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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 25 - May 2, 2021

SUN 25 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners
8:00 am Mass for James F. Quirk
10:30 am Mass for Katie Fahey

MON 26 **Easter Weekday**
12:05 pm Mass for Terry D. Douglas

TUE 27 **Easter Weekday**
12:05 pm Mass for George Bridges

WED 28 **Saint Peter Chanel;
Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort**
12:05 pm Mass for Ron Radcliffe

THU 29 **Saint Catherine of Siena**
12:05 pm Mass for Ann Poleski Smay

FRI 30 **Saint Pius V**
11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Alma Petrak Przybysz

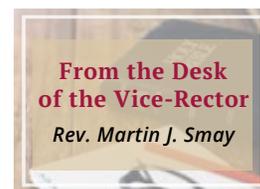
SAT 1 **Saint Joseph the Worker
First Saturday**
9:00 am Mass for Joanne Totterdale
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for Rose Holosko

SUN 2 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 am Mass for George Bridges



Dear Parishioners of the Cathedral Parish,

I mentioned last week that I was hoping to do some kind of a parish gathering/meal after the Mass celebrating the 95th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral but that, because of the coronavirus, wasn't happening. The plan in its infancy was to have an outdoor dinner in the courtyard. It turns out that at the time the dinner would have been taking place, it was a damp 41°F with a not so gentle breeze. Not exactly great outdoor dining weather. Sometimes Divine Providence is more palpable than others. I guess we can at least thank COVID for something. To those of you who joined us for Mass at 6pm, thank you. The Cathedral, beautiful as it is, is only the cold shell of a building if not for the people who gather there to offer right worship to the True and Living God.



This week I will reflect some on justice and our justice system. These thoughts are largely provoked by the recent trial of Derek Chauvin, the 45 year old former Minneapolis police officer who was convicted of charges relating to the death of George Floyd. Justice is that virtue by which we render to others what is due to them. If we are all basically good, decent people, then justice is fairly easy and straightforward. If I hire someone to cut my lawn for \$20, he cuts the lawn then I pay him \$20. He rendered the service, I rendered the money, justice is done.

But things get far more complicated, and quickly, because we are not all basically good, decent human beings (thanks to Adam and Eve and their decidedly poor decision in the Garden of Eden). We are prone to all sorts of nefarious activity and we're not always very willing to own up to it, many protesting their innocence in the face of overwhelming and incontrovertible evidence to the contrary. For that reason, we humans for thousands of years have established what is termed a "justice system." A justice system is a system which, ideally, meets out justice in a systematic (i.e. predictable) manner. So the innocent go free while the guilty are appropriately punished. The difficulty is that the only tribunal which is perfect is the one conducted by God Who is omnipotent. When it comes to perfect justice, we will have to wait, in truth, for the end of time.

Those who set up justice systems are aware of this fact, namely that human courts are prone to rendering injustice because humans, even those with the best intentions, are prone to making mistakes. This is simply a reality of this present world. There is, therefore, a fundamental choice which the founders of justice systems face: is a person innocent by default (innocent until proven guilty) or guilty by default (guilty until proven innocent)? Of course in our justice system, we are innocent until proven guilty. This means that our system is "rigged" or, perhaps stated better, "slanted" so that the guilty are more likely to walk free than the innocent are to face unjust incarceration.

In addition to the principle that we are "innocent until proven guilty," we also have the constitutional right of a trial by impartial jury in all criminal cases. This adds a level of difficulty in getting a conviction and further slants the system. It also serves as a check on the power of the legislature by way of "jury nullification" where a jury has a right render a "not-guilty" verdict because they judge that the law itself is unjust. This is a too little known right that a jury has and they are rarely if ever instructed on it by the courts, however it makes perfect sense: if, for example, we found ourselves sitting on a jury for a crimi-

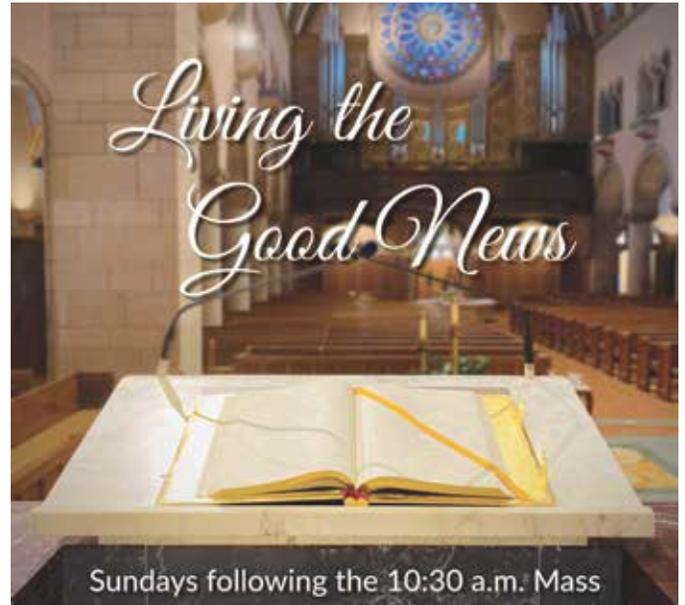
nal case brought forward on Jim Crow laws, even if the defendant were plainly “guilty” of breaking the “law,” it would be unjust to convict him because the law itself is unjust.

I can personally attest to the way in which a jury trial adds to the slant in our justice system. About 10 years ago I had the experience of being seated as a juror in a criminal case. As an aside, I fail to understand why it is that some people want to evade jury duty. In the case that I was on, we ended finding the defendant guilty on at least one count and not-guilty on at least another (the details of the charges are foggy in my memory). I can tell you that it was not an easy task to sit on that jury. It took an immense amount of concentration and energy to follow the proceedings, to listen to the instructions of the judge, to understand the law, and to judge the evidence in light of all that so that we could come to a verdict. It also took us some time to come to unanimity on the guilty verdicts and we discussed the case. We very easily could have been a hung jury on at least one of the charges. This experience helped me to sympathize with the jurors during the Derek Chauvin trial. I did not watch the proceeding except for a few snippets here and there nor did I envy the jurors with this very bright and national spotlight being put on the trial. Still, I trust that they followed their consciences by giving guilty verdicts.

All things being equal, I rather like the way things are arranged in our country in spite of the fact that I know we have a system which is designed so that the guilty can walk with relative ease. Maybe I am – and maybe all of us Christians should be – more comfortable with this because I realize that no man made justice system will ever be perfect and that, regardless of the injustice that goes uncorrected in this world, God rewards good and punishes evil. There will be justice in the end and that justice will be perfect because it is rendered by Him Who has all perfection in Himself.

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 18, 2021

Envelopes: \$1923

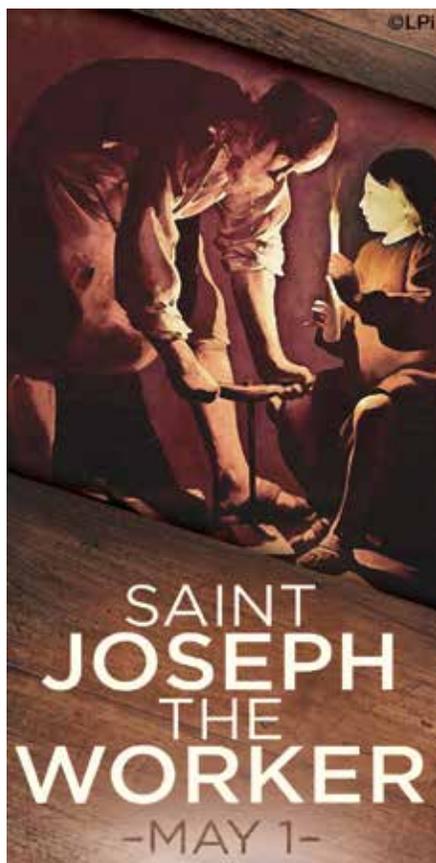
Loose: \$315

Online: \$618

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The Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker on May 1 is a relatively new addition to the calendar, established by Pope Pius XII in 1955 in order to Christianize the concept of labor and give to all workmen a model and a protector. By the daily labor in his shop, offered to God with patience and joy, St. Joseph provided for the necessities of his holy spouse and of the Incarnate Son of God, and thus became an example to all laborers. "Workmen and all those laboring in conditions of poverty will have reasons to rejoice rather than grieve, since they have in common with the Holy Family daily preoccupations and cares" (Leo XIII). The *Roman Missal* calls Joseph our "wise and faithful servant" who is our patron as we "complete the works [God] sets us to do."

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.



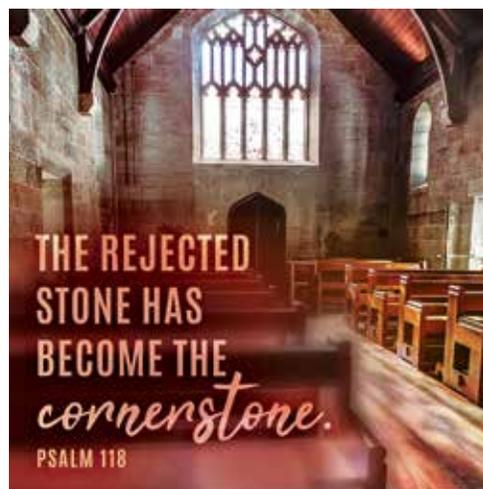
Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and

solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are

fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

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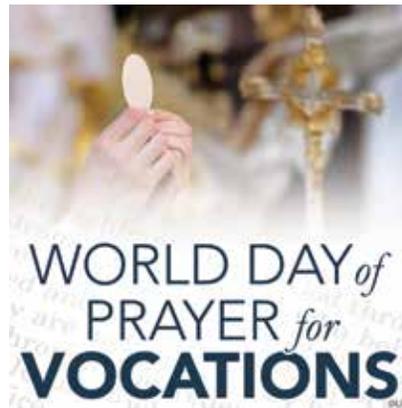


Parish Council Elections

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.



The Church celebrates the 58th annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations this Sunday. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

This year Pope Francis turns to Saint Joseph as a guide for those who wish foster the gift of vocation in the hearts of those entrusted to them, saying:

"The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties, and steadfast in strengthening hopes. The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of "the saints next door". At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey."

Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.



Month of the Holy Eucharist

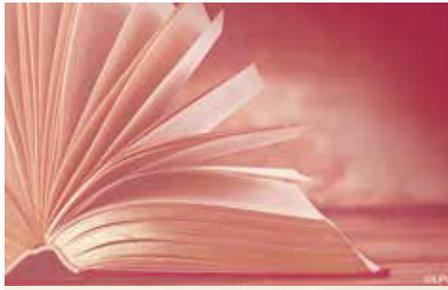
The month of April is dedicated to devotion to the Holy Eucharist. This tradition has developed because Easter Sunday often falls in April, and when it does fall in March, the Easter season continues on through all of April. In essence, April is a month of Easter, and during the Easter celebration we 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 25

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 4:8-12
Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

MONDAY

Acts 11:1-18
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4
John 10:1-10

TUESDAY

Acts 11:19-26
Ps 87:1-3, 4-5, 6-7
John 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY

Acts 12:24—13:5
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
John 12:44-50

THURSDAY

Acts 13:13-25
Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27
John 13:16-20

FRIDAY

Acts 13:26-33
Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11
John 14:1-6

SATURDAY

Acts 13:44-52
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
John 14:7-14

NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 9:26-31
Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
1 John 3:18-24
John 15:1-8

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 25 - St. Mark, evangelist (d. 1st century)

St. Mark, the author of the second Gospel, was the son of Mary whose house at Jerusalem was the meeting place of Christians. He was baptized and instructed by St. Peter. In about the year 42 A.D. he came to Rome with the Prince of the Apostles. There at the request of the faithful he wrote his Gospel about the year 50 A.D. The Gospel was written for Roman Gentile converts. It rarely quotes the Old Testament, and is careful to explain Jewish customs, rites and words. It excels in portraying the emotions and affections of both Christ and His listeners. Mark preached in Egypt, especially in Alexandria where he suffered martyrdom. Mark's symbol is a winged lion, an allusion to the desert wilderness with which his Gospel account begins. *Patronage:* Egypt; Venice; notaries

April 28 - St. Peter Chanel, priest, martyr (1803-1841)

St. Peter Chanel (1803-1841), a member of the Society of Mary (Marist Father), was a French missionary to Oceania. Although he encountered many difficulties and made few converts, Peter was able to say, the day before he died for his faith, that "it does not matter if I die. Christ's religion is so deeply rooted on this island that it cannot be destroyed by my death." He was correct. Within two years, the entire island was Catholic, and the faith remains strong there to this day. *Patronage:* Oceania

St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, priest (1673-1716)

Also on April 28, we celebrate St. Louis Grignion de Montfort who was a priest, the founder of two religious communities (the Daughters of Wisdom and the Company of Mary), a great apostle of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. During this work, he began his apostolate of preaching the Rosary and authentic Marian devotion. A member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic, Saint Louis was one of the greatest apostles of the Rosary in his day. His book, True Devotion to Mary, is widely read to this day.

April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor of the Church (1347-1380)

St. Catherine of Siena was a Dominican tertiary and mystic, the twenty-fourth of twenty-five children. In spite of family opposition, she dedicated herself to Christ at a very young age and at the age sixteen, she withdrew from her family to lead a life of intense prayer. When she emerged, she began to dedicate herself to care for the sick and poor. Her joyful spirit attracted a number of followers. After a series of mystical experiences, Catherine felt compelled to write letters to those in secular and Church authority, which she dictated to her friend, the Dominican Raymond of Capua. Her influence became so great that papal legates consulted her. At this time, the popes had moved their residence from Rome to Avignon, France. Catherine begged Gregory XI to return to Rome, which he did in 1377. St. Catherine died in 1380 at the age of thirty-three, leaving behind her writings, the Dialogue on Divine Providence, letters, and prayers. She is represented in art holding a lily and wearing the habit of a Dominican tertiary, and is the patron saint of Europe and Italy. In 1970, Pope Paul VI made her a Doctor of the Church, one of the first women, along with Teresa of Avila, to be so honored.

April 30 - St. Pius V, pope (1504-1572)

St. Pius V (1504-1572) was a Dominican theologian, elected pope in 1566. His primary task as pope was to implement the reforms of the Council of Trent, which had concluded three years before. During his pontificate, seminaries were reformed, a new Missal was published, and the Catechism and Breviary were revised. Pius retained his white Dominican habit when he became pope; since that time all the popes have worn white.

Saints of God, pray for us!

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The first Friday of every month, immediately following the 12:05 pm Mass. Benediction at 5:45 pm.



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



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Confirmation Sponsor

Question:

are the requirements for being a confirmation sponsor?

Answer:

Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beyond this, they must lead "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on." Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (See Canons 893, §1 and 874, §1).

In some cultures, it is customary for one of the confirmand's godparents to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law.

To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese's office liturgy and worship.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer
Archer Hatch
Arthur Danehart
Austin Cook
Ashton Southerly
Barb Mazzocca
Beth Jochum
Betty Teater
Bill Wilson
Bob Armstrong
Bob Jones
Billy Hanasky
Brian Hanasky
Brogan Gallentine
Caleb Hlebiczki
Carolyn Lash
Carolyn Wiethe
Charles Heizer
Charles DeBeni
Children of the Youth Services System
Christina Helfer
Chuck Fair
David A. Kress, Jr.

Eli Musser
Eric South
Eva Wood
Fr. Joseph Wilhelm
Frank Davis
Fred Herink
Frederick C. Schweizer
Gail Koch
George Kirchner
Geri Adams Nagy
Hines Rotriga
Janet Cupp
Janie
Jean & Chuck Schultz
Jim Antill
Jim and Dee
Jimmy Hocking
Joe Bechtel
John Petrella
Jon-Michael Lasher
Judy Pack
Julia Sheets
Kathy Cooley
Kaitlyn Hanasky

Kermit Klosterman
Liam Barns
Liam Manning
Lucille Renowicz
Lukie Brown
Margaret Stocke
Marie Farnsworth
Marie & Conner Workman
Mark Davis
Marshall South
Martha Yocum
Mary Ann Fowler
Mary K. Schlosser
Mary Walicki
Michael DeBlasis
Milissa Rose
Milly Burke
Nadine Greenwood
Nicholas Barns
Norma Bosold
Patricia Kalisz
Pete Cuffaro
Pete Mack

Philippa Shores
Rachel Wade
R.J. Stocke
Richard Simon
Rick Burgy
Ron Hickman
Rosanne Gaughan
Rosalie Davis
Rose Otey
Sarah Hanasky
Sarah Sargent
Shirley DeBeni
Shirley DeCaria
Stanley Kyrk
Stephanie Bugaj
Susan Graff
Susan Mize
Susan Schulte
Tammy
Teresa Helfer
Thelma Pearson
Trystan Timmons
Victoria Jeskey

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.

