

THE Cathedral Courier

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



24 May 2026



Solemnity of Pentecost

HOLY MASS

SUNDAY

7:30 AM
10:30 AM

SATURDAY

9:00 AM
6:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

WEEKDAYS (Monday-Friday)

12:05 PM

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Please notify the parish of address changes.

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

To report an incident 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.

*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.*

SACRAMENTS

Confession

Friday: 11:00 am to 11:45 am
Saturday: 11:00 am to 12 Noon

Baptism

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a meeting with the priest as well as the necessary preparation.

Marriage

Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance to make an appointment with the priest.

Holy Orders

If you believe you are being called by God to serve the Church as a priest, deacon, or religious brother or sister, please contact Fr. John Soplinski, the Diocesan Director of Vocations at jsoplinski@dwc.org or (304) 233-4121.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners confined to home. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Those who are seriously ill or who are preparing for surgery should request a priest for Anointing of the Sick.



Visit the Sacraments page at www.saintjosephcathedral.com for more information.

LIVE STREAMED MASSES

Our Sunday Masses are live-streamed and archived for later viewing at www.dwc.org/mass.
While this is a valuable resource for those unable to attend in person due to health or other serious reasons, please remember that live-streamed Masses are not a substitute for the in-person celebration.



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Masses & Schedule

May 24 - 31, 2026

SUN 24 Solemnity of Pentecost

6:00 pm Mass for + Orlando & Virginia Sacco
7:30 am Mass for Joseph & Sarah Truini
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners
11:30 am Pentecost Potluck (*Courtyard*)
6:00 pm Vespers

MON 25 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church *Eighth Week in Ordinary Time Memorial Day*

9:00 am Mass for + Nancy & Vernon Neely

TUE 26 Memorial of St. Philip Neri

12:05 pm Mass for + Joseph Paytash, Jr.

WED 27 Optional Memorial of St. Augustine of Canterbury

12:05 pm Mass for + James & Regina LaFlam

THU 28 Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for + Deceased Veterans

FRI 29 Optional Memorial of St. Paul VI

11:00 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for + Norma Paytash

SAT 30 Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 am Priesthood & Diaconate Ordinations
6:00 pm Mass for + Sharon Miller & Ron Reddy

SUN 31 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

7:30 am Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 am Mass for Mary Leahy

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the great Solemnity of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and filled them with courage, zeal, and faith. Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church, because from that moment the Apostles went forth to proclaim the Gospel to the world.

The same Holy Spirit is still alive and active in the Church today. We do not simply remember Pentecost as something that happened long ago. We believe that the Holy Spirit continues to guide, strengthen, and renew the Church in every age.

I truly believe that the Holy Spirit is already powerfully at work in our own parish and throughout our Diocese. We are seeing signs of renewal and hope, including a gradual increase in Mass attendance and a growing desire among many people to return to the practice of the faith. This should encourage all of us greatly. God is still working in hearts and calling people closer to Himself.

I encourage you to celebrate this important feast by joining us for our Pentecost Potluck following the 10:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday and also for Vespers on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m., which will officially bring the Easter Season to a close.

Today, let us pray for a continued outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our parish, our Diocese, and the whole Church. May the Holy Spirit renew our hearts, deepen our faith, and help us to become joyful witnesses of Christ in the world.

In Christ,
Father Pen





Pentecost Vespers

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

*Join us for the Evening Prayer of the Church
as we gather to rejoice in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.*

Music by the Schola of the Cathedral of St. Joseph



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Liturgical Ministers Needed!

Are you looking for a way to deepen your faith and serve our Cathedral community? We are currently seeking volunteers to serve as liturgical ministers during weekend Masses:

Readers: Proclaim the Word of God during Mass.

Altar Servers: Assist the priest at the altar and help ensure the Mass runs smoothly.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Help distribute the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass.

Music Ministry: Join our Sunday Mass choir and enhance the liturgy with the beauty of sacred music.

If you feel called to serve in one of these roles, we invite you to sign up! Contact the parish office during the week or speak with one of our priests after Mass to learn more.

Your "yes" could make a difference in our parish worship!



• UPCOMING EVENTS •

May 27 - Healing Mass at St. Alphonsus, 6:00pm

May 30 - Priesthood & Diaconate Ordinations, 10:00am

June 12 - Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 5 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 12:45pm-5:00pm

June 13 - Centennial Speaker Event, 10:00am

June 27 - Steak Fry, 7:00pm

July 2 - Installation Mass of Bishop Menjivar, 2:00pm

Pastoral Visits for the Sick

If you or a loved one is ill and would like a visit from a priest, please contact the parish office. We are always glad to arrange a visit, but we rely on you to let us know when someone is in need.

Mass Schedule Change

Due to the ordinations on Saturday, May 30 at 10:00 a.m., the 9:00 a.m. will be cancelled for that day.

Supporting Our Parish

Your Gift Makes a Difference

We are very grateful to those who are able to support the Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish. Your support allows us to continue our mission and provide vital ministries. Here are some simple ways to give:



Online: OSV Online Giving is a fast, secure, simple way to make your contributions. Visit www.saintjosephcathedral.com/giving



By Mail: Mail to Cathedral of St. Joseph
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In Person: At Mass during the collection or dropped off at the parish offices.

Second Collection This Weekend

There will be a second collection this weekend to support Catholic Relief Services. This collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE

May 24, 2026

Envelopes: \$1551 • Loose: \$1942 • Online: \$1295 • **Total: \$4788**

Music Ministry: \$2187 • Maintenance Fund \$155

Attendance: 247

Thank you for your generous support!



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of May 24

THIS SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

Acts 1:12-14
Psalm 87:1-2, 3, 4, 5, 6-7
John 19:25-34

TUESDAY

1 Peter 1:10-16
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
Mark 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY

1 Peter 1:18-25
Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
Mark 10:32-45

THURSDAY

1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12
Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5
Mark 10:46-52

FRIDAY

1 Peter 4:7-13
Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13
Mark 11:11-26

SATURDAY

Jude 17, 20-25
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6
Mark 11:27-33

NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9
(Ps) Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

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.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Spiritual Gifts Given to Help Us Live as Faithful Christians

As we prepare for the Solemnity of Pentecost, the Church invites us not only to reflect on the coming of the Holy Spirit, but also on the gifts the Spirit pours into the hearts of the faithful. These gifts, given to us in a special way through Baptism and strengthened in Confirmation, help us grow in holiness and live more fully as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit come from the prophet Isaiah, who foretold the gifts that would rest upon the Messiah (Isaiah 11:2-3). The Church teaches that these same gifts are given to Christians to strengthen and guide them throughout life.

The first gift is **Wisdom**. Wisdom helps us see life from God's perspective. It teaches us to value what truly matters and to seek the things of heaven above the passing things of this world.

The second gift is **Understanding**. This gift helps us grasp the deeper truths of the faith. It allows us to move beyond simply knowing about God to growing in a deeper relationship with Him.

The third gift is **Counsel**, sometimes called right judgment. Counsel helps us make good and holy decisions, especially in difficult situations. It guides us to choose what leads us closer to God.

The fourth gift is **Fortitude**, or courage. This gift strengthens us to remain faithful even when life is difficult. The Apostles demonstrated fortitude after Pentecost as they boldly preached the Gospel despite persecution and suffering.

The fifth gift is **Knowledge**. Knowledge helps us recognize God's presence and action in the world around us. It teaches us to use created things rightly and not become overly attached to them.

The sixth gift is **Piety**. Piety deepens our love for God as our Father and helps us approach Him with trust, devotion, and reverence. It also strengthens our love for others as members of God's family.

The seventh gift is **Fear of the Lord**. This does not mean being afraid of God. Rather, it is a profound awe and reverence before His greatness and love. It is the gift that helps us avoid sin because

we do not want to turn away from the One who loves us so completely.

These gifts are not reserved for saints alone. They are given to every Christian. Too often, however, we neglect them or fail to ask the Holy Spirit to stir them up within us. The spiritual life is not meant to be lived by our own strength alone. God gives us the help we need.



St. Catherine of Siena once wrote, "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." The gifts of the Holy Spirit help make that possible. They shape us into the people God created us to become.

In a world that often values confusion over truth and comfort over holiness, the gifts of the Holy Spirit are more necessary than ever. They help us remain faithful, courageous, and joyful amid the challenges of daily life.

As Pentecost draws near, this is a wonderful time to pray intentionally for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord to deepen these gifts within you. Ask Him for wisdom in confusion, courage in difficulty, and greater love for God and neighbor.

The Holy Spirit has not abandoned the Church.

He is still guiding, strengthening, and sanctifying the faithful today.

GROUPS & MINISTRIES



We invite all men in the community to join us in building authentic friendships with Christ and each other so that we can walk together in becoming the men He has called us to be.

Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00 p.m.
Service Evening
St. Alphonsus Church

FORMATION • FELLOWSHIP • WORSHIP • SERVICE

St. Monica Prayer Group

Wednesday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m. | St. Alphonsus

Join the St. Monica Prayer Group as we unite in prayer for loved ones who have wandered from the Faith.

Rosary Altar Society

Saturday, June 6 after 9am Mass & Rosary

We foster devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary through prayer, care for the altar and sanctuary, and service to the Cathedral family.



Catholics in Recovery

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. | St. Alphonsus Hall

This program offers support for those facing addictions and unhealthy attachments of any kind. Come for yourself or someone you love who is struggling.

Stewardship Reflection

On the Solemnity of Pentecost, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, filling them with courage, wisdom, and zeal for the mission of the Church. The same Spirit has been given to each of us, equipping us with gifts meant to be shared for the good of others. Christian stewardship is living in openness to the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to guide how we serve, give, and witness to our faith. May the Spirit renew our hearts and set us aflame with love for God and neighbor.

Sisters in Grace Women's Group

The Sisters in Grace are a joyful group of Catholic women who grow in faith through prayer, fellowship, and service. Open to women of all ages, they foster sisterhood, deepen their relationship with God, and support the Church and community.

St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 2 at St. Alphonsus
6:00 p.m. Rosary (Church) / 6:30 p.m. Meeting (Lower Hall)

On this Memorial Day
 We honor the mothers
 who served, sacrificed,
 waited, and loved.



Seniors Group

If you are 55 years and over and searching for a group that shares conversation, friendship, fun, and spiritual activities, this group is just for you!
Stay tuned for our next event.



Faith Sharing Book Club

Sunday, June 7 at 9:00 a.m. | Rectory

We will be discussing "Finding Frassati" by Christine M. Wohar



May 30/31 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Greeter	Altar Server	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 6:00 pm	Yvonne K. Jennifer W.	Martin I.	Br. John B. Deirdre B.	Paul R. Judy R.
Sunday 7:30 am	Debbie R. Paul R.	Sarah M. Julia S.	Adrienne M. Elizabeth M.	Tamora M. Julia S.
Sunday 10:30 am	Walter B. Stephanie B.	Martin I.	Richard M. Amy M.	Debbie T. Diane F.
Collection Counters for this Week		Helen P., Julia S., Carolyn W.		

LIVING OUR FAITH



Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of
Reverend Mr. Clifton Mastran
and
Ordination to the Sacred Diaconate of
Mr. Michael Aiello

Saturday, May 30 at 10:00am

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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).

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.

Ways to Honor Our Lady

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



Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of this week are Ember Days! Ember Days are quarterly observances with three days set aside (Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday) to pray in gratitude for the blessings of creation, just before the start of a new season. As we prepare to begin summer, give thanks to God for the beauty of creation and pray that we may be better stewards of his many gifts!

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION

May: That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Please remember in your prayers:

Bill Hehr	Joe Bechtel	Millie Kirkpatrick
Blanche Kirkland	Julia Sheets	Pat Edmon
Charlie Gotard	Laine Castello	Pete Cuffaro
Cheryl Garrison	Maria Workman	Susan Ackerman
Crystal Vines	Marsha Bartlett	Susanna Kress

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Philip Neri (1515–1595)

Feast Day: May 26

St. Philip Neri, known as the “Apostle of Rome,” was a joyful priest who brought many people closer to Christ through kindness, humor, and deep holiness. Born in Florence, Italy, he later moved to Rome, where he dedicated himself to prayer, serving the poor, and guiding souls back to the faith.



Ordained a priest in 1551, Philip founded the Congregation of the Oratory, a community devoted to prayer, preaching, and spiritual formation. He had a special gift for working with young people and was known for his cheerful spirit and wise counsel.

Despite his popularity, Philip remained deeply humble and encouraged others to seek holiness with joy. His life reminds us that sanctity is not gloomy, but filled with the joy of the Gospel.

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So far we have raised \$12,110. Since we have already raised over 50% of our Cathedral parish goal of \$19,820, every donation received now comes directly back to our parish.

You can contribute securely online via the QR code below, by mailing the pledge cards available in the back of the church, or by dropping the same pledge card in the collection basket.



To make a secure online donation, please scan this QR code.

Leave a Legacy Gift

Do you hold the Cathedral of St. Joseph close to your heart? Including the Cathedral in your will or estate plan is a thoughtful way to support its mission for years to come—without impacting your finances today.

A legacy gift helps ensure that the faith, worship, and ministry carried out here will continue to flourish for future generations.

Ways to include the Cathedral in your estate plans:

- 1. List the Cathedral as a beneficiary (POD or TOD)** on a bank or investment account.
- 2. Include a direct gift in your Will or Trust**, such as a specific dollar amount.
- 3. Designate a percentage of your estate or trust** to benefit the Cathedral after your passing.

Wording for bequests:

"Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church of Wheeling-Charleston, for the use and benefit of the Rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, WV, for the Cathedral."

Thank you for considering this lasting and faith-filled way to support your parish!



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained: *Special Masses*

Question:

Why do Parishes Offer Special Masses like Thanksgiving and Memorial Day, even though they're not Holy Days of Obligation? Am I obligated to attend?

Answer:

Out of respect for the various civil celebrations that take place during the year, many dioceses and parishes will host special Masses. However, while it always worthwhile to come together to worship as a community, Catholics are not obligated to attend these celebrations. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, the only times that we are obligated to participate in celebrations of the Eucharist are on Sundays and holy days of obligation:

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

If you have a question you'd like answered, please email tgreenwood@dwc.org.



**2nd
Annual
Steak Sauce
Contest**

Parish Steak Fry

**June 27
7 pm**

**Cathedral
Courtyard**

MENU

**Grazing Table Appetizers
Cook your own Steak,
Baked Potato,
Salad, Rolls,
Dessert & Beverage
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provided.**

**\$20 per
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Baskets
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**Contact the
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CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION



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

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

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

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