

THE Cathedral Courier

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 8 - 15, 2023

SUN 8 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Sharlet Purpura
8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 am Mass for Greg & Amy Esper

MON 9 Optional Memorial of St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi

12:05 pm Mass for Shirley Sheets
7:00 pm Infant of Prague Novena

TUE 10 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Theodore & Bertha Rydzak
6:00 pm Catholic Belief Series (*Cantina*)

WED 11 Optional Memorial of St. John XXIII

12:05 pm Mass for Evelyn Ghaphery

THU 12 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Thomas & Eugenia Tobin

FRI 13 Weekday in Ordinary Time

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Most Rev. John J. Kain
(Anniversary of Death - 1903)

SAT 14 Optional Memorial of St. Callistus I

9:00 am Mass for Bob Berher
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for Raphael & Cecilia George

SUN 15 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass for Frank & Helen Pasden
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners



From Father Sateesh

"Being accountable to God for all his gifts to us!"



In life we measure the worth of any activity by its results or by its fruits. Similarly, we can evaluate our lives by looking at the fruits we produce. If God has blessed us with many gifts and talents and capabilities, what has been the output of our lives? Can we say that we have made the best use of all that we have received for ourselves and for others? Are we grateful for His bountiful gifts?

In today's first reading Isaiah compares us to a vineyard and the Lord is the owner. We are reminded of all that the owner does for the vineyard. The vineyard is on fertile ground; the owner digs the soil, clears it of stones, plants the choice vines, does all he can so that it might bear good fruit. What is the point of the reading? We belong to the Lord and He cares for us. He does all that is in His power that we might have a fruitful life, a happy life. He wants us to grow and make our lives fruitful for others and ourselves. But sometimes in spite of all that the God does for us, our lives are barren and fruitless! What more could the Lord do for us? What should the Lord do to the vineyard that bears sour fruit?

In the Gospel we hear a parable in which Jesus said, "There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, set a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower, and leased it out to tenants, and went on a journey. When the season of fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants, to get his fruit; but the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants, more than the first; and they did the same to them. Afterward he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and have his inheritance. And they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." The answer given by the listeners is logical. The guilty should be punished! If the people who are given every opportunity do not produce results, they have forfeited the gift. That was the way the chief priest and the elders of Israel thought. That is the way we think! The Gospel story is our story: God gives and forgives; man gets and forgets! Even though the owner receives nothing in return, he does not stop caring. He keeps on sending his messengers, the prophets. He sent His only son and even when he was rejected and killed God did not abandon His people. God's response to man's infidelity is unconditional love!

The parable in today's gospel describes God as crazy enough to send his own son to the tenants of the vineyard and they killed him. "What a silly story," we might say, "No landowner in his right mind would risk sending his own son among rebels, who had already murdered his messengers. How crazy can you get? Who can believe in a God so dumb?" But that is precisely the point of the parable. Where we would cry for vengeance on the tenants, God chooses another alternative - the alternative of unconditional love. Remember what we are today is God's gift. All that I am is God's gift to me, all that I make of myself is my gift to God!



Wheeling Area

40 Hours DEVOTION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

6:00 PM | OPENING MASS
Followed by Exposition / Adoration
9:00 PM | NIGHT PRAYER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00 AM | MORNING PRAYER
11:15 AM | CONFESSIONS
12:05 PM | MASS
12:45 PM | CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY
6:00 PM | SUNG EVENING PRAYER
Deacon Paul Lim, Celebrant and Homilist
9:00 PM | NIGHT PRAYER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

8:00 AM | MORNING PRAYER
9:00 AM | MASS
9:30 AM | ROSARY
5:00 PM | CONFESSIONS
6:00 PM | CLOSING MASS
Bishop Mark Brennan, Celebrant and Homilist

At least two people are needed for every hour that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

**PLEASE REGISTER BY
SCANNING THE
QR CODE:**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 14** - White Mass for Healthcare Professionals 6pm
- October 24** - Finance Council
- October 25** - Pastoral Council
- October 26, 27, 28** - Forty Hours Devotion
- November 1** - All Saints Day
- November 2** - All Souls Day
- November 3** - Eucharistic Adoration from 12:45-5pm
- November 7** - "The Art of Dying Well" Series Begins
- November 14** - Women's Group Begins
- November 15** - Evening Prayer for the Faithful Departed

NOVENA TO THE INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

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

Week V - October 9

*Rev. Chester Pabin
Diocese of Steubenville*



Nine Consecutive Mondays at 7:00 p.m.



Stay Connected With Us!

Flocknote is an e-mail and text messaging tool that we use at the Cathedral of St. Joseph to message our parishioners about important information. Flocknote is totally free for you to use, you don't even have to download anything or create a password in order to participate. All it takes is simply your name, e-mail address and/or cell phone number.

How Do I Sign-Up?

There are two easy ways to connect (pick one):

From your computer: Visit cathedralofstjoseph1.flocknote.com

OR:

From your mobile phone: Text the letters **CSJ** to the phone number **84576**. You will then receive a reply which will allow you to sign-up.

Collection

October 1, 2023
Envelopes: \$1983
Loose: \$590
Online: \$741
Total: \$3314

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respect
life month
called to serve moms in need
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 unfailing 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.

Ministry Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our ministry fair last weekend! The fellowship and good weather were such a blessing! If you missed out but still would like to be part of a parish ministry where you can belong and serve, reach out to us and we will help get you involved!



"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." - 1 Peter 4:10

PARISH GROUPS



Rosary Guild Kicks Off

Our newly formed Rosary Guild met last week for the first time! Meeting on the first Tuesday of each month after the 12:05 p.m. Mass, our Rosary Guild seeks to respond to the request of the Blessed Virgin Mary who asks each of us to pray the Rosary, offering prayers in particular for the salvation of the world. In addition to learning about the Rosary, our group will craft rosaries that will be distributed to those in need. *Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, pray for us!*

Youth & Young Adults

Launch Date To Be Announced

We are getting ready to start up a Youth & Young Adult Ministry! This will be a ministry and outreach to those in their late teens, twenties, and thirties, with the goal of connecting young adults with Jesus Christ, the Church, the mission of the Church in the world, and a peer community in which their faith is nurtured and strengthened. If you are interested, please use the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

Book Club

First Sunday of the Month

9:15 - 10:15 am

St. Alphonsus Liguori once said: "Without good books and spiritual reading it will be morally impossible to save our souls." Many other saints have spoken of the importance of reading good books. We are listening to the saints and are starting a book club to help us fill our minds with holy things. Come answer the saints' invitation to read good Catholic books!

PrimeTimers

Next Event To Be Announced

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!

Women's Group

Begins November 14

Second Tuesday of the Month

6:30 - 7:30 pm

A women's discussion, prayer, and faith-sharing community open to all adult women at any stage of life. Our Cathedral Women's Group is intended to provide spiritual and social activities with monthly meetings that will facilitate Scripture study, prayer, fellowship, and fun.

Men's Group

Launch Date To Be Announced

A group of men committed to living out the Faith through prayer, friendship, and discussion, emulating the virtues of St. Joseph, and striving to become better husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers.



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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Live & Give in Gratitude

In St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus presents a parable to the chief priests and elders about a property owner (God) who plants a vineyard. He describes how the tenants (the Israelites) reject the servants (God's prophets), and even kill the landowner's son (Jesus, symbolizing His sacrifice for our sins). Jesus becomes the cornerstone that the builders reject. In Isaiah, a vineyard that yields bad grapes is likened to the sinfulness of Israel. God's Kingdom will be given to those who produce abundant fruit. As Christian stewards, we strive to produce this good fruit from our good works. Learn about the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and implement them into your life.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of October 8

THIS SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11
(Ps) Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8
Luke 10:25-37

TUESDAY

Jonah 3:1-10
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 7-8
Luke 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY

Jonah 4:1-11
Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10
Luke 11:1-4

THURSDAY

Malachi 3:15-20
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
Luke 11:5-13

FRIDAY

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2
Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9
Luke 11:15-26

SATURDAY

Joel 4:12-21
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Luke 11:27-28

NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 25:6-10
Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-14

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 9 - St. Denis, bishop, and Companions, martyrs (d.250)

St. Denis was a third-century bishop who was martyred on the highest hill in Paris during the persecutions under Decius, along with his companions, Sts. Eleutherius and Rusticus. Devotion to the three martyrs led St. Genevieve to begin the construction of a basilica in their honor on the hill where they died.

Patronage: those who suffer from headaches; Paris; France

St. John Leonardi, priest (1541-1609)

Also celebrated on October 9 is John Leonardi, founder of the Clerks Regular of the Mother of God of Lucca. John was born in Tuscany and ordained in 1562. He founded the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and the College for the Propagation of the Faith, an important part of the Counter-Reformation.

October 11 - St. John XXIII, pope (1881-1963)

Known for his modesty and pastoral concern, "Good Pope John" dedicated his ministry to placing the Church at the service of the needs of the world. He surprised the world by announcing the Second Vatican Council on January 25, 1959. His hope was that the council would signal a new style for the Church and her authority.

October 14 - St. Callistus I, pope and martyr (d.222)

Following a life of slavery and hard labor, Saint Callistus I was appointed deacon in charge of the Christian cemetery on the Appian Way, now called the catacomb of San Callisto. Recognized for abounding wisdom and natural leadership, he was elected pope. He instituted the ember days of fast and abstinence as pope and is remembered as a martyr. In keeping with the redemptive nature of his ember days, the saint was known as an advocate for mercy toward apostates who desired to rejoin the Church.

Patronage: cemetery workers



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival



BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Feast Day: October 14

"If we get in front of the sun, we get sun tans, but when we get in front of Jesus in the Eucharist, we become Saints."

Born in London in 1991, Carlo and his family soon moved back to Italy, where he grew up as an ordinary only child. He loved soccer, video games, movies, and all animals - he had four dogs, two cats, and many goldfish as pets! From early childhood, he loved Jesus in the Eucharist more than anything else. Using his computer coding skills, Carlo spent four years creating a website dedicated to cataloging every reported Eucharistic miracle around the world (it is still available at www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/liste/list.html). Diagnosed with leukemia, Carlo offered his sufferings to God for the intentions of the sitting pope—Benedict XVI—and the entire Church. His longtime desire to visit as many sites of Eucharistic miracles as possible was cut short by his illness. Carlo died in 2006 and was beatified in 2020. He is a patron of the National Eucharistic Revival.

THE PARISH YEAR

SAINT STORIES

Central Catholic High School OPEN HOUSE



SUNDAY

October 15th

1:00-3:00

GET KNIGHTED!

www.CCHSKnights.org



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Priests & Marriage Counseling

Question:

How can a priest counsel people about marriage when he has never been married?

Answer:

If a marriage counselor is in a bad marriage does that mean that he or she will be a bad counselor? If one's counseling ability depended upon first-hand experience, would that require counselors to be perfect before they can help others? Obviously not. Some of the skills necessary to help others do come out of personal life experience. But you don't need personal, first-hand experience in order to understand something. We would not think that a doctor, who is an oncologist, would not be able to treat cancer because he himself has never been sick. We also would not expect every doctor to treat cancer. It is the same with priests.

Essentially marriage is a relationship and we've all been involved in different kinds of relationships: in our family, with our friends, and with God. And so counseling people about marriage is really helping them to look at the issues that really are part of their relationship, finding ways to better understand themselves in relationship to one another and in relationship to God. In many ways a priest's training, background, and experience, as well as his personal knowledge of many different relationships in families and couples, gives him a broad background from which to draw upon. Most priests are quite capable of helping couples prepare for marriage and discussing the issues that are important as they begin their life together. And they do not do it alone. With the help of married couples and specially trained counselors, most parishes offer a very good preparation for the sacrament of marriage.



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Arthur Danehart
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Brogan Gallentine
Caleb Hlebiczi
Carol Young
Carolyn Lash
Carolyn Wiethe
Catherine Lanham
Charles Heizer
Charles DeBenedi
Children of the
Youth Services System
Christina Helfer

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Gail Koch
George Kirchner
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Julia Sheets

Kathy Cooley
Kaitlyn Hanasky
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Liam Barns
Liam Manning
Lukie Brown
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Marge Mucheck
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Marshall South
Martha Yocum
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Nicholas Barns
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Pete Mack

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Richard Simon
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Ron Hickman
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Rose Otey
Sarah Hanasky
Sarah Sargent
Shirley DeCaria
Stanley Kyrck
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Tony Helfer
Trystan Timmons
Victoria Jeskey
Zoe Knight

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 under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

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.

