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Behold the Lamb of God

Jn 1:29

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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

January 15 - 22, 2023

SUN 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for the Parishioners
8:00 am Mass for Frank Pasden
10:30 am Mass for Rosemarie Winiesdorffer

MON 16 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Elizabeth Wilson

TUE 17 Memorial of St. Anthony the Abbot

12:05 pm Mass for Assunta & Samuel DeFazio and deceased family members

WED 18 Weekday in Ordinary Time Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

12:05 pm Mass for Theresa Shutler

THU 19 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Bishop Mark E. Brennan
(Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination)

FRI 20 Optional Memorials of St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

6:00 am National Prayer Vigil for Life Holy Hour
11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Bartholomew & Rose Purpura

SAT 21 Memorial of St. Agnes

9:00 am Mass for Lucille Renowicz
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for Jack Belby, Sr.

SUN 22 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God

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



From Father Sateesh

"Here is the one who takes away the sins of the world!"



The first reading from Isaiah introduces the promised one as the servant of God who would lead his people to reconciliation with God. In the context of the Exile, this meant the restoration of the people to their land and the resumption of their worship in the temple. The task of the Servant was not limited to Israel but would extend to all peoples. This would prefigure the mission of Jesus and would also be understood as the mission of the Christian community, to proclaim salvation to all peoples. By his life the servant would be the light of the nations enlightening all and leading them to God. In Jesus, this light of hope was given to the whole world.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist introduces Jesus and tells the followers who he is and what he stands for. He is unafraid to speak the truth though he knows the consequences: He must decrease, and Jesus must increase; Jesus will occupy center stage and John will be sidelined and later silenced. John witnessed to Jesus as the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world. Jesus would accept the burden of our sins and through his death obtain our salvation. Secondly, John humbly acknowledges the greatness of Jesus. "This is the one coming after me who ranks before me. It was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptizing with water." John points out that his own task was to bear witness and to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus. John does not see Jesus as a threat, as a usurper of his own popularity, he is able to acknowledge Jesus for what he truly is: the Son of God. John the Baptist is a man of honesty, integrity and faith.

Lastly, John the Baptist calls Jesus the chosen one of God. He points out Jesus. "Yes, I have seen, and I am witness that He is the Chosen one of God." Like John, every Christian is called to introduce Jesus to others. A Christian is called to be a witness of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will be able to fulfill our mission in the measure we are ready to let him take first place in our lives.

Generally, before we enter a conversation or relationship with a stranger, we introduce ourselves, or better still, wait to be introduced by someone mutually known to both parties. The way we are perceived or presented to others can influence people's reactions to us. We too are called to introduce Jesus to others. Have a great weekend introducing Jesus to those around you!



WV Catholic Schools Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

January 29 to February 4

Catholic Schools in West Virginia are finalizing plans to celebrate National Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 29-Feb. 4. Principals, staff, and volunteers in the 24 Catholic schools - 18 grade schools and six high schools - are working together to showcase our exceptional schools, said Mary Ann Deschaine, Ed.S., Superintendent of WV Catholic Schools.

“Our schools provide an environment that is an extension of our family,” she said. “We are committed to providing a quality education that is unapologetically Catholic in nature. Lessons in Catholic faith are integrated into all subject areas and activities. With a steadfast focus on our faith, we trust God, through his son Jesus Christ, will continue to guide us to help our children reach their full potential.”

While academic excellence is a priority proven with proficiency assessments remaining above national and state averages (according to the US Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), nurturing the whole child for college and career readiness in a Christ-centered environment is the mission of the Catholic Schools of West Virginia.

“Our priority is our students, our privilege is supporting our families, and our commitment is to continually improve our schools as we look to the future,” Deschaine said. “Through individual and critical thinking; strong self-esteem; empathy; citizenship; and a sound moral foundation all in a Christ-centered environment, each of our 24 schools prepare our students to be the best version of themselves, so they can confidently share their God-given gifts and talents.” All 24 schools across the state will host a variety of activities for their students and the community.

Catholic Schools Week is a great time to schedule a tour or shadow day at the school if you are considering enrolling your child, grandchild, or loved one. Contact your local school to schedule, and ask them about their celebrations you can attend, such as athletic events, academic fairs, choral concerts, community service projects, school Mass, and more. For more information contact your local Catholic school. For a complete listing go to: <https://wvcatholicsschools.org>.



Prayer Vigil for Life Holy Hour

Friday, January 20 at 6:00 a.m.

Bishop Mark Brennan will lead a live-streamed Eucharistic Holy Hour on Friday, January 20 at 6:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph as part of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Prayer for Life event. The Cathedral will be open to the public for the event as well. The live stream will be available at dwc.org.

The nationwide vigil—conducted through the USCCB—begins with a live broadcast (available at www.usccb.org) at 5pm on January 19 from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. with the Opening Mass for the Prayer Vigil for Life. The Most Reverend Michael Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington and Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities will be the main celebrant and homilist. After the Mass throughout the night, bishops from around the country, including Bishop Mark Brennan, will lead holy hours from Cathedrals throughout the nation to be broadcast on the USCCB's website www.usccb.org. The National Prayer Vigil will conclude with the Closing Mass at 8:00 AM on January 20 at the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. We hope that you are able to join us at the Cathedral or via live-stream for this event.

Blessing of Readers

Sunday of the Word of God - NEXT WEEKEND

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time - next weekend January 21/22 - is celebrated as the “Sunday of the Word of God.” Instituted by Pope Francis in 2019, the Holy Father intends this annual celebration to be a time for Catholics throughout the world to grow in their knowledge and love of the Holy Scriptures. At our parish, we are very grateful for those who regularly minister as readers. It is through their important ministry that our parishioners and visitors hear the Word of God, and, we pray, allow that Word to transform their lives and grow in their faith of God. In celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God this next weekend, there will be a special blessing for all our readers at the conclusion of the Universal Prayer during each of the Masses.

Offertory Collection

January 8, 2023

Envelopes: \$1710

Loose: \$385

Online: \$768

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18 - 25

Every year, between January 18-25, is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, an annual ecumenical celebration in which Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all Christians. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity.

The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2023, "*Do good; seek justice,*" was selected by the Minnesota Council of Churches, USA in the aftermath of the extrajudicial killing of George Floyd and the trial of the police officer responsible for his death. These events brought anguish, but also time for the Christian communities to contemplate ways in which they may be complicit in racial injustice. Christian unity is needed as a source of reconciliation and unity.

Showing Up

I broke my foot once, when my second child was only 12 weeks old, and I was about to move houses. For six weeks I was confined to a chair, a shrieking newborn in my arms, a toddler running circles around me, and my right foot rendered useless by a plaster cast. I couldn't do anything without assistance. I couldn't eat or get a drink or change my clothes or feed my children. My family was in dire straits. A lot of people offered help, but there was a core group of friends and family members who really saved us.

These are the people who turned up in my driveway with empty vans and cooked meals. These are the people who blocked off their Saturdays to haul furniture, mow our lawn, and run after unruly kids. These are the people who said: "Here I am. Give me a job."

If you've ever really, really needed another person's help, you know that "showing up" means more than saying: "Let me know what you need." It means saying: "I'm already here. Tell me what to do." So often, I pay lip service to the idea of submission. "What do you want, God?" I ask, and I secretly hope that what He wants isn't one of those things that I'm not willing to give.

What if I really strove to "show up" for God? What if I was ready to give what He asks of me, whatever it is?

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. — Psalm 40

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

(PRACTICING)
CATHOLIC

Blessing Homes on the Feast of the Epiphany

"Peace be upon this home and to all who dwell within it!" What a great joy during these days around the feast of the Epiphany to visit and bless the homes of several parishioners, celebrating that centuries-old Catholic tradition. In this New Year, may we make each of our homes places of holiness and hospitality, where the light of Christ shines forth in our daily thoughts, words, and deeds!



HAPPENING AROUND THE AREA

Bereavement Gathering *Grief from a Faith Perspective* Next Meeting: January 30 at 6pm St. John Parish Hall, Benwood

If you, or someone you know has lost a loved one and may benefit from a gathering for those grieving. Please join us 6:00pm at St. John's Parish Hall 700 Main Street in Benwood on the following dates. Bring a friend and join us. The next meeting is on January 30.

Infant of Prague Novena Begins Monday, January 30 at 7pm Our Lady of Peace, Wheeling

Join the parishioners of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Wheeling for their annual Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague, prayed for nine consecutive Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m., beginning January 30.

World Marriage Day Saturday, February 11, 2023 St. Vincent De Paul, Wheeling

Join us for an evening of celebrating your love for your spouse and the blessing of your marriage together in the Sacrament of Marriage. The celebration will begin at the 5 p.m. Mass, followed by a wine and cheese social, special dinner, and a brief witness of one couple as to the blessings of the Sacrament of Marriage in their lives in the Marist Centre. The evening will conclude with coffee and wedding cake served to the group. You are invited to bring your wedding photos and albums to be displayed for everyone to enjoy. For reservations or additional information, please call Dennis or Brenda Beiter at 304-238-4904, or John or Dorothy Dudzik at 304-243-1104.



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.



Because love is the answer.

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN
THE SISTERS OF LIFE

JANUARY 20, 2023
Entertainment & Sports Arena,
Washington, D.C.

Morning Rally & Mass
7:30-10:30am

Details / To Register
lifefest2023.com

Questions?
lifefest@sistersoflife.org

We would love to see you there!

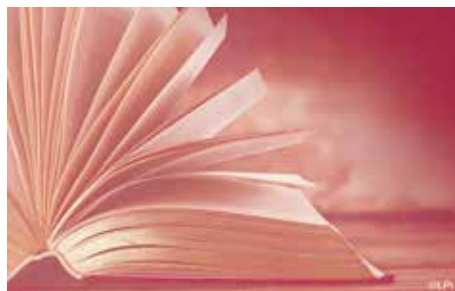
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*Rest
in
Peace*

Please remember in your prayers:

Martha Bamberger
(d. January 3, 2023)

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of January 15

SUNDAY

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

MONDAY

Hebrews 5:1-10
Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mark 2:18-22

TUESDAY

Hebrews 6:10-20
Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10
Mark 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY

Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17
Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mark 3:1-6

THURSDAY

Hebrews 7:25—8:6
Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17
Mark 3:7-12

FRIDAY

Hebrews 8:6-13
Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Mark 3:13-19

SATURDAY

Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 3:20-21

NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 8:23—9:3
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23

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.

January 17 - St. Anthony, abbot (251-356)

Early in his life, Saint Anthony of Egypt discovered the importance of solitude in knowing oneself in relationship to God. Solitude provides the vehicle through which one battles demons and removes worldly distractions that distance the heart from the will of God. For nearly thirty years, St. Anthony journeyed in the desert, where he lived a life of solitary prayer and self-discipline - a life of utter dependence on God. After his time in the desert, he emerged as a man of balance, ready to share all he learned regarding the human thirst for God. Realizing that the spiritual life takes root within a community of believers, he founded a group of monks. While serving as abbot, a spiritual father, to the monks, St. Anthony mentored them in the ways of contemplative prayer and helped them overcome illusory thinking. His dynamic personality continued to attract individuals. As a result, he counseled a steady stream of pilgrims and laid the foundation for many monasteries.

January 19 - St. Fabian, pope, martyr (d.250)

Fabian, a Roman, was as energetic as he was admired and respected. He was Pope from 236 to 250. He was able to accomplish a great deal during his long pontificate. He promoted the consolidation and development of the Church. He divided Rome into seven diaconates for the purpose of extending aid to the poor. The Church flourished under St. Fabian as a succession of emperors left the Christians to themselves. This peaceful time came to an abrupt end with the ascension of Emperor Decius. He was a cruel enemy and he decreed that all Christians were to deny Christ by openly worshipping pagan idols. The Church was to lose many followers, but more stood firm to suffer torture and even death. Certainly, one of the first was Pope Fabian. Arrested, he was thrown in prison and died at the hands of his brutal captors.

St. Sebastian, martyr (d.250)

Sebastian, a native of Milan, was an officer in Diocletian's imperial guard. The oldest historical account of the saint is found in a commentary on the psalms by St. Ambrose; the passage reads: "Allow me to propose to you the example of the holy martyr Sebastian. By birth he was a Milanese. Perhaps the persecutor of Christians had left Milan, or had not yet arrived, or had become momentarily more tolerant. Sebastian believed that here there was no opportunity for combat, or that it had already passed. So he went to Rome, the scene of bitter opposition arising from the Christians' zeal for the faith. There he suffered, there he gained the crown." According to legend, Sebastian was pierced with arrows so that he would die a slow and painful death, but this attempt on his life was unsuccessful due to his athletic stamina. He eventually became well enough to confront the emperor regarding the way Christians were being treated. This led to his execution. *Patronage:* archers; athletes; soldiers; police associations

Saints Fabian and Sebastian have always been venerated together, and their names were coupled in the ancient martyrologies, as they are still in the Litany of Saints.

January 21 - St. Agnes, virgin and martyr (c.292-304)

Saint Agnes is one of the women whose name is mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon). She is thought to have been a member of Roman nobility, and was martyred at the age of twelve under Diocletian on January 21, 304, for refusing to marry a prefect's son. She is the patron saint of Christian virtue and is often represented with a martyr's palm and a lamb (a translation of her name in Latin). This gave rise to the tradition of blessing lambs by the Pope at the Vatican on this day. The wool from these lambs is then used to weave the pallia worn by archbishops and others of metropolitan rank. *Patronage:* Christian virtue; those confronted by political and social violence

Saints of God, pray for us!



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Reading the Bible

Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the Lectionary. The Lectionary is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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 the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. 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.

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph



MASS TIMES

- SUNDAYS** 6:00 pm (Saturday)
8:00 am
10:30 am
- WEEKDAYS** 12:05 pm (Monday thru Friday)
9:00 am (Saturday)
- HOLY DAYS** Please consult the bulletin

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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.

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