration for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is open. If you want to join or knows someone who wants to be Catholic, please contact the Parish Office or Jacob Manning at 304-280-9684 or jamanning 710@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Live & Give in Gratitude

The image of a key signifying authority is present in today's Scripture passages from the prophet Isaiah and St. Matthew's Gospel. Through Isaiah, God summons Eliakim to be the new master of the Jerusalem palace, placing the *key of the House of David* upon his shoulder. In the Gospel, Jesus entrusts St. Peter with the *keys to the Kingdom of Heaven* to be the "rock" — the foundation of the Church. Both men embrace God's call, as well as the responsibility that follows. We, as Christian stewards, are commissioned at our Baptism to work in the Lord's vineyard — to advance God's Kingdom through our abundant gifts. St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans that these blessings are all from God. Are our hearts ready and open to that challenge, to that call? Pray daily not only for your own and your family's vocation in life, but also for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, permanent diaconate, and all other ministries to the Church.

Living a Eucharistic Life Parish Mission

September 6, 7, & 8; 6:30-8:30pm St. Mary's Catholic Church 212 W Main Street, St. Clairsville, OH All are invited to attend the Parish Mission of St. Mary's Church in St. Clairsville titled "Taken and Blessed, Broken, Given: Living a Eucharistic Life." Led by Sr. Anna Rose and Sr. Sarah Rose of the Franciscan Sisters, TOR of Toronto, Ohio, each evening includes a talk, guided prayer, music, and Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction. Please consider attending this special opportunity to deepen your faith during this National Eucharistic Revival!





Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary takes place on the day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, usually in June, but in this month when we celebrate Mary's Assumption (August 15) and her Coronation or Queenship (August 22), we also give honor to her Immaculate Heart. There are many prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Here is one short enough to memorize and pray every day during this month: "O Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain for me from Jesus a pure and humble heart."

Ways to Honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary

- Wear the Miraculous Medal
- Consecrate yourself to the Immaculate Heart
- Pray the Rosary



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of August 27

THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20

MONDAY

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8-10 Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9 Matthew 23:13-22

TUESDAY

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3, 4-5 Mark 6:17-29

WEDNESDAY

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12 Matthew 23:27-32

THURSDAY

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5, 12-13, 14, 17 Matthew 24:42-51

FRIDAY

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 Ps 97:1, 2, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Matthew 25:1-13

SATURDAY

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Matthew 25:14-30

NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 20:7-9 Ps 53:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

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.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

August 28 - St. Augustine, bishop, doctor of the Church (354-430)

St. Augustine had a formative influence on the early Church as bishop and was the author of works of apologetics and theology exploring the role of the Christian in the world and refuting popular errors. His *Confessions* gives an account of his attachment to sin, his restless spirit as a young man, and his path to the spirit conversion that lit the fire of his love for God.

August 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

In addition to the feast of the nativity of Christ's precursor, Saint John the Baptist (June 24), the Church, since the fourth century, commemorates the Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist. There is no doubt that John suffered imprisonment and chains as a witness to our Redeemer, whose forerunner he was, and gave his life for him. His persecutor had demanded not that he should deny Christ, but only that he should keep silent about the truth. Nevertheless, he died for Christ. Does Christ not say: "I am the truth"? Therefore, because John shed his blood for the truth, he surely died for Christ.

Eucharistic Encounter Evening

"Show Him to me. I need to see Him!" What a great blessing on the evening of Thursday, August 17th to see almost a full Cathedral of parishioners and visitors who participated in our incredibly beautiful Evening of Eucharistic Encounter! Reflecting on the determination of Samuel from the Old Testament as well as the man born blind, Deacon Paul Lim of the Diocese of Pittsburgh preached a stunning homily inviting all of us to stop limiting our vision, to live as children of the light, and to see all that Jesus offers us in the Eucharist! May our Eucharistic Lord, the true Light, continue to bless all our efforts to increase belief in His Real Presence so that others may come to truly see Him!



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Tuesdays starting September 5 September 5, 12, 19, № 26 6 PM in the Chancery Cantina

Join us for 4 evenings to explore the truth and beauty of Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members.

Please register before August 31 by using the form in the back of the Church or by e-mailing tgreenwood@dwc.org

A donation of \$5 is kindly requested to help cover the cost of the workbook.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer Angela Niehart Archer Hatch Arthur Danehart Austin Cook Barb Mazzocca **Becky Schlosser** Beth Jochum **Betty Teater** Bill Wilson **Bob Armstrong** Billy Hanasky **Brian Hanasky Brogan Gallentine** Caleb Hlebiczki Carol Young Carolyn Lash Carolyn Wiethe Catherine Lanham Charles Heizer Charles DeBeni Children of the Youth Services System Christina Helfer

Chuck Fair David A. Kress, Jr. Dianna Albright Doug Jones Eric South Eva Wood Fr. Joseph Wilhelm Frank Davis Frederick C. Schweizer Gail Koch George Kirchner Geri Adams Nagy Hines Rotriga Janet Rodriguez Jean Schultz Jim Antill Jim and Dee Jimmy Hocking Joe Bechtel John Petrella Jon-Michael Lasher Judy Pack Julia Sheets Kathy Cooley

Kaitlyn Hanasky Kermit Klosterman Kristin Smith Langan Family Liam Barns Liam Manning Lukie Brown Margaret Stocke Marge Mucheck Marie Farnsworth Marie & Conner Workman Mark Davis Marshall South Martha Yocum Mary K. Schlosser Mary Walicki Michael DeBlasis Milissa Rose Nadine Greenwood Nicholas Barns Pete Cuffaro Pete Mack Philippa Shores

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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.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

The Giving of Treasure

Question:

Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Answer:

Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10).

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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.

