



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.



September 3 - 10, 2023

sun 3

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Marty Purpura

8:00 am Mass for the Living and Deceased

Members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family and David & Faye

Ghaphery Family

10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners

MON 4

Weekday in Ordinary Time Labor Day

9:00 am Labor Day Mass

TUE 5

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for David & Faye Ghaphery **6:00 pm** The Presence Series (*Cantina*)

WED

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Betty Hickman

THU 7

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Lee Hendershot

FRI 8

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

11:15 am Confessions

12:05 pm Mass for Mihalena Pacewicz

SAT

Memorial of St. Peter Claver

9:00 am Mass for Dr. Joseph Agresta

9:30 am Rosary

5:00 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

SUN 10

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass for Madelyn Belby 10:30 am Mass for Dorothy Fillipovich





"Following and trusting God even amidst trials!"

Today's reading forces us to reflect on what it means to be a Christian. Sometimes we may feel exactly like the prophet Jeremiah who complained: "Lord you are making a fool of me!" Yet, he cannot give up being true to himself and what he believes: "I have to say what I believe is



true, in my home, in my office, with my neighbors and friends." To follow the Lord is never easy; we need to be touched by His love to respond to his calling.

In today's Gospel Jesus continues his instructions to his followers on the demands of discipleship. Peter had just acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of the living God. Jesus now speaks plainly of what this would entail. He told them that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and there suffer grievously and be put to death. The Messiah that Peter was thinking about was a glorious victorious Messiah, who would come in splendor and power.

Jesus foretold of a Messiah who would be a suffering servant, obedient unto death. Peter just could not accept a suffering Messiah, so he takes Jesus aside and tries to reason with him. Jesus reacts strongly to Peter's advice. Peter was making two mistakes. First of all, he did not listen to the full destiny of Jesus. His second mistake was to dictate what God's will should be. This mistake could have serious consequences and so Jesus puts Peter in his place. Peter, who was earlier called the rock, is now called a stumbling stone, Satan. Jesus attacked Peter violently to teach him this hard and blunt way to seek new directions of thinking and of living. Peter had faith but not yet that faith which gives the unconditional answer, I am ready, to accept God's will. Following Jesus has to be voluntary and once Jesus is accepted one has to be ready for self-denial, saying 'No' to self and 'Yes' to God.

Our scripture readings teach us that Christian life is not about winning or staying on top of the social ladder. Rather, it is about giving oneself to a greater cause. We followers of Christ are to live life to the full by surrendering to the process of defeat, suffering, and dying. This is the great paradox that Jesus taught and lived: life is lived fully not by surrendering it to self-survival instincts or the dominating powers. Life is fully lived when it can make a difference to others, when it can transform society and make it into a mirror of God's Kingdom. May we not be transformed by the world but transform it by our lives!



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We would love for anyone who is willing to volunteer in any capacity to sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. We will get in touch with our volunteers to assign specific roles for the day of the festival. PLEASE REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER BY SEPTEMBER 5, 2023.

Another exciting component of this year's festival will include a parishioner bake sale. Please consider donating a sweet treat. You will find a sign-up sheet for the bake sale in the back of the church as well.

Mission Appeal

Next Weekend - September 9/10

Next weekend, at all Masses, Rev. Jose Manuel will be speaking about the works and the needs of the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum in India. It has about 270,000 Catholics. 90% of the people belongs to fishermen community, the majority of whom depends on fishing for their livelihood. 10% are farm workers who are recent converts from low caste Hindus. Unemployment and poverty are most rampant in the communities. The Archdiocese depends on outside contributions to support its clergy, seminarians, catechists, and the humanitarian projects of the homes for the orphans, aged and destitute, which provide food, shelter, health care, and education. In 2021, Hurricane "Tauktae" left hundreds of families homeless.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support of the second collection next weekend!



September 5 - The Presence Series Begins 6pm

September 9/10 - Mission Appeal Weekend

September 11 - Infant of Prague Novena Begins 7pm

September 16 - Blue Mass for First Responders 6pm

September 20 - PrimeTimers Lunch at Mehlman's

September 20 - Pastoral Council

September 24 - Fall Festival

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 26, 27, 28 - Forty Hours Devotion



Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague

Theme - The Eucharist: Gift, Mystery, & Reality

SEPTEMBER 11 TO NOVEMBER 6, 2023 NINE CONSECUTIVE MONDAYS 7:00 p.m.

> "The More You Honor Me, The More I Will Bless You."



THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

Our 12th annual Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague will begin on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Each week consists of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, a homily given by a guest priest, music, and prayers to the Infant Jesus of Prague. The list of blessings attributed by devotees of the Infant Jesus is endless. God has been astonishingly generous in blessing those who have been devoted to His Infant Son. Please join us for this beautiful devotion!

Collection

August 27, 2023

Envelopes: \$1919 Loose: \$593 Online: \$395

Total: \$2907

Thank you for your support!



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Pabor Day

The United States' celebration of Labor Day was originally instituted to honor the sacrifice and hard work of laborers across the country, and to stress the importance of their just treatment. This intention is still there, though it is primarily seen as a holiday weekend and the last "hurrah" before school starts.

As Catholics, we believe that every action of ours can become a "prayer" and be offered to God. Unfortunately, we often fail to think of this as we go about our daily business, especially when we work deep in the secular world. Yet, we believe that God can transform our ordinary lives into something extraordinary, even turning the most mundane actions into grace-filled moments, that can even bring grace upon someone else.

Sanctifying ourselves in our work means that, as we work, we forge virtues; the very virtues of Jesus. We become more like God, we identify with Him, and we spend our lives for others, as Jesus did in coming to earth to save us.

As we celebrate Labor Day, may we renew our efforts at working diligently, always striving to sanctify our work and thereby allowing our example to sanctify those around us!

LITURGICAL LIVING

A real presence, a mystery of faith

The sacramental re-presentation of Christ's sacrifice, crowned by the resurrection, in the Mass involves a most special presence which – in the words of Paul VI – "is called 'real' not as a way of excluding all other types of presence as if they were 'not real', but because it is a presence in the fullest sense: a substantial presence whereby Christ, the God-Man, is wholly and entirely present". This sets forth once more the perennially valid teaching of the Council of Trent: "the consecration of the

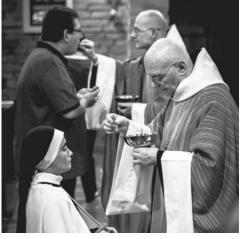
bread and wine effects the change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord, and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. And the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called this change transub-

stantiation". Truly the Eucharist is a *mysterium fidei*, a mystery which surpasses our understanding and can only be received in faith, as is often brought out in the catechesis of the Church Fathers regarding this divine sacrament: "Do not see – Saint Cyril of Jerusalem exhorts – in the bread and wine merely natural elements, because the Lord has expressly said that they are his body and his blood: faith assures you of this, though your senses suggest otherwise".

Adoro te devote, latens Deitas, we shall continue to sing with the Angelic Doctor. Before this mystery of love, human reason fully experiences its limitations. One understands how, down the centuries, this truth has stimulated theology to strive to understand it ever more deeply.

These are praiseworthy efforts, which are all the more helpful and insightful to the extent that they are able to join critical thinking to the "living faith" of the Church, as grasped especially by the Magisterium's "sure charism of truth" and the "intimate sense of spiritual realities" which is attained above all by the saints. There remains the boundary indicated by Paul VI: "Every theological explanation which seeks some understanding of this mystery, in order to be in accord with Catholic

faith, must firmly maintain that in objective reality, independently of our mind, the bread and wine have ceased to exist after the consecration, so that the adorable body and blood of the Lord Jesus from that moment on are really before us under the sacramental species of bread and wine".



The saving efficacy of the sacrifice is fully realized when the Lord's body and blood are received in communion. The Eucharistic Sacrifice is intrinsically directed to the inward union of the faithful with Christ through communion; we receive the very One who offered himself for us, we receive his body which he gave up for us on the Cross and his blood which he "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Mt 26:28). We are reminded of his words: "As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me" (In 6:57). Jesus himself reassures us that this union, which he compares to that of the life of the Trinity, is truly realized. The Eucharist is a true banquet, in which Christ offers himself as our nourishment.

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FIRE UP YOUR FAITH

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Evangelization is the primary task of the Church and we, the

members of the Church, are called to evangelize. Let us go forth and seek out those who want to be Catholic and bring them to experience an encounter with Jesus. Therefore,

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Is interested in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Has been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what to do to become Catholic?

Registration for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is open. If you want to join or knows someone who wants to be Catholic, please contact the Parish Office or Jacob Manning at 304-280-9684 or jamanning 710@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Live & Give in Gratitude

A central theme emerges in today's Scripture readings: doing God's will. The prophet Jeremiah's deep relationship with God inspires him to do God's will in spite of his hesitancy — and the community mocking him. The result is his prophesy against the community leaders' worship of idols and unfair treatment of the poor. In St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, he urges them to find God's will by transforming and renewing their minds and bodies to what is good, pleasing, and perfect to Him. In St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus aligns himself with His Father's will by predicting to His disciples that He will suffer, die, and be raised up on the third day. For faithful stewards, the ultimate scenario for discipleship is to encounter and develop a deep relationship with Christ by seeking the Father's will, and then acting on it. For the wise steward, the result is tremendous fulfillment and peace in this life. Developing your spiritual life is key to discovering God's will. Begin by reading and reflecting on Scripture for a few minutes each day.

Living a Eucharistic Life Parish Mission

September 6, 7, & 8; 6:30-8:30pm St. Mary's Catholic Church 212 W Main Street, St. Clairsville, OH All are invited to attend the Parish Mission of St. Mary's Church in St. Clairsville titled "Taken and Blessed, Broken, Given: Living a Eucharistic Life." Led by Sr. Anna Rose and Sr. Sarah Rose of the Franciscan Sisters, TOR of Toronto, Ohio, each evening includes a talk, guided prayer, music, and Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction. Please consider attending this special opportunity to deepen your faith during this National Eucharistic Revival!

Our desire for God can only grow when we place ourselves in His presence.

-Pope Francis



On September 15, the Church observes a memorial honoring the Blessed Mother as Our Lady of Sorrows. "And a sword will pierce your own soul, too," Simeon told Mary when she presented the child Jesus in the Temple forty days after his birth (Luke 2:35). That prophecy was fulfilled when Mary stood at the foot of her Son's Cross, sharing his bitter suffering. During the month of September, we honor Mary under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows. This month, let us bring to Mary all our sorrows, knowing that she understands what it is to truly suffer. This month is a good time to draw closer to our Blessed Mother by meditating on the great hymn to the Mother of Sorrows, the Stabat Mater.

Ways to Honor the Seven Sorrows of Mary

- Pray the Stabat Mater
- Meditate upon an image of the Pieta
- Don't run from the sorrows of others



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September

For people living on the margins We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of September 3

THIS SUNDAY

Jeremiah 20:7-9 Ps 53:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

MONDAY

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 Luke 4:16-30

TUESDAY

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Luke 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY

Colossians 1:1-8 Ps 52:10, 11 Luke 4:38-44

THURSDAY

Colossians 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Luke 5:1-11

FRIDAY

Micah 5:1-4 *or* Romans 8:28-30 Ps 97:1, 2, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Matthew 25:1-13

SATURDAY

Colossians 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8 Luke 6:1-5

NEXT SUNDAY

Ezekiel 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

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.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

September 5 - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

The Church celebrates on September 5 the feast of Mother Teresa, a universal symbol of God's merciful and preferential love for the poor and forgotten. "Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defense of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded." (Pope Francis, Canonization Homily). Small in stature but a giant witness to faith, hope and love, we turn to Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta on her feast day, asking her to intercede for us!



September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Exactly nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8), we come to a feast in honor of the Nativity of Mary. This is one of only three "birthdays" on the liturgical calendar, the other two being the birthdays of Jesus and of John the Baptist (other days recognize a saints "day of death"). On this day we recall the greatness of Mary and her importance in all of salvation history, as we remember her humble and obedient yes to give birth to Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World. So on this day we honor the life of this young woman, Mary Immaculate, called to be the Mother of God and our mother, queen of heaven and earth. This feast probably originated after

the Council of Ephesus in 431, which established her right to the title of "Mother of God." It was first mentioned in a hymn composed by Saint Romanus, an ecclesiastical lyrist of the Greek Church; adopted by the Roman Church in the 17th century.

September 9 - Saint Peter Claver, priest (1580-1654)

Peter Claver, a Spanish Jesuit priest, spent his life tending to the needs of African slaves in Columbia, South America. While serving as a missionary, he ministered to the slaves by providing them with food and medicine, washing their wounds, preparing them for Baptism, and witnessing their Marriages. He actively pursued lawyers to plead the cases of imprisoned slaves and prepared criminals for death. Not only did he care for the slaves, but he also preached missions to plantation owners and sailors. The "saint of the slaves," as St. Peter is often called, died after contracting a plague.

Patronage: African missions; interracial justice



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Excerpt from hallow/blog

The Roman Missal gives broad guidelines for post-Communion prayer, saying that those who have received the Eucharist can "praise and pray to God in their hearts." All prayers in the moments following Communion are said silently. Similar to prayers offered before receiving Communion, prayers afterward can be short and free-flowing. Some examples of simple Communion prayers to say after receiving are:

- "Thank you, Lord, for this most precious gift."
- "I'm eternally grateful for your sacrifice. Strengthen me to do Your will."
- Anima Christi Prayer (Soul of Christ, sanctify me...)

The time after Communion can be a dialogue with God, and you may find yourself doing less talking and more listening. These incredibly intimate moments with our Lord don't require strict prayers and structures. Be with God. Feel His presence. Listen to God's call. The power of the Eucharist can overcome any inability we have to offer the exact right prayer!

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023 | 6:00 PM

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH

1300 Eoff Street, Wheeling, West Virginia

Bishop Mark E. Brennan, Celebrant

A reception will follow in the Great Hall of Wheeling Central Catholic High School. All are welcome.



September 23, 2023



REMEMBER YOUR

Andrew Helfer Angela Niehart Archer Hatch Arthur Danehart Austin Cook Barb Mazzocca Becky Schlosser Beth lochum **Betty Teater** Bill Wilson Bob Armstrong Billy Hanasky Brian Hanasky Brogan Gallentine Caleb Hlebiczki Carol Young Carolyn Lash Carolyn Wiethe Catherine Lanham Charles Heizer Charles DeBeni Children of the Youth Services System Christina Helfer

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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.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Church Teaching About Suicide

Ouestion:

What does the Church say about suicide?

Answer:

Unfortunately, despite the Church's clear teachings in resources like the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, there are still many people who are confused about what the Church teaches regarding the tragic reality of suicide.

While we hold that all life is sacred, we are also all-too aware that psychological, emotional and even physical illness — as well as extreme anxiety, fear, and abuse can lead individuals to take their own lives. Speaking to this, the *United States Catholic* Catechism for Adults reflects, "Although suicide is always objectively sinful, one should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (pg. 294). The text also states the reality of illness or other extreme influences can "diminish the responsibility of one committing suicide" (pg. 293).

Parishes and grief support groups should show special care and concern for those families that have lost a loved one to suicide. And, communities should always try to be mindful of those who might be at risk of suicide or self-harm.

If someone is contemplating suicide, please know that help is available, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255).

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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.

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