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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

July 16 - 23, 2023

SUN
16

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Frank & Eve Purpura
8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 am Mass for Mildred Sukys

MON
17

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Rita DiCarlo

TUE
18

Optional Memorial of St. Camillus de Lellis

12:05 pm Mass for Kathy Fortunato

WED
19

Weekday in Ordinary Time Anniversary of the Erection of the Diocese (1850)

12:05 pm Mass for the Clergy, Religious,
& Lay Faithful of the Diocese

THU
20

Optional Memorial of St. Apollinaris

12:05 pm Mass for Shirley Sheets

FRI
21

Optional Memorial of St. Lawrence of Brindisi

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Bill Gibson

SAT
22

Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

9:00 am Mass for Helen Chiazza
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for Emilie Cook

SUN
23

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass for Evelyn Ghaphery
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners



From Father Sateesh

"Have a fruitful Life in God's Word."



In the first reading Isaiah has his focus on nature, on the rain and snow that falls on the earth and soaks it and fulfills its purpose of making the earth fertile and capable of bearing fruit. The earth may have seeds but if there is no water it cannot bear fruit. By falling to the earth, the rain has fulfilled its purpose – preparing the earth and the seed to blossom forth. Similarly, God's word goes forth from God and has the potential of giving and sharing life. God's word had the power to transform and change our lives. Without the word our lives are barren and sterile. But if we accept the word and are open to it, it will accomplish the purpose for which it was sent. Open my heart and my life to fulfill your will.

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus speaks of many things in parables. One of his parables spoke of the Sower who went out to sow seeds. It appears to be a simple parable full of meaning, which can be applied to our lives. There is an abundance of seed sown which falls on different types of soil. Some seeds fall on the path and are eaten up; others fall on rocky soil and their growth is stifled and choked. Their growth is hampered because they had no depth and withered away. But there are some seeds that fall on good soil and bring forth grain, some hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Jesus adds, "Let anyone who has ears listen." When asked by his disciples Jesus reveals the deeper meaning of the parable. When we meditate on His word the deeper truth and insights reveal themselves to us. Often, we claim all credit for the effort we have put in, forgetting that without the seed our efforts would be in vain.

The seed may look small, and our effort might look humongous but without the seed of God's blessing and power we strive in vain. On the other hand, without our effort God will not do anything in our lives. He needs our co-operation and sustained efforts to produce fruit in plenty. We have been given a wonderful vocation, to be co-creators with God, to multiply the fruits of the earth and sustain creation for ourselves and others. We are the privileged ones! "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to those who have more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but for those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away." "But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears for they hear. Truly I tell you, many Prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it." We need to constantly thank God for giving us the privilege to see his works and hear his word though we are unworthy of his blessing!

We all love to have fruitful lives. Whether working at home or in the office or factory, we feel fulfilled when we have produced something at the end of the day when we can show the results of our efforts. On the other hand, we also sometimes experience the frustration of wasted efforts and the exasperation of a wasted day. God is interested in my growth and desires that all we do is brought to fruition. May our lives be touched by God's Word that is beyond us yet can transform us!

An Evening of Eucharistic Encounter

with Deacon Paul Lim

Join us for an evening of Adoration, reflection, and music to deepen our understanding of, love for, and living out of the Holy Eucharist

**Thursday, August 17
7:00 pm**

**Reconciliation will be available
Light Social to follow**



 Cathedral of St. Joseph



If you are 55 years and over and searching for a group that shares conversation, friendship, fun, and spiritual activities, we are excited to share a new ministry at the Cathedral just for you! Our goal is to provide for the spiritual, social, and educational needs of our parishioners and to give service to the broader community with activities, events, communal prayer, trips, and fellowship. For more information and to sign up for this exciting new ministry, please contact Cathy LaFlam at 614-565-4384 or e-mail cclaflam@sbcglobal.net or use the sign up sheet in the back of the church.



WORLD DAY
for
GRANDPARENTS
and the
ELDERLY

SUNDAY, JULY 23

*Special Blessing
at the conclusion of
all the weekend Masses*

Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year's celebration is "His mercy is from age to age" (Luke 1:50). The theme is meant to emphasize how grandparents are a gift both to society and the Church. **To celebrate the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, we will invite all the grandparents and elderly present next weekend to receive a special blessing at the conclusion of Mass.**



**Stay Connected
With Us!**

Keep in touch with us via e-mail and text!

**Text CSJ to 84576 or
visit cathedralofstjoseph1.flocknote.com
to sign up**

Collection

July 9, 2023

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Loose: \$414

Online: \$746

Total: \$2970

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LITURGICAL LIFE

Why Do You Come to Mass? (Part IV)

By Fr. Jonathan Meyer

Thanks be to God for preaching and for Communion and for the Blessed Sacrament. Thanks be to God for music. Thanks be to God for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. You know this is why people have Mass intentions said. People don't have Mass intentions said dependent upon who is playing music or who's preaching or whether the church is beautiful. They have Mass intentions said because the Mass is Calvary and we bring to Calvary, we bring to the Cross the names of our deceased loved ones. We bring to the Cross what's in our heart. We bring to the Cross the conversion that we want in our own lives and the lives of others. And thus at this time of war we bring to the Cross our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. We bring to the Cross their lifeless bodies. We bring to the Cross those living in fear. We bring to the Cross those defending our



freedom and we bring to the Cross our enemies and those who bring hate into our world. And we give them to Jesus because it is Calvary.

So, my dear brothers and sisters, why do you come to Mass? Why do you come to Church? May it be for the sacrifice that changes the world, that's changed our lives. May the sacrifice of Calvary represented for us today bring us hope and may it change our lives and may it bring peace.



Don't forget mass during your travels!



Anniversary of the Erection of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Wednesday, July 19

The Diocese of Wheeling (then, Virginia) was erected by Blessed Pius IX (the longest reigning Pope in history, after St. Peter) on July 19, 1850. Bishop Richard V. Whalen, formerly of Richmond, is recognized as its founding Bishop.

When the Diocese of Wheeling was created, Wheeling's only Catholic Church, St. James, was designated its Cathedral. Bishop Whalen wrote to the Holy Father requesting permission to change the Cathedral's patron from St. James to St. Joseph, since he is recognized as the patron of fathers, workers and social justice.

In 1863 when West Virginia separated from Virginia, eight counties in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia continued as part of the Diocese of Richmond, and the Diocese of Wheeling included seventeen and one-half counties in Southwest Virginia.

The Diocese was redesignated the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston on October 4, 1974, under a decree of Pope Paul VI. The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston comprises the entire State of West Virginia.

Please join us in praying for our Bishop as well as all the clergy, religious, and lay faithful of our Diocese, that will have a renewed commitment to preach the Gospel and carry out works of charity tirelessly among the hills of West Virginia!

FIRE UP YOUR FAITH

The Brown Scapular A Sign of Devotion to Mary

July 16 is the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, a title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary as patroness of the Carmelite Order. The Carmelites devote their lives to a relationship with Jesus through pray, contemplation, and virtues, attributes they associate closely with the Blessed Virgin Mary.

According to tradition, in the year 1251 a Carmelite superior general living in Cambridge, England, St. Simon Stock, was praying for heavenly intercession for his order, as the Carmelites were facing trials and oppression at the time. On July 16th, 1251, he received a visit from Our Lady in answer to his prayers. She handed him a Brown Scapular, saying, **"Receive, my beloved son, this Scapular of thy Order; it is the special sign of my favor, which I have obtained for thee and for thy children of Mount Carmel. He who dies clothed with this habit shall be preserved from eternal fire. It is the badge of salvation, a shield in time of danger, and a pledge of special peace and protection."**

Since then, the Brown Scapular has been recognized as a source of great graces for those who, living holy lives, wear the Brown Scapular with devotion during life and at the time of death.



The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel consists of two small pieces of brown cloth, suspended from the shoulders by ribbons and worn under the clothing in front and in back. Those who wear it aim to foster a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Many who wear the Brown Scapular choose to be officially enrolled in the devotion. The essential requirement of official enrollment in the Brown Scapular is baptism. This means any Catholic of any age can be enrolled in the Brown Scapular. At the same time, anyone, including non-Catholics, can wear the Brown Scapular.

Many popes and saints have strongly recommended wearing the Brown Scapular to the Catholic Faithful, including St. Robert Bellarmine, Pope John XXII, Pope Pius XI, and Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II.



Month of the Precious Blood

"As we now approach the month devoted to honoring Christ's Blood - the price of our redemption, the pledge of salvation and life eternal - may Christians meditate on it more fervently, may they savor its fruits more frequently in sacramental communion." So wrote Pope Saint John XXIII, in his apostolic letter *Inde a Primus*, encouraging this devotion.

The month of July is traditionally dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

Ways to Honor the Precious Blood

- ❖ Pray the Litany of the Precious Blood
- ❖ Spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration
- ❖ Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Live & Give in Gratitude

The readings from Isaiah, Psalm 65, and St. Matthew's Gospel all reference good seed planted in fertile soil. In the expanded Gospel passage, Jesus refers to this "seed" as the Word of God. The Father showers His grace on all of humanity, but not all embrace the grace of His revealed Word and live by it. St. Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, reminds us that we have the first fruits of the Spirit. To help Catholics live by the Word, recent popes have encouraged us to read the Bible. Christian stewards who read or pray Scripture daily find real peace and joy, and develop a deep relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ. Begin a practice of Scripture reading with a few verses a day.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of July 16

THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 55:10-11
Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

MONDAY

Exodus 1:8-14, 22
Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8
Matthew 10:34—11:1

TUESDAY

Exodus 2:1-15
Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34
Matthew 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7
Matthew 11:25-27

THURSDAY

Exodus 3:13-20
Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27
Matthew 11:28-30

FRIDAY

Exodus 11:10—12:14
Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16, 17-18
Matthew 12:1-8

SATURDAY

Song of Songs 3:1-4
or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
John 20:1-2, 11-18

NEXT SUNDAY

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

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.

July 18 - Saint Camillus de Lellis, priest (1550-1614)

St. Camillus de Lellis was a young, crippled veteran when he was saved from a gambling addiction by the preaching of a Capuchin monk and decided to dedicate his life to nursing others. *Patronage:* nurses; hospital workers; against illness; sick people

July 20 - Saint Apollinaris, bishop, martyr (d. c.79)

St. Apollinaris was the first bishop of Ravenna, appointed during the Vespasian persecutions, a time when episcopal appointment meant extra risk rather than privilege. His people were sent into exile, but, as their bishop, Apollinaris was targeted with special treatment—he was tortured and beheaded. *Patronage:* against epilepsy

July 21 - Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor of the Church (1559-1619)

St. Lawrence is the patron saint of Brindisi for his defense of the city against the Turks, but his lasting legacy is as a theologian and linguist fluent in all of the languages of the Scriptures and many of those spoken around Europe.

July 22 - Saint Mary Magdalene (1st century)

Mary of Magdala, the apostle to the apostles, is entrusted with the first resurrection appearance in all four Gospels. Only John's Gospel has Mary confusing the risen Christ with the gardener. Today's Gospel moves from weeping to joy: "I have seen the Lord!" (Jn 20:18). The emotions are palpable. The first reading from Song to Songs has the Bride seeking and then finding her heart's love. That same search is Mary's: have you seen him? I don't know where they put him! The joy at the ending of both accounts is shared by the Church and becomes our joy. *Patronage:* converts; contemplative life; people ridiculed for their piety



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

WHY DO WE GENUFLECT?

Excerpt from eucharisticrevival.org/post/the-mass-part-2-genuflection

The simple answer is that when we genuflect, we touch our right knee to the floor to honor Jesus, who is really present in the Tabernacle! The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines genuflection as "a reverence made by bending the knee, especially to express adoration of the Blessed Sacrament" (CCC, Glossary). By genuflecting or bowing deeply in a spirit of prayer and as a sign of adoration of the Lord, "we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine" (CCC, no. 1378). To honor the true presence of Jesus Christ, all who pass before the Most Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass, as well as when entering or leaving the church, should genuflect. If genuflecting is physically difficult, a bow is a reverent substitute.

The next time you enter a church, allow your eyes to be drawn to the sanctuary, altar, and Tabernacle in the front of the church. In Catholic churches, a candle is kept burning next to the Tabernacle to indicate and honor the presence of Christ. Seeing the candle, called a sanctuary lamp, we can recognize that Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist and give Him the great honor that He deserves. When we genuflect, we make an act of humility that acknowledges the greatness of God and confesses that Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist is God with us. Jesus Christ, who loves us perfectly, who died for our sins and rose in triumph—Jesus Christ is there before us! While it is true that when we genuflect we honor Christ and profess our belief that he is present there, it is also a great honor for us, for in doing so we remember that we are part of God's beloved family. Pause and think about that for a moment.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



Evangelization is the primary task of the Church and we, the members of the Church, are called to evangelize. Let us go forth and seek out those who want to be Catholic and bring them to experience an encounter with Jesus. Therefore,

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Is interested in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Has been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what to do to become Catholic?

Registration for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is open. If you want to join or knows someone who wants to be Catholic, please contact the Parish Office or Jacob Manning at 304-280-9684 or jamanning710@gmail.com

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.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Coming Back to Church

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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.

