

# THE Cathedral Courier

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THE SOLEMNITY OF  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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 7 - 14, 2024

## SUN 7 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for the Parishioners  
8:00 am Mass for Ginny Felton  
9:15 am Book Club (*Rectoria*)  
10:30 am Mass for Roger Salem

## MON 8 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

12:05 pm Mass for Carole Sacco

## TUE 9 Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 1)

12:05 pm Mass for James Marty Purpura  
6:30 pm Women's Group (*Chancery Cantina*)

## WED 10 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Adelaide Rayman

## THU 11 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Fr. James O'Brien, S.J.

## FRI 12 Weekday in Ordinary Time

11:15 am Confessions  
12:05 pm Mass for Donald Gerrero

## SAT 13 Optional Memorial of St. Hilary

9:00 am Mass for Janet Castilow  
9:30 am Rosary  
5:00 pm Confessions  
6:00 pm Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery

## SUN 14 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



## From Father Sateesh

"Rejoice, for God is revealed to all who search for Him!"



A great part of life is spent searching, searching for small as well as big things. We search for answers to the many questions we have. We search for things that we believe will make us happy. We search for soul mates and life partners. We search for the right job. We search for friends. Do we search for God? What is guiding our search? Even if we have not found God the search itself is worthwhile, for God will reveal Himself along the way!

In today's first reading the prophet Isaiah reminds the Jews that salvation is for all peoples. It is true that the Messiah would be born of David's stock. It is true that the light had shone on them, but this light would shine in the darkness, for all the peoples. At the sight of the light, everyone, even those living in the farthest regions of the world, would flock to Jerusalem.

In the Gospel we realize that the prophecy of Isaiah started being fulfilled when the star led the wise men to the newborn king. God in his goodness caused a star to appear in the sky, a sign the wise men understood, as a sign that the Savior was born. Though the star guided them, the wise men had to still search for the newborn king. They thought that Jerusalem was the obvious place for the king to be born, but on reaching there, the star disappeared as though signaling that they were looking in the wrong place.

The wise men are like so many of us looking for God led by our own expectations, often leading us to disappointment. We have to ask for help as the wise men did, as we cannot manage the faith journey on our own. They had put in their efforts to seek the Lord and now their eyes are opened with enlightenment. Though they saw just a helpless babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, they recognized him as the Savior of the world. It is easy to get bogged down with things not being the way we expect them to be. It is only the light of faith that helps us to see what God wants to reveal to us.

We cannot approach God empty-handed - even the simplest of offerings is acceptable to God and in return we ourselves are doubly blessed. Like the Magi, when we have this vision of God, we ourselves are changed, we are blessed, and we can no longer return to the same way of life. The Gospel narrative tells us that the wise men, being warned in a dream returned by another way back home. May we find God in all things and see all things in God!

## Christmas Decorations

Saturday, January 13 at 10:00 a.m.

We are in need of volunteers to assist us next Saturday morning as we take down the Christmas decorations in the church. Many hands make light work!



**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](mailto: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 is totally free for you to use, you don't even have to download anything or create a password in order to participate. All it takes is simply your name, e-mail address and/or cell phone number.

### How Do I Sign-Up?

There are two easy ways to connect (pick one):



#### From your computer:

Visit the website at [cathedralofstjoseph1.flocknote.com](http://cathedralofstjoseph1.flocknote.com) and fill out the online form.

OR:



#### From your mobile phone:

Text the letters **CSJ** to the phone number **84576**. You will then receive a reply which will allow you to sign-up.

## When was the last time you invited someone to Mass?

Each one of us has a responsibility to evangelize - to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. How can we reach out to our friends, family members, and those we work with who are not practicing their faith? Consider inviting them to join you for Mass this new year. Pray that the peace and joy of the Christ Child may enlighten their hearts and minds to accept His grace in their lives.



**January 8** - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord  
**January 9** - Women's Group, 6:30pm  
**January 10** - Young Adults Group, 7pm  
**January 17** - PrimeTimers Lunch, 1pm  
**January 19 & 20** - Restored Parish Mission  
**January 21** - Word of God Sunday, Blessing of Readers  
**January 22** - Pastoral Council Meeting  
**January 24** - Men's Group, 7pm  
**February 2** - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 12:45-5pm  
**February 14** - Ash Wednesday

## Special Collection for the Holy Land

Next Weekend: January 13 & 14

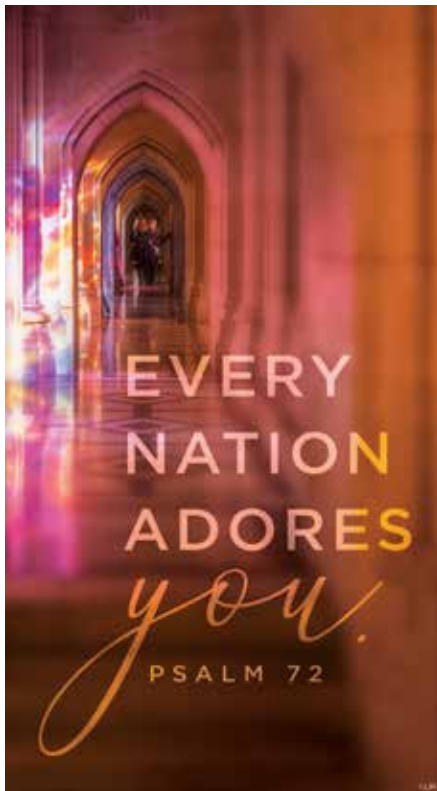
We are all aware of the current Hamas-Israeli war and the escalation in violence in the Holy Land. Bishop Brennan has approved a special collection for the Holy Land region to be held the weekend of January 13-14, 2024. The money collected will be sent to The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), 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.

Offertory Collection	
<b>December 24, 2023</b>	<b>December 31, 2023</b>
Envelopes: \$1356	Envelopes: \$6423
Loose: \$1131	Loose: \$612
Online: \$498	Online: \$758
<b>Total: \$2985</b>	<b>Total: \$7793</b>
<b>Christmas 2023</b>	<i>Thank you for your generosity and support!</i>
Envelopes: \$3988	
Loose: \$1699	
<b>Total: \$5687</b>	

Don't have cash or check? Consider making a contribution using our online services [www.saintjosephcathedral.com/giving](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.com/giving) or scan the QR code from your phone!



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### New to the Parish?

Are you new to the Parish? Has your address or phone number changed? Are you a Catholic wishing to return to the Church? We would love to hear from you! Contact or stop by the Parish Offices to find out more information on how to become a member of the Cathedral Parish.

### Homebound Ministry

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.

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January For the gift of diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

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

**This event is open to all men and women in the area. Please join us!**

Cathedral of St. Joseph  
1300 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003



### Restored Parish Mission Just Two Weeks Away!!

On January 19 and 20, John Edwards, an inspirational and nationally recognized Catholic speaker, will lead a series of inspiring talks and discussions for the whole family - men, women, and young people! John Edwards is the founder of Pew Ministries, co-founder of Virtual Catholic Conference, and the host of the popular podcast "Just a Guy in the Pew."

"Like so many men, I vowed to be a better person, husband and father time and time again," John said. "It wasn't until I felt the presence of Jesus as I walked out of a jail cell that I realized how much I wanted to change and how I could only do that with His help. Since that time, I've taken a journey to grow closer to Christ. I invite others to accompany me as we follow the path God has set before us."

This powerful event which is open to everyone in the area will surely rejuvenate your faith and bring you closer to Jesus! **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 Cathedral Men's Group - The Sons of Saint Joseph.**

Don't miss out on this exciting event that will deepen your faith and leave you feeling uplifted and restored! **Please help us spread the word and plan to attend!**

# 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!

## Sons of St. Joseph Men's Group

Begins this month!

The beginning of our Men's Group will coincide with the Parish Mission on January 19 and 20th. **We encourage you to attend the Mission with your family to learn more!** Following the Mission, our Men's Group will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7pm, starting January 24!

## 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. This month, we will be discussing Richard Rohr's "Falling Upward". We will also be selecting books to read in the future.

## Young Adults

Wednesday, January 10 at 6pm

The Market Cafe, 2200 Market Street

Join us as we continue to develop our Young Adult group. This gathering is for anyone who wants to help us take ownership of this group and see it flourish.



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.*

In 2021, Planned Parenthood took the lives of 374,155 preborn children through abortion. Since most Planned Parenthoods are closed on Sundays, this means they killed roughly 1,200 children every single day in 2021.



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

**NEXT GATHERING:**

**Wednesday, January 17 at 1:00 pm**

**DiCarlo's Pizza, 1311 Main St, Wheeling**

## Wheeling's MLK Celebraton weekend will feature two religious services

Wheeling's annual Martin Luther King observation will include two faith services as part of the celebration -- a Shabbat Service on Friday, Jan. 12 at Temple Shalom and an Interfaith Prayer Service on Sunday, Jan. 14 at Wayman AME Church. All are welcome.

The Shabbat Service will be conducted by Rabbi Joshua Lief at 7 pm Friday at Temple Shalom, 23 Bethany Pike, Wheeling. The Interfaith Prayer Service will begin at 6 pm Sunday, Jan. 15 at Macedonia Baptist Church, 105-12th Street, Wheeling.

This year's featured speaker is Judge Terri Jamison of the Tenth District Court of Appeals for the State of Ohio. Judge Jamison is a West Virginia native who is also a senior pastor in the Divine Kingdom Builders church in Columbus, OH.

This year's MLK Celebration also includes a 1 pm discussion for high school and college students at Wheeling University's Troy Theater on Saturday, Jan 13, and children's programming at Laughlin Memorial Chapel on Monday, Jan. 15.

The MLK March will begin at 2:15, Sunday, Jan. 14 at the Windmill atop Martin Luther King Boulevard. It will be followed by an awards presentation at 3 pm at West Virginia Northern Community College B&O Auditorium at 1704 Market Street, and a dinner immediately afterwards at the college's Multi-Purpose Room at 10-17th Street.

Details are available on the Wheeling MLK Celebraton Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/mlkjrwheeling](http://www.facebook.com/mlkjrwheeling).

# SAINTS OF THE WEEK

## January 13 - St. Hilary (315-368)

Saint Hilary was the bishop of Poitiers, France, during the era of the Arian heresy, and he fought for the correct understanding and expression of the divinity of Christ. He was known as the "hammer against Arianism" and the "Athanasius of the West," after the bishop of Alexandria who fought the heresy in the East. The Christian world was so divided by Arianism that Hilary was exiled twice. His great contribution was the successful expression in Latin of the theology about Christ, or Christology, that had been developed in Greek.

*Saints of God, pray for us!*

## January 8 - The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

This Monday, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.



Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Week of December 31

#### THIS 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

#### MONDAY

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38  
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10  
Matthew 3:13-17

#### TUESDAY

1 Samuel 1:9-20  
(Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8  
Mark 1:21-28

#### WEDNESDAY

1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20  
(Ps) Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10  
Mark 1:29-39

#### THURSDAY

1 Samuel 4:1-11  
Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 25-26  
Mark 1:40-45

#### FRIDAY

1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22  
Ps 89:16-19  
Mark 2:1-12

#### SATURDAY

1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1  
Ps 21:2-7  
Mark 2:13-17

#### NEXT SUNDAY

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19  
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10  
1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20  
John 1:35-42

*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.*



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For more information and to register, please visit  
[www.forlifeandfamily.org/events/th24-wcww](http://www.forlifeandfamily.org/events/th24-wcww)

## Employment Opportunity: Cathedral Rectory Housekeeper

The Housekeeper at the Bishop's residence (Cathedral Rectory), is responsible for the overall care, cleanliness and interior maintenance of the Bishop's residence and for ensuring that the home functions as a comfortable living environment for the Bishop and clergy who reside at the residence. The Housekeeper will also maintain the home as a place of warm hospitality for visitors and guests of the Bishop. This is a part time position.

Essential duties include making certain that the home is kept clean, answering phones during the day and recording messages, greeting visitors and guests, preparing the home for special events, and any other job-related tasks assigned.

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily as well as be able to prioritize tasks and work independently, properly and safely operate light housekeeping equipment, and organize a household with attention to detail. Experience in housekeeping, cleaning, and cooking is preferred.

For a full job description as well as to express interest, please contact the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Office of Human Resources, by calling 304-233-0880.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

### Live & Give in Gratitude

Today, on this celebration of the Epiphany of our Lord, a common theme emerges in the Scripture passages from Isaiah, St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, and St. Matthew's Gospel. Jesus, our Lord and Savior, through the Church, welcomes all people to the faith — not just a few chosen ones. In a spirit of evangelization and hospitality, do we invite and welcome any and all who seek faith in Christ's truth? Do we ourselves discover this truth through Eucharistic worship, evangelization, RCIA, and faith formation programs, including Bible studies, to learn of God's abundant gifts?



## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### Catholic Life Explained:

#### *Wedding Feast & Epiphany*

#### Question:

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

#### Answer:

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C. These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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	Stanley Kyrc
Bob Armstrong	George Kirchner	Workman	Susan Graff
Billy Hanasky	Geri Adams Nagy	Mark Davis	Susan Mize
Brian Hanasky	Hines Rotriga	Marshall South	Susan Schulte
Brogan Gallentine	Jean Schultz	Martha Yocum	Susanna Kress
Caleb Hlebiczk	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	Julia Sheets	Pete Mack	
Youth Services System	Kathy Cooley	Philippa Shores	
Christina Helfer	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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

# 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.

**Bulletin Articles due by 9am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.**

