



Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.



SUN

#### **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Virginia & Orlando Sacco

8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners

9:00 am Book Club (Rectory)

10:30 am Mass for Bishop Richard V. Whelan

(Anniversary of Death - 1874)

MON 8

#### **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

12:05 pm Mass for Bishop Richard V. Whelan

TUE

### Optional Memorial of St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

12:05 pm Mass for Robert Foster

WED

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Janet Castilow

7:00 pm Society of St. Joseph (Cath)

7:00 pm Society of St. Joseph (Cathedral)

THU 11

#### Memorial of St. Benedict

12:05 pm Mass for Robert Foster

FRI 12

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time

11:15 am Confessions

12:05 pm Mass for Nicholas Tuttle

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#### **Optional Memorial of St. Henry**

9:00 am Mass for Judy Staley

9:30 am Rosary 5:00 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Mass for Dee Dematte

SUN 14

#### **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am Mass for Leo Pacewicz
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners



### VICE-RECTOR'S VIEWPOINT

In the Gospel we heard the weekend of June 30, a woman suffering from a hemorrhage for 12 years sought only to touch the cloak of Jesus, which she did, and her faith in Him was acknowledged by our Redeemer, and she was healed (Mk 5:28-29). It got us to thinking of relics and the role they play in the life of the faithful Catholic. And it is not only the woman from this past weekend's



Gospel where we get the efficacy of the clothes or remains of the Saints—in the Old Testament (2 Kings 13:20-21) a man who died was buried on top of the bones of the prophet Elisha and was brought back to life.

This, of course, is a veneration that has been disputed by our brothers and sisters in Christ—with one claiming that it would take a 10-ton truck to gather all the relics of the True Cross . This is not true, as the article referenced in the footnotes confirms. So, what are relics? They are the bones (1st degree), clothing or personal items (2nd degree), or items that have been touched to the items of the Saints (3rd degree). They are placed in the altars of each Church. St. Alphonsus also has a number of relics in the side altars of the Blessed Mother Mary and St. Joseph. They are also placed in reliquaries and displayed in churches, homes, and other public places

Did you know that the largest collection of relics in the United States, the largest collection outside of Rome, is a mere one-hour drive away? It is at St. Anthony's Chapel in the Troy Hill section of Pittsburgh. Two summers ago, a group from St. Michael's went to visit and many of them continue to return to this special Church. Fr. Pen and I would like to organize a pilgrimage for a date in August and are looking for feedback and interest. Please email me at jsoplinski@dwc.org or call 304-233-4121 x520 if you would like to participate. If we get a large enough group, we can get a guided tour. If you are wondering if your favorite Saint is housed in one of the reliquaries, fear not, they are. There are over 5,000 relics at St. Anthony's.

It is a pleasure being able to serve you.

Fr. Soplinski

1https://www.catholic.com/tract/relics



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The goal of this important initiative is to guide people to intimate encounters with Jesus Christ and to lead souls to salvation, allowing them to experience God's love, mercy, and goodness. To do that, we all need to invite back everyone who has left in a way that makes sure they feel seen and desired as an individual member of our parish family. Whom are you called to invite home?

#### www.eucharisticrevival.org/invite-one-back

"Andrew found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (Jn 1:41). As Andrew brought Simon Peter to Jesus, it is our duty and responsibility to bring back our brothers and sisters who have fallen away from our faith.

"Philip said to Nathanael, 'We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth.' But Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come from Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'" (Jn 1:45-46). Like Philip, let us bring to Jesus those who want to be part of the Catholic Faith.





**July 7** - Book Club, 9am

July 10 - Sons of St. Joseph, 7pm

July 17-21 - Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis

### **Stewardship Survey**

Do you feel that you belong to our parish family? If so, in what way can you support our church by using your time, talent, and treasure? Please complete the Stewardship Survey form at your earliest convenience and return it in the Collection Basket or by dropping it off at the Parish Offices. Thank you!

### **Homebound Ministry**

A parishioner may be homebound due to age, illness, physical and/or mental incapacities and unable to attend Masses. Our Homebound Ministry is aimed at helping our homebound parish members stay connected to the parish community and activities by bringing most importantly, Our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist and other materials like the bulletin, newsletter, prayer cards/books and also rendering any other needed services. Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation can be administered by the Pastor when needed or requested. If you would like to have a priest visit you at home or if you know of someone who is homebound, please contact the Parish Offices at 304-233-4121.

### 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.

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



#### Collection

June 30, 2024

Envelopes: \$2152 Loose: \$535

Online: \$508 Total: \$3195

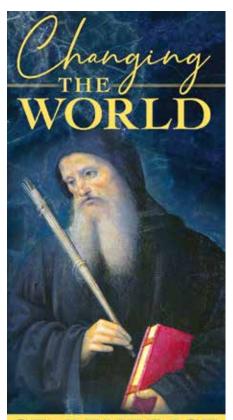
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### ST. BENEDICT

While the summer months can be relaxing, we all know that as adults the endless commitments such as weddings, baby showers, birthday parties, holiday celebrations, and family get-togethers can sometimes make us feel a little stressed, most especially if we are hosting them!

Take a few moments and reflect on these words from the *Rule of St. Benedict* and allow them to nudge you in the right direction, so that we may be more hospitable in our home, our parish, and with all our relationships:

All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matt 25:35). Proper honor must be shown to all, especially to those who share our faith (Gal 6:10) and to pilgrims. Once a guest has been announced, the superior and the brothers are to meet him with all the courtesy of love ... All humility should be shown in addressing a guest on arrival or departure. By a bow of the head or by a complete prostration of the body, Christ is to be adored because he is indeed welcomed in them.

# **Remembering Our First Bishop**

On His 150th Anniversary of Death

This Sunday, July 7, we remember the Most Rev. Richard Vincent Whelan, first bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling, on his 150th anniversary of death. Bishop Whelan was the prime energizer, founder, and frontier developer of the Catholic Church in the state of West Virginia.

Bishop Whelan's residency in Wheeling from 1850 until his death in 1874 was intrinsically woven into the history of the city and the area.

He guided the growth of the Catholic Church through the Civil War years and the creation of a new state.

His resources, when named bishop of the diocese, included four churches, six priests, two schools, for girls and one for boys in an area of 29,172 square miles. He began an extensive building program and in 24 years the energy, zeal, and vision of this man was reflected in a diocese that had 48 churches, 29 priests, three religious congre-

gations of women, one hospital occupying the land he purchased for Wheeling Hospital, six schools for girls, a school for boys, an orphanage and a Catholic population of 18,000.

Born in Baltimore on January 28, 1809, he entered Mount Saint Mary's College when just 10 years of age. Graduating with highest honors in 1826, he studied two years of theology, then went to St. Sulpice, Paris, for four years and was ordained to the priesthood at Versailles in 1831.

His work as pastor at Harper's Ferry was of the most apostolic order. He administered Winchester, Martinsburg, Bath, Shepherdstown, Waterford, and Romney and covered his mission on horseback.

In 1841, when the Diocese of Richmond was founded, Whelan, then 31, was chosen to head it. From '41 to '49, he ministered to people on both sides of the mountains. He shared their privation and peril. He worshipped with them in log cabins, barns, simple homes, and outdoors.

However, the geographical distance in the diocese was so large that in 1848 Virginia was split into two dioceses — one in the East and one

in the West. Wheeling was the important population (13,161) and industrial center in Western Virginia and was chosen as the Cathedral City, with the Diocese of Wheeling officially established on July 19, 1850. Four days later, Bishop Whelan was named as its head.

Work was a challenge to this prelate of indomitable will, wonderful courage, and endless endurance. The story is told that once when a

candidate for governor was visiting in Berkeley Springs and admiring the new chapel, he asked Father Whelan, "Who did the stone work?" The answer was "I did." He also did the woodwork and served as the pastor. When the new church in Wheeling was built and none of the workmen would risk putting the cross on the steeple, it was Bishop Whelan who climbed the scaffolding and attached the cross.

Bishop Whelan was, of course, an inspiring spiritual leader but also was possessed of outstanding executive and business talents. His abilities and influence were recognized not only in the Catholic community but by those of other denominations who found his compassion and concern extended to all peoples.



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# FIRE UP YOUR FAITH

# Grow closer to the Eucharist with your family this summer

Though school is not in session, there are plenty of ways for families to learn about the faith during the warmer months. This summer in particular, there are wonderful opportunities to center your family on the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival taking place in Indianapolis July 17-24 will be an enriching event for the whole family.

There are also simple ways that you can strengthen your children's devotion to the Eucharist at home and at Mass together as a family.

#### **Parents, Begin With Yourselves**

Think about the adults in your lives that passed faith to you. Your children count on you to do the same for them. Children need to feel safe, protected and unconditionally loved. By instilling in them an understanding of Christ's Eucharistic presence, you'll give them the greatest sense of safety, protection, and unconditional love. Christ promised He would never leave us but would stay with us always. He does this most perfectly and profoundly through the Holy Eucharist.

#### Read the Bible with Your Kids

Start again with the sources. Read the Bible with your children, especially the Eucharistic and Passover narratives. Talk about the meaning of these passages together. Know that the Holy Spirit has anointed you to teach the faith in your family and that He will help you to unpack the mysteries of what we believe

#### **Attend Mass as a Family**

If you've gotten away from going to Mass, the Eucharistic Revival is the perfect time to return! Sit up close to the altar so that your children can see what is going on. Don't take

for granted that your children understand everything. Talk to them about why we use holy water, candles, and different colors in the season of the liturgical year; why priests wear liturgical robes; and what the gestures during the liturgy mean. Read and discuss the Gospel, even read the Gospel together before Mass to deepen its meaning.

Teach children love and reverence for God's house. It is critical that young people learn not only to behave in Church, but to rest in the quiet and stillness of God's presence. Inspire them to imagine angels surrounding the tabernacle, always standing guard over the Eucharist, and adoring Him. Allow them to light the candles, offer alms for the poor and pray reverently for a special intention.

# Look to Saintly Children and Teens as Examples

Research and learn about young saints who loved the Eucharist. A few great ones to start with are the children of Fatima, Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia; Ellen Organ (known as Little Nellie of Holy God); Blessed Carlos Acutis; Saint Tarcisius; and Blessed Imelda Lambertini

# **Encourage Small Gestures** of Love

Teach small gestures of love for the Eucharist, like making the sign of the cross when passing a church, visiting the Blessed Sacrament for a few minutes outside of Mass, or making family 'holy half hours' of quiet prayer with the Lord.



#### **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 eternalmay 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



# SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of July 7

#### THIS SUNDAY

Ezekiel 2:2-5 Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Mark 6:1-6

#### MONDAY

Hosea 2:16, 17-18, 21-22 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Matthew 9:18-26

#### **TUESDAY**

Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13 Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 Matthew 9:32-38

#### **WEDNESDAY**

Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Matthew 10:1-7

#### **THURSDAY**

Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9 Ps 80:2, 3, 15-16 Matthew 10:7-15

#### **FRIDAY**

Hosea 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14, 17 Matthew 10:16-23

#### **SATURDAY**

Isaiah 6:1-8 Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 Matthew 10:24-33

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Amos 7:12-15 Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:7-13

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**

#### July 9 - Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, and Companions, martyrs

The 120 martyrs honored on this day died between 1648 and 1930. Most of them (eighty-seven) were born in China and were children, parents, catechists, or laborers, ranging from nine years of age to seventy-two. The thirty-three foreign-born martyrs were mostly priests or women religious. Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied the prisoner Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse to his martyrdom in Beijing. Moved by the bishop's courage, Augustine sought baptism and not long after was ordained a diocesan priest. He was martyred in 1815.

#### July 11 - Saint Benedict, abbot (c.480-550)

St. Benedict, father of Western monasticism and patron saint of Europe, attracted people by his spiritual life. He wrote a practical rule of life. This guide for their life of prayer and work (*ora et labora*) and commnity and hospitality is still in use today. Treat each visitor like Christ. Our common rule of life is the Gospel.

#### July 13 - Saint Henry (972-1024)

Although he did not choose his station or duties in life, King Henry II sought to glorify God and live a Christian life as king of Germany and made wise and prudent decisions for both Church and state during his reign. *Patronage:* Benedictine oblates; infertility

### 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 Deacon Jacob Manning at 304-280-9684 or jmanning@dwc.org.



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# PARISH GROUPS

#### **Book Club**

Sunday, July 7 9:00 - 10:00 am in Rectory

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





We invite ALL THE MEN of the parish to come and join us in building AUTHENTIC friendships with CHRIST and each other so that we can walk TOGETHER in becoming the men he has CALLED us to be.

NEXT EVENT: Worship - Holy Hour Wednesday, July 10 at 7pm Cathedral

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### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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#### 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:

Gospel of Mark

#### Question:

In Year B, we hear primarily from the Gospel of Mark. Since each Evangelist has a unique perspective, what are the key issues that Mark addresses in his Gospel?

#### Answer:

Gospels are a particular faith community's reflection on Jesus. Each Gospel's author reflected that community's faith in Jesus. Jesus' message is made relevant to the community's situation and context. Mark was the first Gospel to be written. When Matthew and Luke wrote theirs, they imitated and adapted Mark for their communities.

Mark's Gospel seems to be addressed to a faith community undergoing turmoil, rejection, and persecution—forces that threaten to overwhelm them. This provides the context around which Mark fashions the story of Jesus. He presents Jesus as the One sent by God to confront the forces of evil. That is the good news of Jesus.

Jesus' struggle with the demonic forces leads to confrontation, rejection, outright opposition, and a conspiracy to do away with him. Realizing this, Jesus is not deterred. Rather Jesus calls for total faith in God who helps us to overcome the forces of evil. Suffering and even death seem to be the consequences of this struggle. Yet, that is not the end. The one who suffers for the sake of others, the suffering servant, will be the one through whom redemption and salvation will come to all. For Mark, this is what discipleship demands and what true faith in God can and will accomplish. See if you can detect these themes as you read Mark's Gospel.



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#### **MASS TIMES**

**SUNDAYS** 6:00 pm (Saturday)

8:00 am 10:30 am

**WEEKDAYS** 12:05 pm (Monday thru Friday)

9:00 am (Saturday)

#### **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.

#### O.C.I.A.

If you feel you are being called to join the Catholic Church, please contact Deacon Jacob Manning.

#### MARRIAGE

Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

#### **HOLY ORDERS**

If you believe you are being called by God to serve the Church as a priest, deacon, or religious brother or sister, please contact one of our priests or deacons.

#### **PARISH REGISTRATION**

Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office. Please notify the parish of address changes through contacting the office or by visiting the website.

