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# ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22

MASS with the distribution of ashes

12:05 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

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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 February 19 - 26, 2023			
sun 19		nday in Ordinary Time Mass for Rose Breiding Mass for Ross Felton Mass for the Parishioners	
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20	12:05 pm	Mass for Rita DiCarlo	
TUE	Optional Memorial of St. Peter Damian		
21	12:05 pm	Mass for Lucille Renowicz	
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22	Ash Wednes 12:05 pm 6:00 pm	Mass with the Distribution of Ashes Mass with the Distribution of Ashes	
тни 23	Thursday af	ter Ash Wednesday	
23	12:05 pm	Mass for Julia Bartolovich	
FRI 24	Friday after 11:15 am 12:05 pm 12:45 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Confessions Mass for Stephen Grant Monroe Eucharistic Adoration <i>until 5:45 p.m.</i> Stations of the Cross Simple Lenten Meal <i>(Cantina)</i>	
sat <b>25</b>	Saturday after Ash wednesday		
23	9:00 am	Mass for Most Rev. Thomas J. McDonnell (Annniverary of Death - 1961)	
	9:30 am	Rosary Confessions	
	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Mass for the Parishioners	
SUN	First Sunday of Lent		
26	8:00 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	Mass for Ginny Felton Mass for Nepomuceno Dario Vespers	
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From Father Sateesh

*"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."* 

Today's first reading from Leviticus speaks of holiness. Holiness means separateness and distinctiveness from the world. The Lord says, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord, your God am holy." Holiness is primarily the attribute of God,



but by relating to God and drawing close to him, Israel too becomes holy. Holiness must flow from one's behavior to life. If God is compassionate and loving we too must become like our God, more compassionate and loving.

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on a particular aspect of the love established by Jesus: love your enemies. These words of Jesus must have sounded so strange to his listeners, that even his apostles found it hard to accept them. "I say to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." In fact, this is the command that makes our Christian religion different from all others. No founder of religion other than Jesus ever commanded such a thing to his followers. There is a natural desire in us for revenge and retaliation, but Jesus calls for an unselfish attitude which not only refuses to retaliate but also to react.

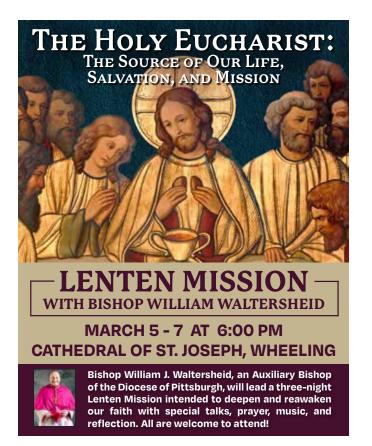
The ultimate Christian calling is to be like our Heavenly Father. The Old Law regarding enemies in ancient times was the law of family retaliation. If anyone in your family was injured, you had a right to hit back. In fact, the Law of the Talion meant that you could have life for life, eye for an eye, and tooth for a tooth. But the Law of Jesus went far beyond: "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you." This is the most difficult test in the Christian life, and many fail it. To sincerely forgive is beyond human strength, but the Spirit within us can help us to forgive. Refusal to forgive is the greatest sin we can commit within the community, the one that blocks God's love. The forgiveness we give others will be the source of our own forgiveness and eternal joy.

When we hear Jesus challenging us to "love our enemies," our reaction might be "It's not possible!" Yet some people have tried and found it is possible. When Abraham Lincoln was running for president of the United States, there was a man Edwin Stanton, who never lost an opportunity to vilify him. Yet when Lincoln won, he surprised everyone by giving Stanton a post in his cabinet. Asked why he did not destroy his enemy, he replied, "Do I not destroy my enemy when I make him my friend?" Have a forgiving week!

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

### **Baby Bottle Campaign**

The Knights of Columbus, Wheeling Council 504, will be distributing baby bottles on Sunday February 26th. The bottles are filled with donations/loose change and returned to the Parish on Palm Sunday. All proceeds from this collection are donated to The Gabriel Project which provides all necessary support for mothers in need, including pregnant mothers. Your cooperation with this project would be greatly appreciated.



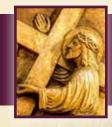
All are invited to enjoy three Lenten evenings of prayer and reflection led by Pittsburgh Auxiliary Bishop William J. Waltersheid during the evenings of March 5, 6 and 7 in the Cathedral. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend with your family and friends!

### What is a Mission?

A mission is a special event of preaching and reflection that often occurs within the context of liturgical prayer such as Vespers (Evening Prayer), Mass, and Eucharistic Adoration, with the increased availability of the Sacrament of Confession. The mission usually occurs during special liturgical seasons such as Lent in order to greatly urge the people to a more ardent practice of the Faith. Its purpose is to set aside specific time during an important liturgical season to be more open to Jesus and to receive renewal, conversion, and an outpouring of grace.

### Who is Leading the Mission?

**Bishop William J. Waltersheid, V.G., S.T.L.,** was born and raised in the Diocese of Harrisburg where he was ordained a priest and served as parochial vicar and pastor in various parishes. He served as Vice Rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy. Appointed an Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh in 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI, he has served in various roles and is currently the Vicar General and Vicar for Faith Initiatives in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Bishop Waltersheid is a wonderful speaker and devout bishop who has a deep love for Christ and His Church. This will surely be an event that you don't want to miss!





ASH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 22 Masses 12:05 PM & 6:00 PM

**LENTEN MISSION MARCH 5, 6, & 7 Bishop William Waltersheid**, PRESENTER 6:00 PM

ON BENDED KNEE MARCH 16, 23, & 30 Shirley Carter, PRESENTER 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.

Offertory Collection February 12, 2023 Envelopes: \$1818 Loose: \$268 Online: \$501 Thank you for your support!



# LITURGICAL LIFE



### **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

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.



### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February

### **For Parishes**

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

# Making the Most of This Lent

Lent is just around the corner! 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:

Begin Lent on the right track by attending our special three-night **Lenten Mission** with Bishop Waltersheid of the Diocese of Pittsburgh on March 5, 6, and 7 beginning each evening at 6:00 p.m. The theme for our Lenten Mission is "The Holy Eucharist: The Source of Our Life, Salvation, and Mission". A mission is a wonderful way to encounter Jesus and deepen or reawaken our faith with special talks, prayer, music, and reflection. There will also be an opportunity for confessions.

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, 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!



Please remember in your prayers all who serve in the Armed Forces. May they be kept safe and out of harm's way.



# Ash Wednesday Special Collection

On February 6, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake devastated large areas of southern Turkey and northwest Syria. The death toll has surpassed 20,000 and continues to climb. Thousands of people have been injured and many are trapped beneath the rubble. The earthquake is the worst to strike Turkey this century. Within the subsequent 24 hours, the region experienced multiple aftershocks and a second 7.5 magnitude quake.

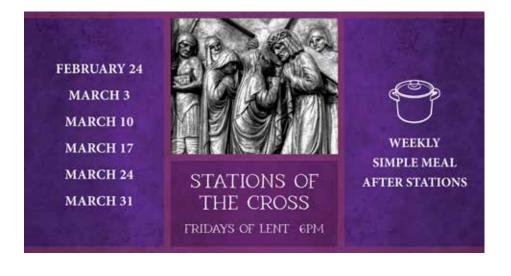
Across affected areas, apartment buildings and schools have been leveled. Telecommunications are disrupted, preventing families from identifying and accounting for missing loved ones. In Syria, displaced people are seeking shelter in schools and community centers in areas already devastated by years of war. Across southern Turkey, schools are closed, airport transportation is impaired and hospitals have been declared unusable.

Catholic Relief Services is supporting local partners in their efforts to provide urgent relief and assistance for long-term recovery. CRS has partnerships with Caritas Turkey and Caritas Syria, as well as other local partners. To support the efforts of these organizations, Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, and for collection baskets to remain available for the collection through the first Sunday of Lent. Bishop Brennan appreciates your generosity this past summer to those affected by the severe storms and flooding in Eastern Kentucky and Southern West Virginia. But he feels impelled once again to ask you to do what you can to help those affected by this most recent disaster.

All funds collected in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be given to Catholic Relief Services with the special designation for use in the Turkey/Syria Earthquake Recovery Effort.

Checks can be made out to your respective parish with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at https://dwc.org/disasterrelief/.

As we hold the victims and first responders in our prayers during these critical days, let us also spend time in prayer and discernment as we prepare for this upcoming collection. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering this horrible loss.





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

### **Prayer for Families**

Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

Joseph, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.



### SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of February 19

### SUNDAY

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

### MONDAY

Sirach 1:1-10 Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 Mark 9:14-29

### TUESDAY

Sirach 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mark 9:30-37

### WEDNESDAY

Joel 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 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

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 21 - St. Peter Damian, bishop, doctor of the Church (1007-1072)

Peter Damian, born to a large Italian family, entered a Camaldolese Benedictine monastery comprising hermit monks who followed an austere life of fasting and prayer. Dedicating himself to the study of Scripture and the Fathers of the Church, he gained a reputation among the hermits as being both a gifted scholar and spiritual guru. Although he lived in a monastery, removed from the world, St. Peter was a powerful voice of reform in the Church. He spoke out against clerical abuses, challenged bishops to recommit themselves to their vocation, and announced the need for a reformed papacy. Recognized for his ability to lead, he was made abbot of his monastery and later installed as bishop of Ostia. As bishop, he never lost sight of his calling to be a monk.

### February 23 - St. Polycarp, bishop and martyr (d. c.155)

St. Polycarp, an esteemed Christian leader, lived during the first half of the second century and was a friend to many who personally knew Jesus. He converted to the Christian faith under the influence of St. John the Evangelist. St. Polycarp later became bishop of Smyrna, in Turkey, around the year 96. He fought many of the gnostic heresies that were beginning to overtake the early Church. The Romans tried to burn Polycarp at the stake (when he was in his late 80's) but, when he survived that, they finally stabbed him to death with a dagger. He was one of the first martyrs to be venerated.

### 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. Though this practice was around for years, Pope Saint Gregory the Great established the order of the churches to be visited, the prayers to be recited and designated this as a Lenten practice.

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



Basilica of St. Clement in Rome, Italy

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 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*.

On Bended Knee

A 3-week course reflecting upon the Eucharist and its impact on our relationships with one another.

Based on Bishop Anthony Bosco's Pastoral Letter On Bended Knee

### MARCH 16, 23 & 30 6:00 P.M.

### **CHANCERY CANTINA**

### Led by Shirley Carter

Please register by March 3 by using the form in the back of the church or by e-mailing tgreenwood@dwc.org



## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Chuck Fair David A. Kress, Jr. Eli Musser **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 Liam Barns Liam Manning Lukie Brown Margaret Stocke Marie Farnsworth Marie & Conner Workman Mark Davis Marshall South Martha Yocum Marv 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

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an 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. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit http://www.usccb.org. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.



### WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained: Is Gossip a Sin?

### **Question:**

Is gossip a mortal sin?

### Answer:

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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### **MASS TIMES**

SUNDAYS	6:00 pm (Saturday) 8:00 am
	10:30 am
WEEKDAYS	12:05 pm (Monday thru F

VEEKDAYS 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.

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