



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.



SUN 11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Virginia Harris 8:00 am Mass for Ross Felton 10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners

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Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Debra Sine

TUE 13

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Thomas & Eugenia Tobin **6:30 pm** Women's Group *(Chancery Cantina)*

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Ash Wednesday

12:05 pm Mass with the Distribution of Ashes **6:00 pm** Mass with the Distribution of Ashes

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Thursday after Ash Wednesday

12:05 pm Mass for Orlando A. Sacco

FRI 16

Friday after Ash Wednesday

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Nadine Greenwood

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 12:45 pm Eucharistic Adoration Begins
 5:45 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm Simple Lenten Meal (Chancery Cantina)

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Saturday after Ash Wednesday

9:00 am Mass for Michael Sargent

9:30 am Rosary

5:00 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

SUN 18

First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Mass for Ginny Felton 10:30 am Mass for Rose Breiding 6:00 pm Vespers





"I want you to be cured! Be healed!"

Pimples, boils, wrinkles, and rashes are small things, yet the thought of such afflictions can worry us to no end. We go by appearances and in today's culture, as the ads say, "Looking good is everything!" Our presentation, our appearance to the outside world is the only way we can



reveal ourselves, and yet our external appearance can be a barrier that holds us in as it holds others away. What is it that makes us clean or unclean? Do we need healing?

The book of Leviticus deals with some of the most ordinary matters of life and it does so with a spiritual objective: to live a life centered on God. The Hebrew word sā rāh at, {תערצ} often translated as leprosy, is not the same disease we call Hansen's disease today. It is rather a very general term that could perhaps include skin diseases like small-pox, measles, etc. The person suffering from any of these conditions would be isolated for the necessary time until the condition cleared up, thus preventing the spread of these kinds of diseases among the people of Israel. It was the job of the priests of Israel to examine the people who showed such symptoms. However, if you were to be among the unlucky ones and if your diagnosis of leprosy was confirmed, your life would become a living hell. They were required to live in a perpetual state of mourning, public disgrace and exclusion. This disease was considered a punishment from God.

The leper in today's Gospel in spite of being forbidden to associate or draw near to people, boldly approached Jesus and voices his simple prayer: "If you wish, you can make me clean." He did not ask for a cure, his was a statement of belief in the all-inclusive power of Jesus, an affirmation of his own dependence on Jesus, an act of faith. He left himself totally open to whatever Jesus wanted to do with him. Jesus was moved by the approach of the leper, out of sympathy for the afflicted. "He stretched out his hand and touched him." Jesus broke all conventions and touched and healed the leper. It was a symbolic act which no doubt shocked the onlookers. Most of us are afraid of the sick. We may give them a few coins, in order to get rid of them but we do not wish to touch them or to be touched by them. Yet we often seek a human touch. We feel honored when someone important shakes our hands or gives us a pat on the back. "Of course I want to!" Jesus said to the leper. "Be cured!" And the leprosy left him, and he was cured. He challenged us his followers to reach out to those society rejects today: prisoners, drug addicts, travelers, aids victims... It is amazing what people can do for others. People can rekindle hope, bring back the zest of living, inspire plans for the future, restore self-respect. They can even mirror dimly the infinite charity of God. God wants us to be whole and bring healing to others! May we be wounded healers!

Check out our Facebook page FACEBOOK.COM/WHEELINGCATHEDRAL for a special Lenten Message video from Fr. Sateesh!

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Lent +

Now is the time. Return to the Lord. Gather the people together.

ASH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 14 Masses 12:05 PM & 6:00 PM

VESPERS (SUNG EVENING PRAYER)
Sundays 6:00 PM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Fridays 12:45 PM to 5:45 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays 6:00 PM

SIMPLE LENTEN MEAL Fridays 6:30 PM

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays (During Lent) 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM Fridays 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM Saturdays 5:00 PM to 5:45 PM

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Catholics ages 18 to 59 are bound to fast on these two days. They may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted, if necessary, to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

All Catholics ages 14 and over are bound to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

2023 Contribution Statements

Due to a computer error, some of the 2023 contribution statements that were mailed contain mistakes. If you need a corrected version, please contact Debbie Fahey at dfahey@dwc.org or by calling 304-233-4121.

Homebound Ministry

We would like to reach out to those individuals who, due to physical limitations, are unable to attend Mass regularly. If you or someone you know is sick or homebound and would like a visit from Father Sateesh, please contact the Cathedral parish offices at 304-233-4121.



February 13 - Women's Group, 6:30pm

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

February 16 - Eucharistic Adoration & Stations of the Cross

February 16 - Simple Lenten Meal

February 20 - PrimeTimers Gathering, 6pm

February 21 - Sons of St. Joseph, 7pm

March 1 - First Friday

March 19 - Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass

March 24 - Palm Sunday - Holy Week Begins

March 31 - Easter Sunday

Security Cameras

The Cathedral of St. Joseph has long held the safety and security of our parishioners as a top priority. For years, we have worked to achieve this goal through various measures including placement of security cameras around the exterior of our campus.

Recently, our Parish Threat Assessment Committee, chaired by Nannette Kennedy, met with the guidance of local law enforcement, diocesan officials, and others to review our safety protocols. The team discussed several additional measures our church can take to ensure the safety of all.

We are happy to announce that one of those measures is now in place—the addition of internal security cameras within the church. These cameras will record 24 hours per day and will be monitored during Masses and other events.

We pray that the addition of these cameras will help you feel more comfortable during your time of faith and worship here at our Cathedral.

If you have any questions, please contact Nannette through the parish office.

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!



Collection

February 4, 2024

Envelopes: \$2671 Loose: \$410 Online: \$898 **Total: \$3979**

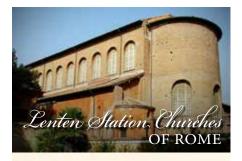
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The First Days of Lent

Ash Wednesday
Saint Sabina

Thursday after Ash Wednesday Saint George in Velabro

Friday after Ash Wednesday Saints John and Paul

Saturday after Ash Wednesday Saint Augustine

Magnificat Lenten Companion Books

We are happy to provide the Magnificat Lenten Companion to help deepen your prayer life during the Lenten Season. Designed in a convenient, easy-to-use format, you can find inspiring reflections from some of the most gifted Catholic writers for each day, faith-filled essays, prayers, poetry, devotions, and more! Please take one for yourself and let the profound yet practical insights you will find in this little spiritual treasury form and focus your spiritual life, filling it with new conviction and purpose.

Pope's Monthly Intention

February: For the terminally illWe pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

LITURGICAL LIFE

Making the Most of This Lent

Lent begins this week! Why not give yourself the opportunity to make this the best Lent ever? The forty days of Lent provide many ways for everyone to grow closer to Our Lord, especially through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Plan ahead to allow yourself the time to participate in some of the wonderful opportunities for prayer we have available at the Cathedral during the Lenten Season:

During this **National Eucharistic Revival**, allow the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist to strengthen your own faith so that you may come to better know, love, and live out Jesus in the Eucharist, who "gave his flesh for the life of the world." **Make this a Eucharistic Lent!**

Each Friday, we will have **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** after the 12:05 p.m. Mass until 5:45 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop by the Cathedral at any point on a Friday afternoon in Lent and spend some time in prayer and adoration.

Following the period of Eucharistic Adoration, **Stations of the Cross** will be held each Friday at 6:00 p.m. This is always a beautiful way for us to meditate on the particular ways in which Christ offered up His life for us.



Following the Stations on Fridays, everyone is invited to join us for a **Simple Lenten Meal** in the Chancery Cantina. While the meal is free for everyone, there is an opportunity for almsgiving to a local charitable organization.

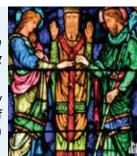
On Sunday evenings during Lent, we will celebrate **Solemn Vespers** at 6:00 p.m. Vespers, also known as Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the official prayer of the church. The beautiful music for Vespers is provided by the Cathedral Schola.

Spending time during Lent praying, fasting and giving can make Jesus' Sacrifice on Good Friday and His Resurrection on Easter even more meaningful. We encourage you to take Lent seriously this year and make it the best ever!

World Marriage Day

"If a man and a woman marry in order to be companions on the journey from earth to heaven, then their union will bring great joy to themselves and to others." - St. John Chrysostom

On February 11, we celebrate World Marriage Day, a day set aside to honor husband and wife as the foundation of the family; and celebrating faithfulness, sacrifice, and joy in daily married life.



Please join us in praying for all married couples, that they may strive daily to faithfully and lovingly live out their marriage promises, bearing witness to the love God has for each of us.

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PARISH GROUPS

Women's Group

Tuesday, February 13 6:30 - 7:30 pm in Chancery Cantina

The women's group is starting the new year with a study of "Letters to Women," a study guide from St. John Paul's letters addressing women. This study will continue until May. If you are interested in participating, please get in touch with Dr. Boury at thoury@franciscan.edu. We meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

Book Club

Sunday, March 3 9:15 - 10:15 am in Rectory

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





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.

Wednesday, February 21 at 7pm Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center 125 18th Street, Wheeling, WV

We will be painting a few rooms at the 18th center.



"What do you seek?" This question from Jesus Himself guided us through our Sons of St. Joseph meeting last week during our first Formation night together. Our evening started with the first episode of the beautifully filmed series "The Search" followed by a reflective discussion led by Deacon Doug Breiding.



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

"Finding Our Roots"
Tuesday, February 20 at 6pm
Chancery Cantina

Bring a dish from your family and discuss our backgrounds/culture

Finding Freedom in Christ Retreat

Saturday, February 24 from 8am to 4pm

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 2244 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, WV

Finding Freedom in Christ, Healing Life's Hurts with author Dr. Matthew Breuninger will be a 1 day retreat held at St Vincent de Paul Parish. The retreat begins with Mass at 8am. Cost for the retreat is \$25 per person. Seating is limited, please reserve early by calling St Vincent's at 304-242-0406.



The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."

Ways to Honor the Holy Family

- Consecrate your family to the Holy Family
- Pray the Rosary together
- Strengthen your family's devotion to the Holy Eucharist as the nourishment of family life

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.

The Super Bowl is believed to be the largest human trafficking event in the United States each year. (Statistics are available from 2019 onward. *) "Circuit girls" are trafficked from city to city to meet expected demand for their exploitation at large events like this. The Las Vegas location of this 2024 Super Bowl is especially concerning, due to Nevada's lax laws, and the common beliefs - and practices

- that Las Vegas provides an exemption from ethical behavior. These factors will likely cause an increase in crisis pregnancies among the victims, also.

Visit: aimfree.org/super-bowl



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of February 11

THIS SUNDAY

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1 Mark 1:40-45

MONDAY

James 1:1-11 Ps 119:67, 78, 71, 72, 75, 76 Mark 8:1-13

TUESDAY

lames 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Mark 8:14-21

WEDNESDAY

loel 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 Luke 9:22-24

FRIDAY

Isaiah 58:1-9 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 18-19 Matthew 9:14-15

SATURDAY

Isaiah 58:9-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Luke 5:27-32

NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15

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

February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

It was on February 11, 1858, that the fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous, a peasant girl in Lourdes, saw a lady in a grotto near the river Gave, at the food of the Pyreness Mountains in France. Over the next several months, Bernadette encountered the Lady many times. During one of these apparitions, the Lady directed Bernadette to drink from the fountain. But there was no fountain there — only the river. At the Lady's command,



Bernadette began to dig in the ground near the grotto, and a spring of water began to flow. Immediately, numerous miraculous healings took place for those who bathed in or drank the water of the spring. Only later did the Lady reveal to Bernadette who she was: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Today, Lourdes is one of the most popular pilgrimage places in the world. Every year, hundreds of thousands of people make the pilgrimage to the little town, to drink of the water and to feel close to the Virgin and to her Son, Jesus Christ, healer of body and soul.

February 17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

In 1233, seven Florentine laymen—two married, two widowed, three single—all wellknown merchants and members of a Marian confraternity, abandoned homes, jobs, and wealth for a life of poverty, prayer, and penance at Monte Senario, where they built a chapel and hermitage. Their holy friendship and dedication is a model for reaching sanctity through community.

Station Churches: A Journey Through Lent

Pilgrims who travel to Rome during Lent can participate in a beautiful custom that dates back to the fourth century. It's a custom that began as a way to strengthen the sense of community in the city while honoring the holy martyrs of Rome. The faithful would journey through the streets to visit various churches. As they walked they would pray the Litany of the Saints. The bishop of Rome, that is the Holy Father, would join them,

lead them in prayer, and celebrate Mass at the church.

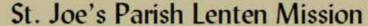
Christians today continue to observe the early custom of visiting these churches in Rome. At the Pontifical North American College (the U.S. seminary in Rome), priests and seminarians have enjoyed the tradition of gathering each morning at 7 a.m. for Mass at each of the station churches. Their prayers echo the voices of centuries of Christian pilgrims who, like themselves, came to the tombs of Basilica of St. Clement in Rome, Italy



the martyrs to honor those saints whose lives bore witness to Christ and whose blood consecrated the Eternal City.

While we may not be able to travel to Rome this Lent, we can still take part in this pilgrimage. Along with our prayer and penitence during Lent, the observance of the station churches affords us a unique opportunity to make a true pilgrimage of faith. For this reason, the Station Churches will be listed in the left column of page 4 of The Cathedral Courier throughout Lent. We encourage everyone to take note of the Station Church for each day in Lent and perhaps find out more about that particular church. There is a wealth of knowledge about these particular churches available on the internet. Several articles and books have been published on this pious practice as well, in particular the fantastic book by George Weigel and Elizabeth Lev titled Roman Pilgrimage: The Station Churches.

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With Dr. Dan Schneider

(personal assistant to world renowned exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger & author of the Liber Christo Method!)

Feb. 19-21, 2024

7:00 - 8:00 PM: TALK 8:00 PM - TBD: CONFESSION, MEET & GREET, BOOK SALES, ETC.







SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Learn from one of the very best experts serving on the front lines of today's spiritual combat! All Are Welcome

Refreshments available

Confession is available one hour peter to the talk! For more info, please call the Parish Office at 364-723-2054

REMEMBER YOUR

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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:**

Saint vs. Blessed

Ouestion:

What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

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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.

