

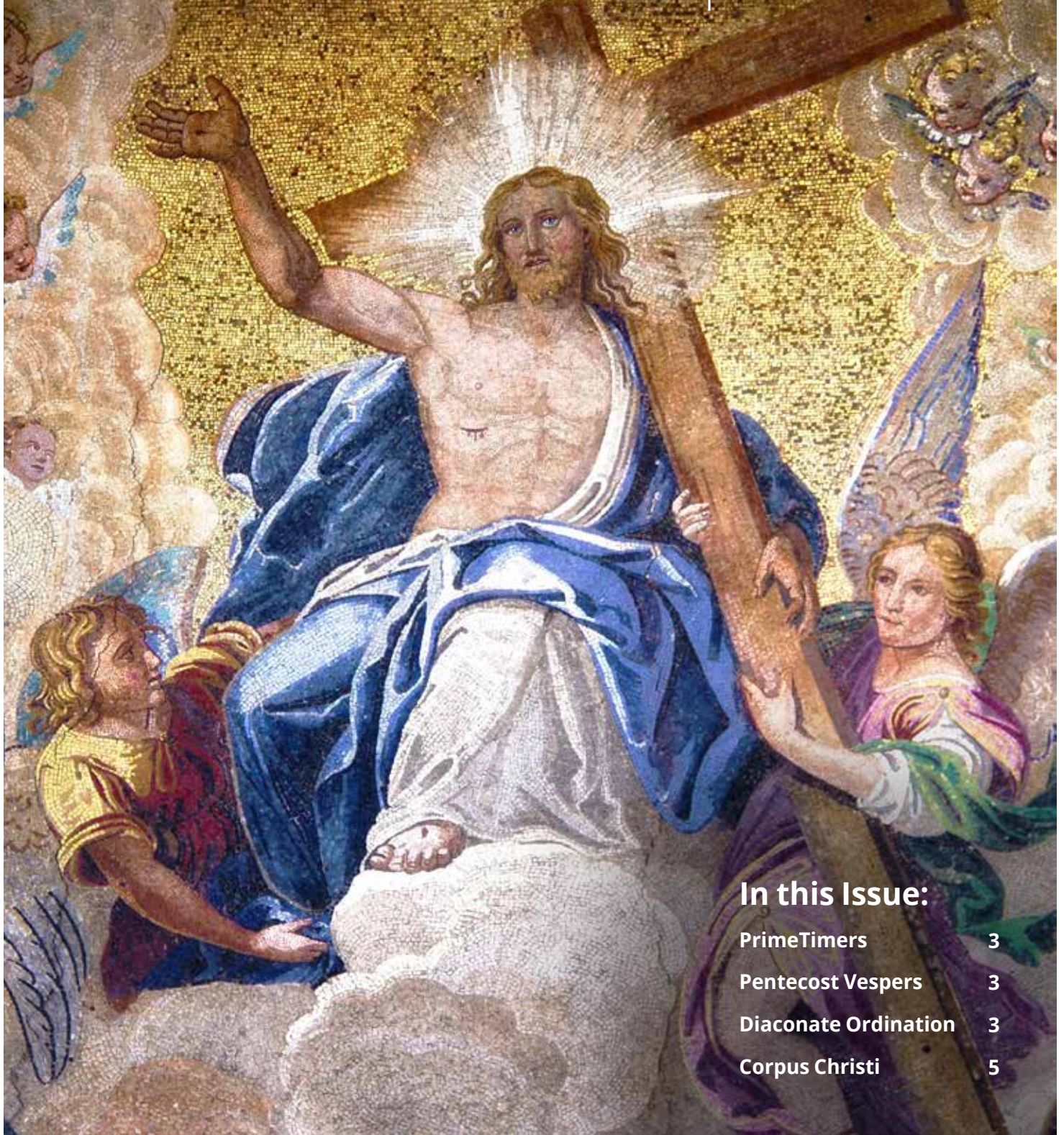
# THE Cathedral Courier

Weekly Bulletin for the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, West Virginia

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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 21 - 28, 2023

## SUN 21 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Jayne Schmitt  
8:00 am Mass for James & Regina LaFlam  
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners

## MON 22 Easter Weekday; Optional Memorial of St. Rita of Cascia

12:05 pm Mass for William Campbell

## TUE 23 Easter Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Virginia & Orlando A. Sacco

## WED 24 Easter Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Thomas John Smarella

## THU 25 Easter Weekday; Optional Memorials of St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

12:05 pm Mass for Albert Schubert

## FRI 26 Memorial of St. Philip Neri

11:15 am Confessions  
12:05 pm Mass for Joseph Paytash, Jr.

## SAT 27 Easter Weekday; Optional Memorial of St. Augustine of Canterbury

9:00 am Mass for Regina LaFlam  
11:00 am Diaconate Ordination  
5:00 pm Confessions  
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

## SUN 28 Solemnity of Pentecost

8:00 am Mass for Betty Hickman  
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners  
6:00 pm Vespers



*From Father Sateesh*

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



The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates Jesus' ascension into Heaven. Historically, this holy day has been celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday – the Thursday in the sixth week of Easter. Most U.S. dioceses, however, have moved the celebration of the Ascension to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. For this reason, it is now often referred to as "Ascension Sunday." The day of celebration – Thursday or Sunday – seems to vary from diocese to diocese and country to country.

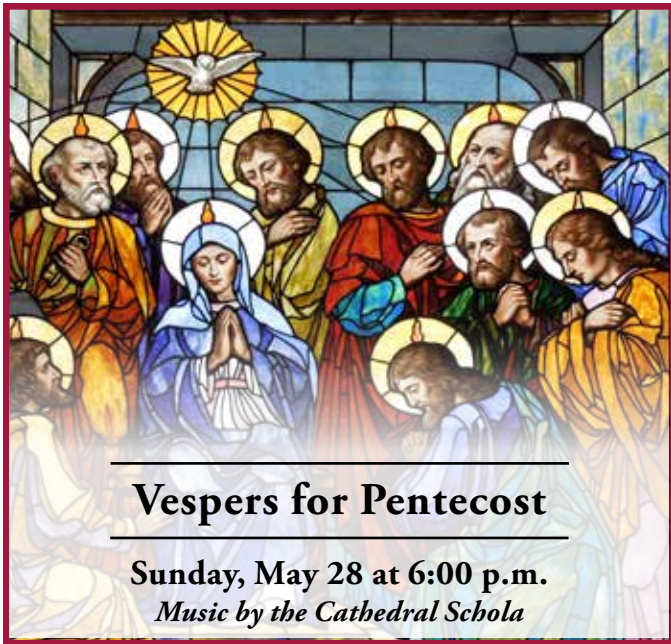
Dear Friends, to reflect on the Ascension with the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians (Col. 3:1-4): "Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies."

He eloquently explains to us how, through his resurrection and ascension, Christ is here with us on earth by His divinity, and we are in Heaven with Him by His love.

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 leave his disciples. The disciples had to move to complete His mission. May His words confront us in our complacency and comfort us in our doubts and distress.

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. 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.





## Vespers for Pentecost

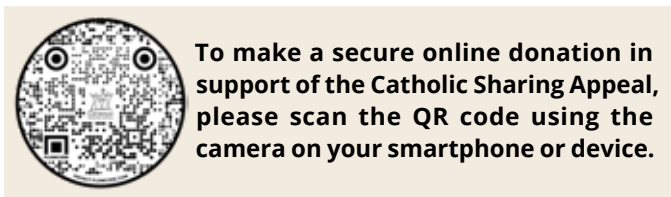
Sunday, May 28 at 6:00 p.m.  
*Music by the Cathedral Schola*



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 [cclaflam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cclaflam@sbcglobal.net) or use the sign up sheet in the back of the church.



**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](http://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.**



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.

**John Soplinski**  
**to be Ordained Deacon**



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

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

## 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.

**Offertory Collection**

May 14, 2023

Envelopes: \$1795  
Loose: \$608  
Online: \$478

*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.

**Glorify 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 III

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

It is impossible to deny that there is a sacrificial dimension to the Eucharist. The Body and Blood of He whom we receive in this great sacrament was sacrificed for our redemption. Just as suffering was a major part of Our Lord's life, it was a constant theme in the life of Mary. Beginning with Simeon's crucifixion prophecy at the Lord's Presentation ("a sword will pierce your soul") and culminating with Our Lord's death on the Cross, Mary had a very real share in the suffering of Christ. In this encyclical, the Holy Father made the following profound observation:

In her daily preparation for Calvary, Mary experienced a kind of "anticipated Eucharist" – one might say a "spiritual communion" – of desire and of oblation, which would culminate in her union with her Son in his passion, and then find expression after Easter by her partaking in the Eucharist which the Apostles celebrated as the memorial of that passion.

According to Blessed Pope John Paul II, "in the Eucharist the Church is completely united to Christ and His sacrifice and makes her own the spirit of Mary. This truth can be understood more deeply by re-reading the Magnificat in a Eucharistic key". He



points out that when Mary proclaims "My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior", she is praising God "through" Jesus (who is in her womb), "in" Jesus and "with" Jesus. This, he observes, is the true "Eucharistic attitude" and that "the Eucharist has been given to us so that our life, like that of Mary, may become completely a Magnificat". Saint Louis de Montfort, who greatly inspired John Paul II, recommended that the Magnificat be recited after the reception of Holy Communion. In doing so, we unite our voice with that of Mary and allow our often weak faith to be infused by her perfect and unailing faith!

## Employment Opportunity: School Principal

**St. Michael Parish in Wheeling, West Virginia** is seeking a Principal for St. Michael Parish School, pre-school through eighth grade.

- The candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with Church precepts and act as an example and motivator toward the fulfillment of the Catholic philosophy of the school.

- The ideal candidate must have an earned Master's Degree in Educational Leadership or Administration or begin the process of completing degree requirements; or hold a valid Educational Leadership certification from the state of West Virginia or be eligible for such certification.

- The candidate will have a minimum of three years of successful educational experience with a preference for administrative experience.

A resume with three references may be emailed with all attachments in PDF form to Wendy F. Hinerman, [whinerman@stmikesparish.org](mailto:whinerman@stmikesparish.org). Resumes will be accepted until June 1, 2023.

# HAPPENING AROUND THE AREA

## Missa Cantata (Traditional Latin Mass)

Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 pm  
Our Lady of Seven Dolours,  
Chapel Hill Rd, Triadelphia

A sung Traditional Latin Mass will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Dinner-social will follow Mass. Pizza and beverages, \$3 per person. Consider bring a dessert or cold sides to share.

## 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.



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:

**John Louis "Jack" Dematte**

(d. April 27, 2022)

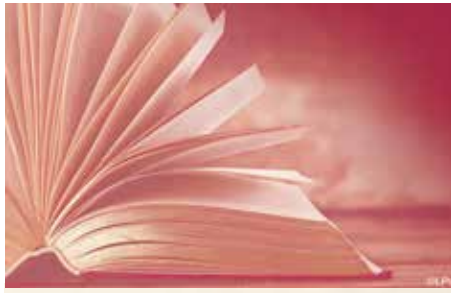


## The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May

### 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 21

#### THIS SUNDAY

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

#### MONDAY

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

#### TUESDAY

Acts 20:17-27  
Ps 68:10-11, 20-21  
John 17:1-11

#### 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.*

### May 22 - Saint Rita of Cascia, religious (1381-1457)

Saint Rita of Cascia lived in Italy from 1377 to 1457. Against her wishes, her parents arranged for her to marry a man who ended up abusing her. She had two sons with him; both followed their father's bad example. Rita's husband converted toward the end of his life, but he was murdered by an old enemy. Her sons died soon after. Rita was refused entrance to an Augustinian monastery several times because she was a widow, but eventually she was admitted and lived there until her death. She is depicted with a wound in her forehead because she asked to suffer in union with Jesus and was given a wound from a thorn in his crown. *Patronage:* desperate situations; abuse victims; widows

### May 25 - Saint Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor of the Church (672/73-735)

Venerable Bede was a Benedictine monk at the Abbey of Jarrow in England. He devoted his life to scholarly pursuits, including the study of Scripture, the composition of commentaries based on the ideas of Church Fathers, and extensive research and writings regarding the history of the Church in England. He is credited with educating over 600 monks and popularizing the use of AD (*Anno Domini* - "in the year of our Lord" to refer to the Christian era.

### Saint Gregory VII, pope (1028-1085)

Also on May 25, Pope Gregory VII, born Hildebrand of Sovana, who joined the Benedictine monks, but was eventually called beyond the cloister to serve the larger church as pope. Recognized as one of the greatest reformer popes, St. Gregory instituted what is known as the Gregorian reform. Through this reform he wanted to end rampant and widespread abuses in the Church.

### Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, virgin (1566-1607)

Also on May 25, Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi who was the daughter of a prominent family in Florence. She developed a love of prayer at an early age and began having mystical experiences. Her parents sent her to be educated in a convent but brought her home when they decided she should marry. Fortunately, Mary persuaded them that she had a vocation to be a Carmelite, and they allowed her to return. Her life was marked by prayer, penance, devotion to the Eucharist, and love for the poor.

### May 26 - Saint Philip Neri, priest (1515-1595)

Philip Neri was an Italian priest and founder of the Congregation of the Oratory or Oratorians. Philip was known for his joyful spirit, believing that it is more Christian to be cheerful than melancholy. A well-known figure in the Eternal City, he was known as the "Apostle of Rome" during his lifetime. He worked with the youth, finding safe places for them to play. Philip was ahead of his time in urging more frequent reception of Holy Communion, and he introduced the Forty Hours' devotion with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

### May 27 - Saint Augustine of Canterbury, bishop (d.604)

Augustine, born in the first third of the sixth century, was a Benedictine monk and was named the first Archbishop of Canterbury in 598. He was prior of a monastery in Rome when Saint Gregory the Great, after seeing blonde Saxon slaves in the market, chose him to lead a mission to England. Augustine worked in Kent in the south of England, and once he converted King Æthelberht, the rest of Kent followed. He died in 604 and was buried in the abbey church at Canterbury, which became a place of pilgrimage. The shrine was destroyed and the relics were lost during the English Reformation.

*Saints of God, pray for us!*

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:

#### Liturgical Cycles

#### Question:

Why Does the Church have different Liturgical Cycles?

#### Answer:

While most Catholics know that the Church Year is divided into various seasons (e.g. Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, etc.), many are unaware that the one Church Year is not like the one that follows. While the main seasons and feasts are the same from year to year, the 3-year cycle for Sundays and the 2-year cycle for weekdays means that, as a general rule, the readings in the Lectionary that we hear at Mass will change from year to year, helping us to have a richer encounter with Sacred Scripture. Each new cycle begins with the beginning of the liturgical year, the First Sunday of Advent.

The reasoning behind this innovation is outlined in *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy" of the Second Vatican Council: "The treasures of the bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (no. 51). This was fully achieved in 1969 when the new cycles of readings were approved by Pope Saint Paul VI.

To learn more about the Liturgy of the Word within the Mass, visit: [www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-word/index.cfm)

## 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 Hlebiccki  
Carolyn Lash  
Carolyn Wiethe  
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](http://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.**

