

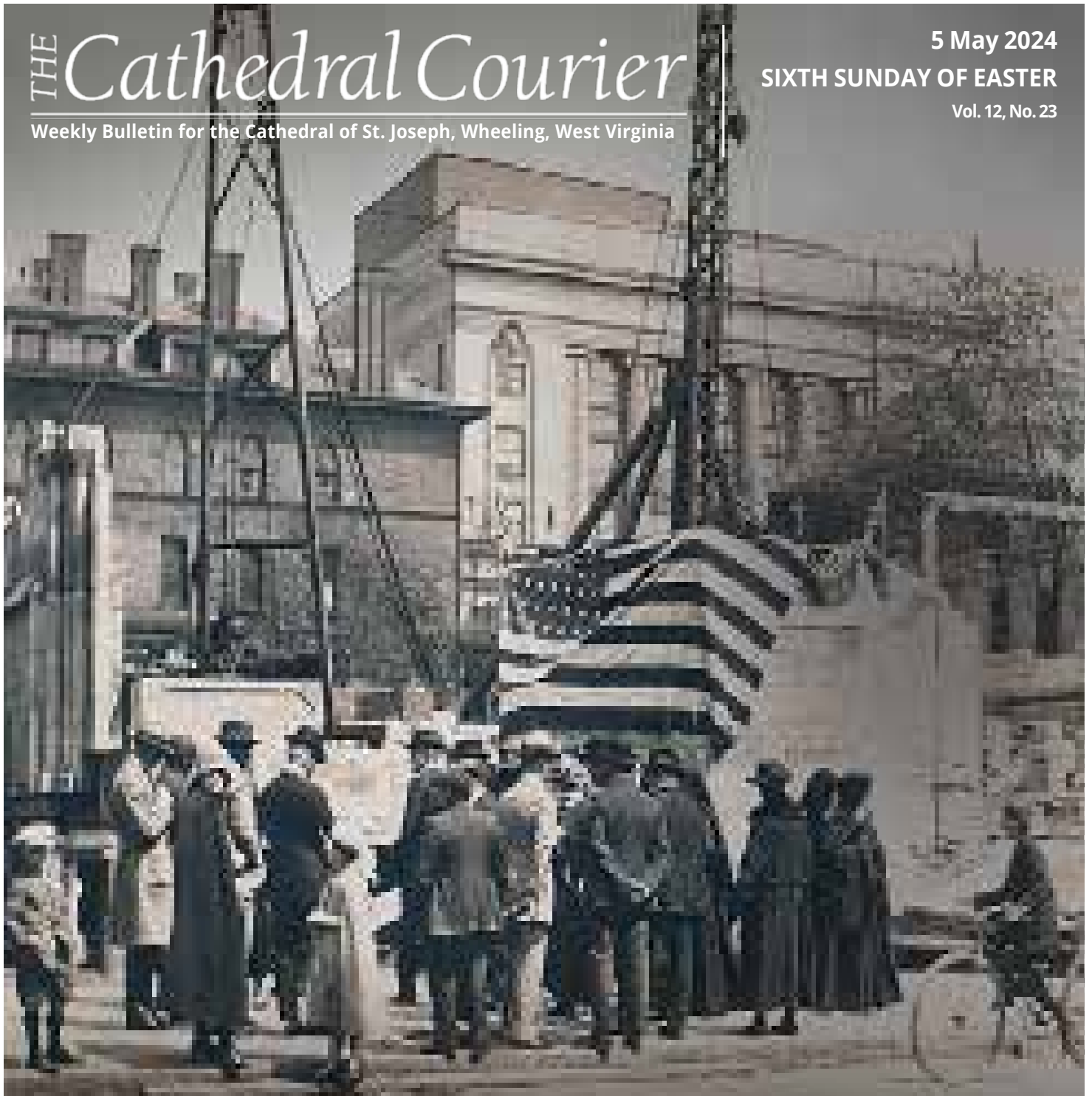
# THE Cathedral Courier

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

5 May 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## *A Foundation of Faith*

Celebrating 100 Years Since the Laying of our Cornerstone



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

April 28 - May 5, 2024

## SUN 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter 100th Anniversary of Cathedral Cornerstone

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Albert Mazur  
8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners  
9:15 am Book Club (*Parish Offices*)  
10:30 am Mass for Nepomuceno Dario

## MON 6 Easter Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Evelyn Ghaphery

## TUE 7 Easter Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Mildred Risovich

## WED 8 Easter Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Wib Breiding  
7:00 pm Sons of St. Joseph (*Chancery*)

## THU 9 Easter Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for Bob Foster

## FRI 10 Optional Memorials of St. Damien de Veuster; St. John of Avila

11:15 am Confessions  
12:05 pm Mass for Nadine Greenwood

## SAT 11 Easter Weekday

9:00 am Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery  
9:30 am Rosary  
5:00 pm Confessions  
6:00 pm Mass for Lloyd Malek

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

8:00 am Mass for Dr. Edwin Angulo  
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners  
May Crowning



## From Father Sateesh

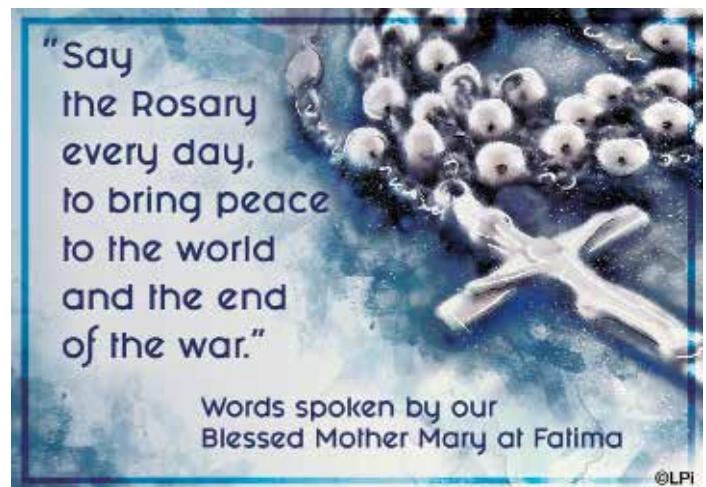
*"Whoever does not love does not know God!"*



We are nearing the end of the Easter season and preparing for the gift of the Spirit given to us at Pentecost. We are reminded today that our faith is a gift of the Spirit and to be witnesses of the resurrection we must let the Spirit take full possession of us. Unfortunately, we let our prejudices and even our traditional religious practices come in the way of the Spirit taking possession of us. Our God is a God of surprises and often He does not go by the rules. The sign of the Spirit is always life and love.

In today's passage from the Acts, Peter moved by the Spirit enters Cornelius' home. Cornelius, who had heard of the miracle Peter had wrought, fell at Peter's feet and worshipped him. Peter, wiser after the resurrection, asks him to rise. "Stand up; I am only a mortal." As Peter mixes with the household of Cornelius he comes to the realization that God's spirit is present there among them even though they are not Jews. Peter himself experienced God's spirit descending on all who were present, even on the pagan family of Cornelius, and they all received the gifts of the Spirit. Today, we are reminded that if we are believers, we must be open to all and build bridges rather than barriers between ourselves. God's spirit is a spirit of openness, of sharing and of loving and no one should be excluded.

In the gospel we are reminded of the outgoing nature of God, because of which he continues to love us and share his spirit with all peoples. If we are to be his disciples, we too must be people who go out of our way to love others. We could ask: What does remain in his love imply? Jesus has a simple response to this query. "If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love...." What Jesus is asking of us is not a slavish obedience to God. God is not interested in keeping us in line. He is not watching to see if we step out of line, he is not a police-man God. God wants what is the best for us and it is in obeying him that we do what is best for us, and what will bring us peace happiness and love. We sometimes tend to believe that God is out to make life difficult for us, that he keeps testing us and deliberately does not answer our prayer. To put the record straight he reminds us that He is our friend, and we are not his servants or slaves, but his friends. We have many modern-day heroes who have followed in His footsteps. Can we make our lives channels of his love?



# 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 5** - 100th Anniversary of Cathedral Cornerstone

**May 5** - Book Club, 10:30am

**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 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



JOIN OUR FACEBOOK COMMUNITY

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/wheelingvicariatetogetherinfaith>

Don't have cash or check? Consider making a contribution using our online services [www.saintjosephcathedral.com/giving](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.com/giving) or scan the QR code from your phone!



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### Collection

April 29, 2024

Envelopes: \$1540

Loose: \$720

Online: \$426

**Total: \$2686**

*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 10.*

**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.

## 100th Anniversary of the Cornerstone

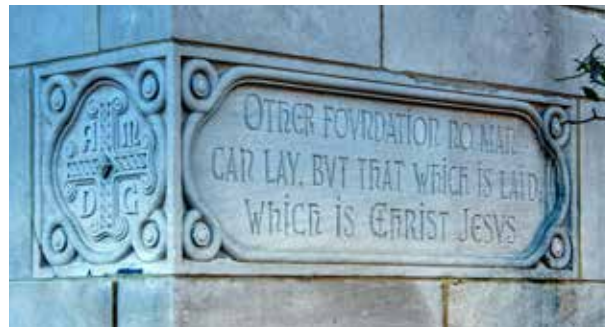
On May 5, 1924, Bishop John J. Swint, the fourth Bishop of Wheeling, laid the cornerstone of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, which formally began the construction process which reached its culmination with the dedication of the new Cathedral on April 21, 1926.

The ceremony on May 5, 1924 was attended by state and local officials, clergy, religious, and lay faithful from throughout the area. A parade of the congregations of all the area churches preceded the cornerstone laying. During

the actual ceremony, Bishop Swint blessed the cornerstone as well as the foundation walls and places for the altars in the future Cathedral.

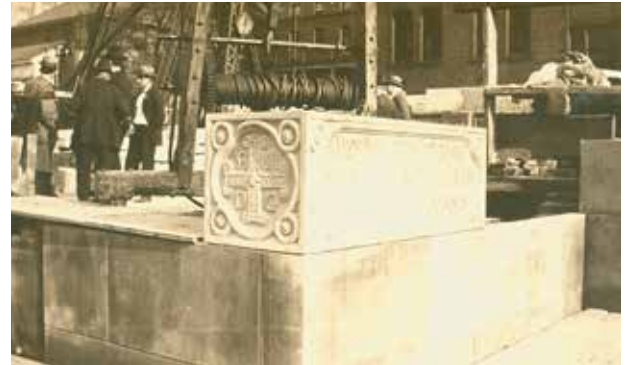
Contained inside the cornerstone is a metal box which holds a parchment recording the service, the names of the Pope at that time - Pius XI - and Bishop Swint, and civil officials, as well as souvenirs of the old cathedral and copies of newspapers from that time.

The cornerstone bears the initials AMDG, which stands for the Latin phrase *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam* (To the Greater Glory of God). The cornerstone also bears the inscription from 1 Cor 3:11: "Other foundation no man can lay, but that which is laid which is Christ Jesus."



The cornerstone of a Catholic church holds a profound historical and symbolic significance within the faith. Historically, the tradition of laying a cornerstone dates back to ancient

times, where it was considered the first stone set in the construction of a building. In the context of a Catholic church, the laying of the cornerstone marks the beginning of the physi-



cal construction of the sacred space, often accompanied by a ceremony presided over by clergy members and other officials. This ritual symbolizes the foundation of the church, both physically and spiritually, as it represents the establishment of a place where the faithful can gather to worship, receive sacraments, and build community.

Beyond its historical importance, the cornerstone holds deep symbolic meaning within Catholic theology. It serves as a reminder of Christ, who is often referred to as the "cornerstone" in the Bible, signifying His central role in the Church and in the lives of believers. Just as a building relies on its cornerstone for stability and strength, Catholics believe that their faith is built upon the teachings and life of Jesus Christ. Thus, the cornerstone of a Catholic church represents not only the physical foundation of the building but also the spiritual foundation of the faith community that gathers within its walls. It serves as a tangible reminder of the enduring presence of Christ

and the Church's mission to proclaim His message of love and salvation to the world.

# PARISH GROUPS

## Book Club

Sunday, May 5

9:15 - 10:15 am in Parish Offices

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:

**Worship Evening: Confessions & Mass**  
**Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Chancery**



*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

### Join us for our annual Mother's Day Walk for Life!

**Saturday, May 11th at 9:00AM**

Starting at the Wheeling Park parking lot. Joining our partners, West Virginians for Life.

We pray, we witness, we walk; we fellowship at St. Michael's.

Rain or shine, join us to uplift mothers!

This summer, faithful Catholics throughout the country will join in pilgrimage along four routes to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis! The "Seton" Route, which will begin in New Haven, Connecticut, will make a stop at our Cathedral! Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in this historic event!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23**  
**7:30 p.m. - Arrival of Pilgrimage at Cathedral followed by All-Night Adoration**

**MONDAY, JUNE 24**  
**8:30 a.m. - Mass followed by Eucharistic Procession to St. Alphonsus Church**



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

# SAINTS OF THE WEEK

## May 10 - St. John of Avila, priest, doctor of the Church (c.1500-1569)

Born in the Castile region of Spain, John was sent at the age of 14 to the University of Salamanca to study law. He later moved to Alcala, where he studied philosophy and theology before his ordination as a diocesan priest. After John's parents died and left him as their sole heir to a considerable fortune, he distributed his money to the poor. In 1527, he traveled to Seville, hoping to become a missionary in Mexico. The archbishop of that city persuaded him to stay and spread the faith in Andalusia. During nine years of work there, he developed a reputation as an engaging preacher, a perceptive spiritual director, and a wise confessor.

## St. Damien de Veuster, priest (1840-1889)

Also on May 10, we celebrate St. Damien de Veuster. After years of missionary work in the Hawaiian Islands, Damien, a young priest from Belgium, sought to align himself even more with the "crucified" in society. He requested to be stationed on the island of Molo-kai where the lepers and diseased were sent to die. Outraged by the deplorable conditions of the island, he sought to restore a sense of dignity. Within a short period of time, the sick were living in clean houses instead of caves, and upon death they were given a proper burial rather than being dumped into mass graves. Even though leprosy was highly contagious, he chose to remain in close contact with the people. Damien eventually contracted the disease and died from it.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Week of April 28

#### THIS SUNDAY

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

1 John 4:7-10

John 15:9-17

#### 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

Mark 16:15-20

*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.*



## 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.

## Hope Scholarship

West Virginia's Hope Scholarship empowers families to make school choices that are right for their educational needs. The Hope Scholarship program offers qualifying West Virginia's K-12 students an opportunity to build an individual learning experience that works best for their child. The scholarship allows K-12 students to receive financial assistance that can be used for tuition, homeschool curriculum, and other qualifying expenses.

### Who can participate?

- West Virginia students eligible to be enrolled in kindergarten for the 2024-25 school year.
- West Virginia students enrolled full-time in a West Virginia public elementary or secondary school for the entire instructional term of the academic year preceding the academic year for which the student is applying to participate in the Hope Scholarship Program.
- West Virginia students enrolled full-time and attending a West Virginia public elementary or secondary school for at least 45 consecutive calendar days.

Please visit [hopescholarshipwv.com](http://hopescholarshipwv.com) for more information.



## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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 Workman	Stanley Kyrk
Brian Hanasky	Gerri Adams Nagy	Mark Davis	Susan Graff
Brogan Gallentine	Hines Rotriga	Marshall South	Susan Mize
Caleb Hlebiczi	Jean Schultz	Martha Yocum	Susan Schulte
Carol Young	Jim Antill	Mary K. Schlosser	Susanna Kress
Carolyn Lash	Jim and Dee	Mary Walicki	Tammy
Carolyn Wiethe	Jimmy Hocking	Michael DeBlasis	Teresa Helfer
Catherine Lanham	Joe Bechtel	Milissa Rose	Thelma Pearson
Charles Heizer	John Petrella	Nicholas Barns	Tony Helfer
Charles DeBeni	Jon-Michael Lasher	Pete Cuffaro	Trystan Timmons
Children of the Youth Services System	Judy Pack	Pete Mack	Victoria Jeskey
Christina Helfer	Julia Sheets	Philippa Shores	Zoey Knight
	Kathy Cooley		

### 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:

#### Catholic Faith

#### Question:

My neighbor is just beginning to explore the Catholic faith but was raised agnostic. I grew up believing in God, praying, and attending Mass. How does one start from scratch as an adult to develop a relationship with God?

#### Answer:

Start on a personal level! How did you and your neighbor become friends? How did you begin to discuss such a personal topic as faith? Communication, spending time together, and getting to know each other are essential to forming the bonds of a relationship. Personal prayer is essential to our relationship with God. We can't be close to someone we don't know! Invite your friend to explore the stories of Jesus in the Bible. Introduce them to the lives of the saints, especially ones you think they might be interested in.

Your neighbor might also have questions about the Catholic faith that you don't know how to answer. If your friend hasn't yet enrolled in RCIA classes, invite them to Mass at your parish. Introduce your friend to the faith formation director to make a connection. Personal support can be helpful as well, especially if few of your neighbor's current friends are practicing their faith. Connect your neighbor to other people in your parish living their faith well. The good examples of other faithful people could help your neighbor to feel welcomed and supported. Our Church is vibrant and alive!

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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.**

