

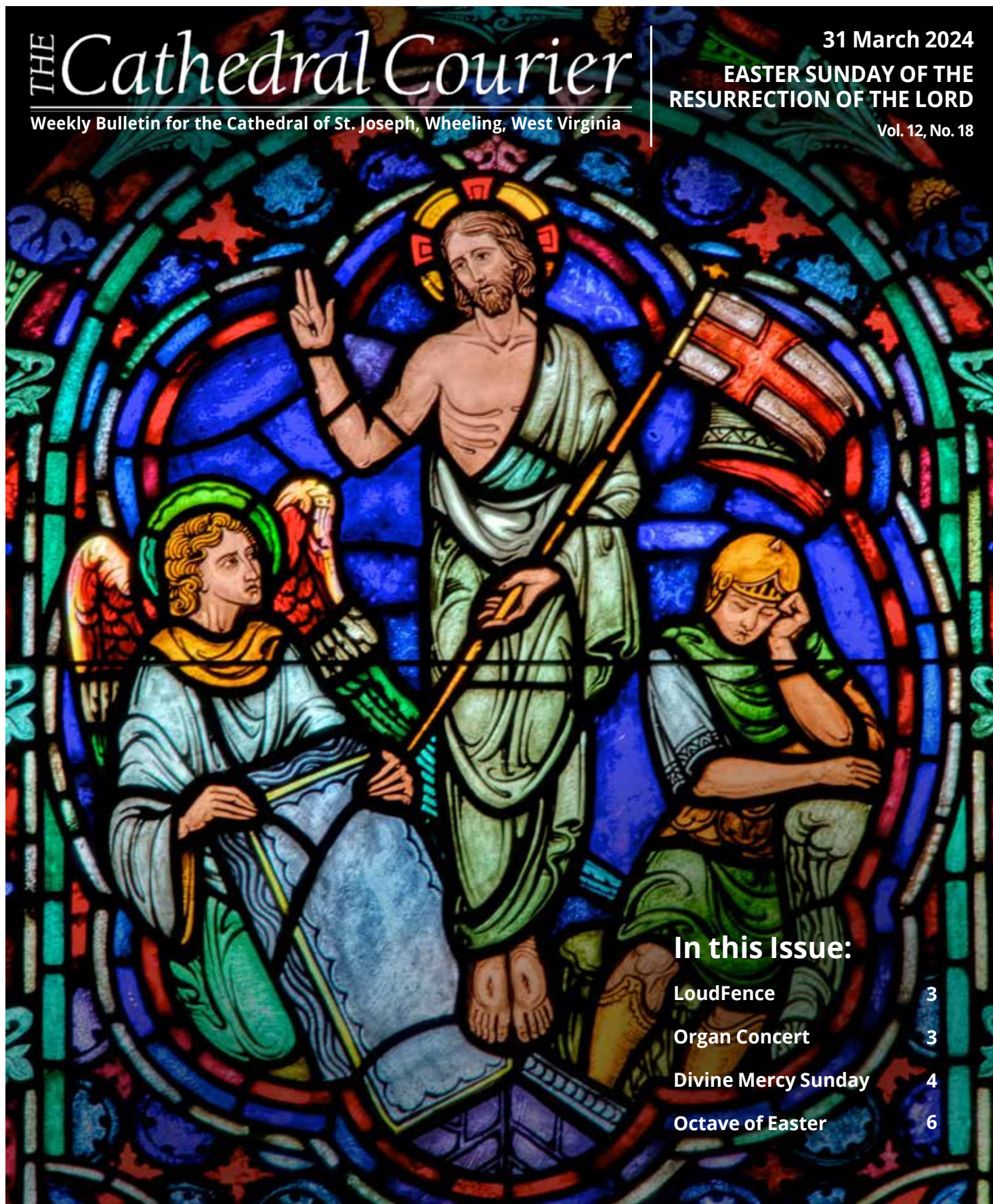
THE Cathedral Courier

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION 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

March 31 - April 7, 2024

SUN 31 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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

MON 1 Monday within the Octave of Easter

12:05 pm Mass for John & Shirley Sheets

TUE 2 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

12:05 pm Mass for Sean Quirk

WED 3 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

12:05 pm Mass for Eric Chamberlain

THU 4 Thursday within the Octave of Easter

12:05 pm Mass for Margaret Scheibelhood

FRI 5 Friday within the Octave of Easter First Friday

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Virginia Sacco
12:45 pm Eucharistic Adoration Begins
5:00 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

SAT 6 Saturday within the Octave of Easter First Saturday

9:00 am Mass for John Anthony Helfer
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

SUN 7 Second Sunday of Easter Octave Day of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 am Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoon Ghaphery
10:30 am Mass for Albert Schubert
2:00 pm Confessions
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour
6:00 pm Octave Day of Easter Organ Concert



From Father Sateesh

"Rejoice! He has arisen as he said! Alleluia! Let's celebrate His victory!"



One of the qualities that help us to go on living despite troubles, failures, suffering and death itself is the ability to hope. We hope that our troubles will end, but is it just wishful thinking, hoping against hope? Christian hope is based on the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, which is a guarantee that we too can look to the future with confidence. The same God who raised Jesus will help us arise from whatever is keeping us down. Because Jesus rose again, we too will rise! Alleluia!

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we listen to Peter as he witnesses to the Risen Lord. The great proof of the resurrection was not the empty tomb but people like Peter transformed into fearless witnesses of Jesus Christ. In today's passage we hear Peter fearlessly proclaim that the same Jesus who suffered and died had risen from the dead. This was the mission of Peter and the disciples, to proclaim that Jesus was alive, and this is our mission, to witness that Jesus is alive and that we have experienced Him in our lives and his power at work in our world today.

The Gospel tells us of the events of that first Easter morning. It was still dark so they could not see that the tomb no longer contains the risen Lord. Mary goes to the tomb because she believes that it is all over. It is the same with many believers whose faith is sometimes shattered by the heavy burdens we carry. 'It is all over' we think, but God has not finished with us yet! Mary sees that the tomb is empty, and she runs to Peter complaining, "they have taken away the body." Peter and John rush and see the empty tomb and Peter enters the tomb and sees beyond, his faith tells him the master has risen. Then the other disciple entered, he saw, and he believed. Every disciple of the Lord must enter the tomb, enter the mystery of suffering and death and only then will the eyes of faith be opened to see and believe. At Easter we are celebrating not only the victory of Jesus over death but the hope that we too will be victorious, we too will conquer not because of our strength but in the power of the risen Lord. The challenge of Easter today is to understand human suffering in the light of Jesus' resurrection. As it was the Father that raised Jesus to life, so we as Christians are called to play our part, to play God's part in protesting against violence and injustices that are readily accepted as inevitable.

As Christians we must make our protest death during life. Ultimately the resurrection reminds us that though we cannot rise our God can and will help us to rise again and become witnesses of the resurrection when we stand for life for others amid death. At the Easter vigil, the elect will be baptized, and all others who are already baptized will be renewing their baptismal promises. Today's gospel does not present us with the risen Jesus. Instead, it presents us with an empty tomb! Unfortunately, we humans are still looking for the living among the dead. We look for life among things that have no life in them. May the Risen Lord bring fullness into our empty lives!





DIVINE MERCY
 SUNDAY, APRIL 7
Confessions
 2:00 P.M.
Holy Hour
 3:00 P.M.

"Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."
(Diary of St. Faustina, No. 300)

JESUS I TRUST IN YOU

Are you familiar with Divine Mercy Sunday? This great feast is celebrated around the world on the Second Sunday of Easter. **Find out more on page 4!**



Octave Day of Easter
ORGAN CONCERT

Sunday, April 7, 2024
 6:00 p.m.

We invite you to a free organ concert given by guest organist Sean Maxwell in joyful celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection on the Octave Day of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday.



Sean Maxwell, ORGANIST
 Sean Maxwell, a native of West Virginia, has been active as an accomplished organist and harpsichordist in Austria since 2015. Maxwell has performed throughout Austria, Germany, Italy, the Czech Republic, Portugal, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.



The Clergy & Staff of the Cathedral wish you and your families a very happy and blessed Easter! May the joy, peace, and love of the Risen Christ shine in your hearts and minds throughout this Holy Season!



Plan to attend



What is LOUDfence?

An international organization that started out of compassion to support faithful Christians who had been abused, as well as the faithful who care and pray for healing, hope, and change. LOUDfence is a way to bring a hushed and taboo topic into a healthy conversation and act of solidarity as a step forward.



Ceremony after Mass?

Faithful will tie ribbons to represent prayers, hope, and healing for victims of abuse in Christian churches. Inspired by the gospel, LOUDfence works with churches around the world to actively foster a culture for safeguarding and truth telling. Being a safeguarder is being one to stand at the foot of the cross, helping others to literally live out the values of the gospel.

Mass & LOUDfence Ceremony

10:30 am, April 7
 Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling
 Celebrants
 Bishop Mark Brennan of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston & Bishop Paul Mason of England

SOLIDARITY COMPASSION SUPPORT

Collection
 March 24, 2024

The collection data was not available at the time of publication. It will be published next week.

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Octave of Easter

Easter Sunday
Saint Mary Major

Monday
Saint Peter at the Vatican

Tuesday
Saint Paul Outside the Walls

Wednesday
Saint Lawrence Outside the Walls

Thursday
Twelve Holy Apostles

Friday
Saint Mary "at the Martyrs"
(Pantheon)

Saturday
Saint John Lateran

Second Sunday of Easter
Saint Pancras

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

We would like to reach out to those individuals who, due to physical limitations, are unable to attend Mass regularly. 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.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Are you familiar with Divine Mercy Sunday? This great feast is celebrated around the world on the Second Sunday of Easter. It was established by St. Pope John Paul II in 2000, when he canonized St. Faustina Kowalska.

St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions from Jesus, including one of Jesus wearing a white garment with beams of red and white coming from His heart, which came to be known as the image of Divine Mercy. She wrote in her diary that He said:

"I want the Image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it..."

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."

According to the vision, those who receive communion and attend confession on the Feast of Mercy receive total forgiveness of sins.

Pope John Paul II discussed the significance of the image of Divine Mercy in his homily for the canonization of St. Faustina:

"From that Heart [of Christ], Sr. Faustina Kowalska, the blessed whom from now on we will call a saint, will see two rays of light shining from that

heart and illuminating the world. "The two rays", Jesus Himself explained to her one day, "represent blood and water" (Diary, entry 299).

Blood and water! We immediately think of the testimony given by the Evangelist John, who, when a soldier on Calvary pierced Christ's side with his spear, sees blood and water flowing from it (see Jn 19:34). Moreover, if the blood recalls the sacrifice of the Cross and the gift of the Eucharist, the water, in Johannine symbolism, represents not only Baptism but also the gift of the Holy Spirit (see Jn 3:5; 4:14; 7:37-39).

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."



On Divine Mercy Sunday, the Cathedral will celebrate its regularly scheduled Masses and offer an additional confession schedule from 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. A special Divine Mercy Holy Hour will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m., during which the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed.

A Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and offer a prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father) may be obtained by the faithful on this day.

PARISH GROUPS

Book Club

Sunday, April 7

9:15 - 10:15 am in Rectory

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

Women's Group

Tuesday, April 9

6:30 - 7:30 pm in Chancery Cantina

The women's group meeting for March is cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. We will meet next on April 9.



SONS of
SAINT JOSEPH

Our men's group is open to all men who are looking for a place where they can find authentic friendships and grow in their faith alongside other men.

Spiritual Warfare for Today's Times with Fr. Freedy

Wednesday, April 3 at 6:15 pm

St. Michael Church, Wheeling



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

Lunch at Mehlman's in St. Clairsville

Wednesday, April 17 at 1:00 p.m.



ProLife Corner

Happy Easter!

As we celebrate Jesus rising to new life, we hope that each of you will experience new depths and heights of your life with Him. In the coming weeks, we'll learn about how Jesus walked with the apostles and blessed them in his post-resurrection appearances.

The Pro-Life group will be walking with young moms, helping to meet their needs, and introducing them to Jesus. Please keep checking this section for what we're doing and how you can help. We're excited for these ministries, and we're eager for the ways that you can add your blessings, large and small.

Let's Walk Together!



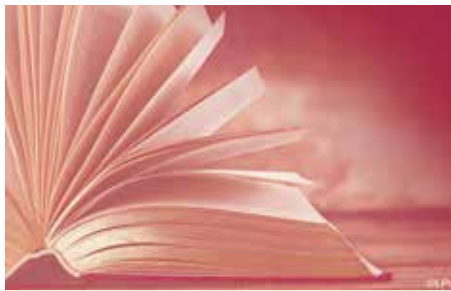
Month of the Holy Eucharist

The month of April is dedicated to devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This tradition has developed because Easter Sunday often falls in April, and when it does fall in March, the Easter season continues on through all of April. In essence, April is a month of Easter, and during the Easter celebration we remember the Eucharistic sacrifice Christ gave us and the baptism in the Holy Spirit, which would come after Jesus's resurrection.

At the Last Supper, surrounded by His Apostles, Jesus gave to the world the most sublime gift of His Real Presence by instituting the Sacrament of the Eucharist – His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Jesus took bread and pronounced the words: "Take and eat, this is my Body"; then He took a cup of wine and said: "Take and drink, this is my Blood. Do this in memory of me." With these words Jesus instituted the greatest of all of the Sacraments, the Sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist.

Ways to Honor the Holy Eucharist

- Truly prepare yourself to receive Christ in the Holy Eucharist by arriving early to Mass and spending time in prayer.
- If you are not in the state of grace before receiving Holy Communion, go to confession
- Spend time in Eucharistic Adoration



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of March 31

EASTER SUNDAY

Acts 10:34, 37-43
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

MONDAY

Acts 2:14, 22-23
Ps 61:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
Matthew 28:8-15

TUESDAY

Acts 2:36-41
Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
John 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY

Acts 3:1-10
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9
Luke 24:13-35

THURSDAY

Acts 3:11-26
Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9
Luke 24:35-48

FRIDAY

Acts 4:1-12
Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27
John 21:1-14

SATURDAY

Acts 4:13-21
Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21
Mark 16:9-15

NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 4:32-35
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

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.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it, alleluia!

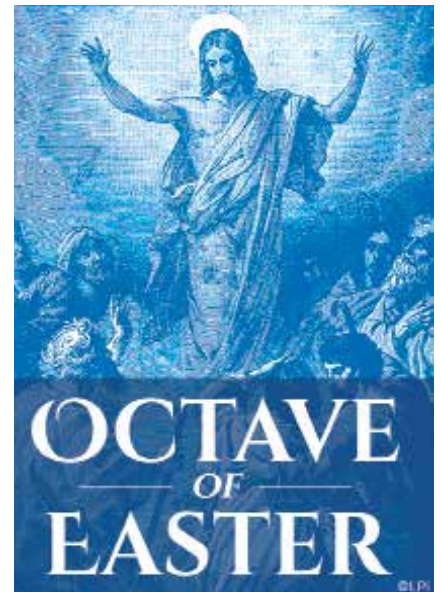
With the whole Church we rejoice at the resurrection of Christ! The Church celebrates the Easter season or Easter-tide. St. Athanasius said “[t]he fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one ‘great Sunday’” (General Norms of the Liturgical Calendar), but the first eight days or octave specifically celebrate the solemnity of Easter every day.

An octave is the eight-day period during which Easter or Christmas is celebrated, and includes the actual feast. The eighth day is also called the octave or “octave day,” and days in between are said to be “within the octave”:

Octave means an eight-day celebration, that is, the prolongation of a feast to the eighth day (*dies octava*) inclusive. The feast itself is considered the first day, and it is followed by six days called “days within the octave.” The eighth or octave day is kept with greater solemnity than the “days within the octave” (With Christ Through the Year by Bernard Strasser, 1947, p. 39).

The Easter Octave begins on Easter Sunday and ends on the Second Sunday of Easter of the Divine Mercy with every day being another solemnity or another “little Easter.” The current title for each of the octave is “Monday in the Octave of Easter,” “Tuesday in the Octave of Easter” etc., but commonly called “Easter Monday,” “Easter Tuesday,” and so forth. The Easter Octave “overrides” any other feasts on the calendar.

The comprehension and joy of this amazing gift of Christ conquering sin and death by His death and resurrection cannot be confined to just one day. The Church as a mother understands the needs of man. Within the liturgical calendar there is a built-in pattern that corresponds to human rhythms: times of preparation and penance building up to major feasts with celebrations that are prolonged, and multi-level feast days spread throughout the year. The Easter Octave gives us time to impress upon our souls the mysteries, joys and graces of the greatest feast



of the Church. Each day of the Octave the liturgy dwells on the mysteries of the resurrection of Christ and our own resurrection through the sacrament of Baptism.

The greatness and uniqueness of the Octave of Easter within the Liturgical Year needs to be proclaimed:

If Holy Week is the most sacred and most important week of the entire ecclesiastical year, it is because it draws its importance from Good Friday, the day on which Christ, the God-Man and Redeemer, died on the cross for us. Rightly therefore can this week be considered the most serious and awe-inspiring in the Church’s calendar. But Easter Week is the antithesis of Holy Week. Since the resurrection was the most significant event in the life of our Lord who by means of this wonderful and undeniable fact made His divinity known to the entire world, Easter is the highest Sunday and Easter Week the great week of the entire Church year. No other feast is ever celebrated during this week (With Christ Through the Year, 1947, Bernard Strasser, p. 144).

In the spirit of the Easter Octave, let us continue to celebrate the solemnity of Easter: *This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it, alleluia!*

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION
FOR THE FAITHFUL:
SPIRITUAL WARFARE
FOR TODAY'S TIMES**

Presenter: Fr. Joe Freedy
Date: Wednesday, April 3
Time: 6:15 pm
Location: St. Michael Parish,
1225 National Rd., Wheeling

*The evening is hosted by the St. Michael Parish's
Confraternity of Christian Mothers
and Christian Women*

*Social immediately following.
All are welcome!*

Father Joe Freedy is from the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He is nationally known as the Quarterback priest and shared the viral story of "The Power of One Hail Mary." He was also a keynote presenter and break out leader at our Diocesan Eucharistic Congresses last year in both Charles Town and Charleston.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Dates of Easter

Question:

Why does the date of Easter change every year, while most other celebrations are celebrated on the same day?

Answer:

Every feast is celebrated at a certain time for a reason. Saints feast days are commonly the day of their death. While we don't know Jesus' exact birthday, we celebrate the "light of the world" around the time of winter solstice, as dark, wintery days begin to lengthen again. We have a historical clue, however, to when the Easter events occurred. We know that Jesus was crucified the day before Passover. The Jews calculated the date for Passover based on both the solar and lunar calendars. It corresponds to the first full moon after the spring equinox. The early Christians maintained this connection in their celebrations of Easter on the first Sunday after the paschal full moon.

We don't re-calculate the full moon every year. As astronomy developed, so too did the forecasts of when Easter would occur in future years. The Church has created a table of calculated dates, projecting the date of Easter decades in advance. The date of Easter also determines the date of Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent, as well as the feast days following in the Easter season, including Pentecost. So these feasts move, too! This tradition may seem complicated, but it connects our Christian faith now to what has come before — our Jewish roots and the real, historical reality of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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.

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