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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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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

April 11 - 18, 2021

SUN 11 **Second Sunday of Easter**
Octave Day of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

6:00 pm Mass for Rose Holosko
8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 am Mass for Thelma Moran

MON 12 **Easter Weekday**

12:05 pm Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery

TUE 13 **Saint Martin I**

12:05 pm Mass for Elizabeth Naegele

WED 14 **Easter Weekday**

12:05 pm Mass for Anton Malek

THU 15 **Easter Weekday**

12:05 pm Mass for Dr. Adiel Anghie

FRI 16 **Easter Weekday**

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Fred Wojcik

SAT 17 **Easter Weekday**

9:00 am Mass for Grace Pace
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for George Bridges

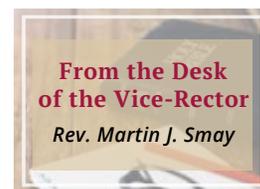
SUN 18 **Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am Mass for Ginny Felton
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners



Dear Parishioners of the Cathedral Parish,

Examining certain tendencies in us humans that are nearly universal, not only in the sense of things that we do in most every place on earth, but in the wider since which also embraces the expanse of time, can be very helpful in understanding our humanity, for better or for worse. When we view the world and history in this way, we will discover certain themes which present themselves again and again. Studying these impulses can help us reach some conclusions about what humans need and even about the kind of qualities with which God Almighty has endowed us. Such a study must be conducted carefully because as Christians we believe that our nature is damaged by the sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, and that damage is deepened by our personal sins. We Christians have a special advantage in this approach to understanding human nature as compared to someone operating from a strictly secular point of view because we have recourse to divine revelation (it's a helpful when the Creator simply tells about the world He created).



One of the things which is nearly universal both in our present day and throughout all of history is sacred spaces (we can understand "space" in the wide sense of the word i.e. not only places but also time). Sacred spaces are so ubiquitous because the human person has an innate understanding, placed within us by our Creator, that there are to be times and places set aside and dedicated to worshiping God. For something to be "sacred" means for it to be fundamentally cut off from ordinary use. Thus, I do not take the chalices we use at Holy Mass and drink juice or milk from them because those are profane uses.

The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity uniting to Himself a human nature and becoming flesh changed everything. By becoming man, God hallowed creation in a new way and, because of this, Christians have a general sense that all of creation is holy and that the whole world is the temple of God's glory since we are to extoll His name in all places; still it is fitting that there be special locations set aside specifically for prayer. The Jews had their sacred space, the Temple in Jerusalem, which was consecrated (and re-consecrated after being defiled). The Catholic faith, being a continuation and fulfillment of the Jewish faith, continues this divinely established tradition of having a sacred space so that we have fitting places for the sacred mysteries.

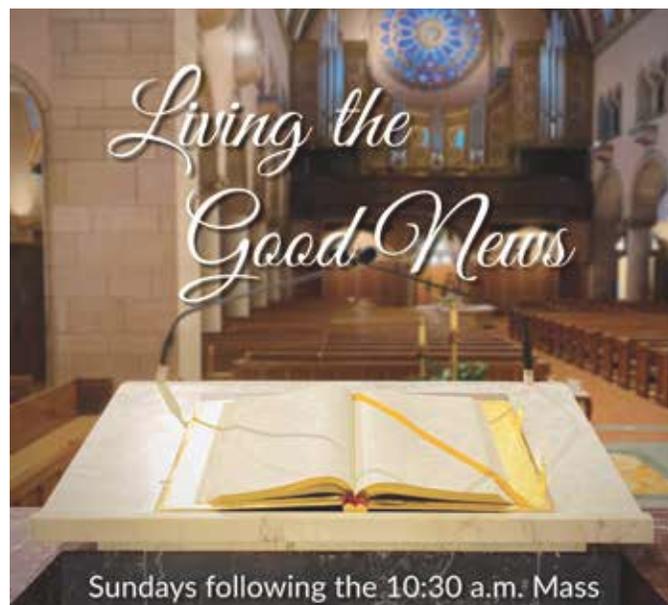
Christians have been setting aside spaces for the worship of almighty God since the early days of Christianity. While it is difficult to say with certainty, we know that communities of Christians would purchase homes and convert them into churches in the first centuries, before it was legal to be a Christian. Sadly, there is little archaeological evidence left from these early house-churches because they were almost inevitably destroyed in the course of history. One of the earliest known house-churches which was partially intact when discovered was in Dura-Europos located in present day Syria and was converted into a place of worship in the mid-3rd century and the city was subsequently abandoned a short time later. Archaeological investigations were conducted there in the early 20th century and, fortunately, the frescos which existed in that house church were moved to Yale University (I write "fortunately" because that site fell into the hands of ISIS and has likely been destroyed; some photos of this ancient house-church and other places in Dura-Europos can be found on the internet at media.artgallery.yale.edu/duraeuropos/). In

Rome, construction began on the Basilica of Santa Sabina in 422 (not noteworthy in itself) and it is said that this church is built on the site of a former house-church, perhaps owned or funded by a woman named Sabina. The same is true for the Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere which was built on the site of a house-church founded in 220 by Pope Saint Callixtus I.

How people comport themselves in a particular parish church is always noteworthy to me. I have been at some parishes where, as a matter of habit, the church is nothing short of raucous before and after Holy Mass with numerous groups of people holding loud and extended conversations. I always have to bite my tongue and fight the urge to remind people that a church is the house of God and a house of prayer, not a social hall. Such behavior is simply not in accord with the very nature of a sacred space and, in times past, was considered to be sacrilegious (although generally venial in nature) i.e. a violation of a place dedicated to divine worship by a bishop. At other parishes there is an intense reverence among the people for the sacredness of the space and silence – something which is so lacking in our world today and which, as much as it is lacking, is all the more needed – is maintained. It is most fitting that a sacred silence be kept in churches especially in view of the fact that silence is conducive to prayer and also out of respect for our Lord Who remains veiled in silence while fully present in the Tabernacle. I am thankful to God and to you that the Cathedral Parish is numbered among the latter as there is rarely any talking before or after Mass. Please continue this disposition! I would make similar comments about applause in churches (in general they aren't appropriate, although there are rare moments when applause are appropriate – as at the ordination of a priest as a gesture of approval of the candidate by the Faithful), but I think it is sufficient to quote a couple Pope-Saints in this matter: Pope Saint Pius X said, "It is not fitting that the servant should be applauded in his Master's house" and Pope Saint John XXIII told a group anxiously awaiting his arrival at a church in Rome, "I am very glad to have come here. But if I must express a wish, it is that in church you not shout out, that you not clap your hands, and that you not greet even the Pope, because *'templum Dei, templum Dei* [the temple of God is the temple of God]."

God love you and keep the Faith!

Fr. Martin J. Smay



Please join us in the Cathedral after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the Sundays during the Easter Season for a brief discussion on the Scripture Readings for Mass led by Mr. Richard Miesel.

GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS During the COVID-19 Pandemic

We ask that you please review and adhere to these guidelines while attending Mass in the Cathedral:

Wear Face Masks

The faithful are required to bring their own facemasks and to wear them during Mass.

Keep Your Distance

Social distancing is necessary at Mass while seated in the pew and during the Communion procession. Families living in the same household may sit together. We are only able to accommodate 92 people per Mass at the Cathedral.

Some common, though optional practices of the Mass, will be omitted such as the use of hymnals, holding of hands during the Our Father, the Sign of Peace, and the offering of the Precious Blood of Christ to the faithful. The complete list of guidelines are available for your review on the diocesan website: www.dwc.org.

Please keep in mind that Bishop Brennan has given the faithful of the Diocese the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass. Therefore, sick persons and those more susceptible to infection – the elderly, those already in frail health – are urged to remain at home and participate in televised or online Masses.

Offertory Collection

April 4, 2021

Envelopes: \$2270

Loose: \$621

Online: \$888

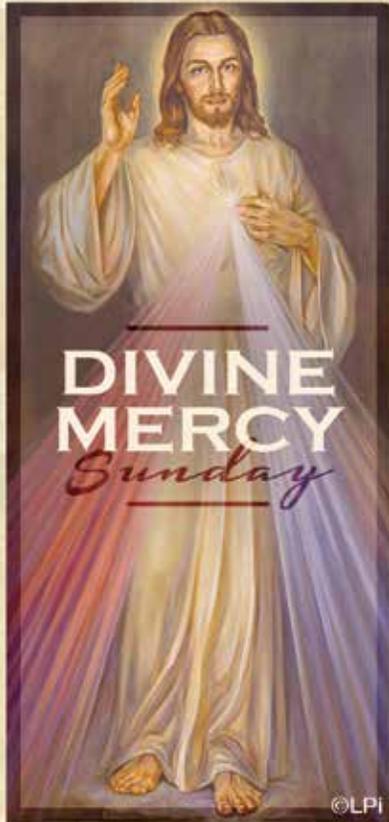
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On April 30, 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun and visionary to whom Christ had appeared with red and white rays streaming from his heart, an image that has since become famous as the "Divine Mercy." Saint Faustina realized that God sees the world through the wounds of his Son, and that God's gaze is full of mercy and love. We need not fear, therefore, but only trust in Jesus.

The Divine Mercy chaplet is a special prayer using Rosary beads, but with a different sequence of prayers, emphasizing the saving Passion of Christ. One of the prayers of the chaplet summarizes the devotion, which focuses on Christ's Passion and God's mercy: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is

a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so.

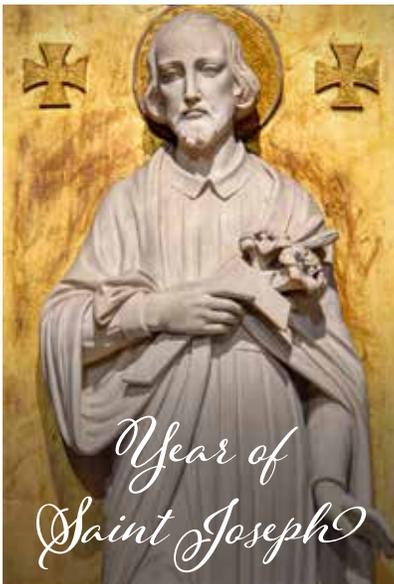
God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing,

and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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When Pope Francis decided to dedicate this liturgical year to St. Joseph and write his apostolic letter, *Patris Corde*, announcing it, he was making his major contribution to the long and storied history of the Church's devotion to Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster father of Jesus. The prominent place that Saint Joseph holds in our Church Tradition can be seen in his patronage, his liturgical feasts, the religious communities that have taken his name, his apparitions with the Blessed Mother, the major shrines and basilicas dedicated to him, the Church documents written about him, the prayers said to him, his place in the liturgy, as well as the studies devoted to him.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy,
and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.*

New to the Parish?

Are you new to the Parish? Has your address or phone number changed? Are you a Catholic wishing to return to the Church? We would love to hear from you! Contact or stop by the Parish Offices to find out more information on how to become a member of the Cathedral Parish.

Online Giving

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application that is safe and secure. This site allows you to set up automatic contributions and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. You may make pledges and manage your contributions to the pledge amount, and you may make one-time donations. To sign up for Online Giving, visit our parish website at www.saintjosephcathedral.com and follow the "Giving" tab. This website will walk you through the process.



Month of the Holy Eucharist

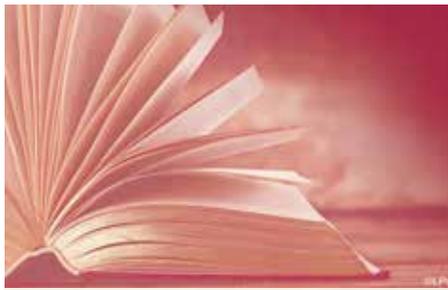
The month of April is dedicated to devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This tradition has developed because Easter Sunday often falls in April, and when it does fall in March, the Easter season continues on through all of April. In essence, April is a month of Easter, and during the Easter celebration we remember the Eucharistic sacrifice Christ gave us and the baptism in the Holy Spirit, which would come after Jesus's resurrection.

At the Last Supper, surrounded by His Apostles, Jesus gave to the world the most sublime gift of His Real Presence by instituting the Sacrament of the Eucharist – His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Jesus took bread and pronounced the words: "Take and eat, this is my Body"; then He took a cup of wine and said: "Take and drink, this is my Blood. Do this in memory of me." With these words Jesus instituted the greatest of all of the Sacraments, the Sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist.

Ways to Honor the Holy Eucharist

- Truly prepare yourself to receive Christ in the Holy Eucharist by arriving early to Mass and spending time in prayer.
- If you are not in the state of grace before receiving Holy Communion, go to confession
- Spend time in Eucharistic Adoration

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of April 11

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 4:32-35
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

MONDAY

Acts 4:23-31
Ps 2:1-3, 4-7, 7-9
John 3:1-8

TUESDAY

Acts 4:32-37
Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5
John 3:7-15

WEDNESDAY

Acts 5:17-26
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
John 3:16-21

THURSDAY

Acts 5:27-33
Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20
John 3:31-36

FRIDAY

Acts 5:34-42
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
John 6:1-15

SATURDAY

Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
John 6:16-21

NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9
1 John 2:1-5
Luke 24:35-48

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.

April 11 - St. Stanislaus, bishop and martyr (1030-1079)

Noted for his compassionate concern for the poor and for his wise counsel, Saint Stanislaus was appointed bishop of Krakow. His consecration as bishop was met with great joy on the part of the people. While serving as bishop he spoke out against King Boleslaus, an unjust and cruel man who incited fear in the people of Poland. St. Stanislaus, outraged by the oppressive behavior of the monarch, declared that an unjust king has no place in the Church. In response, the king defamed his reputation, eventually ordering guards to kill him, but they refused. The king took matters into his own hands by stabbing him with a sword. *Patronage:* Poland

April 13 - St. Martin I, pope and martyr (598-655)

Saint Martin I was a Roman of noble birth, and had a reputation for intelligence, learning, and charity. He fought against the Monothelite heresy, which claimed that Jesus had two natures - human and divine - but only one will. At that time, the government was deeply involved in theological controversies. If the Church was torn by doctrinal conflicts, the emperors felt it threatened public order. They sought peace at all costs, even sacrificing orthodoxy. Martin was tried by Emperor Constans II in Constantinople, and was imprisoned and exiled. He died from mistreatment at the hands of fellow Christians in 655.

Saints of God, pray for us!

Parish Council Elections

We are ready to nominate the next set of parish council candidates. At this time, we will be electing 5 new members to the council. Nominations will be accepted in the back of the church or to the parish office from April 10th through the 25th. At that time, biographies will be available in the Courier and elections will follow.

According to the guidelines of the council, the following gifts and temperaments are necessary for successful pastoral leadership in members of the Council: desire for spiritual growth in self and in others, enthusiasm about the future of the parish, eagerness to facilitate parish decisions about its future, courage to work toward consensus, capacity to listen, integrity in articulating what one has heard and what one believes, ability to inspire and empower, willingness to delegate, and flexibility and openness with people and ideas. In addition, in order to be nominated, parishioners must be: at least 21 years of age, a baptized and practicing Catholic, a registered member of the parish, an active participant in the ongoing life of the parish, and have a broad knowledge of the community.



We will follow the following election process: nominations will be accepted through April 25, 2021. Nominees will be verified as members of our parish, and then contacted by council members to accept or decline the nomination. Nominee biographies will run for two weeks in the Courier in late May. After the election, the 5 nominees receiving the most votes will be asked to join the council and begin serving in the summer of 2021.



Please remember
in your prayers all
who serve in the
Armed Forces.
May they be kept
safe and out of
harm's way.



Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers:
Dolores Joseph (d. March 30, 2021)



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained: *Basilica vs Cathedral*

Question:

What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?

Answer:

Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, or "cathedra" in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop's teaching authority.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer	Eli Musser	Kermit Klosterman	Philippa Shores
Archer Hatch	Eric South	Liam Barns	Rachel Wade
Arthur Danehart	Eva Wood	Liam Manning	R.J. Stocke
Austin Cook	Fr. Joseph Wilhelm	Lucille Renowicz	Richard Simon
Ashton Southerly	Frank Davis	Lukie Brown	Rick Burgy
Barb Mazzocca	Fred Herink	Margaret Stocke	Ron Hickman
Beth Jochum	Frederick C. Schweizer	Marie Farnsworth	Rosanne Gaughan
Betty Teater	Gail Koch	Marie & Conner	Rosalie Davis
Bill Wilson	George Kirchner	Workman	Rose Otey
Bob Armstrong	Geri Adams Nagy	Mark Davis	Sarah Hanasky
Bob Jones	Hines Rotriga	Marshall South	Sarah Sargent
Billy Hanasky	Janet Cupp	Martha Yocum	Shirley DeBeni
Brian Hanasky	Janie	Mary Ann Fowler	Shirley DeCaria
Brogan Gallentine	Jean & Chuck Schultz	Mary K. Schlosser	Stanley Kyrck
Caleb Hlebiczk	Jim Antill	Mary Walicki	Stephanie Bugaj
Carolyn Lash	Jim and Dee	Michael DeBlasis	Susan Graff
Carolyn Wieth	Jimmy Hocking	Milissa Rose	Susan Mize
Charles Heizer	Joe Bechtel	Milly Burke	Susan Schulte
Charles DeBeni	John Petrella	Nadine Greenwood	Tammy
Children of the	Jon-Michael Lasher	Nicholas Barns	Teresa Helfer
Youth Services System	Judy Pack	Norma Bosold	Thelma Pearson
Christina Helfer	Julia Sheets	Patricia Kaliszcz	Trystan Timmons
Chuck Fair	Kathy Cooley	Pete Cuffaro	Victoria Jeskey
David A. Kress, Jr.	Kaitlyn Hanasky	Pete Mack	

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an 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 one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. 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.

