

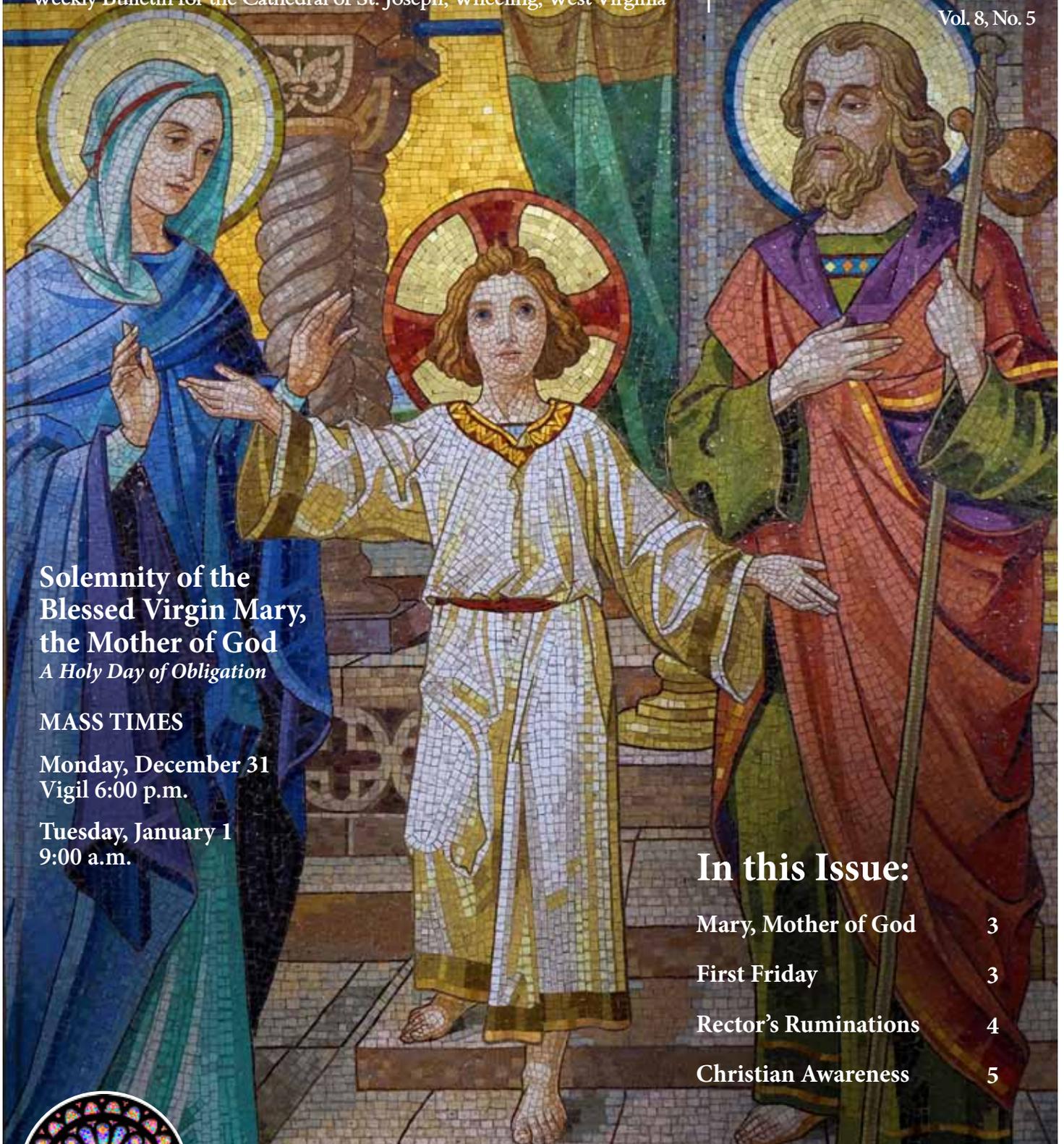
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THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

A Holy Day of Obligation

MASS TIMES

Monday, December 31
Vigil 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1
9:00 a.m.

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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

At The Cathedral

December 30, 2018 - January 6, 2019



SUN 30 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

6:00 PM (Sat) Mass for Frank Moran
 8:00 AM Mass for Patricia O'Donnell
 10:30 AM Mass for the Parishioners

MON 31 SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Saint Sylvester I, pope

12:05 PM Mass for the Parishioners
 6:00 PM Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God

MON 1 MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD; THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD World Day of Prayer for Peace

9:00 AM Mass for the Parishioners

WED 2 Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors of the Church

12:05 PM Mass for Rose Marie Alexander

THU 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

12:05 PM Mass for Virginia Bucon

FRI 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious First Friday

11:15 AM Confessions
 12:05 PM Mass for John Pacewicz
 12:35 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 6:00 PM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

SAT 5 Saint John Neumann, bishop First Saturday

9:00 AM Mass for Theresa Shutler
 9:30 AM Rosary
 5:00 PM Confessions
 6:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

SUN 6 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM Mass for John F. Belby, Sr.
 10:30 AM Mass for Dolores Perri



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52

The Gospel reading on this Feast of the Holy Family gives us a glimpse into the childhood of Jesus with his Mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph. This is a family like no other — consisting of the very Son of God, Mary, Queen of all Saints, and St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church. Yet as we see in today's Scripture passage, they led a life typical of the families of their day. They experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience even today. And so we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and our relationships with others.

The Gospel passage, from Luke, starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom." In other words, this Family took their faith and its customs very seriously. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our time with God and worship of Him we will be imitating the Holy Family.

And when we are faced with the inevitable challenges that come with family life, we will be far better equipped to handle them, just as the Holy Family did. We read just a few verses later in our scripture passage, that Mary and Joseph faced every parents' worst nightmare — they can't find Jesus! What parent cannot relate to this awful moment or at least the fear of such a moment. Perhaps a little child wanders off in the store and is physically missing as young Jesus was. Or perhaps an older child, though physically present, is spiritually or emotionally "missing" through addiction or loss of faith. In these times, too, we can look to the Holy Family for guidance. Mary's very human initial reaction upon finding Jesus — "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety" — comforts us in our own suffering as we realize that our Blessed Mother has been through difficult times in family life, too. The Holy Couple didn't always understand their Divine Son. But they loved Him deeply and gave Him the best of themselves as parents. The Divine Son, though God, obeyed His parents, giving witness to the value of parents and family life.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in 2019, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars.

May this new year be a time of renewal and hope for our families, our parish, and our diocese, that the Holy Family may guide us and help us to be more like them in all that we do. 🌸



January: Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

“It is the divine name that alone brings salvation.”

- *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 4

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

The Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Name on January 3. This month, take time to celebrate its power and significance, for the name of Jesus is truly the “Name above all names.”

Mary, the Mother of God - January 1

We are still in the midst of Christmas Time, and on January 1, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. This solemnity is the most ancient liturgical observance of Mary in the Church’s calendar. It honors Mary as *theotokos* or “Mother of God,” the title accorded her at the Council of Ephesus in 431. Mary is not just the Mother of Jesus: she is the Mother God, because Jesus is both God and man, divine and human. As other Marian feasts entered the calendar, January 1 acquired a different focus. The eighth day after birth was the traditional day for the circumcision and naming of a child, and so this became the Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord (and the naming of Jesus). It was only in 1969 that the Marian character of this ancient feast was restored.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that “Mary, the all-holy ever-virgin Mother of God, is the masterwork of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church’s Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the “Seat of Wisdom.” — *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 721

Please join us on New Year’s Day, a Holy Day of Obligation, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and Octave Day of Christmas. Masses will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Monday, December 31 at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, January 1 at 9:00 a.m.



The Parishioners of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph have once again shown generous and caring hearts in providing for those in need during this Christmas Season. Through the Angel Tree and Food Drive projects, many people are given a reason to smile during this Joyous Season.

THANK YOU!

In your charity, please keep in your prayers:

Arthur Danehart, Austin Cook, Barb Mazzocca, Bertha Wurtzbacher, Betty Lou Galloway, Betty Teater, Bill Wilson, Bob Armstrong, Bob Jones, Brogan Gallentine, Caleb Hlebiczkzi, Charles Heizer, Children of the Youth Services System, Chuck Fair, David A. Kress, Jr., Dustin Ronevich, Eva Wood, Father Joseph Wilhelm, Frank Davis, Fred Herink, Gail Koch, George Kirchner, Geri Adams Nagy, Haley Carter, Helen Chiazza, Hines Rotriga, James Benner, Jane Rudari, Marlene Martin, Janet Cupp, Janie, Jean and Chuck Schultz, Jim Antill, Jim and Dee, Jimmy Hocking, John Petrella, Jon-Michael Lasher, Judy Pack, Julia Sheets, Kathy Cooley, Kermit Klosterman, Liam Manning, Lukie Brown, Margaret Stocke, Mark Davis, Martha Yocum, Mary Alice Florio, Mary Ann Fowler, Mary K. Schlosser, Mary Walicki, Michael DeBlasis, Milissa Rose, Milly Burke, Mona Wurtzbacher, Nadine Greenwood, Norma Bosold, Paul Camilletti, Patricia Kaliszcz, Pete Mack, R. J. Stocke, Richard Simon, Rick Burgy, Ron Hickman, Rosalie Davis, Rose Otey, Sarah Hanasky, Sarah Sargent, Shirley DeCaria, Stanley Kyrz, Stephanie Bugaj, Susan Graff, Susan Mize, Susan Schulte, Tammy, Thelma Pearson, Thomas Griffith, Trystan Timmons, Victoria Jeskey

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The first Friday of every month, immediately following the 12:05 pm Mass. Benediction at 6:00 p.m.



Please join us as we take down the Christmas decorations following the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 13.

Weekly Collection

December 23, 2018

Envelopes: \$2445 Loose: \$1074
Online: \$279

Thank you for your generosity and support.



Rector's Ruminations

Holy Family

BY REV. MSGR. KEVIN M. QUIRK

Once again this week, I interrupt our tour of the Cathedral, but this time to return to an item we had previously considered: the niche in the south ambulatory which features the Holy Family, carved in bas-relief in beautiful Dolomitic limestone. I make this retrograde movement, like that of our planetary companions, in honor of the Feast of the Holy Family.

There are four figures depicted here, Mary, Joseph, and the infant Christ being almost immediately evident. The question is often asked: who is the boy with the flag? You may recall, dear reader, several weeks ago when the pennant that the Resurrected Christ bears in one of the windows was noted and the challenge to find the other two pennants was given. Here is the less obvious of the two pennants, being borne by St. John the Baptist, one a long reed or rush (the sharp eye will notice that it is beautifully sectioned into three parts – a gentle nod to the Trinity?). Though only six months separate the cousins in age, the artistic conceit to depict John as several years older than the infant Christ can be seen here.

The four are beautiful arranged: children in the foreground, adults in the background. Here, Mary props up the Christ Child's head, as the Child lays unswaddled on His bedding, her face meditatively bent toward the Christ, while she clearly presents Him to John and to us, the viewer, who are brought into the scene especially by the Christ Himself, who turns His face toward us and His eyes looking casually out from the carving. Mary points with her left hand toward the Christ, her index and middle fingers extended in a subtle V shape, to remind John and us that there are two natures in this Child: human and divine.

Meanwhile, St. Joseph subtly urges John the Baptist forward, the palm of his left hand placed on the Baptist's elbow and beginning to move him forward. In all, it is a tender familial moment and a beautiful act of adoration.

A few things to notice before we leave the scene. Take careful notice of the exquisitely executed hands, especially of Mary and Joseph and even the pudgy hands of the Christ Child. This is a testament to the talent of the artist, who captured in stone this delicate detail. Notice also the beautiful clothing he has given both Mary and Joseph, each wearing block-collared tunics tied at the waist with an unseen girdle and having a mantel over their shoulders – very classical, Roman attire.

Look both up above the bas-relief and down below it. Above, is a beautiful light fixture originally crafted by Rambusch and recently restored by the same artisans; below is an altar mensa in the same Rosso Levanto marble – sometimes called Red Zebra – used for the altars in the sanctuary, with a very dark verd granite base, set on a raised level of botticino marble. Great care went into fashioning this and its companion niche, which we will visit next time.

Today's Feast falls on the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, or on the first ferial day within the Octave in the year where there is not a Sunday between the two Solemnities of Christmas and Mary, Mother of God. In the Christian east, especially among the Copts, this Feast Day is of ancient character. In the West, a cult of veneration for the Holy Family as a group, rather than as individuals, did not arise until the 17th century and was not officially recognized until the feast day was formally instituted in 1921 by Pope Benedict XV.

Originally celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany (January 6), the Feast of the Holy Family was moved to the Sunday after Christmas in 1969, bringing it within the Christmas season.

The Congregation for the Clergy has observed that "The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, together with the Baby Jesus. The shepherds went to adore the Child and, at the same time, they gave honor to His family. Later, in a similar way, the three wise men came from the East to adore and give honor to the newborn King with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that would be safeguarded by His family.

"We can go further to affirm that in a certain sense Christ, Himself, was the first devotee of His family. He showed His devotion to His mother and foster father by submitting Himself, with infinite humility, to the duty of filial obedience towards them. This is what St Bernard of Clairvaux said in this regard, 'God, to whom angels submit themselves and who principalities and powers obey, was subject to Mary; and not only to Mary but Joseph also for Mary's sake [...]. God obeyed a human creature; this is humility without precedent. A human creature commands God; it is sublime beyond measure.' (First Homily on the 'Missus Est')."

Today's celebration demonstrates Christ's humility and obedience with respect to the fourth commandment, while also highlighting the loving care that His parents exercised in His keeping. Pope Leo XIII taught that Saint Joseph "shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men" (*Quamquam Pluries* [1889], 3). Furthermore, "Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender

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Faith in the New Year

BY ALEXJ. NAGEM

It is Christmas morning. My early morning routine has started as every other day, with prayers. The morning prayers in Liturgy of the Hours were special, though, for today is the celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. Today is also different in a way, there are no daughters running down the stairs to open presents. Nicole and Jess are starting families of their own with recent marriages less than one year apart. I still prepare the meal for the dinner to come later in the day with our growing family. Some traditions don't change with time. Traditions and time, what can we do to hold on to traditions with each passing year? Not only have traditions changed for those of us with grown children, it has changed with our Catholic Church, or so it seems.

I was reading an article about Napoleon Bonaparte and the Catholic Church. During an argument with Cardinal Ercole Consalvi, Napoleon is supposed to have burst out saying that he has the power to destroy the Catholic Church. The Cardinal in reply to this threat said, "Your majesty, we, the Catholic clergy, have done our best to destroy the church for the last 1,800 years. We have not succeeded, and neither will you." There are variations to the Cardinal's response, all with the same stance about the survival of the Catholic Church under the harshest conditions. The Church built by Christ has survived. I believe it is limping, bleeding, and in tears, but it is surviving none the less. It is surviving because of a strong faith in the words of Jesus Christ.

If I say my faith in the Catholic Church has been shaken, would you think less of me? If I say my faith in those who run the Catholic Church has

been shaken, would you agree with me? My faith in Jesus has not been shaken. I find myself saying short prayers to Jesus more often than I have done in the past. I ask for guidance when confused. I ask for stamina when tired. I ask for self-control when anger and frustration are trying to take over my willpower. And of course, I am always saying a prayer of thanks. These more frequent prayers have become a new tradition of sorts. I don't look at a bad situation as part of Murphy's Law. I see it as another test of my faith in the teachings of Jesus Christ.

When a storm comes my way, I do cry out to Jesus for help. I am just as afraid as the apostles in the boat during the storm. Then there is the "leap of faith" as goes the saying. The leap or trust, whichever word you choose, we are trusting in Jesus to lead and guide us. When I think back, I have weathered many storms, just as you. The one port in the storm, so it goes, is our faith in Jesus Christ for help. Some have been lost in the storms. Some have sunk to the bottom of the dark pool never asking for help. But, just as an alcoholic needs to hit bottom and wallow around for a time before they can begin to recover and heal, maybe our Church is doing the same. I pray for the leaders of our Church. I pray they accept the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and that they are willing to stand in the light of Christ to be seen by all. During the storm our Church faces, I pray, and often, that those of us who come to the altar to receive Jesus, that we do not turn away from His teachings during these turbulent times, and that we find strength in prayer. There are still days, out of frustration that I look up in the sky and yell, "what the heck do you want

me to do for you now?" It is these times when I realize that my plans are not important in the eyes of God.

Recently, I began the process of becoming an Associate of the Sisters of St. Joseph. As I have spent countless hours on my own religious faith, I have always looked upon the good Sisters as the ones who solidified my religious foundation. Why wouldn't I want to turn to them for help with storms in faith? In my aging eyes, they have always been concerned with the hunger of our faith, minds, and bodies. Maybe for this New Year, our resolution should be that we find ways and strengthen our Christian faith. Does our successfulness help build and sustain our Church or is it our faith in Jesus? I leave you to think about that one. Think how Jesus came into this world. Think how he lived and died, and then answer the question.

You are remembered in my prayers as I hope I am remembered in yours.

"Vocatus Atque Non Vocatus, Deus Aderit" 🌹



Quote from the Early Church Fathers

Bede the Venerable (672-735)

"The Lord's coming every year to Jerusalem for the Passover with his parents is an indication of his human humility. It is characteristic of human beings to gather to offer God the votive offerings of spiritual sacrifices, and by plentiful prayers and tears to dispose their Maker toward them. Therefore the Lord, born a human being among human beings, did what God, by divine inspiration through his angels, prescribed for human beings to do. He himself kept the law which he gave in order to show us, who are human beings pure and simple, that whatever God orders is to be observed in everything. Let us follow the path of his human way of life."

Scripture Readings

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.

Week of December 30

Monday

1 John 2:18-21
Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13
John 1:1-18

Tuesday

Numbers 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Wednesday

1 John 2:22-28
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
John 1:19-28

Thursday

1 John 2:29-3:6
Ps 98:1, 3-4, 5-6
John 1:29-34

Friday

1 John 3:7-10
Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9
John 1:35-42

Saturday

John 3:11-21
Ps 100:1-2, 3, 4, 5
John 1:43-51

Sunday

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Weekly Devotions at the Cathedral

The following devotions are prayed each week following the 12:05 pm Mass:

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday

Litany of Loreto
Tuesday

Litany of Saint Joseph
Wednesday

Litany of the Sacred Heart
Thursday

Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Fridays

The Holy Rosary
Saturdays after the 9 am Mass



This Week with the Saints



January 2 - Saint Basil († 379) and **Saint Gregory Nazianzen** († 390) became close friends as students in Athens. Together they fought against the Arian heresy, which denied the full divinity of Christ. Their writings also aided the Church's understanding of the Holy Spirit and the Trinity. Gregory is known as "the Theologian" by the Eastern Churches. Basil is known as the father of Eastern monasticism and had a great influence on the development of liturgy, East and West.

January 4 - Saint Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton (1774-1821) was born into an Episcopalian family and later in life joined the Catholic Church. She was married, a mother of five, and a founder of a religious order, the Sisters of Charity. At the invitation of the Archbishop of Baltimore, Elizabeth founded a girl's school which gave rise to the parochial school system in the United States. She was canonized by Paul VI in 1975, the first native born United States citizen to be canonized.



January 5 - Saint John Neumann (1811-1868) came to the United States from what is now called the Czech Republic with the dream of being a priest and missionary. Received with open arms by the bishop of New York, he was ordained and immediately asked to help build churches and schools for German immigrants and Native Americans. While bishop, he was an avid supporter of the work of religious orders, a proponent of Catholic education, and an advocate for the needs of immigrants. He is the first American bishop to be canonized.



*All holy men and women,
Saints of God,
pray for us!*



In Christmas message, pope prays for peace, brotherhood

By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Delivering his formal Christmas message and blessing, Pope Francis prayed for a world where all people would recognize that they are brothers and sisters and would work for justice and for peace.

The birth of Jesus proclaims that "God is a good father and we are all brothers and sisters. This truth is the basis of the Christian vision of humanity," the pope said Dec. 25 before giving his blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city and the world) and appealing for peace in Syria, Ukraine, the Holy Land, Yemen, Venezuela, Nicaragua and throughout Africa.

Tens of thousands of people gathered in St. Peter's Square under clear blue skies for the blessing and millions more watched on television or on computers, tablets and phones; the pope's blessing went to all of them.

"May the little child whom we contemplate today in the manger, in the cold of the night, watch over all the children of the world, and every frail, vulnerable and discarded person," Pope Francis said. "May all of us receive peace and consolation from the birth of the Savior and, in the knowledge that we are loved by the one heavenly Father, realize anew that we are brothers and sisters and come to live as such!" he prayed.

In his message, Pope Francis said that believing in Jesus means believing that all people are brothers and sisters. Without that recognition, he said, "our efforts for a more just world fall short, and even our best plans and projects risk being soulless and empty."

The pope said his "wish for fraternity," included "fraternity among individuals of every nation and culture," among "people with different ideas, yet capable of respecting and listening to one another," and among people of different religions.

"By his incarnation, the son of God tells us that salvation comes through love, acceptance, respect for this poor humanity of ours, which we all share in a great variety of races, languages, and cultures," the pope said.

He also prayed for every Christian who celebrates Christmas "in difficult, if not hostile situations," adding a prayerful hope "May the Lord grant that they, and all minorities, may live in peace and see their rights recognized, especially the right to religious freedom."

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of the divine house whose chief he was. [...] It is, then, natural and worthy that as the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girt it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ.”

Almost intuitively, one can recognize that the mysterious, exemplary, guardianship enacted by Joseph was conducted firstly, in a yet more intimate way, by Mary. Consequently, the liturgical feast of the Holy Family speaks to us of the fond and loving care that we must render to the Body of Christ. We can understand this in a mystical sense, as guardians of the Church, and also in the Eucharistic sense. Mary and Joseph took great care of Jesus’ physical

body. Following their example, we can and must take great care of His Mystical Body, the Church, and the Eucharist which He has entrusted to us. If Mary was, in some way, ‘the first tabernacle in history’ (John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 55) then we the Tabernacle in which Our Lord chose to reside in person, in His Real Presence, was also entrusted to us. We can learn from Mary and Joseph! What would they ever have overlooked in the care of Jesus’ physical body? Is there something, therefore, that we can withhold for the right and adoring care of His Eucharistic Body? No amount of attention, no sane act of love and adoring respect will ever be too much! On the contrary, our adoration and respect will always be inferior to the great gift that comes to us in the Holy Eucharist.

Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent

care that they gave to the Redeemer. We can not fail to feel uneasiness, perhaps a shameful thought, for the times in which we have not rendered the appropriate care and attention to the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask for forgiveness and do penance for all the sacrilegious acts and the lack of respect that are committed in front of the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, for a greater love for their Son Incarnate, who has decided to remain here on earth with us every day until the end of time.

If you have a specific question about the Cathedral, its life and liturgy, please submit it to the *Cathedral Conundrum* in care of our friendly neighborhood editor, Mr. Tyler Greenwood (tgreenwood@dwc.org). 🌿



First Friday Mass

Friday, January 4, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Mount Calvary Cemetery, 1685 National Road, Wheeling, WV

All are welcome to attend the monthly First Friday Mass celebrated at the Bishops’ Chapel located in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling. Please invite family and friends to join us for the holy sacrifice of the Mass and to remember our beloved dead who are buried within the cemetery.

New Seminar on Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Location TBD

Involved with, or hoping to someday be involved with, some kind of adult faith formation in your parish? The diocese is offering a new mini-course in the Northern Panhandle that explores the theory and practice of adult faith formation in parish life. The seminar will meet 4 consecutive Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30pm beginning January 22nd. The course fee is \$20 which includes all course materials; scholarships are available if the cost is an obstacle. A full course description can be found at <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/course.php?course=23> (Note: this description is for the online version of the in-person course that the diocese is offering).

To sign up or get more information, contact Nick Mayrand at nmayrand@dwc.org or 304-233-0880, ext. 376. Registration closes January 8th, at which time a central location will be selected for the 4 weekly meetings that best suits those registered.

Prayer for a New Bishop

O God,
eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unflinching care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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 the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. 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 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; or Msgr. Anthony Cincinnati, 270. For more information on the Diocese’s Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the “Diocese” tab, then click “Office of Safe Environment” under the “Offices” menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church’s efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under “Issues and Action,” click “Child and Youth Protection” from the drop down menu.

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Sundays: 6:00 p.m. (Saturday)
8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 12:05 p.m. Monday thru Friday
9:00 a.m. Saturday

Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin

Confessions

Friday 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Saturday: 5:00-5:45 p.m.
or by appointment



BAPTISMS / INITIATION

Both Baptism and the Rite of Initiation for Adults can be arranged by contacting the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for a visit.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office.
Please notify the parish office of address changes through the parish office or by visiting the website.

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Announcements for the Courier must be submitted to Debbie Fahey by email to dfahey@dwc.org by noon on Monday (5 days prior to publication).

