

# The Cathedral Courier

Weekly Bulletin for the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, West Virginia

31 December 2017

THE HOLY FAMILY OF  
JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Vol. 7, No. 5



## In this Issue:

New Music Director	3
First Friday	3
Rector's Ruminations	4
Christian Awareness	5



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



### SUN 31 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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

### 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

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

12:05 PM Mass for Dr. Joseph Agresta

### WED 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

12:05 PM Mass for Ann Schlatt

### THU 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

12:05 PM Mass for Fr. Mark Gallipeau

### FRI 5 Saint John Neumann, bishop *First Friday*

11:15 AM Confessions  
 12:05 PM Mass for Chester Renowicz  
 12:35 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
 1:25 PM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

### SAT 6 Saint André Bessette, religious *First Saturday*

9:00 AM Mass for Jack Staley  
 9:30 AM Rosary  
 5:00 PM Confessions  
 6:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

### SUN 7 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM Mass for Larry Lewicki  
 9:15 AM First Communion Class (*Parish Offices*)  
 10:30 AM Mass for Mary Lavern Monnes



## 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 2:22-40

On this last day of 2017, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. In commemorating this feast, we recognize and pray that every family strives to be holy. Most are probably not aware that the calendar which we follow as Catholics is the result of revisions which occurred in 1969. After all, that is almost 50 years ago. In any case, this feast is always celebrated in what is called the Octave of Christmas, or now on the first Sunday after Christmas. The feast was instituted by Pope Leo XIII in 1893.

Today is a day to celebrate not only the Holy Family, but the idea of family in general. In Italy there is a saying, "*La famiglia è tutto*," which means, "the family is everything." Our Holy Father Pope Francis has made families one of the focal points of his papacy. He organized a conference on families in 2015. Speaking to the gathered families, he said, "You cannot have a family without dreams. I am very fond of dreams in families. For nine months, every mother and father dream about their baby. They dream about what kind of child he or she will be... You can't have a family without dreams. Once a family loses the ability to dream, children do not grow, love does not grow, life shrivels up and dies. So I ask you each evening, when you make your examination of conscience, to also ask yourselves this question: Today did I dream about my children's future? Today did I dream about the love of my husband, my wife? Did I dream about my parents and grandparents who have gone before me?" No matter how we may define ourselves we are a part of a family. What is important to know is that this Feast is dedicated to the entire Holy Family. Each in their own right (Jesus, Mary, and Joseph) has their own feasts. This feast commemorates the life of the Holy Family together and the focus is, or should be, on religious family life.

We do not know much about Jesus as a child through holy scripture, but we can certainly draw conclusions from what we do know. Mary and Joseph were devout Jews and parents. They obeyed God's commands. The circumcision and purification ceremonies were necessary as reminders that all were born in sin. Jesus, of course, was born without sin, and might seem to be excused from this tradition, but even as an infant He identified with sinners, just as He later did at His baptism, and on the Cross.

Jesus was born into a humble and poor family, another reminder to us that He and His family might be very much like us. The Gospel proclaims that "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom." "Growing in wisdom" is a sign that Jesus developed spiritually. Admittedly, He is not like all others. As a five year old, He must have had a grasp of life and reality that some of us still do not have. We may not know much of Jesus' life or His family from this time until He was 12 years old. Nevertheless, we do not need to know all the details to fully appreciate that this family was special, different, Holy. The Holy Family should continue to be an inspiration and an example to us, especially as we begin a new year.



Matthew Berher, New Director of Music

## Cathedral to Welcome New Music Director

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Matthew Berher has been hired as the Director of Music Ministries for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. He begins his duties on January 3, 2018.

Berher is a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and Sacred Music in 2010. Berher is completing a Master of Arts degree in Sacred Music and Liturgy, concentrating in Choral Conducting. He comes to the Diocese from St. John Central High School in Bellaire, where he has served as a teacher in music and philosophy courses and St. Mary Parish in St. Clairsville, Ohio, where he served as Director of Music Ministry.

Berher has been involved with sacred music on the parish and diocesan level throughout his life, conducting the choir for the liturgical events surrounding the Installation of Bishop Jeffrey Monforton as Bishop of Steubenville and several other events throughout the course of the year. Berher has also worked in music ministry for St. Peter Catholic Church in Steubenville, St. Frances Cabrini Parish in Colerain, Ohio, and St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Wheeling.

He was a member of the Diocese of Steubenville Liturgical Music Commission from 2008-2013 and is currently a member of the Church Music Association of America since 2006. Berher is a native of the St. Clairsville, Ohio, area, where he continues to reside today.

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Matthew Berher to the Cathedral parish and the Diocese.

*2018 Calendars* are available in the narthex, please feel free to take one.

## Faith Formation



**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS** is currently on Christmas break. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 7. For more information, please contact our Assistant for Pastoral Ministries, Ms. Debbie Fahey by email (dfahey@dwc.org) or by phone (304-233-4121).

### *In your charity, please keep in your prayers:*

Annie Midcap, Arthur Danehart, Austin Cook, Barb Mazzocca, Betty Teater, Bill Wilson, Bob Armstrong, Bob Jones, Brogan Gallentine, Caleb Hlebiczki, Charles Heizer, Children of the Youth Services System, Chuck Fair, Darleen Williams, David A. Kress, Jr., Dustin Ronevich, Eva Wood, Father Joseph Wilhelm, Frank Davis, Fred Herink, Gail Koch, George Kirchner, Haley Carter, Hines Rotriga, Jack Jochum, Jr., 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 Shutler, Mary Walicki, Michael DeBlasis, Milissa Rose, Milly Burke, Mona Wurtzbacher, Norma Bosold, Patricia Kaliszcz, Pete Mack, R. J. Stocke, Richard Simon, Rick Burgy, Ron Hickman, Rosalie Davis, Sarah Hanasky, Sarah Sargent, Shawn Thomas, Shirley DeCaria, Stanley Kyrck, Stephanie Bugaj, Susan Graff, Susan Mize, Susan Schulte, Tammy, Thelma Pearson, Thomas Griffith, Trystan Timmons, Victoria Jeskey

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** will resume on Sunday, January 14 during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All children are invited to attend this ministry.

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The first Friday of every month, immediately following the 12:05 pm Mass. Benediction at 1:25 p.m.



## Weekly Collection

December 24, 2017

Envelopes: \$3383 Loose: \$1248

Online: \$304

*Thank you for your generous support of our parish. May God continue to bless you in the coming year.*



## New Year's Day

BY REV. MSGR. KEVIN M. QUIRK

Before returning to the tour of our dear Cathedral and her marvelous appointments, there are a few topics that I would like to cover in the Conundrum, grouping together some of the questions calendrical that I have recently received.

The one I will address here regards January 1. One questioner asked whether or not this day is a Holy Day of Obligation and another asked what exactly we are celebrating on January 1. In response, I would note that the answers to both are, at the end relatively straightforward but the result of a complex history of development.

To take the questions in order, I would say that January 1, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, is among the 10 Holy Days of Obligation in the Church's universal calendar (c.f. Canon 1246 §1). However, the same canon provides in its second paragraph: "With the prior approval of the Apostolic See, however, the conference of bishops can suppress some of the holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday." As a result, different countries celebrate different Holy Days of Obligation. On December 13, 1991 the members of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops by general decree listed January 1 among the six Holy Days of Obligation to be observed in the United States. At the same time, the Bishops also decided that "Whenever January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated." So, this year, there is no obligation to attend Mass on January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, because it is a Monday.

As a reminder for the future, the following are the Holy Days of Obligation in Province of Baltimore, to which the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston belongs:

1. All Sundays
2. January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – *not on a Saturday or Monday*
3. August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – *not on a Saturday or Monday*
4. November 1, the Solemnity of All Saints – *not on a Saturday or Monday*
5. December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – *always*
6. December 25, the Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ." – *always*

The second question is also has a fairly uncomplicated answer. January 1, in addition to be New Year's Day in the Civil Calendar, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God in the Liturgical Calendar and the World Day of Prayer for Peace. However, that answer hides a multitude of changes in both the civil and liturgical calendars which have taken place over the millennia, and ended up roughly where they began.

With regard to the civil observance, New Year's Day, observed on January 1, is the first day of the year in the current Gregorian calendar as it was in the Julian calendar. Both calendars are named for their respective originators: the Gregorian calendar, internationally the most widely used civil calendar, is named for Pope Gregory XIII, who introduced it in October 1582; the Julian calendar, proposed by Gaius Julius Caesar in 46 b.c., was the predominant

calendar in the Roman world, most of Europe, and in European settlements in the Americas and elsewhere, until it was replaced by the Gregorian calendar.

During his reign as Dictator of the Roman Republic, Julius Caesar reformed the calendar and selected the Kalends of January (January 1) as the first day of the New Year. Symbolically sealing this decision, he decreed that his new, eponymous calendar, would go into effect on January 1, 45 bc. It appears that Caesar, also Pontifex Maximus and personally very pious, chose January 1 because the day itself was dedicated to the god Janus, god of gateways and beginnings, for whom January is also named. When Christianity was adopted within the Empire by Constantine, the Church simply adopted the Julian calendar and its New Year on January 1. With the fall of the Empire in the West, the Church gradually made changes to the calendar: In 567, the Council of Tours formally abolished January 1 as the beginning of the year and adopted December 25 as New Year's Day, in honor of the birth of Jesus. By the end of the first millennium, New Year's Day appears to have migrated throughout to March 25, in honor of the Feast of the Annunciation and because of the erroneous placement of the spring equinox on that day in the Julian calendar.

By the 16th Century, flaws in the Julian calendar were become apparent, especially in the proper computation of the date of Easter, that notoriously moveable feast day of supreme importance to the Church. Indeed, St. Bede knew in the ninth century that the Julian calendar was off by three days and Dante, writing in the 14th century, calculated the accumulated error to be at least eight day. By Pope Gregory XIII's time, the Julian calendar had drifted 10 days behind the

**See "Ruminations"  
on Page 7**



## Is That You, Jesus?

BY ALEX NAGEM

It was a cold January Saturday when Billy walked through the neighborhood looking for something to do. He was tired of being in the house. Christmas had passed. He received several toys and games as gifts but was tired of them after a couple weeks. His parents complained about the money they spent for Christmas. His dad talked about working overtime to pay the credit cards balances that grew last month. His mom complained they don't do things like a family any more. They hardly even have dinner together with the amount of time Billy's dad spends working. His dad would say that someone needed to work to pay the bills. Billy could tell talk like this would lead to an argument between his mom and dad that would go on for some time, so he put on his coat and hat and went for a walk. Billy was getting cold after walking for a while. He didn't have any money to go in the grocery store. The owner of the store did not like kids hanging out in the store, especially if they were not buying anything. Then Billy spotted the church on the corner. The church was always open. Fr. Jim would remind everyone at the end of Mass that the doors to God's house are always open. Billy thought he could sit in the church for a short time until things settled down at home. As he walked in the front door he noticed the church lights were not all on. Most of the church was dimly lit leaving many shadows. So, Billy sat in the back of the church near the doors in case he needed to make a quick run if one of the shadows came after him. He sat in the pew looking straight ahead. The Crucifix on the wall above the back altar had a light shining on it. Billy stared at the icon of Jesus

and began to ask out loud. "Why do my parents have to argue about money? I wish we could be a family again doing things together in the evening and weekends." Unexpectedly, Billy heard a voice coming from the front of the church. "Billy, it is not always easy for parents raising a family and running a home." The hair on Billy's body stood on end, even under the layers of clothes and his coat. He froze in his pew. The thought of running to the door was lost. Billy asked, "Is that really you? Why are you sitting in the dark?" The voice said, "I sit here most days praying for God's children. This is what I do when I am not taking care of the poor or visiting the sick." Billy knew from his religion classes that Jesus is always with the poor and sick, and all who are in need. His teacher said that everyone is in need of help from Jesus. Billy asked, "Can you help my mom and dad? They are arguing again. All I want is for us to be a real family again." Tears rolled down Billy's face. The voice said, "I have been praying for your mom and dad. I have seen that only you and your mom come to church on Sunday. Your dad is busy working. But, your dad does stop in church to pray on his way to work each morning. We have had many talks together. He worries about you and your mom. He wants to provide for you both. It bothers him that he cannot be with you all the time. He loves you both very much. He has cried to me the same way you are crying now." "Jesus talks to my dad", he thought to himself. The voice spoke again, "Billy, both your parents have come to me to talk about the problems they face. They love each other very much, and they love you. They are going through

some rough times. But, they are doing it together. They pray together and talk each night. I helped find your dad a new job today. I haven't had the chance to tell him. He can start next week. He will make more money and will not have to work as many hours. You will have time together to do the things you all want." Billy was excited. He had to run home to tell his dad about the new job. He runs to the door of the church yelling, "Thank you, Jesus, for finding my dad a new job. I love you. I will be back tomorrow for Sunday Mass with my mom and dad." Before the voice could respond, Billy was out the door bringing good news about the job to his parents. At this time, Fr. Jim gets up from his chair on the altar to call Billy's dad to let him know about the job. Billy runs in his house yelling his dad has a new job and he starts next week. His mom and dad were in the kitchen hugging and crying. His dad asked Billy how he knew about the job. Billy told them about his conversation with Jesus in the church, and Jesus told him about the new job. Fr. Jim never said he spoke to Billy when he talked to Billy's dad. On the following Sunday, and every Sunday after, Billy and his parents were at Mass together. They were a family again, just as the voice said. And for Billy, he talks to Jesus each day about his problems and his happiness. He now hears the voice speak to him from within just as Fr. Jim said in his sermon on the first Sunday they went to church as a family.

I end with a quote. This is mine to you. "If I sit quietly and long enough after I ask for His help, I will always hear the voice of Jesus."

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

"Vocatus Atque Non Vocatus, Deus Aderit." 🙏

## 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 31

#### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

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

#### Wednesday

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

#### Thursday

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

#### Friday

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

#### Saturday

1 John 5:3-13  
Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20  
Mark 1:7-11

#### 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 Saint Joseph**  
Wednesday

**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.



**January 6 - Saint André Bessette** (1845-1937) modeled his life on that of St. Joseph, to whom he had a great devotion. As a brother of the Congregation of the Holy Cross in Montreal, he was given the post of doorkeeper at Notre Dame College, a post he kept for forty years. A simple, holy man, André had a special gift of praying over the sick. His prayers were answered, sometimes in miraculous ways, and people began to come to him in large numbers. He gave all the credit to St. Joseph, and he dreamed of a shrine to St. Joseph on Mount Royal. He lived to see the building of the magnificent Oratory of St. Joseph begun.



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

## The Word Made Flesh - A Seasonal Reflection by Joyce Rupp

I paused on a winter cold night and felt the beauty of soft snowflakes upon my cheeks. I marveled at a presence more than mine in that moment of wonder... ***The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. (John 1:14)***

I visited a dying woman in the hospital. I sensed her courage and her strength in the midst of great frailty... ***The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.***

I looked into the eyes of a clerk in the department store. They were the eyes of one who was tired and discouraged... ***The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.***

I walked past a homeless man on the street. He held out an ungloved hand and asked me for coffee money to warm him in the cold... ***The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.***

I went to a Christmas party and saw friends of long ago. We laughed and reminisced and enjoyed the moments we had known in years gone by... ***The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.***

I read a letter from a single parent who still has no work. She grieves over the little she can give her children and worries about their health... ***The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.***

I opened up the package that came in the mail. When I saw the little sprigs of holly, hope sprang up in my heart... ***The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.***

I went to church today and sang the songs of Christmas joy. I turned my heart to the God who is always in need of a better dwelling place and I begged for transformation... ***The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.***

*O Word made flesh, you came to dwell among us long ago. No matter how dull and lifeless, or how happy and fulfilling our lives may be, there is always need for a deeper awareness of your hopeful presence. There are signs of your coming, signs of your continued presence, everywhere in our lives. Freshen up our vision so that we can recognize your dwelling within us and among us as we move hurriedly in this busy season of the year. May our lives be filled with love for all those who come our way. Amen.*

## Ruminations ... Cont'd from Page 4

actual solar year. While fixing this error, replotting the equinoxes and solstices, and ensuring a cleaner calculation of the date of Easter, Pope Gregory's calendar also returned the civil observance of New Year's Day to January 1, liturgically marked as the Feast of the Naming and Circumcision of Jesus, the last day in the Octave of Christmas.

A liturgical celebration of the Mary, Mother of God or of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been known in both the East and West from the earliest centuries of the Church. Indeed, there is a strong argument that in ancient Christian Rome itself, this feast day was celebrated on January 1.

However, in the Latin West, the Feast of the Naming and Circumcision of Jesus gradually claimed January 1, especially since it practically agreed with the chronology of St. Luke's Gospel, which set the circumcision of the Lord on "the eighth day" after his birth (Lk 2:21). The Gregorian calendar recognized this on the ground reality when it returned New Year's Day to January 1.

Things remained in this state until the reforms initiated by St. John XXIII. In his 1960 *motu proprio Rubricarum instructum*, St. John XIII removed the mention of the circumcision of Jesus and called 1 January simply the Octave of the Nativity. By 1969, the Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and Calendar provided "1 January, the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, is the

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, and also the commemoration of the conferral of the Most Holy Name of Jesus." As the liturgical reforms slowly took hold, the celebration of the Most Holy Name of Jesus was separated from January 1 and eventually assigned, by St. John Paul II, to January 3, outside the Octave of Christmas be still within the Christmas Season. Thus, Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God is celebrated on January 1, which is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

If you have a question for *The Cathedral Conundrum*, please share it with our ever resource editor, Mr. Tyler Greenwood (tgreenwood@dwc.org). 🍀



## Around and About

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** CCHS Teens for Life is sponsoring a bus trip to the National March for Life on **Friday, January 19, 2018**. Those attending will gather at Central Catholic High School at 11:30 pm, Jan 18th. There will be a stop for breakfast and then onto the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, a visit to the St. John Paul II National Shrine along with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Bransfield at 10:00am. After Mass, the group will proceed to the March for Life. Cost is \$25.00 per person, plus meals – a dinner stop will be made during the return to Wheeling. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Contact Mr. Jeff Smay at 304-374-2138 for a reservation.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY:** Join St. Vincent de Paul parishioners on **Saturday, February 10, 2018**, for an evening of celebrating your love and the blessing of your marriage together at St. Vincent de Paul Marist center. We begin by celebrating Mass together at 5:00 pm, followed by a wine and cheese social in the parish center. A candlelit dinner will follow, and one couple (pre-committed) will give a brief witness to their experience in the Sacrament of marriage. The evening ends with coffee and wedding cake served to the group. Cost of the evening is \$ 45 per couple. Reservations are required and must be made no later than Feb. 7. For more information, contact the Beiter's at 304-238-4904 or the Reed's at 304-242-8156.

*"O Come Let Us  
Adore Him"*  
**CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT**  
January 4, 2018 @ 7:00pm  
St. Michael Catholic Church  
Wheeling, WV  
Join the Parish Choir, Handbell Choir,  
Instrumentalists  
& Vocalists  
as we continue to celebrate  
the Christmas Season  
with Carols & Songs.  
Concert is free & open to all!

### 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; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr. Anthony Cincinnati, 270. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to [www.dwc.org](http://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.

# The Cathedral of Saint Joseph



*Parish Offices:*  
1218 Eoff Street  
Wheeling, WV 26003  
(304) 233-4121  
[www.saintjosephcathedral.com](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.com)



## CLERGY

Most Reverend Michael J. Bransfield  
*Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston*  
PASTOR

Reverend Monsignor Kevin M. Quirk, J.C.D., J.V.  
RECTOR OF THE CATHEDRAL  
(304) 281-7073  
[kquirk@dwc.org](mailto:kquirk@dwc.org)

## PARISH STAFF

Ms. Debora V. Fahey  
ASSISTANT FOR PASTORAL MINISTRIES  
[dfahey@dwc.org](mailto:dfahey@dwc.org)

Mr. Tyler J. Greenwood  
ASSOCIATE ORGANIST  
[tgreenwood@dwc.org](mailto:tgreenwood@dwc.org)

Mr. Martin Imbroscio  
SACRISTAN  
[mimbroscio@dwc.org](mailto:mimbroscio@dwc.org)

Mr. Alex Nagem, CPA, CGMA  
COMPTROLLER  
[anagem@dwc.org](mailto:anagem@dwc.org)

Mr. Donald Gruber  
CUSTODIAN

## PARISH LEADERS

Mrs. Judy Miller  
PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. James Carroll  
FINANCE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Mr. John Petrella  
LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULER

## Masses

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.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

