

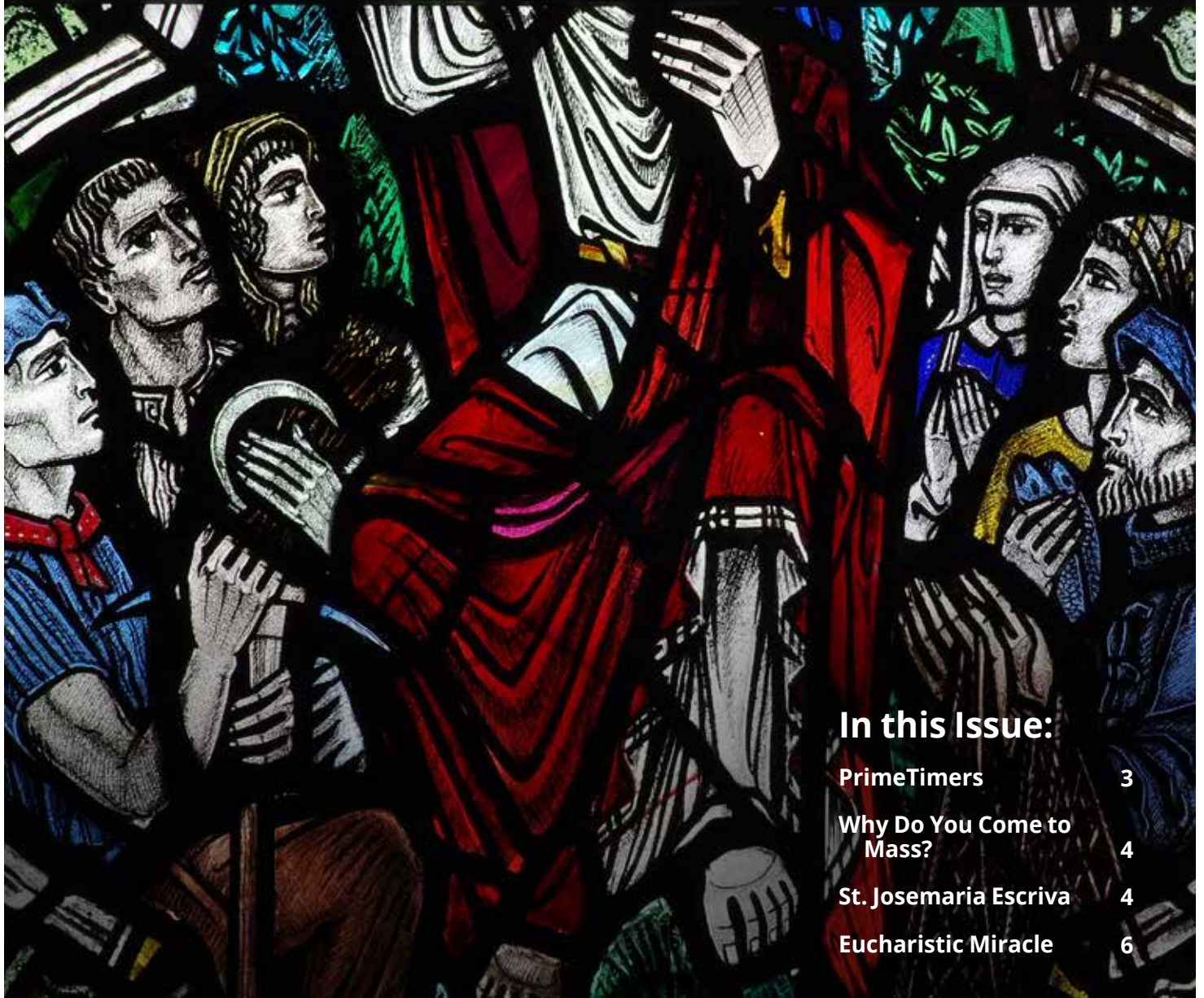
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Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.

This Week

June 25 - July 2, 2023

SUN 25 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Barbara Nolte
8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 am Mass for Harold Miller

MON 26 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Sharon Reddy Miller

TUE 27 Optional Memorial of St. Cyril of Alexandria

12:05 pm Mass for Frank & Jessie Mazur

WED 28 Memorial of St. Irenaeus

12:05 pm Mass for Noreen Decker

THU 29 Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul

12:05 pm Mass for Grace Norton

FRI 30 Optional Memorial of the the First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

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

SAT 1 Optional Memorial of St. Junípero Serra

9:00 am Mass for Evelyn Ghaphery
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for Jayne Schmitt

SUN 2 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass for Dr. William and Mrs. Dorothy Grubler
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners



From Father Sateesh

"Be not afraid! Your Father cares for you!"



In today's first reading Jeremiah initially gives vent to his despair, he makes a desperate statement of how he is being persecuted with terrors all around. But immediately he also makes a confident statement of his trust in the Lord to deliver him. Perhaps many people could identify with Jeremiah's situation. In their despair they are overwhelmed by those seeking to destroy them, yet they also trust in God as their caring deliverer. Jeremiah refused to be intimidated by attacks upon his character, and so he was unafraid to speak out in the name of the Lord. Jeremiah accused the people of sin and warned of God's judgement upon them. He condemned reliance on military pacts rather than on God. Jeremiah was forced into exile but refused to be silenced.

Others after Jeremiah have also reached great heights of heroic action born of deep convictions. In the twentieth century alone there are many examples. During the Second World War St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Polish priest who refused to be intimidated by the Nazis, offered his life in exchange for a prisoner, a husband and father, whom the commandant of the concentration camp had singled out for execution. A young girl in Italy refused to be intimidated by a man who threatened to kill her because she refused his sexual advances. And kill her he did on July 6th, 1902. Maria Goretti was declared a saint by Pope Pius XII in 1950. Her mother and Alexander Serenelli, the man who killed her, were present at her canonization.

In the Gospel Matthew exhorts his disciples to be fearless witnesses of the Gospel. Jesus, when he sent his disciples out into the world to be his witnesses, knew that they would be fearful. They had good reason to be fearful, knowing the hardships and persecution it would entail. So, not once but three times Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid." It is normal and natural that courage will sometimes fail us and that we will be afraid. All those who have accomplished great things have some time or another been afraid. It is not experiencing fear that matters but how we react to fear and whether it controls our life. Basically, Jesus suggested that his disciples could move from fear to courage through trust and reliance in God. Jesus urged them to have complete confidence in God who lovingly watches over the life and death of even the smallest and least valuable of his creatures –the sparrows. God knows every detail of our life –even the very hairs on our head are counted, so we can count on his support in every crisis. To live the Christian life requires courage and we can become courageous not by relying on our own strength but on the support of God. As people of faith, we believe that God will give us the strength to cope with every difficulty that comes our way.

None of us like to be pushed around. We like to make our own decisions, even though they may turn out to be the wrong ones. We resent force or pressure being exerted on us. Yet there are many moments when we feel intimidated, we feel afraid and often act out of fear. We are affected by all sorts of fears that tend to paralyze us. Even in our relationship with God we tend to act out of fear rather than out of love. God created us to live in freedom. We are challenged to be fearless: "Be not afraid!" May His words strengthen us! Have a reassuring weekend!



Our PrimeTimers ministry kicked off this past Wednesday with a lunch in the courtyard following the noon Mass. Good company, good food, and beautiful weather made for a really enjoyable afternoon! We are already working to plan our next event! Thanks to all for coming!

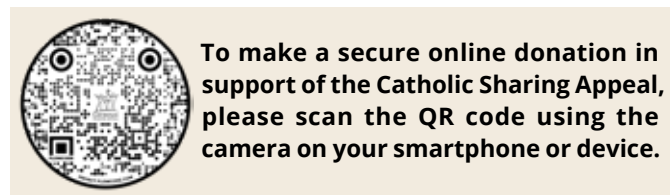
The new PrimeTimers ministry is a group of parishioners and friends 55 years and over who meet to pray, communicate, learn, and have fun! For more information and to sign up for this exciting new ministry, please contact Cathy LaFlam at 614-565-4384 or e-mail cclaflam@sbcglobal.net or use the sign up sheet in the back of the church.



A very special thank you to all who have already supported this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal! Your generosity extends the gift of our Catholic faith to others and provides the light and love of Christ to those in need throughout our community. Your participation also ensures our shared ministries have the resources needed to enliven parishes, such as ours; support students in all 24 of our Catholic Schools; expand outreach efforts to every corner of our state; and so much more!

If you have not already donated to this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal, we invite you to prayerfully consider doing so! When you give to the Catholic Sharing Appeal, you directly impact the lives of those around you. **At the parish level, we are in the midst of a major renovation project on our Baptismal Font, which due to its age, has developed a serious leak and is in great need of repair.** It is through the funds from this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal that help us to cover a large portion of the costs for the baptismal font repair.

Thank you for all you do for our parish! May God continue to bless us, guide us, and unite us in faith, hope, and love!



Peter's Pence Collection

Next Weekend, July 1/2

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sister on the margin of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disaster. Please consider how you can give. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html



LITURGICAL LIFE



St. Josemaría Escrivá Feast Day: June 26

On Monday, June 26th we honor “the saint of ordinary life” St. Josemaría Escrivá. His life taught us to strive to be better than yesterday in every way to honor God.

“Offer God your ordinary work in a way pleasing to him, do it better each day, ... thinking not only of yourself and your loved ones, but of the whole society of other people,” he said. It is then you will realize how blessed you truly are. In 1928 he founded the international Catholic organization - Opus Dei (The work of God). An organization to spread the message that you do not have to be a nun or a priest to find holiness. Go out and share your love of God, and serve God “in your everyday life and work!”

His powerful vision inspires us to serve God every day in our work, families, friendships, and society. He lived his priestly life with the holy message “we are here on earth for a reason, for something which is not our selfishness.” We need to live united and in doing so and serving others as if we were serving God, we will have joy.

At the time of his death on June 26, 1975 there were more than 60,000 Opus Dei members from 80 countries.

May St. Josemaría pray for us and inspire us to strive be holy each day!

Why Do You Come to Mass?

By Fr. Jonathan Meyer

Why do you come to Mass? Why do you come to Church? If we can't answer this question correctly a lot of other things are going to be really, really wrong in our lives.

Why do we come to Mass? Why do we come to Church? Now we're going to do a survey. Raise your hand if your answer to that question was to pray. Good. Raise your hand if the response was to receive Holy Communion. That's a fantastic answer. Raise your hand if it was to hear music or sing songs. Raise your hand if it was to hear amazing preaching. Raise your hand if it was to be with other people. Raise your hand if it was to take in the beauty of the Church, the priest's vestments, the experience of just being here in beauty. Raise your hand if it was to give money to the Church.

I would beg to say that none of you probably responded to go to Calvary, to be at the death of Jesus and to be at the foot of the Cross. Yet, the reality is that in its very essence that is what the Mass is. The Mass is Calvary. Let me prove this point pretty quickly. Raise your hand if you've ever been to a Mass that didn't have any music. Is it still a Mass? Yes. Raise your hand if you've ever been to a Mass where the priest didn't preach. Raise your hand if you ever went to a Mass where you wish the priest didn't preach. Raise your hand if you ever went to Mass and did not receive Holy Communion.

Okay, and that should be the case for a lot of us. In fact, hopefully it was a case when you were a little kid because you didn't receive Holy Communion until you were eight years old. But you still went to Mass. Some of you married someone who was not Catholic and later converted and you went to Mass for years without receiving Holy Communion. Some of you, because you ate too close to Mass, and out of respect for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, didn't receive



Holy Communion since you didn't obey the fast. Some of you didn't receive Holy Communion because you were in the state of mortal sin and we should never receive Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin. So, there's lots of people who don't go to Mass to receive Communion.

So, we don't go to Mass to receive Holy Communion. In fact, no one has to receive Holy Communion at Mass except for the priest. No one. At World Youth Day 2011 there were 2.5 million people at the closing Mass. There was a thunderstorm the night before and all of the tents that housed the hosts that were going to be turned into Jesus got taken out in the thunderstorm. None of the 2.5 million people received Communion except for the priests and it was still Mass on a Sunday.

So, what is the Mass? The Mass is Calvary. What is Mass? It's Calvary. And what happened on Calvary? God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son and on Mount Calvary he died and those who believe in Him may have eternal life. There is no salvation outside of Jesus Christ. And there is no salvation outside of Jesus Christ on Calvary offering His Body and His Blood for the salvation of the world. He is the Lamb of God who is slain. He is the perfect sacrifice. He is our only chance.

To be continued next week...

FIRE UP YOUR FAITH

Traveling this Summer?

When going on vacation, don't take a vacation from God! Take an hour, even on vacation, to attend Mass where you can remember to thank God for your blessings and to seek his divine protection for you and your family. There is a great website, www.masstimes.org, that can help you to locate the nearest Catholic Church and the times for Mass while traveling.

Eucharistic Revival

The National Eucharistic Revival is well underway and the Year of the Parish begins this Corpus Christi Sunday! Text EUCHARISTCSJ to 84576 to receive updates on the Eucharistic Revival. For news, reflections and prayers for the Eucharistic Revival, scan the QR code:



Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

On the Friday following the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Because this solemnity usually falls in June, this month is also known as the "Month of the Sacred Heart." Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is of great antiquity in the Church. It was Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, however, who made this devotion widespread. The great promise of the Sacred Heart is most consoling: the grace of final perseverance and the joy of having Jesus' heart as our sure refuge and infinite ocean of mercy in our last hour. During the month of June, let us ponder Christ's infinite love and meditate upon his suffering for the salvation of the world.

Ways to Honor the Sacred Heart

- ❖ Make an enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your home
- ❖ Pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart
- ❖ Start the First Friday Devotion

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. Please pray that human life at all stages, from the first moment of conception through natural death, may be respected and honored in our society and throughout the world!

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Live & Give in Gratitude

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father" (Matthew 10:32). Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!

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.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of June 25

THIS SUNDAY

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

MONDAY

Genesis 12:1-9
Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20, 22
Matthew 7:1-5

TUESDAY

Genesis 13:2, 5-18
Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5
Matthew 7:6, 12-14

WEDNESDAY

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
Matthew 7:15-20

THURSDAY

Acts 12:1-11
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
Matthew 16:13-19

FRIDAY

Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Matthew 8:1-4

SATURDAY

Genesis 18:1-15
(Ps) Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50, 53, 54-55
Matthew 8:5-17

NEXT SUNDAY

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

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.

June 27 - St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor of the Church (378-444)

St. Cyril presided over the First Council of Ephesus, which condemned Nestorianism and promoted recognition of Mary as the Mother of God, making an important contribution to the understanding of the two natures of Christ. St. Cyril offered strong leadership and rigorous thought to the Church at a formative period of her history.

June 28 - St. Irenaeus, bishop, martyr (130-202)

As bishop of Lyons, Irenaeus clearly distinguished false teachings from those consistent with Christ's words and deeds. He hoped that clear teaching would invite his opponents to turn away from falsehood. Since it was a time flooded with political persecution and false teachers, many were martyred, including Irenaeus.

June 29 - Saints Peter and Paul (1st century)

In the Piazza San Pietro at the Vatican, statues of St. Peter and Paul flank the square, symbolizing the complimentary nature of these saints' lives and mission. Paul symbolizes the person who comes to faith through a dramatic conversion, falling on the ground on his way to Damascus to persecute Christians. Peter is the person who comes to faith slowly and steadily, sometimes with two steps forward and one backward. He is the one who denies the Lord three times, then confesses his faith thrice. Regarding their complementary missions, Peter is the apostle of the Jewish Christians, while Paul is the apostle to the Gentile Christians.

June 30 - First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church (1st century)

When Nero made Christians the scapegoats for the Great Fire of Rome in the first century, it kicked off a persecution that saw Christians tortured and killed for the next four years. The Church commemorates these nameless martyrs, whose sacrifice and steadfastness have inspired believers for two millennia.

July 1 - Saint Junípero Serra, priest (1713-1784)

Saint Junípero Serra walked 24,000 miles and founded a string of twenty-one missions from San Diego to Sonoma, California. Junípero saw people of every race and origin as first and foremost sons and daughters of God, a conviction that drove his missionary work "to the ends of the earth."



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**



EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF BOLSENA/ORVIETO

Italy, 1262

The Eucharistic miracle of Bolsena, depicted by Raphael in a well-known fresco in the Vatican Palace, took place in 1263. A German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped at Bolsena while on a pilgrimage to Rome. He was pious, but he found it difficult to accept that Christ was actually present in the consecrated host. While celebrating Holy Mass, he spoke the words of consecration and immediately Blood started to seep from the consecrated Host and trickle over his hands and onto the altar. The priest interrupted the Mass and asked to be taken to the neighboring city of Orvieto, where Pope Urban IV resided. The Pope sent emissaries to investigate. When the facts were ascertained, he ordered the bishop of the diocese to bring the Host and the linen cloth bearing the stains of Blood to him. He had the relics placed in the cathedral. The linen bearing the spots of Blood is still reverently enshrined and exhibited in the Cathedral of Orvieto.

Pope Urban IV commissioned St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the Office for the Mass and Liturgy of the Hours to celebrate the Most Holy Body of the Lord (Corpus Christi). One year after the miracle, Pope Urban IV introduced Aquinas composition and instituted the feast of Corpus Christi.

AROUND THE AREA

Polish Heritage Day

All are invited to attend Polish Heritage Day from 1:00-6:00pm on Sunday, June 25 at the Polish American Patriot Club, 4410 Jacob St, Wheeling, for an afternoon of Polish food, polka music, beer, and fun! \$18/plate will include: kielbasa, pierogies, cabbage rolls, dessert, and one free drink ticket.



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



Walking With Moms in Need

Walking with Moms in Need is a process through which Catholic parishes and communities "walk in the shoes" of local pregnant and parenting women in need. Everyone should know how to help moms in difficult circumstances. While not trying to turn Catholic parishes into pregnancy centers, we can support local pregnancy centers where they exist, and we can also find and share other resources with pregnant and parenting women. And where there are few local resources, we can create our own, based on the gifts of the parish community! We hope you and your parish will join us in Walking with Moms in Need. For more information contact Kathy Barton, Director of Social Ministry for the Diocese at 304-233-0880, Ext. 289 or Kbarton@dwc.org.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Lectio Divina

Question:

What is Lectio Divina, and how is it associated with the Benedictine Monastic tradition, whose founder, St. Benedict, we honor on July 11?

Answer:

Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially, the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored: a word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content of this reading touches your life today; what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text. This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others?

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer
Angela Niehart
Archer Hatch
Arthur Danehart
Austin Cook
Barb Mazzocca
Beth Jochum
Betty Teater
Bill Wilson
Bob Armstrong
Bob Jones
Billy Hanasky
Brian Hanasky
Brogan Gallentine
Caleb Hlebiczk
Carolyn Lash
Carolyn Wiethe
Catherine Lanham
Charles Heizer
Charles DeBenedi
Children of the
Youth Services System
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Chuck Fair

David A. Kress, Jr.
Dianna Albright
Doug Jones
Eli Musser
Eric South
Eva Wood
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Frank Davis
Frederick C. Schweizer
Gail Koch
George Kirchner
Gerri Adams Nagy
Hines Rotriga
Janet Rodriguez
Jean Schultz
Jim Antill
Jim and Dee
Jimmy Hocking
Joe Bechtel
John Petrella
Jon-Michael Lasher
Judy Pack
Julia Sheets
Kathy Cooley

Kaitlyn Hanasky
Kermit Klosterman
Kristin Smith
Langan Family
Liam Barns
Liam Manning
Lukie Brown
Margaret Stocke
Marge Muehler
Marie Farnsworth
Marie & Conner
Workman
Mark Davis
Marshall South
Martha Yocum
Mary K. Schlosser
Mary Walicki
Michael DeBlasis
Milissa Rose
Nadine Greenwood
Nicholas Barns
Pat Belby
Pete Cuffaro
Pete Mack

Philippa Shores
Rachel Wade
R. J. Stocke
Richard Simon
Rick Burgy
Ron Hickman
Rosanne Gaughan
Rosalie Davis
Rose Otey
Sarah Hanasky
Sarah Sargent
Shirley DeCaria
Stanley Kyrk
Susan Graff
Susan Mize
Susan Schulte
Tammy
Teresa Helfer
Thelma Pearson
Tony Helfer
Trystan Timmons
Victoria Jeskey
Zoey Knight

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.

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.

