



# The Cathedral Courier

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At the root of the word “*inspiration*” is the word “*spirit*.” You can recognize that spirit is at the very center of inspiration. In fact, our word “*inspiration*” comes to us from Latin sources, as the Latin word “*spiritus*” meant “*breath*.” Thus, when we say that the Bible, the Word of God, is inspired, what we are really saying is that God breathed inspiration into those who wrote His Holy Word. All of our readings on this Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time refer to the inspiration of God’s Word.

The First Reading from the Book of Isaiah opens with one of the most beautiful references to the Word of God “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.” The images of rain and snow and the Word are incredibly vivid.

Most of us understand how rain and snow descend upon the earth. This moisture is what allows things to grow and produce. We may have learned in school about atmospheric circulation, how the moisture falls to earth but then returns to the heavens only to fall and provide the needed moisture again. God is pointing out to us that His Word comes in the same way — He sends it to us, but it does not return until it has accomplished its intended purpose. The Word of God has strength and meaning, and in the long run it never fails in its intended objective. Our understanding and our discipleship are part of that intent.



St. Paul reveals to us how we fit in to the Word as described in Isaiah. Paul refers to revelation, how the truth is revealed to us through the Word. It is these revelations that give us “*heavenly hope*” to us, the words of St. Paul. In the midst of the Second Reading, Paul explains quite clearly how the Word is intended to work when he says, “The coming glory will not only be revealed to us, but it will actually be revealed in us.” We are to take God’s Word and make it real to those around us. Revealing the Word and living it out is up to us.

As is usually the case it is the Lord God Himself Who puts the above into perspective through His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Gospel. The Gospel from St. Matthew tells us of Jesus addressing the crowds and explaining the Word. Note that Jesus teaches from a boat. That was unique at that time, but we can be sure the

Lord knew exactly what He was doing. Imagine the scene — the Lord in a boat near shore with the wonderful backdrop of the water and mountains along the Sea of Galilee in the background. Of course, he was aware that sound travels better across water, so His Words would have volume and clarity.

And then He begins to teach with parables. The roots of the word “*parable*” come from a Greek word (*παραβολή*/*parabole*) which meant “*illustration*” or “*analogy*.” However, it also carried with it the idea of “*to throw along the side of*,” something placed next to a truth. One Bible scholar has described a parable as “*an earthly story with a heavenly meaning*.” It is one of the most effective ways that Jesus brought the Word to life. In the particular parable He relates today He speaks of a sower, and how the important factor behind producing crops is more the soil in which seeds are planted than the seeds themselves. In other words the same seed can be planted in various places but it is only the seed planted in rich soil which will produce fruit. We, of course, are the soil to which He refers.

Are we indeed “*rich soil*?” Jesus says, “...the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” It is up to each of us to seek to become the kind of soil the Lord’s Word needs to produce a rich and abundant harvest. It is we who must receive the Word from the Heavens and do something with it which accomplishes God’s purpose. That is what is meant when we speak in the stewardship terms of: “*Receiving God’s gifts; cultivating them; and returning them with increase to the Lord.*” 🌱

# This Week

## At The Cathedral



### SUN 16 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Sat) 6:00 PM Mass for Greg Sacco  
 8:00 AM Mass for Ann Schlatt  
 10:30 AM Mass for the Parishioners

### MON 17 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 PM Mass for M. Brendan Fleming

### TUE 18 Saint Camillus de Lellis, priest

12:05 PM Mass for Kathy Fortunato  
 5:30 PM Pastoral Council (*Parish Offices*)

### WED 19 Weekday in Ordinary Time Anniversary of the Erection of the Diocese (1850)

12:05 PM Mass for the Faithful of the Diocese

### THU 20 Saint Apollinaris, bishop, martyr

12:05 PM Mass for Frank J. Purpura

### FRI 21 Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor of the Church

11:15 AM Confessions  
 12:05 PM Mass for Jack Scott

### SAT 22 Saint Mary Magdalene

9:00 AM Mass for Shirley Sheets  
 9:30 AM Rosary  
 5:00 PM Confessions  
 6:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

### SUN 23 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Mass for Margaret Ryff  
 10:30 AM Mass for Dr. Adiel Anghie



## Anniversary of the Formation of the Diocese

The Diocese of Wheeling (then, Virginia) was erected by Blessed Pius IX (the longest reigning Pope in history, after St. Peter) on July 19, 1850. Bishop Richard V. Whalen is recognized as its founding Bishop. Prior to this appointment, Whalen served as the 2nd Bishop of Richmond, at that time comprising the entire state of Virginia.

When the Diocese of Wheeling was created in 1850, Wheeling's only Catholic Church, St. James, was designated its Cathedral. Bishop Whalen wrote to the Holy Father requesting permission to change the Cathedral's patron from St. James to St. Joseph, since he is recognized as the patron of fathers, workers and social justice.

The Allegheny Mountains had been used as to determine the official boundaries when the Diocese of Wheeling was first founded. With the creation of the State of West Virginia in 1863, the territory that comprised the Diocese fell within the boundaries of two states. Bishop Whalen had initiated efforts to realign diocesan boundaries with those of West Virginia, but his request fell on deaf ears. Later, Bishop Kain took up the matter soon after becoming the 2nd Bishop of Wheeling, but would meet with the same outcome. A third attempt made in 1888 finally resulted in an approval of his request, but notification by the Holy See was never sent, and the misplaced document was only recently discovered in the Vatican Archives. It would be nearly one hundred years before the matter was taken up again by Bishop Joseph Hodges, our 5th Bishop. In 1974, official notification was received by Bishop Hodges and the boundaries were realigned. For the first time since the creation of the state of West Virginia in 1863, the Diocese's boundaries would correspond with those of the state. The ten parishes and missions that had been founded in the Eastern Panhandle under the Diocese of Richmond became part of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. In addition to requesting a redrawing of its borders, Bishop Hodges recommended the renaming of the Diocese as Wheeling-Charleston, in order to reflect its new status and express inclusion of Catholics located in the southern region of the Diocese. Sacred Heart Parish in Charleston was designated the Diocese's co-cathedral at this time.



At present, Bishop Michael J. Bransfield, the 8th Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston, oversees a Diocese whose territory is 24,282.45 square miles spread over the 55 counties of West Virginia. The state's approximate 80,000 Catholics reside in 112 parishes, 22 missions, and 7 chapels, which are served by 75 active diocesan priests and 65 religious priests, 49 deacons, 13 brothers, and 214 women religious.

**O God, who in each pilgrim Church throughout the world make visible the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, graciously grant that your faithful may be so united to their shepherd and gathered together in the Holy Spirit through the Gospel and the Eucharist, as to worthily embody the universality of your people and become a sign and instrument in the world of the presence of Christ. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

**- July is the Month of the Precious Blood -**  
 “As we now approach the month devoted to honoring Christ’s Blood - the price of our redemption, the pledge of salvation and life eternal - may Christians meditate on it more fervently, may they savor its fruits more frequently in sacramental communion.” So wrote Pope Saint John XXIII, in his apostolic letter *Inde a Primus*, encouraging this devotion.

### New Pastoral Council Members

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph is pleased to announce the selection of four new members to the Pastoral Council: **Stephanie Bugaj, Adrienne Manning, Julia Sheets, and Chris Turak.** All of these new members have served in numerous ministries and activities in the parish and local community. The new members will be officially welcomed and receive a special blessing during an upcoming weekend Mass.

Thank you to the parishioners for their recommendations and voting during the selection process.

Please continue to pray for all of our pastoral council members as they continue to articulate the vision of the Cathedral parish and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Annie Midcap, Arthur Danehart, Austin Cook, Barb Mazzocca, Betty Teater, 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, James Benner, Jane Rudari, Marlene Martin, Janet Cupp, Janie, Jean and Chuck Schultz, Jim Antill, Jim and Dee, Jimmy Hocking, 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, Sally Jochum, Sarah Hanasky, Sarah Sargent, Shawn Thomas, Shirley DeCaria, Stanley Kyrk, Stephanie Bugaj, Susan Graff, Susan Mize, Susan Schulte, Thelma Pearson, Thomas Griffith, Trystan Timmons



## THIRST

Join us as we move through passages of Sacred Scripture and practice *lectio divina* as a group.

**The next THIRST will be on July 27 at 6:00 pm in Columbian Hall**

(downstairs of St. Alphonsus Church, 2111 Market Street, Wheeling)

“As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, my God.”

### Readers and Extraordinary Ministers

Are you interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at Mass? Do you feel called to serve as a reader at Mass? The Cathedral of Saint Joseph is in need of dedicated individuals who wish to share their faith through these two important ministries.

**If you are interested in becoming a reader or Extraordinary Minister, or if you are currently involved in one of these ministries and would like a review, please join us for a short training session on Sunday, July 16, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.**

### Summer Mass Attendance for Travelers

With the availability of internet access, there is no reason why summer travelers cannot participate in the Holy Mass on weekends. You can access [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org) or google **Catholic Church (City/State)** to find a church. Please don't take a vacation from Our Lord during the summer.

### The Pope's Monthly Intention for July

The Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this month's intention:

#### Lapsed Christians

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

By God's gift, through water and the Holy Spirit, we are reborn to everlasting life.

May he continue to pour out his blessings upon these children of his who were welcomed into the Church through the holy waters of Baptism at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph on Sunday, July 9, 2017:

Aiden Frisinger

son of Adam & Ma Rosalia L. Arbolario Frisinger



### Weekly Collection

July 9, 2017

Envelopes: \$3144 Loose: \$757

Online: \$509

Thank you for your generosity and support!



# Rector's Ruminations

## THE CATHEDRAL CONUNDRUM

### The Candles

BY REV. MSGR. KEVIN M. QUIRK

The next ornamentation within the sanctuary, as provided by *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, that we take up in our tour of the Cathedral Church is the Altar Candles.

*The General Instruction* provides that “The candlesticks required for the different liturgical services for reasons of reverence or the festive character of the celebration (cf. no. 117) should be appropriately placed either on the altar or around it, according to the design of the altar and the sanctuary, so that the whole may be harmonious and the faithful may not be impeded from a clear view of what takes place at the altar or what is placed upon it” (GIRM. 307).

In keeping with that provision, six candlesticks are placed three flanking the north and south side of the altar itself. The number six was not chosen at random but relates to the ancient custom that six candles were placed on the altar for a high Mass. Furthermore, these candlesticks were designed to fit with the rest of the liturgical space, having a height and a visible weight that would make them handsome in appearance without taking one’s attention away from the Mass. The base of the Paschal Candle and the base of the Processional Cross were designed specifically to match the candlesticks at the Altar and four additional candlesticks were made to strengthen the foot of the sanctuary and visibly highlight the beginning of this sacred space. But there is a deeper question here. While the origin of the use of candles at Mass certainly harkens back to the millennia of Jewish and Christian celebration before the invention of electric illumination, with the exception of the Easter Vigil and other lucinaria (services of light), in modern celebrations of the

Mass, candles typically do not retain their former practical purpose of illuminating a darkened space. So, if candles serve no practical purpose, why does the Church insist in *The General Instruction* on using them at Mass and why have the Bishops of the United States, through The Secretariat of the Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy, stated that “imitations of candles should not be used in the liturgy as, for example, ‘permanent’ paschal candles, nor should electric



bulbs be used in liturgical celebration. In the interests of authenticity and symbolism, it is likewise unfitting that so-called electric vigil lights be used for devotional purposes.”

Candles have certainly been used in the Church in both a functional and a symbolic manner, even by our Jewish fathers in faith. From ancient times the lighted candle has been seen as a symbol of Christ, who Himself said “I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John

8:12). This is clearly expressed at the Easter Vigil, when the deacon or priest enters the darkened church with the Paschal Candle, and proclaims “Light of Christ.” It is also seen in the German and American custom of the Advent Wreath, where the ever increasing light of the candles recalls the Light of Christ which is coming into the darkness of the world at mid-winter to bring the light of God to us. He expressed this idea clearly in the Gospel of John.

Traditionally, candles for liturgical use are made from beeswax, which burns longer and brighter and has a distinctive odor to it. At the Cathedral, we make use of 51% beeswax candles around the Altar, accounting for the slightly golden hue of the candles and their slightly oily texture. In addition to being the traditional process for candle making and the preference for using natural materials in the sacrifice of the Mass, it must be remembered that the burning candles are part of the sacrifice, as they offer their substance much like we offer our own works and prayers in union with the sacrifice offered on the Altar. It is for this reason that the priest invites us to “Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.” Moreover, in *The Exultet*, the deacon or cantor sings that “now we know the praises of this pillar / which glowing fire ignites for God’s honor, / a fire into many flames divided, / yet never dimmed by sharing of its light, / for it is fed by melting wax, / drawn out by mother bees / to build a torch so precious,” providing the further mystical meaning of the use of candles. *The Catholic Encyclopedia* picks up this theme and beautifully reflects that “the pure wax extracted by bees from flowers symbolizes the pure flesh of Christ received from His Virgin Mother, the wick signifies the soul of Christ, and the flame represents

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# Christian Awareness

## Spiritual Bouquets

BY SR. MARY FLORENCE BURKE, CSJ

While technology and life styles have changed our way of life drastically over the years and centuries, some things remain constant. Among them is our communication with our God. St Paul's first letter to the Thesalonians 5:17 is as relevant today as when it was penned over 2,000 years ago in which he admonished us to "pray continually." Our relationship with our God may change over the years in substance and format but hopefully, it deepens in intensity. In many ways, our form of prayer while growing deeper and more meaningful, probably finds its basic roots in the way we first found God as children. A simple definition of prayer is raising one's mind and heart to God to do something pleasing to him. As young children we were encouraged to make spiritual bouquets as gifts for a special day for someone. These consisted of short prayers which were offered up on behalf of the recipient. These were offerings of devotional prayers such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, Station of the Cross, rosary, attendance at Mass and aspirations (short prayers that carried an indulgence of so many days). They were assembled together, printed and inscribed by a talented person and then presented to the honoree on a festive occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, or jubilee. The aspirations were short and could be called to mind while walking/working. These aspirations became very much a part of the mind and a reminder of God's presence in one's life, e.g. "My Jesus, mercy," "Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you." After this practice seized, the aspirations remained a part of my prayer life and additional opportunities for reciting them opened up as when the

city clock chimed, I found myself saying "One more hour of my life has passed to Thee, sweet Jesus, I commend my last". One medical doctor told me that hearing an emergency siren is a reminder to utter a prayer for the one being transported, a carry over from his youth. Aspirations have remained a great part of his spiritual life.

Praying continually becomes very much a part of one's daily routine, such as the morning prayer "My God, I offer you this day, all I shall do or think or say", Hours of Christian prayer, meal time prayer, driving: "Saint Christopher, friend of the Sacred Heart, give me a safe journey. Thank you, God, for a safe trip and for taking care of me."

At the end of the day, it is of ancient practice that we make an examination of conscience, followed by a sincere Act of Contrition. Our night prayers could end with the prayer Our Lord himself offered on the cross: "Father, into your hands, I commend my spirit."

Perhaps a grandparent or senior citizen may appreciate a spiritual bouquet today that will add to their heavenly treasure chest and be far more beneficial than a material gift.

Remember, prayer is lifting one's mind and heart to God. He knows you and accepts you as you are. ☺

**"Prayer is an aspiration of the heart, it is a simple glance directed to heaven, it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy; finally, it is something great, supernatural, which expands my soul and unites me to Jesus."**

*Saint Thérèse of Lisieux  
(1873-1897)*

## Catechists: Joyful Messengers

A Catechist is a person of faith who leads others in understanding the faith according to the official teaching of the Church, the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The role of the catechist is a vital ministry to the Church. It is a gift that has tremendous value to the world community at large because through the catechist's word and action, the message of Christ continues to have a place in all human affairs.

Pope Francis has sent a message to an International Catechetical Symposium which took place last week at the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina in Buenos Aires, and has as its theme "blessed are those who believe".

In the message to the symposium, the Holy Father points out that "being a catechist is a vocation of service in the Church, that has been received as a gift from the Lord and must in turn be transmitted."

He goes on to say that the catechist walks with Christ, therefore is not a person who starts from his own ideas and tastes. He or she looks for the Lord and that searching makes their heart burn.

Pope Francis also notes in his message that the role of the catechist is a creative one because this person seeks different ways and means to announce the good news of Christ. The Pope adds that "this quest to make Jesus known as supreme beauty leads us to find new signs and forms for the transmission of the faith." The means may be different, the Holy Father underlines, "but the important thing is to keep in mind the style of Jesus, who adapted to the people around him in order to bring them the love of God."

The Pope continues that, it is necessary to know how to "change" and adapt, in order to transmit God's message even though the message itself is always the same.

Finally, Pope Francis encourages catechists to be joyful messengers, guardians of good and beauty who shine in the faithful life of the missionary disciple."

## 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 July 16

#### Monday

Exodus 1:8-14, 22  
Ps 124:1-8  
Matthew 10:34—11:1

#### Tuesday

Exodus 2:1-15a  
Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34  
Matthew 11:20-24

#### Wednesday

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12  
Ps 103:1-4, 6-7  
Matthew 11:25-27

#### Thursday

Exodus 3:13-20  
Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27  
Matthew 11:28-30

#### Friday

Exodus 11:10—12:14  
Ps 116:12-13, 15-18  
Matthew 12:1-8

#### Saturday

Exodus 12:37-42  
Ps 136:1, 10-15, 23-24  
John 20:1-2, 11-18

#### Sunday

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16  
Romans 8:26-27  
Matthew 13:24-43



# This Week with the Saints

**July 18** - Laying aside a life of violence and gambling, **Saint Camillus de Lellis** (1550-1614) was ordained a priest and later founded the Order of Clerks Regular Ministers to the Sick (the Camillians), a religious order dedicated to the sick, especially those afflicted with the plague. The Camillians were easily identified by their black habit with a large red cross on the breast. Saint Camillus implemented many innovative approaches to hospital care, including proper ventilation, suitable diets, and isolation of people with infectious diseases. He is also credited with inventing field ambulances and military hospitals. Along with Saint John of God, he is patron of hospitals, nurses, and the sick. *Patronage:* nurses; hospital workers; against illness; sick people



**July 20** - **Saint Apollinaris** (453-520) is traditionally thought to have been appointed Bishop of Ravenna, but there is little evidence to support this claim. It is believed that Archbishop Maurus (642/8-671) may have fabricated this story about Saint Apollinaris to give prestige to the city of Ravenna because it was losing importance. Although there is no reliable information regarding his death, he was venerated as a martyr in the early church. *Patronage:* against epilepsy

**July 21** - **Saint Lawrence of Brindisi** (1559-1619), a Capuchin Franciscan in Italy, was an astute Scripture scholar with a comprehensive understanding of ancient and modern languages. His widespread knowledge of Scripture enabled him to be an effective and powerful preacher. He served the Capuchins in several leadership capacities, ranging from provincial on Tuscany and Venice to Minister General (superior) of the entire order. He was declared a Doctor of the Church due to his extensive writings, which are primarily sermons and commentaries. His writings bear a resemblance to the humanistic approach and optimistic view of humanity, espoused by St. Francis de Sales.



**July 22** - **Saint Mary Magdalene** is one of the most misunderstood women of the Bible. She was conflated with several other figures by medieval commentators, including Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus) and the sinful woman who washes Jesus' feet with her hair in Luke's account. The confusion about who she is still exists in the Church's calendar: exactly one week from today we will celebrate St. Martha, sister of a different Mary. What we do know about Mary Magdalene is that Jesus healed her, and that she was the first witness of his Resurrection. Recognizing Mary Magdalene's role as the first to witness Christ's Resurrection and as a true and authentic evangelizer, Pope Francis in 2016 raised this liturgical day from a memorial to a feast day. *Patronage:* contemplative life; converts; hairdressers, people ridiculed for their piety



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

## 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

## Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center

Volunteers are needed to serve people in need at the **Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center** on 18th Street in Wheeling. The Center is open to everyone for meals six days a week and provides other assistance to people in need who are in Ohio and Marshall Counties in West Virginia and Belmont County, Ohio. Immediate volunteer needs include kitchen assistance and food prep, meal deliveries in Elm Grove and Wheeling Island. Sign up or receive more information about volunteer opportunities at the Center by contacting Grant Coleman at 304-232-7157 Ext. 7 or [gcoleman@ccwva.org](mailto:gcoleman@ccwva.org).

 **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE**  
BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE  
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

On **Saturday, September 16, 2017**, join Bishop Michael J. Bransfield on a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Bus transportation available from various points around the diocese. Call St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town at 304-726-5558 or go to [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) for more information. You must pre-register for this event.

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

His divinity.” Finally, I think there is something to be said for the flame of a candle, which leaps up at one moment and burns quite low in the next, which reacts to the subtlest of drafts and yet continues burning, which produces not just light but heat and endless fascination for the eye. The candle flame is a living light, just as running water is often called “living water” and Christ is himself the “living bread come down from heaven.” Not static like

an incandescent bulb, the candle flame is alive and active, interacting with its environment while also changing that environment in both obvious and subtle ways, like the Incarnation itself. Thus, the requirement to use candles that are, at the very least partially made with beeswax, is still present in the Church on account of an ancient symbolism that can still speak very strongly to us.

A friend of mine once wrote, “In the end, while candles may seem antiquated and unnecessary, the Church believes that the natural beauty of candles can have a spiritual impact on our souls.

The Church, in her wisdom, realizes the power behind the symbolism of using candles and how they can reignite a drooping spirit and fill it with the fire of divine love.”

Next week, I intend to discuss the presidential chair. Before moving to the upper sanctuary, I hope to address a few questions that have been received. If you have a question for *The Cathedral Conundrum*, please share it with our fearless editor, Mr. Tyler Greenwood (tgreenwood@dwc.org). 🌱



## News from Rome

**NEW CRITERION FOR BEATIFICATION** In a Motu Proprio published on July 11, 2017, Pope Francis introduced a new distinct criterion for Beatification, adding to the three existing previously. The Holy Father has decreed that Christians who have “voluntarily and freely offered their life for others and persevered to death in this regard,” are “worthy of consideration and honor.” They “merit Beatification.”

**NEW BISHOPS** On July 11, Pope Francis appointed Monsignor Nelson J. Perez as the Bishop of Cleveland, Ohio. Up to now he was Titular Bishop of Catro and Auxiliary of the Diocese of Rockville Center, New York. The Holy Father has also appointed Rev. Andrew E. Bellisario, C.M., as Bishop of Juneau, Alaska. Up to now he was Rector Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral at Anchorage.

**BEATIFICATION OF COLUMBIAN MARTYRS** Pope Francis is scheduled to make his first apostolic visit to Colombia from September 6th to the 11th, visiting the cities of Bogotá, Villavicencio, Medellín and Cartagena. During his visit to the city of Villavicencio, the Holy Father will beatify two martyred Colombian clerics, Bishop Jesus Emilio Jaramillo Monsalve of Arauca and Father Pedro Ramirez Ramo, during an open-air Mass.



## Around and About

**SERRA CLUB'S BURSE DINNER** - The Serra Club of Wheeling is hosting its annual Burse Dinner in support of seminarian education on **Thursday, July 27 at 6 p.m. in the Great Hall of Wheeling Central Catholic High School**. This is a great opportunity for parishioners in our Vicariate to meet the future priests of our Church, as current seminarians have been invited to attend this dinner. Tickets cost \$25 for dinner. For more information, please contact Rusty Grubler at 304-280-4707 or any member of the Serra Club of Wheeling. If you cannot attend the dinner but wish to support the Burse fund raiser, please send your gift to the Serra Club of Wheeling, P.O. Box 4, Wheeling, WV 26003.

**INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE NOVENA** - **Saint Mary's Church, Martins Ferry** will begin their annual Novena with Benediction on **July 3 through August 28 at 7:00 pm** for nine consecutive Mondays.

### 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 Mission Statement

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.



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### CLERGY

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

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