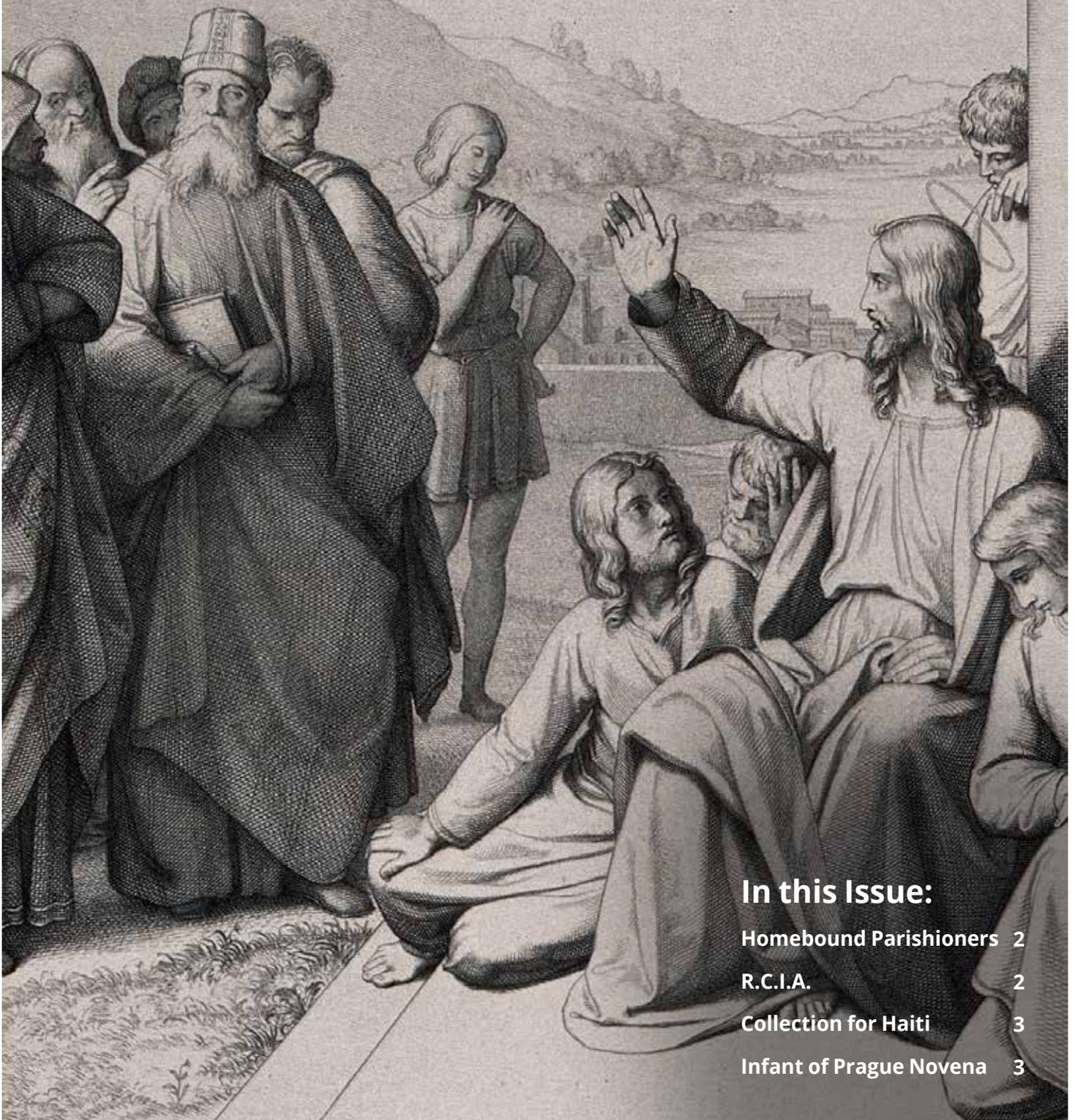


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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

August 29 - September 5, 2021

SUN 29 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Sat) 6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners
8:00 am Mass for Jack & Madeline Belby
10:30 am Mass for Mary Bartolovich

MON 30 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Greg Sacco

TUE 31 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Mary Laverne Monnes

WED 1 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Sarah Truini

THU 2 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Bartholomew Purpura

FRI 3 Saint Gregory the Great First Friday

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Augusta Moran
12:45 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5:45 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

SAT 4 Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary First Saturday

9:00 am Mass for George Bridges
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for Gregory Sheldon

SUN 5 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 am Mass for Madeline Belby



When was the last time you invited someone to Mass?

Each one of us as Christians has a responsibility to evangelize, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. How can we reach out to our friends, family members, and those we work with who are not practicing their faith? Consider inviting someone to attend Mass with you or another event at a Catholic Church. For some, it might just take a kind invitation to reconnect them to their faith.

By inviting someone we know who has fallen away from the Church to come back, we are bringing to fulfillment what Jesus himself has taught us: "Go, and preach the Good News." By accepting our invitation, he or she can experience the power of the Word of God, the power of the Sacrament of Penance, and the power of the Holy Eucharist.

The power of these gentle and compassionate invitations is enormous. They always plant a seed of grace. And now it's the time to make these invitations. Let us help those who have left the church, for one reason or another, to return and to experience the mercy and love of God, present in and through the Church and the Sacraments.

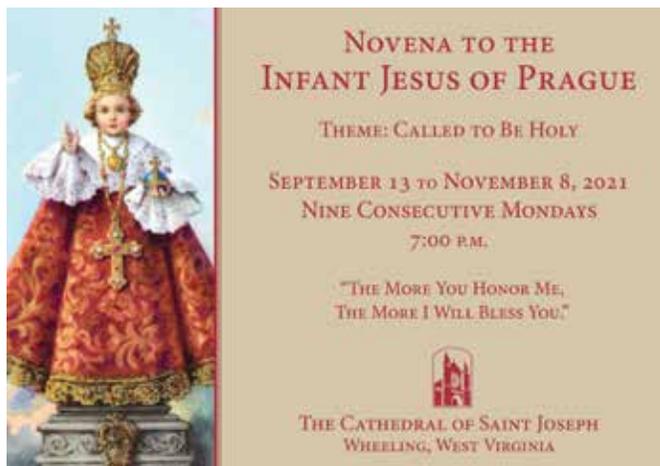
Homebound Parishioners

We are beginning to compile a list of homebound parishioners so that they can be visited by a priest. If you know of any homebound parishioners, please pass along their information to the parish office by calling 304-233-4121. This ministry will be in addition to the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who regularly visit parishioners.

R.C.I.A. Starts this Fall!

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith? Maybe you are already Catholic but know of someone who may be open to a kind invitation at this time. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, or R.C.I.A., is a communal process for formal initiation of new members into the Catholic Church. R.C.I.A. gatherings will begin this fall at a date to be announced. There is no pressure or commitment. Come find out what the Catholic faith is about... To register or for more information, please contact the Assistant for Pastoral Ministries, Ms. Debbie Fahey at 304-233-4121 or dfahey@dwc.org.





Infant Jesus of Prague Novena Begins on September 13

The annual Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague will begin on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. This Novena will be prayed for nine consecutive Monday evenings, concluding on November 8. 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. Reflections this year will be based on the theme: "Called to Be Holy." The Cathedral has been proud to offer this devotion each year since 2012.

The word "novena" comes from the Latin *novem* meaning "nine". A novena is a series of prayers that are said for nine days, usually as a prayer of petition but sometimes as a prayer of thanksgiving. In the past few hundred years novenas have grown in popularity and their origin is commonly founded in the establishment of religious communities and through the faithful throughout the world.

Devotion to the Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague began in the Czech Republic in the 17th century and has since spread from central Europe throughout the world. While little has been said about Christ's infancy, through visionaries and saints, we have learned much about the importance of the 'state of infancy' and the child-like qualities that one needs to adopt in order to enter into God's kingdom.

Today, replicas and models of the small statue of the Infant of Prague are honored in every part of the world. The list of blessings attributed by devotees of the Infant Jesus is endless: health restored, financial problems solved, gifts of peace of mind and soul, and innumerable healings, both physical and spiritual. God has been astonishingly generous in blessing those who have been devoted to His Infant Son.

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.

Special Collection for Haiti

September 4 & 5

Prompted by the massive earthquake and tropical storm that has devastated Haiti, Bishop Mark Brennan has joined Archbishop José H. Gomez, President of the USCCB, asking all faithful to consider donating to a special emergency collection to provide aid to support the Church and humanitarian needs arising from these and future disasters. This collection will take place at weekend Masses on Sept. 4-5th in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.



The August earthquake killed more than 1,200 Haitian people and injured upwards of 5,700 others, leaving an overwhelming trail of destruction and rubble for a people who are hurting due to the socio-economic and political instability in their country, while still processing the assassination of their president in July.

The Holy Father urged the international community to show support and solidarity to help the country lighten the consequences of the tragedy.

"As I raise my prayers to the Lord for the victims, I address a word of encouragement to the survivors, desiring that the international community will take a shared interest in them. May the solidarity of all alleviate the consequences of the tragedy," Pope Francis said, adding that the faithful should offer a Hail Mary together for Our Lady of Perpetual Help, patroness of Haiti to intercede for us.

Checks are to be made payable to your respective parish/mission and on the memo line indicate: Special Collection for disaster relief. The parish/mission will then send one check for all contributions for this collection to the Diocese. All funds will be part of the (USCCB) Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund.

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.

Offertory Collection

August 22, 2021

Envelopes: \$1738

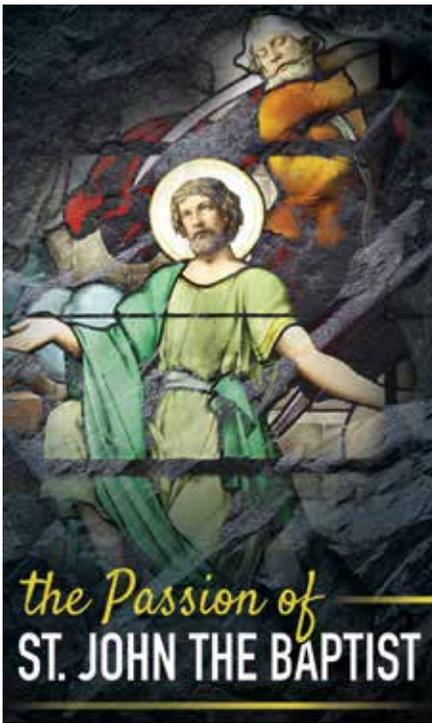
Loose: \$192

Online: 478

Thank you for your support!



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In addition to the feast of the nativity of Christ's precursor, Saint John the Baptist (June 24), the Church, since the fourth century, commemorates the Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist. There is no doubt that John suffered imprisonment and chains as a witness to our Redeemer, whose forerunner he was, and gave his life for him. His persecutor had demanded not that he should deny Christ, but only that he should keep silent about the truth. Nevertheless, he died for Christ. Does Christ not say: "I am the truth"? Therefore, because John shed his blood for the truth, he surely died for Christ.



Marriage Banns

Madison Lammers & Jordan Barnett
September 4, 2021

Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into

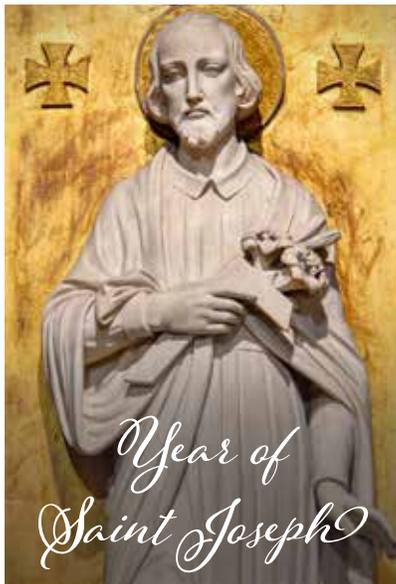
Bringing the Gospel Home

which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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*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.*

Volunteers Needed for Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities here in Wheeling is in need of volunteer drivers on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Generally this would entail a commitment of 60 to 90 minutes delivering food to people. There is generally very little interaction with the people whom you will be serving but they are very grateful for the ability to eat. They also need dishwashers on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. This would entail a greater time commitment starting around 8am and finishing between 11am and noon. If you have children, especially teenagers, this would be a good activity for you to do together. If you want your children to be grateful, helping those in greater need is a highly effective way to help them to recognize the many blessings in their own lives. If you are willing to help out, please call Keith Miller at 304-650-9608 and he will fill you in on the details.



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

Dr. Ray, Clinical Psychologist, Parenting & Family Expert



Join us at St. Michael Parish
Monday, September 13th @ 6:30pm
for a discussion titled



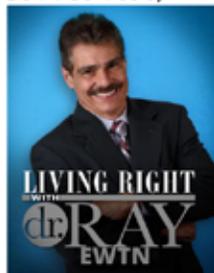
"Standing Strong as a Parent and Grandparent"
followed by a Q & A

Christian Mothers and Christian Women are offering child care as well as providing snacks and refreshments to follow!

(For childcare, contact Amanda Voellinger @ 304-780-7096)



**Confident Parenting.
Stronger Marriages.
Better Families.**



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

September 3 - Saint Gregory the Great, pope, doctor of the Church (d.387)

Saint Gregory the Great was a mayor, a monk, a pope and a writer. Unhappy with his life as mayor of Rome, St. Gregory allocated half his fortune to the poor and the other half to the foundation of seven monasteries. After joining a monastery in pursuit of a simple life, he was elected to the papacy. As pope, he cared for the poor, implemented the Gregorian reforms to improve Church governance and clerical behavior, promoted the monastic vocation, and renewed the liturgy. His name is associated with Gregorian chant (plain-song) and Eucharistic Prayer II (along with St. Hippolytus). A prolific writer and Doctor of the Church, St. Gregory composed numerous theological texts and is cited 374 times in St. Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologiae*. Patronage: music

Saints of God, pray for us!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of August 29

SUNDAY

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

MONDAY

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
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 1:9-14
Ps 98:2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Luke 5:1-11

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Colossians 1:15-20
Ps 100:1-2, 3, 4, 5
Luke 5:33-39

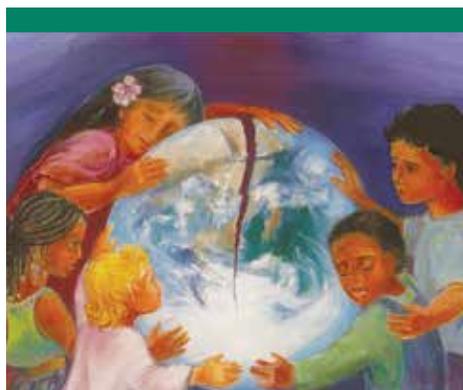
SATURDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 35:4-7
Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

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.



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**PROTECT LIFE.
PRESERVE THAT WHICH
SUSTAINS LIFE.**

**CARE FOR
OUR COMMON HOME.**

POPE FRANCIS, *Laudato Si'*



As Catholics, we are called to:

- uphold life and the dignity of each human person
- support families and future generations
- love the poor and vulnerable
- advocate for basic rights and a just economy
- be in solidarity with all, as one human family
- care for all of God's creation

Grounded in our Catholic Tradition, now is the time to protect the earth for our children and grandchildren.

PRAY to hear God's call to live our faith for the common good, knowing that everything is interconnected.

LEARN how the climate crisis is a profound moral issue greatly affecting the poor and vulnerable.

TELL your local and national leaders to protect creation.

Praise be to you, our Lord, God of all Creation!

Learn more!

usccb.org/environment
wearesaltandlight.org/cst101
catholicclimatecovenant.org

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Prayer for Vocations

O Mary,
 who raised your Divine Son
 with the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
 intercede for all young people,
 especially those clouded by doubt
 about their vocations.
 May the light of grace
 pierce their hearts
 so they may answer your Son's call,
 especially those whom He
 is inviting to the priesthood
 and consecrated life.
 Amen.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Sharing the Faith

Question:

My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

Answer:

There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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.

