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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 14 - 21, 2023

SUN
14

Sixth Sunday of Easter

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Shirley Sheets
8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 am Mass for Nepomuceno Dario

MON
15

Easter Weekday; Optional Memorial of St. Isidore

12:05 pm Mass for Paul Morgan

TUE
16

Easter Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Nimnoom Ghaphery
6:00 pm Bible Basics Course (*Cantina*)

WED
17

Easter Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Austin Ghaphery

THU
18

Easter Weekday; Optional Memorial of St. John I

12:05 pm Memorial Mass for Fr. Robert Park

FRI
19

Easter Weekday

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Paul Morgan

SAT
20

Easter Weekday Optional Memorial of St. Bernardine of Siena

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

SUN
21

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

8:00 am Mass for James & Regina LaFlam
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners



From Father Sateesh

"I will not leave you desolate. I will be with you always!"



Today's first reading refers to the story of the early Church during the persecution of Christians by Saul, because of which the believers were scattered, and Philip set off for Samaria. Samaritans hated the Jews, yet when they heard the gospel, they accepted the message and were converted. Because of persecution the gospel was preached to the gentiles. Because Philip believed enough to sacrifice himself for God, many crippled in mind and body were cured and the people received the Holy Spirit in Samaria. Love works miracles among the people who believed, and the Spirit becomes a source of power in their midst. The response of the Jerusalem Church at the good news in Samaria is to praise God that his Spirit is given to all people. God's Spirit knows no boundaries. We too need to rejoice whenever and wherever we see the Spirit at work.

The context of today's Gospel is the human anxiety of the disciples about the absence of Jesus and ultimately about the absence of God caused by his foretelling of his departure from the world. Jesus had no intention of leaving his disciples behind him in a situation where they are left to hope without help. He does not deny the anxiety and distress but offers a promise of presence and a sense of meaning embedded in sharing God's life.

The power of the Spirit is the rock of Christian hope. Without the Spirit, the followers of Jesus would be thrown back on their own resources which are clearly inadequate. With the Spirit, however, the disciples can face the future with a power which is much larger than themselves. In this Gospel we are promised the gift of the Holy Spirit, who will come as our advocate, the Spirit of Truth. By giving us the Spirit as an advocate what does Jesus imply? He wishes us to know that the Spirit, the best gift that God can give us, is the gift of his own presence in our lives. The Spirit will stand beside us, will comfort us when we ask, help us in difficult times, and speak on our behalf when we are in need. Although people with no religious faith comfort one another, our fellowship with the Spirit is deeper and more awesome. His power becomes real only if we let Him work in and through us.

To say, "I love you!" is easy. To really mean: "I love you!" is quite difficult. Part of the explanation for it being hard is that if we love, we obey the commands and wishes of our beloved. This applies to our relations with other people and with God. We cannot truly love and remain in love unless we are filled with the Spirit of love, which God promises to those who believe. May His Word challenge us and fill us with hope. Have a joyful and love-filled weekend!

Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.

Pope John Paul II

Rest in Peace

Rev. Robert G. Park (1929-2023)

Please join us in praying for the blessed repose of the soul of Father Robert Park, who for many years has served in various roles throughout our Diocese and for the last several years has resided at the Cathedral. May his priestly soul rest in eternal light and peace. **A Memorial Mass will be held for Fr. Park at the Cathedral on Thursday, May 18 at 12:05 p.m.**



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



Thank you to all who have already supported this year's Catholic Sharing Appeal! While we've made great strides, we still need your support. We encourage all who are able, to consider supporting this year's CSA. It's not too late! You can visit dwc.org/CSA to make your sacrificial gift today. When you do your generosity will help 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! **The money raised for our Cathedral parish as part of this year's CSA will be used to fix our Baptismal Font, which due to its age, has developed a serious leak and is in great need of repair.**



Order of Christian Initiation for 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



To make a secure online donation in support of the Catholic Sharing Appeal, please scan the QR code using the camera on your smartphone or device.



Offertory Collection

May 7, 2023

Envelopes: \$2528

Loose: \$434

Online: \$736

Thank you for your support!



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Novena to the Holy Spirit



IN PREPARATION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

The Pentecost Novena is the first of all novenas, nine days of prayer. After Jesus' Ascension into heaven, He commanded His disciples to come together in the upper room to devote themselves to constant prayer. They prayed for nine days before receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. While this Novena to the Holy Spirit can be prayed anytime, it is recommended that it start on the Friday before Ascension Sunday - this Friday, May 19.

Come, Spirit of Wisdom,

dispose our hearts to know and value the things of heaven above the things of earth and show us the way to salvation.

Come, Spirit of Understanding,

enlighten our minds to the mysteries of salvation and grant that we may come to a fuller knowledge of you.

Come, Spirit of Counsel,

guide us in the way of your commandments. Incline us to do good. Keep us from evil and bring us to everlasting life.

Come, Spirit of Fortitude,

strengthen us in every trial and help us in our struggle against evil. Never let us be parted from you.

Come, Spirit of Knowledge,

help us to see beyond the passing joys of this world to the glories you have prepared for us.

Come, Spirit of Piety,

stir up our hearts to true holiness and love of you. May we always seek you in spirit and in truth.

Come, Spirit of the Fear of the Lord, teach us ever to set the Lord before us and to avoid whatever is displeasing to you. Bring us all one day to the fullness of your love.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen.

Mary and the Eucharist, Part II

During this month of May which is dedicated to Our Lady, we will present a series of reflections based on Mary and the Eucharist.

Sometimes referred to as Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Mary can take us by the hand and lead us to a closer relationship with the Eucharistic Christ. While observing that “at first glance”, the Gospel is silent on the subject of Mary and the Eucharist, the late Holy Father makes an interesting observation. We know that Mary was present with the apostles who prayed “with one accord” (Acts 1:14) for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, it follows that Mary was most certainly present at the Eucharistic celebrations of the early Christians who were devoted to “the breaking of bread” (Acts 2:42). Blessed John Paul II then points to Mary’s interior disposition and observes that Mary is a “woman of the Eucharist” in her whole life.

By offering her womb for the Incarnation of God’s Word, Mary lived her Eucharistic faith even before the institution of the Eucharist. At the Annunciation, when Mary conceived the Son of God, she foreshadowed what happens to us when we receive Holy Communion. As a result, according



to Blessed John Paul II, “there is a profound analogy between the Fiat which Mary said in reply to the angel, and the Amen which every believer says when receiving the Body of the Lord”. Although we sometimes forget the significance of our response to the words “The Body of Christ”, by replying “Amen” we are expressing our belief that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Mary’s belief in the mystery of the Annunciation (“Blessed is she who believed”) anticipates the Church’s belief in the Eucharist.



HAPPENING AROUND THE AREA

Bereavement Gathering

Monday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m.

St. John Fellowship Hall, Benwood

Grief from a Faith Perspective. If you, or someone you know has lost a loved one and may benefit from a gathering for those grieving. Facilitators, Deacon Doug Breiding and Tom and Michele McFadden. Sponsored by Mount Calvary Cemetery. After this gathering, the next gathering will be Monday June 26th.



Ancient Order of
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Steak Fry

Saturday, May 20; starting at 7pm
Bethlehem Community Park
Shelter

Live Irish and Contemporary music, raffles, fun! \$30/person. Text or Call 304-280-5820. Proceeds benefit AOH Charities and Scholarship Fund.



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

JOIN US AS WE WALK WITH JESUS THROUGH THE CITY OF WHEELING

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

"MY FLESH FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD." - JOHN 6:51

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

THE CELEBRATION BEGINS WITH 10:30 A.M. MASS
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH

PROCESSION FOLLOWS TO ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH

CATERED LUNCHEON WILL FOLLOW

Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers:

**All of our dearly departed
Mothers and Grandmothers**



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May

Church Movements & Groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of May 14

THIS SUNDAY

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

MONDAY

Acts 16:1-15
Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9
John 15:26—16:4

TUESDAY

Acts 16:22-34
Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 7-8
John 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1
Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
John 16:12-15

THURSDAY

Acts 18:1-8
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
John 16:16-20

FRIDAY

Acts 18:9-18
Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
John 16:16-60

SATURDAY

Acts 18:23-28
Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10
John 16:23-28

NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Ephesians 1:17-23
Matthew 28:16-20

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.

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

Saint Isidore the Farmer was born in Madrid to poor parents who sent him to work for a landowner. He was very devout and married a like-minded woman, Maria de la Cabeza (Torribia), who also became a saint. Isidore attended daily Mass and was often late arriving at the fields, but he managed to get his work done nonetheless. He shared the little he had with the poor. It is fitting to remember him in the northern hemisphere's agricultural season.
Patronage: Madrid; farmers; rural communities


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

The papacy of Saint John I took place amid the Arian controversy. King Theodoric the Goth, an Arian ruler tolerant of Catholics, employed the help of John in trying to negotiate an end to the persecution of Arians in the Eastern part of the empire. John went to Constantinople to present the demands of Theodoric to Emperor Justin I, the initiator of the persecutions. Justin agreed to all of the demands except allowing Arians who had converted under pressure to return to their heretical ways. The king was infuriated that John failed in his attempt to bring about resolution; therefore, he sentenced him to prison where he eventually died. St. John is not only revered as "a victim for Christ," but also remembered for introducing the Alexandrian system of calculating the date of Easter.

May 20 - Saint Bernardine of Siena, priest (1380-1444)

Saint Bernardine of Siena was an Italian Franciscan, a priest, and a preacher. He was orphaned young and raised by a pious aunt. While still a student, he helped care for the sick during an outbreak of the bubonic plague, contracted the disease, and almost died. Bernardine joined a strict branch of the Franciscans, called the Observants, around 1402. Known as the "apostle of Italy," he preached devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, popularizing the use of the monogram IHS and encouraging his hearers to burn unnecessary luxuries in "bonfires of vanities."
Patronage: advertisers; advertising

John Soplinski to be Ordained Deacon



Saturday, May 27, 11 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration the night before the
Ordination, May 26, 7 p.m., St. Alphonsus Church, Wheeling

Keep in touch with us
via email and text!

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



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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Can Catholics Gamble?

Question:

The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?

Answer:

Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong with these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.

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 Hlebiczki
Carolyn Lash
Carolyn Wieth
Charles Heizer
Charles DeBenedictis
Children of the
Youth Services System
Christina Helfer
Chuck Fair

David A. Kress, Jr.
Dianna Albright
Eli Musser
Eric South
Eva Wood
Fr. Joseph Wilhelm
Frank Davis
Frederick C. Schweizer
Gail Koch
George Kirchner
Geri Adams Nagy
Hines Rotriga
Janet Rodriguez
Jean Gallentine
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
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 Kyrck
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

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an 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. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

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.

