

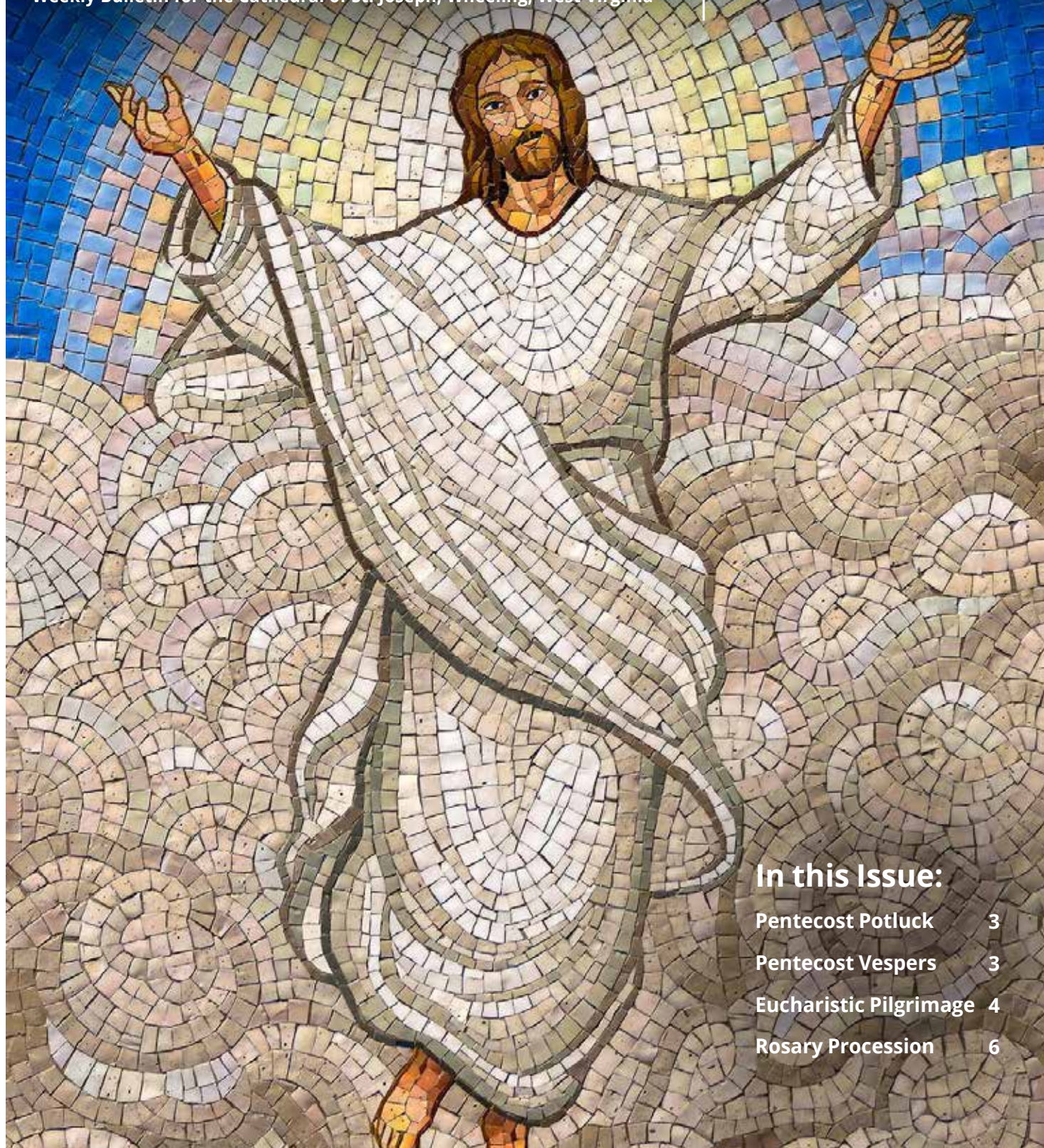
# THE Cathedral Courier

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ASCENSION 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

May 12 - 19, 2024

## SUN 12 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Mother's Day

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Lloyd Malek  
8:00 am Mass for Dr. Edwin Angulo  
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners  
May Crowning

## MON 13 Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

12:05 pm Mass for Debbie Gruber  
7:00 pm Rosary Procession

## TUE 14 Feast of St. Matthias

12:05 pm Mass for Theresa Shutler  
6:30 pm Women's Group

## WED 15 Optional Memorial of St. Isidore

12:05 pm Mass for Dee Dematte  
7:00 pm Sons of St. Joseph

## THU 16 Easter Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Bob Foster

## FRI 17 Easter Weekday

11:15 am Confessions  
12:05 pm Mass for Austin Ghaphery

## SAT 18 Optional Memorial of St. John I

9:00 am Mass for Nimnoom Ghaphery  
9:30 am Rosary  
5:00 pm Confessions  
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

## SUN 19 Solemnity of Pentecost

8:00 am Mass for Angela McAfee  
10:30 am Mass for Sr. Mary Florence Burke  
11:30 am Pentecost Potluck (Courtyard)  
6:00 pm Vespers



*From Father Sateesh*

*"I am with you always till the end!"*



Life is full of moments of transitions, moments when things have to come to an end, moments when we have to begin anew. Yet generally we don't like transitions. We get used to the way things are and we don't want to move on. The Christian is called to be on the move, for we are a pilgrim people, journeying in faith.

The first reading establishes a link between Jesus' going and the coming of the Holy Spirit, and it also establishes the connection between Jesus and the founding of the Church. The disciples were not ready to cope with the transition, they wanted to know when and how things would take place. "Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?" Jesus responds by telling them that it is not important to know the exact time and date, or the shape of things to come. What is of importance is to believe and let the Spirit take possession of us and guide our every step. Yes, Jesus will not be with them, but He will be in them. Jesus will remain the same and yet he will be differently present to us after his ascension to the Father.

The Gospel links the end of the ministry of Jesus to the beginning of the new ministry of the Spirit in the Church. We are told the apostles will receive His power and will act in His name. We who are caught in these 'in-between' times have to make a start and yet not any start will do. For the disciples had to wait till the Lord had ascended into heaven; they had to wait for the Spirit to descend on them, they had to wait to be filled with his power. For this to happen they waited in prayer, they waited together, and they waited in hope. Their waiting was rewarded by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in whose name they went forth to the ends of the earth. The temptation is to just keep waiting for something to happen that pushes us or to do anything that will keep our mind off the things that worry us. We are empowered in our mission only when we discover that God is with us in our innermost being. "And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

The Gospel of the Ascension calls us and challenges us to move beyond the boundaries that are set by our own fear and weakness and sinfulness. The story of Jesus' ascension reminds us that Jesus is beyond us –sitting at the right hand of the Father, yet at the same time the same story reminds us that the Lord was working with the apostles by confirming their word by the signs that accompanied it. He is beyond us yet very much within us! Our stories are not finished, the last word has not yet been written, and the final scenes are still open-ended. Jesus had to leave the earth and his disciples. The disciples had completed His mission. May His words confront us in our complacency and comfort us in our doubts and distress.



# PENTECOST POTLUCK

BRING A DISH & INVITE A FRIEND

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH  
AFTER 10:30AM MASS  
CATHEDRAL COURTYARD

On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church! Please join us following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on May 19 for a Pentecost Potluck! **The Sons of St. Joseph will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. Everyone else is asked to bring a side dish or dessert.**

**Families with last name beginning with:**

**A - M: Cold side dish**

**N - Z: Dessert**

*Food may be dropped off in the courtyard prior to the 10:30 a.m. Mass.*

**Please sign up by May 15 in the back of the church.**



## Pentecost Vespers

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024 AT 6:00 PM

*Music by the Schola of the Cathedral of St. Joseph  
& the Parish Choir of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*

*Bishop Mark E. Brennan, celebrant*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 12** - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

**May 12** - Mother's Day

**May 12** - May Crowning, 10:30am

**May 13** - Rosary Procession, 7pm

**May 19** - Pentecost Sunday

**May 26** - Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

**May 27** - Memorial Day

**May 31** - Priesthood Ordination, 5pm

**June 2** - Corpus Christi Procession after 10:30am Mass

**June 7** - Permanent Diaconate Ordination at the Co-Cathedral

**June 23** - National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Arrival

**June 24** - National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Mass & Procession

## TOGETHER IN FAITH Wheeling Vicariate

This platform will enable all parishioners and parishes within the Wheeling Vicariate to share our best practices, events, discussions, and faith-related content. It encourages engagement in online Bible studies, discussions about faith, and sharing of uplifting content. The goal is to celebrate achievements, share positive narratives, and support each other on our spiritual journeys.

LET'S UNITE TOGETHER IN FAITH



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### Collection

May 5, 2024

Envelopes: \$1641

Loose: \$715

Online: \$878

**Total: \$3234**

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On May 13, the Church honors Mary as Our Lady of Fatima. In 1917, in a tiny, rural town of Portugal, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children of the thirteenth day of six consecutive months, beginning on May 13. During these apparitions, the lady urged the children to pray for sinners and above all to pray the Rosary. On October 13, the last of the apparitions, the children were joined by a crowd of around 70,000 people, who witness what came to be called "The Miracle of the Sun." Today pilgrimage to the site of the apparitions continues all year round. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!



### Baptisms

**Natalie Kilpatrick  
Carson Felton**  
May 4, 2024



### Wedding

**Thomas Stanley & Kate Menas**  
May 4, 2024

## The Eucharistic Pilgrimage of Christian Life, Part I

***This June 23 & 24, our Cathedral will be one of the stops for a historic nationwide Eucharistic Pilgrimage! Fr. Roger Landry, Catholic chaplain at Columbia University and a phenomenal preacher, will be accompanying the pilgrimage as it stops in Wheeling. Please read part one of this article by Fr. Landry from The National Catholic Register and plan to participate in this exciting event!***

On the weekend on which the Catholic Church celebrates Pentecost and remembers how, filled with the Holy Spirit, the first disciples left the Upper Room, where Jesus had celebrated the first Eucharist 53 days earlier, to announce the Gospel that Jesus was indeed risen and alive, the Church in the United States, guided by the Holy Spirit, is going to be leaving our sanctuaries. The Church will be going out on mission, not only to proclaim that the Risen Lord Jesus is still very much alive and with us but, through word and witness, to show others how he is with us.

That's what is going to be taking place during the 65-day National Eucharistic Pilgrimage that the Church is making throughout our country.

From the Atlantic and the Pacific, from the Canadian border and the Mexican border, four linked Eucharistic Pilgrimages will be making a Eucharistic Sign of the Cross over our nation, converging upon Indianapolis, where, from July 17 to 21, the Church in the U.S. will be holding its first national Eucharistic Congress since 1941.

In the history of the Church, there is a noble tradition of pilgrimages, notably to Rome, the Holy Land, and the tomb of the St. James in Compostela, Spain. There is likewise a tradition of Eucharistic processions, particularly on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, although those normally happen within the boundaries of a parish or city.

What the Church in the United States is doing with the Eucharistic Pilgrimage is combining both traditions into something that has never been attempted in the long history of the Church: a coordinated Eucharistic pilgrimage — involving each day the celebration of Mass, one or more Eucharistic processions with local parishes and dioceses, Holy Hours, all-night adoration, Eucharist-inspired charity and witness talks — of



more than 7,000 miles throughout a country the size of a continent.

The bishops of the United States are to be applauded for their apostolic audacity in promoting this four-part Eucharistic Pilgrimage as a component of the ongoing Eucharistic Revival of the Church in the United States. Also to be commended are the intrepid young people, seminarians, religious and priest chaplains who will have the privilege to accompany the Eucharistic Lord over the Golden Gate and Brooklyn Bridges, over rivers and lakes, on country roads and the grand concourses of bulging metropolises. I rejoice that I will be able to be part of one of the routes the entire way.

Catholics along the four routes are strongly encouraged to participate for a part of a day or more; and others not in the path are invited to journey to join one of the routes for as long as their feet and schedule allow.

The same Jesus who, 2,000 years ago, used to make three pilgrimages a year to the Temple in Jerusalem (Exodus

23:14) and who would traverse Jerusalem and Jericho, Judea, Samaria and Galilee, is about to pass, in sacramental form, through New York, Chicago, Houston, San Francisco, Washington, New Orleans, Nashville, Sacramento, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Baltimore, Atlanta, Salt Lake City, Denver, Kansas City, Louisville, Indianapolis and more.

The Church's dynamic nature is one of pilgrimage with the Lord Jesus, who regularly summons us in the Gospel to "Get up; let's go," to "Come; follow me," to "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 14:42; 10:21; 16:15). The life of faith is summarized by walking "just as [Jesus] walked" (1 John 2:6).

For us, that means walking in the light as he is in the light, walking by faith, walking in the truth (1 John 1:7; 2 Corinthians 5:7; 3 John 3). He who made the lame walk (Luke 7:22) says to each of us, "Rise and walk" (Matthew 9:5). He responds to the prayer of his people across the centuries, "Show me the path I should walk" (Psalm 143:8) — not just by saying, "This is the way; walk in it" (Isaiah 30:21), but, rather, "I am the Way," "Follow me" (John 14:6; Mark 2:14). Those who do so are able to say with joy, "I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living," and "Happy are those ... whose hearts are set on pilgrim roads!" (Psalm 116:9; 84:6).



The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

#### Ways to Honor Our Lady

- Learn or pray a new Marian devotion (Regina Caeli, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Novenas to Our Lady, etc.)
- Decorate a statue of Our Lady with flowers
- Imitate Mary's deep humility, obedience, and faith

## PARISH GROUPS

### Book Club

Sunday, June 2

9:00 - 10:00 am in Rectory

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

### Women's Group

Tuesday, May 14

6:30 - 7:30 pm in Courtyard

The women's group gathering for May will be held in the Cathedral courtyard.



*Our men's group meets each Wednesday evening and 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.*

#### NEXT EVENT:

**Service - Cemetery Cleanup**  
**Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling**



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

**Showing of Sight and Sound's "Jesus"**  
**Lunch will be provided**  
**Wednesday, May 15 at 1:00 p.m.**  
**St. Alphonsus Parish Hall, Wheeling**  
**Please RSVP in back of Church by May 12**



### ProLife Corner

#### Thank You, All Mothers!

Natural, Foster, Step, Adoptive, Spiritual;  
 Grandmothers Raising Grandchildren:  
***We salute you and support you!***

Because mothering can sometimes be extra difficult, please reach out to us when you need a hand. We have resources and are here to help. Contact info is on our brochures by the church doors.



# SAINTS OF THE WEEK

## May 14 - Saint Matthias, apostle (1st century)

Matthias was chosen by lots to replace Judas. The apostles prayed that God would show the early community which candidate he had chosen. Matthias likely died a martyr's death.

## May 15 - Saint Isidore the Farmer (c.1070-1130)

St. Isidore and his wife Maria stand as an example of sanctity in the midst of everyday life, one balanced between work and prayer. There is a story that angels helped Isidore complete his work in the fields when he was lost in prayer.

## May 18 - Saint John I, pope, martyr (d.526)

Pope John I was already quite old when elected pope and sent to Constantinople by the Arian King Theodoric to make the Arian case to Emperor Justin. Despite his successful mission, the saint returned to be imprisoned by Theodoric, demonstrating strength of character that far outstripped the frailty of his body.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Week of May 12

#### THIS SUNDAY

Acts 1:1-11  
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
Ephesians 1:17-23  
Mark 16:15-20

#### MONDAY

Acts 19:1-8  
Ps 68:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
John 16:29-33

#### TUESDAY

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26  
Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
John 15:9-17

#### WEDNESDAY

Acts 20:28-38  
Ps 68:29-30, 33-35, 35-36  
John 17:11-19

#### THURSDAY

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
John 17:20-26

#### FRIDAY

Acts 25:13-21  
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20  
John 21:15-19


#### SATURDAY

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31  
Ps 11:4, 5, 7  
John 21:20-25

#### NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11  
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34  
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13  
John 20:19-23

*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.*



# Rosary Procession

All are invited to join us  
in praying the Rosary in procession  
for our Church, our world,  
and our families.

## Monday, May 13

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

### 7:00 pm

Procession begins at  
**ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH**  
and ends at the  
**CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH**

An optional shuttle from the Cathedral to St. Alphonsus will be available from 6:15 pm to 6:50 pm to allow participants to park at the Cathedral where the procession will end.

REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN HEROES  
**MEMORIAL DAY MASS**

CELEBRATE • HONOR • REMEMBER



**MAY 27, 2024 • 10:00 AM**

**MOUNT CALVARY CEMETERY  
 1685 NATIONAL ROAD, WHEELING, WV**

**MASS CELEBRATED BY BISHOP MARK E. BRENNAN**

*Rest In Peace*

Please remember in your prayers:

**Sharon Ann Torbett**

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
 and may perpetual light shine upon her.*



**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 Muecheck    | Sarah Sargent   |
| Bob Armstrong         | Gail Koch              | Marie Farnsworth  | Shirley DeCaria |
| Billy Hanasky         | George Kirchner        | Marie & Conner    | Stanley Kyrk    |
| Brian Hanasky         | Gerri Adams Nagy       | Workman           | Susan Graff     |
| Brogan Gallentine     | Hines Rotrigo          | Mark Davis        | Susan Mize      |
| Caleb Hlebiczi        | Jean Schultz           | Marshall South    | Susan Schulte   |
| Carol Young           | Jim Antill             | Martha Yocum      | Susanna Kress   |
| Carolyn Lash          | Jim and Dee            | Mary K. Schlosser | Tammy           |
| Carolyn Wiethe        | Jimmy Hocking          | Mary Walicki      | Teresa Helfer   |
| Catherine Lanham      | Joe Bechtel            | Michael DeBlasis  | Thelma Pearson  |
| Charles Heizer        | John Petrella          | Milissa Rose      | Tony Helfer     |
| Charles DeBenedi      | 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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



**WHY DO WE DO THAT?**

**Catholic Life Explained:**

*Ascension*

**Question:**

Couldn't Jesus have done more good if he stayed on earth, rather than ascended into heaven?

**Answer:**

This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world faces challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost — the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!

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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)

**HOLY DAYS** Please consult the bulletin

## 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.**

