

THE Cathedral Courier

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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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

December 31, 2023 - January 7, 2024

SUN 31 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Kevin Keane
8:00 am Mass for Donald Gerrero
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners
6:00 pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

MON 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 am Mass for the Parishioners

TUE 2 Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

12:05 pm Mass for Janet Castilow

WED 3 Optional Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

12:05 pm Mass for Virginia Harris

THU 4 Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

12:05 pm Mass for John Pacewicz

FRI 5 Memorial of St. John Neumann First Friday

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Theresa Ann Brya
12:45 pm Eucharistic Adoration Begins
5:00 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

SAT 6 Optional Memorial of St. André Bessette First Saturday

9:00 am Mass for Dee DeMatte
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

SUN 7 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Mass for Ginny Felton
10:30 am Mass for Roger Salem



From Father Sateesh

"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, guide us!"



Isn't it easy for us to forget sometimes that the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, whose feast we celebrate today, was a real family. We have all seen paintings and holy cards that depict them in a super-pious, unrealistic, sometimes surrealistic, way. But they were real human beings, just like us, and they lived in the real world, the fallen world, just like us. The fact that Mary and Jesus were unaffected by original sin and that Joseph was a saint doesn't change the reality of their family life and their struggles.

As we celebrate this Feast of the Holy Family, let us thank God for our natural family and our supernatural family, and ask for the grace to be as faithful to each of them as Jesus was, so that by learning to keep our priorities straight, by trusting that God can handle the storms of life, and by striving to overcome the temptation to selfishness, we may be good members of both families here on earth in order to merit to rejoice with the Holy Family in the kingdom of heaven.

We must remember that nothing, not even the strong, deep ties of family affection and loyalty, should interfere with our obedience to God. When St. Francis of Assisi discovered God's call in his heart and decided to dedicate his life completely to God's service, his father, a successful businessman, threatened to disown and disinherit him. His father did everything possible to discourage his son from following God's call in his life. And in order to be faithful to his heavenly father, St. Francis was forced to live with the violent rejection of his earthly father.

In our lives too we sometimes feel the opposition between what would please our family members and what we know God is asking of us. We can face this opposition in little things, like the inconvenience of coming to Mass on Sunday mornings, or of taking time to pray together as a family, for example. Or we can face the opposition in big things, like the apparent inconvenience of adhering to solid moral truths in the Faith. It is not always easy to follow God's wisdom when those closest to us don't agree with it, but it is always the best and surest path to peace of mind and interior freedom. Staying close to our heavenly Father must be our first priority.

As we reflect on this past year, please know how grateful we are for your dedication, service, and generous support of our Cathedral parish! Let us look to the New Year with renewed faith, hope, and love, placing our trust in God's love for us made visible in His Son, the Word Made Flesh. May the peace, love, and joy of the Holy Family of Nazareth be with you and your family this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year, 2024! Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, guide us and help us to be more like you!





Epiphany Home Blessing

For centuries, the Christmas season has been a time when Christians have their homes blessed.

A traditional way of doing this is by inscribing above the entrance door with blessed chalk:

20+C+M+B+24

The numbers represent the new year (2024). The letters represent both the names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchoir, and Bathasar) and the phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," which is Latin for "May Christ Bless the House."

If you would like to have your home blessed by Fr. Sateesh, please e-mail Tyler at tgreenwood@dwc.org



Stay Connected With Us!

Flocknote is an e-mail and text messaging tool that we use at the Cathedral of St. Joseph to message our parishioners about important information. Flocknote

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Offertory Collection

The collection data was not available at the time of publishing. We will post it here next week.

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Christmas at the CATHEDRAL

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sunday, December 31

Masses: 6PM (Sat), 8AM, 10:30AM
Blessing of Families at all Masses

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1

Vigil Mass at 6PM (Sunday, Dec 31)
Mass at 9AM

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday, January 7

Masses: 6PM (Sat), 8AM, 10:30AM

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Monday, January 8

Mass: 12:05PM



What better way to begin a new year than to spend time with Our Lord in the Eucharist! Please sign up for this Friday's Eucharistic Adoration by using the sheet in the narthex of the church.

New Year's Resolutions

In 2024, resolve to let the Gospel penetrate your heart through community, faith, and study.

Here are some ideas for New Year's resolutions:

Resolve to build community in 2024 — in your family, in your parish, in your neighborhood.



Resolve to sacrifice computer or smart-phone time once a week and call a family member instead — especially, but not limited to, those family members who encourage, rather than discourage, your faith. If possible, go beyond a call and arrange a visit with them.

Resolve to find a parish opportunity for face-to-face contact: a women's group, men's group, young adult group, PrimeTimers, book club. Then make friends with whoever shares your journey.

Being committed to people who are hard to be committed to is the New Evangelization.

Resolve to build your faith life in 2024.

Resolve to pray morning prayer and/or evening prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours (you can easily find the prayers for free online or on a smart-phone app, such as iBreviary).

Resolve to meditate daily, first thing, before anything else, or at whatever better time you can keep sacred.

Resolve to pray a daily Rosary; lots of aids are available to make it easier.

Resolve to visit the Blessed Sacrament once or more per week. As the National Eucharistic Revival prepares

to climax with the very exciting National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis this July, pray for the success of the Revival, that more people may come to know, love, and live out Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist!

Resolve to bolster your intellectual life in 2024.

Resolve to sign up for and use whatever best feeds your faith: videos by Bishop Robert Barron or Father Mike Schmitz or materials from the Augustine Institute, Catholic Answers, EWTN, etc.

Resolve to read some of the great books available for the faith: Books by Brant Pitre (especially *The Case for Jesus*) and Jennifer Fulwiler (*Something Other Than God*) and Scott Hahn.

Lastly, and most importantly, on January 1, put all these resolutions in the hands of the Blessed Mother.

We begin the year with her for a reason: She is the expert in building community, nurturing faith, and growing in wisdom. And, as St. John Paul II said, she will transform culture in America.



A New Year's Prayer for the Family

O God, we thank you for a new year.

May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us.

Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires.

Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do.

Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

PARISH GROUPS

Women's Group

Tuesday, January 9

6:30 - 7:30 pm in Chancery Cantina

Join us for good conversation and fellowship to start off the New Year on a great note!

Men's Group

Begins this January!

The beginning of our Men's Group will coincide with the Parish Mission on January 19 and 20th. Please join us!

Book Club

Sunday, January 7

9:15 - 10:15 am in Rectory

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

Young Adults

Wednesday, January 10 at 7pm

Our Young Adult group is open to anyone ages 18-39 with the goal of nurturing and strengthening our faith.



Throughout the month of January, we give special honor to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Saint Paul wrote to the Philippians: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10-11). We hold the name of Jesus in special reverence. The very name of Jesus is a prayer.

A Way to Honor the Holy Name

Adopt the pious practice (that used to be more widely practiced and is so meaningful and fitting) of bowing your head whenever you say or hear the name of Jesus (just as we should bow or genuflect before the Real Presence in the tabernacle or make a sign of the cross as we pass a Catholic Church). The Council of Lyons in 1274 stated: "Each should fulfill in himself that which is written for all, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow; whenever that glorious Name is recalled, especially during the sacred Mysteries of the Mass, everyone should bow the knees of his heart, which he can do even by a bow of his head." This devotion also helps to make amends for blasphemous use of the Holy Name.

Pro-Life Corner

At all stages of life, we believe life is sacred. Whether it's at a child's conception to a senior on their last breath, life is a blessing that should be preserved as God intended.

Please pray for those who govern and those charged with protecting society, that they will build a world in which family life is revered, protected, and promoted.

JOIN US ON JANUARY 19TH & 20TH FOR ST. JOSEPH'S

RESTORED PARISH MISSION



FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH

7:00 PM From Addict to Evangelist: John's Powerful Conversion Story

8:15 PM Reception

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH

9:00 AM Mass

9:45 AM Restoring Your Identity: Who You Are, Whose You Are, and Why You're Here

11:00 AM The Most Important Thing: A Personal Relationship with Jesus

12:15 PM Men's Lunch

12:45 PM Men's Ministry Training

JOHN EDWARDS
FOUNDER OF PEW MINISTRIES AND HOST OF "JUST A GUY IN THE PEW" PODCAST

Cathedral of St. Joseph
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! On January 19 and 20, **John Edwards, a nationally recognized Catholic speaker, will lead us through a series of inspiring talks and discussions for the whole family - men, women, and young people!** Everyone will have an opportunity to meet John at a reception following the first talk on Friday evening. After the last talk on Saturday morning, the men who are present are invited to attend a ministry training which will coincide with the launch of our new Men's Group at the Cathedral!

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

January 2 - St. Basil the Great (d. 379) & St. Gregory Nazianzen (d.390), bishops and doctors of the Church

Saints Basil and Saint Gregory Nazianzen became close friends as students in Athens. Together they fought against the Arian heresy, which denied the full divinity of Christ. Their writings also aided the Church's understanding of the Holy Spirit and the Trinity. Gregory is known as "the Theologian" by the Eastern Churches. Basil is known as the father of Eastern monasticism and had a great influence on the development of liturgy, East and West.

January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious (1774-1821)

St. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was born into an Episcopalian family and later in life joined the Catholic Church. She was married, a mother of five, and a founder of a religious order, the Sisters of Charity. At the invitation of the Archbishop of Baltimore, Elizabeth founded a girl's school which gave rise to the parochial school system in the United States. She was canonized by Paul VI in 1975, the first native born United States citizen to be canonized.

January 5 - St. John Neumann, bishop (1811-1868)

St. John Neumann came to the United States from what is now called the Czech Republic with the dream of being a priest and missionary. Received with open arms by the bishop of New York, he was ordained and immediately asked to help build churches and schools for German immigrants and Native Americans. While bishop, he was an avid supporter of the work of religious orders, a proponent of Catholic education, and an advocate for the needs of immigrants. He is the first American bishop to be canonized.

January 6 - St. Andre Bessette, religious (1845-1937)

St. André Bessette modeled his life on that of St. Joseph, to whom he had a great devotion. As a brother of the Congregation of the Holy Cross in Montreal, he was given the post of doorkeeper at Notre Dame College, a post he kept for forty years. A simple, holy man, André had a special gift of praying over the sick. His prayers were answered, sometimes in miraculous ways, and people began to come to him in large numbers. He gave all the credit to St. Joseph, and he dreamed of a shrine to St. Joseph on Mount Royal. He lived to see the building of the magnificent Oratory of St. Joseph begun.

Saints of God, pray for us!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of December 31

THIS SUNDAY

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Psalm 128:1-5
Colossians 3:12-21
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

MONDAY

Numbers 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

TUESDAY

1 John 2:22-28
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
John 1:19-28

WEDNESDAY

1 John 2:29—3:6
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
John 1:19-28

THURSDAY

1 John 3:7-10
Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9
John 1:35-42

FRIDAY

1 John 3:11-21
Ps 100:1-2, 3, 4, 5
John 1:43-51

SATURDAY

1 John 5:5-13
Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Mark 1:7-11

NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

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.



The graphic features a colorful starburst logo on the left. The text "NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage" is prominently displayed in the center. Below the text, there is an illustration of three pilgrims in traditional attire walking across a landscape. In the bottom right corner, there is a map of the United States with a red and orange color gradient, indicating the pilgrimage routes.

Next Summer, faithful Catholics throughout the country will join in pilgrimage along four routes to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis! The "Seton" Route will be passing through our own Diocese, travelling through Weirton and Wheeling! Stay tuned for more information!

Special Collection for the Holy Land

January 13 & 14

We are all aware of the current Hamas-Israeli war and the escalation in violence in the Holy Land. Bishop Brennan has approved a special collection for the Holy Land region to be held the weekend of January 13-14, 2024. The money collected will be sent to The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), a papal agency for humanitarian and pastoral support. They will provide the essentials of water, food, and emergency kits on the ground in the Holy Land. CNEWA has offices in the region and know where and what kind of help is needed the most. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Please continue to pray for peace and for all those who have suffered losses during this war.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Servant Songs

Question:

What are the servant songs of Isaiah? How do they relate to Jesus' life and ministry?

Answer:

The four servant songs (Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, and 52:13—53:12) are strategically placed in Second Isaiah to offer hope and consolation to a suffering Israel during its Babylonian Exile.

Israel had been defeated by the Babylonians, who destroyed their temple, killed the last of the kings in David's lineage, exiled them from their land, and transported them to Babylon. This is the context in which Second Isaiah composes his powerfully poetic book of hope and consolation. A significant part of that message is the portrait of God's servant, who is called to be a source of hope and encouragement for the people.

Each of the four poems emphasizes God's choice and election of the servant. The last poem stresses the suffering and rejection of God's servant, along with his eventual death. Isaiah is certain that God will use the servant's innocent suffering as a way to redeem and remove the guilt and sin of others. Thus, the servant becomes a source of salvation for himself and for others.

Who is this servant? Many suggest that Isaiah was referring to Israel herself, as she underwent exilic suffering which would ultimately prove to be redemptive. Jesus' followers, including those for whom Mark wrote his Gospel, understood Jesus' ministry in terms of Isaiah's suffering servant whose innocent suffering and death became the means of salvation for all.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Live & Give in Gratitude

We all know the Christmas story: Mary and Joseph journey to Bethlehem to complete the Roman census; humbly, Jesus is born in a stable; angels sing Glory to God in the highest, proclaiming Christ's birth to shepherds, who then hurry from their fields to the stable to adore the newborn King. Perhaps not as familiar is the prophet Isaiah's joyous prophecy about the Savior Who will come to be the Light of the World and lead the people out of darkness. Christ's light guides us on our stewardship journey to be His disciples. On this beautiful celebration of Jesus' birth, let us keep in prayer our family members who are alone or neighbors in need of our support. May they find peace in the birth of the Incarnated Word with our gifts of food, clothing, and a listening ear.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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.

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