

# THE Cathedral Courier

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

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

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**MINISTRY FAIR**  
This Weekend

**ROSARY  
PROCESSION**  
Friday at 7pm

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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

October 1 - 8, 2023

## SUN 1 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ministry Fair Weekend

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for the Parishioners  
8:00 am Mass for Living and Deceased Members of the Nicholas & Nimnoon Ghaphery and David & Faye Ghaphery Families  
10:30 am Mass for Msgr. James Nugent

## MON 2 Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

12:05 pm Mass for Lee Hendershot  
7:00 pm Infant of Prague Novena

## TUE 3 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Rose Purpura  
6:00 pm Catholic Belief Series (*Cantina*)

## WED 4 Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

12:05 pm Mass for Bishop Patrick J. Donahue  
(Anniversary of Death - 1922)

## THU 5 Optional Memorials St. Faustina Kowalska; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

12:05 pm Mass for Thomas & Eugenia Tobin

## FRI 6 Optional Memorials of St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher First Friday

11:15 am Confessions  
12:05 pm Mass for Rita DiCarlo  
12:45pm Eucharistic Adoration Begins  
7:00pm Candlelight Rosary Procession

## SAT 7 Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary First Saturday

9:00 am Mass for Shirley Sheets  
9:30 am Rosary  
5:00 pm Confessions  
6:00 pm Mass for Sharlet Purpura

## SUN 8 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners  
10:30 am Mass for Greg & Amy Esper



## From Father Sateesh

"Did you do the will of the Father?"



Often in life we are given a choice to say 'Yes' or 'No' to people's requests. But people easily say, 'Yes' when they mean 'No!' It is easy to give our word, it doesn't cost anything. The cost comes later when we honor our word. Are we people of our word, or are we merely yes-men and women? Are we ready to substantiate our word with deeds? Today's readings challenge us to be people of our word.

The first reading from Ezekiel is about our responsibility for responding to God's call to us. In Ezekiel's time, there was a belief that a child was punished for the sins of his parents. Ezekiel didn't agree with this. He stated clearly and unequivocally that each one is responsible for his sins. We can't hide behind the goodness or evil of others. However, if we sin, repentance will win us pardon and forgiveness. If we confess our sins, we have nothing to fear. Ezekiel thus reminds us of the constant need for conversion, which is not a one-time experience but has to be undergone constantly.

The Gospel highlights living our faith with the parable of the two sons who are asked to work in the father's vineyard. The first says: "I will not go!", but afterwards thought better and went. The second son says: "Certainly Sir!" But he did not go. "Which one did the father's will?" asks Jesus. Jesus himself replies to the rhetorical question, "The first." And then says to the Pharisees "Tax collectors and prostitutes will enter the kingdom of God before you." What is the point Jesus is trying to make? We have to be people of our word and back up our words with appropriate action. A good test is to check our dealings with our brothers and sisters. Can we say 'Yes' and mean it?

As we begin this month of October, we have some wonderful opportunities available for everyone here at the Cathedral. This weekend, we will celebrate our Ministry Fair after each of the Masses. Take a few moments after Mass this weekend to see the various ministry opportunities that are available in our parish. We have several new and exciting groups and ministries that are sure to interest you!

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. This Friday, October 6, we encourage you and your family to join us for our Candlelight Rosary Procession with Bishop Brennan, which begins at St. Alphonsus Church and concludes at our Cathedral. This will be a truly beautiful way to commemorate this Month of the Rosary as we join with our Bishop and faithful throughout the area in giving public witness to our Faith and praying together for our Church, our world, and our families.

As I reflected on the readings this weekend, I felt there could be one question that would be asked of us after our death – Did you do the will of the Father? While we may be involved in many activities, the basic question to be asked is am I doing God's will or am I doing my own will? May our 'Yes' to God be seen in our daily loving deeds and actions!

**STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND**  
*Ministry Fair*

**THERE IS A PLACE  
 FOR YOU HERE...  
 FIND OUT WHERE!**

**SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1  
 FOLLOWING ALL MASSES  
 CATHEDRAL COURTYARD**

Is God calling you to share your gifts with our Cathedral parish community? Have you felt distant from the parish lately? Are you curious to see how many different ministries we have available? **Check out our Ministry Fair after Mass THIS WEEKEND in our Cathedral Courtyard! We have some exciting new ministries and groups that will definitely interest you!** We'll have free refreshments for everyone as well - DiCarlo's Pizza on Saturday evening and coffee and doughnuts on Sunday morning!

## Rosary Guild

**Begins Tuesday, October 3**

We will be starting a Rosary Guild led by our Deacon Doug Breiding. The first meeting will be on October 3 following the 12:05 p.m. Mass and will continue to after the First Tuesday of the month's Mass in the Parish Office for an hour. Members will be taught how to make Rosaries and there will be various presentations of/and about the Rosary. It will be on a trial basis for the next six months to see if there is an interest. The purpose of a Rosary Guild is to promote the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and to teach others how to craft rosaries. We need the Rosary now more than ever!

**NOVENA TO THE  
 INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE**

**"THE HOLY EUCHARIST:  
 GIFT, MYSTERY, AND REALITY"**

**Week IV - October 2**  
 Deacon Douglas Breiding  
 Deacon of the Cathedral  
 Diocesan Director of Catholic Cemeteries

**Nine Consecutive Mondays at 7:00 p.m.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**September 30/October 1** - Stewardship Weekend  
**October 3** - Catholic Beliefs Course Begins 6pm  
**October 6** - First Friday Adoration following Mass  
**October 6** - Candlelight Rosary Procession 7pm  
**October 7** - Appreciation Mass for Religious 7pm  
**October 14** - White Mass for Healthcare Professionals 6pm  
**October 24** - Finance Council  
**October 25** - Pastoral Council  
**October 26, 27, 28** - Forty Hours Devotion

*Candlelight Rosary  
 Procession*

*All are invited to join Bishop Mark Brennan in praying the Rosary in procession for our Church, our world, and our families.*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 AT 7PM**

Procession begins at **ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH**  
 (2111 Market Street, Wheeling) and ends at the  
**CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH** (1300 Eoff Street, Wheeling)

**Parking Option #1:** Park at the Cathedral starting at 6PM and take the shuttle bus over to St. Alphonsus for the start of the Rosary. The last shuttle bus leaves the Cathedral at 6:40PM.

**Parking Option #2:** Park at St. Alphonsus and take the shuttle bus from the Cathedral back to St. Alphonsus after the Rosary is completed.

**Collection**  
 September 24, 2023

Envelopes: \$1542  
 Loose: \$374  
 Online: \$441  
 Total: \$2357

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life month  
*called to serve moms in need*  
[respectlife.org/celebrate](http://respectlife.org/celebrate)

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unending hope.

By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.

## Vicariate Council

Under the leadership of Bishop Mark Brennan, a Diocesan Pastoral Council was reinstated in 2019-2020 and has been meeting since February 2021. **The Diocesan Pastoral Council provides the laity of the Diocese with an opportunity to assist Bishop Brennan in developing pastoral priorities, initiatives, and plans to forward the mission of Christ within the Diocese in light of its existing social, economic, demographic, and cultural circumstances and resources.**

It remains Bishop Brennan's wish for significant lay representation on the Diocesan Pastoral Council to be elected by the laity and not appointed by the Pastor/Administrator. In the Fall of 2020, all parishes were asked to hold an election process in order to elect two parishioners who would serve on the Vicariate Council; from this Vicariate Council, three members from each Vicariate were elected to serve on the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Since the Diocesan Pastoral Council was starting anew, staggered terms (of one, two and three years) were assigned to the first members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

**Thus, we are now at the point where we need to form new Vicariate Councils who will then elect new representation to the Diocesan Pastoral Council as the staggered terms for those members come to an end.** Parishioners who had served on the Vicariate Councils may be re-elected to another term or new parishioners may be elected; the important element that Bishop Brennan wants to emphasize is that the process is to be an election by the parishioners and not an appointment by the pastor. Thus, the attached Election Process for Lay Representatives from Vicariates to the Diocesan Pastoral Council was designed to have parishioners elect two parishioners to be part of a Vicariate Council that can assist a Vicar Forane. A particular function of the Vicariate Council is to elect from its membership three lay persons who will represent the Vicariate as members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

**Every parish/mission in a Vicariate is to elect two (2) parishioners to serve on the Vicariate Council using these guidelines:**

1. The Parish Pastoral Council, in union with the Pastor, will oversee the parish/mission election.
2. Suitable candidates are to be determined. Since the candidates are potential members of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, they need to meet the criteria for Diocesan Pastoral Council membership. "No one except Christians of proven faith, good morals and outstanding prudence are to be appointed to the (diocesan) pastoral council." (Canon 512 §3) Christian is to be understood as a Catholic in this context.
3. Five or six candidates should be identified and with their permission be placed on a ballot.

**This weekend and next weekend, there will be nomination forms available in the narthex of the church. Please complete a form with the names of prospective parishioner nominees and drop it in the box.**

The Vicariate Council will then elect from its membership persons to serve on the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

### ELECTION TIMETABLE

**September 23 - October 1:** Collect nominations

**October 8, 2023:** Election

# Community Fall Festival

Our Community Fall Festival last Sunday was a great success! We could not have made it happen without the help of our many volunteers, vendors, planning committee, and sponsors! The day was filled with delicious food and refreshments, great music, fun activities for kids, guided tours of the Cathedral, and fellowship among our parishioners and visitors! THANK YOU to everyone who came out to support our festival!



On October 7, we celebrate a well-loved memorial in honour of the Rosary, and according to a long standing tradition, the entire month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. In the Rosary, with its sequence of prayers and mysteries, we contemplate the Gospel in company with the Blessed Virgin Mary. As St. John Paul II wrote in 2002, "the Rosary....is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of this third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness....With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer" (*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, 1).

## Ways to Honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in October

- ❖ Pray the Rosary each day
- ❖ Devote Saturdays to Our Lady
- ❖ Place flowers in front of a statue of the Blessed Mother

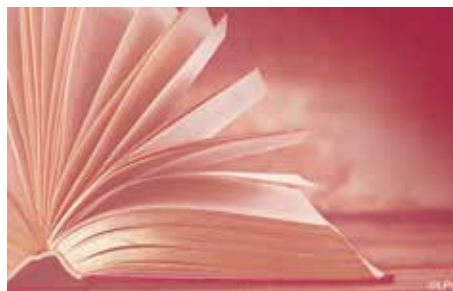


## The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October

### For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

# SAINTS OF THE WEEK



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Week of October 1

#### THIS SUNDAY

Ezekiel 18:25-28  
Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Philippians 2:1-11  
Matthew 21:28-32

#### MONDAY

Zechariah 8:1-8  
Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23  
Matthew 18:1-5, 10

#### TUESDAY

Zechariah 8:20-23  
Ps 87:1-3, 4-5, 6-7  
Luke 9:51-56

#### WEDNESDAY

Nehemiah 2:1-8  
Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6  
Luke 9:57-62

#### THURSDAY

Nehemiah 8:1-4, 5-6, 7-12  
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11  
Luke 10:1-12

#### FRIDAY

Baruch 1:15-22  
Ps 79:1-2, 3-5, 8, 9  
Luke 10:13-16

#### SATURDAY

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29  
Ps 69:33-35, 36-37  
Luke 10:17-24

#### NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20  
Philippians 4:6-9  
Matthew 21:33-43

*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.*

### October 1 - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor of the Church (1873-1897)

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, also known as the "Little Flower," was the youngest of Saints Louis and Zélie Martin's five daughters. After her mother's death due to breast cancer, Thérèse became very close to her sister, Pauline, but five years later, Pauline entered the Carmel of Lisieux. Eventually, all five sisters would become nuns. Because she was so young, Thérèse had to obtain permission from the diocesan bishop to join Carmel, and she was able to at age fifteen. As a Carmelite nun, she overcame the narrow, negative spirituality prevalent in nineteenth-century France, and focused on love - her love of God and God's love for her. She called her path of holiness the "Little Way," referring to her belief that every act, no matter how small, brings us as close to God as do heroic acts performed by spiritual giants. She developed tuberculosis when she was only 24. A year later, she died of the disease at age 25, after suffering through a period in which she doubted the existence of heaven. *Patronage:* missions

### October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

According to both Scripture and Tradition, God assigns guardian angels to individuals, communities, countries, and groups. One's guardian angel presents personal prayers to God. Angels guide us on our way and protect us from troubles—even children have guardian angels, showing how precious children are in the sight of God. Angels, of course, are spirits, bodiless, pure intellect.

### October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

The son of a wealthy merchant, Francis seemed destined for grand castles, exquisite clothing, and fine food. After a conversion experience, he relinquished the trappings of this world to minister to the lepers and preach to the spiritually hungry. His home became the earth; his clothing, humility; and his identity, an impoverished beggar seeking God. Many young men joined Francis in this new way of life, leading to the foundation of the *frati minori* ("lesser brothers"), which eventually became known as the Friars Minor. He is perhaps one of the most popular saints in Church history due to his love of creation as exemplified in his famous "Canticle of the Sun." Pope Pius XI described St. Francis as an *alter Christus*, meaning "another Christ." *Patronage:* animals; ecologists; Italy

### October 5 - St. Faustina Maria Kowalska (1905-1938)

Saint Faustina's name is forever linked to the annual feast of the Divine Mercy, the Divine Mercy chaplet, and the Divine Mercy prayer recited each day at 3 p.m. by many people. St. Faustina was a sister of the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. Her visions of the suffering Jesus as accounted for in her diary led to the Divine Mercy devotion.

### Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos (1182-1226)

Also on October 5, we celebrate Francis Xavier Seelos who was a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists). His twenty-three years of missionary work in the United States was marked by compassion and pastoral care. He died while tending to the ill in New Orleans during a yellow fever pandemic.

### October 6 - St. Bruno, priest (1030-1101)

Saint Bruno longed for a deeper relationship with God, nourished by solitude and austerity; thus, he and six companions built an oratory surrounded by small hermitages, or cells, in a remote area in the French Alps known as La Chartreuse. This marks the beginning of the Carthusian order whose motto is *stat crux dum volvitur orbis*, Latin for "The cross is steady while the world is turning." Following the Rule of St. Benedict in a strict manner, Carthusian monks live an eremitical (reclusive) life, solely seeking the will of God through prayer and manual labor



**October 5, 2023**

**9:00am - 4:15pm**

**St. Michael Angelus Center**

1225 National Rd., Wheeling, WV 26003

Engage and learn from groups who support the social, economic, physical, and spiritual needs of women, children, and families from prenatal on.

**Keynote Speaker Dr. Byron Calhoun, MD**

Admission is FREE and Lunch will be provided.

**Additional speakers include:**

Walking With Moms In Need, Her PLAN, Wellspring, Creighton FertilityCare™ & NaProTECHNOLOGY, Catholic Charities West Virginia, St. Vincent de Paul Society, WV Pregnancy Centers Coalition, and Nina Lindemuth, CNRP

**PLUS visit with and gather resources from groups to learn how they can assist your life supporting efforts!**

To register, visit [dwc.org/2023-life-expo](http://dwc.org/2023-life-expo).

For more information, contact A.J. Emery at [aemery@dwc.org](mailto:aemery@dwc.org), or 304.233.0880, ext. 326.

## 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
Becky Schlosser	Fr. Joseph Wilhelm	Lukie Brown	Rose Otey
Beth Jochum	Frank Davis	Margaret Stocke	Sarah Hanasky
Betty Teater	Frederick C. Schweizer	Marge Muecheck	Sarah Sargent
Bill Wilson	Gail Koch	Marie Farnsworth	Shirley DeCaria
Bob Armstrong	George Kirchner	Marie & Conner	Stanley Kyrk
Billy Hanasky	Geri Adams Nagy	Workman	Susan Graff
Brian Hanasky	Hines Rotriga	Mark Davis	Susan Mize
Brogan Gallentine	Janet Rodriguez	Marshall South	Susan Schulte
Caleb Hlebiczkzi	Jean Schultz	Martha Yocum	Tammy
Carol Young	Jim Antill	Mary K. Schlosser	Teresa Helfer
Carolyn Lash	Jim and Dee	Mary Walicki	Thelma Pearson
Carolyn Wiethe	Jimmy Hocking	Michael DeBlasis	Tony Helfer
Catherine Lanham	Joe Bechtel	Milissa Rose	Trystan Timmons
Charles Heizer	John Petrella	Nadine Greenwood	Victoria Jeskey
Charles DeBeni	Jon-Michael Lasher	Nicholas Barns	Zoey Knight
Children of the	Judy Pack	Pete Cuffaro	
Youth Services System	Julia Sheets	Pete Mack	
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:

*Who Can Offer Anointing of the Sick?*

#### Question:

Can anyone offer the Anointing of the Sick to a sick or dying person, or is that only something a priest can do?

#### Answer:

The Letter of James speaks to us of the ancient tradition of a special anointing and blessing of those who are sick: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord ... If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven him" (5:14, 15b). This passage forms the foundation for the theology of the sacrament that we call "Anointing of the Sick." In keeping with what we read in the Letter of James and the ancient tradition of the Church, the anointing of a person of who sick or dying many only be performed by a priest or bishop.

Although deacons and other members of the Church are not able to celebrate the sacrament with a person who is sick, we can read Sacred Scripture and pray with and for those who are ill. Resources like the Book of Blessings also contain special blessings that can be celebrated by deacons or lay ministers. In the end, we want to be sure that we show a special care and concern for the sick, helping them to always experience God's loving comfort through made tangible through our acts of charity and service.

# 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.**

