

# The Cathedral Courier

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July 23 2017 | SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Within the closing lines of the First Reading from the Book of Wisdom is the statement "...you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins." These words are addressed to God. The Book of Wisdom gains its name because it speaks of the excellence of Wisdom, how to obtain it, and the joyous fruits wisdom produces. Although the author is somewhat uncertain, it is often attributed to Solomon. In addition to

its acknowledgment of the value of wisdom, the book contains many prophecies of the coming of Christ, His passion, His resurrection, and other mysteries of our faith.

The word "hope" appears

more than 130 times in most recognized Catholic Bible translations. In most cases what is translated as "hope" is originally the word *elpis* (ἐλπίς) in Greek. This is significant because in today's world we tend to use "hope" as sort of an unsure optimism. We may want or expect something (we hope for it) but there is no real assurance that it will happen. However *elpis* meant an expectation. It was a confident expression of a certainty. It was a trust and a belief that something would indeed occur. Therefore, when we say "My hope is in the Lord," that is not a dream; it is a reality.

The First Reading from Wisdom speaks of God's love, His compassion and mercy. It is in effect another reason for hope to be alive

in our hearts, the kind of hope that is indeed certain of fulfillment.

In St. Paul's letter to the Romans, our Second Reading, Paul also gives assurance to us as to why we must have hope. We have indicated previously that Paul's letter to the Romans is the longest of his letters. It is in many ways more theological than other letters. When Paul wrote it, he had never been in Rome, but his intent was to go there (which he did) and the letter was a preparation for that visit. He



wanted to be sure the Romans understood what our faith was all about, and what he believed and professed.

Today's reading is not lengthy, but it, as is the case with much of Paul's writings, is filled with meaning for us. In fact, it is closely connected to the concept of hope once again. Throughout the Letter to the Romans Paul speaks of and explains salvation, the exact salvation in which we place our hope. In today's short passage we might perceive correctly that prayer should be an important part of our sense of stewardship and of our daily lives.

Paul assures us nonetheless that the important thing for us to do is to pray; God takes it from there. No matter how effectively or eloquently we pray, in doing it the Holy Spirit

can see into our hearts and perceive our needs. ("...the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.") The key for us is to pray, and trust that God can see our prayers. It is from that we can also achieve hope.

For a few weeks now our Gospels from St. Matthew have been filled with parables. Jesus was living in an agrarian society — that is, a world in which agriculture was somewhat universal

and widely understood. That is why so many of His teachings, His parables, have a farming base. His parables in today's Gospel relate to weeds existing next to and among healthy and necessary

crops like wheat. Even though much of our own society may not grasp farming, we can very much relate to the Lord's explanations.

When asked by His disciples to explain the meaning, the Lord says in effect that the field in which the crops are placed is the world; the crop can come from good seeds (believers) or bad seeds (those who are non believers and evil). He also makes it clear though that it is not our role to identify and "weed out" those who are non believers. God will do that. At the same time it is not just enough for us to belong to a parish, a community. Our role, our calling, is to love and to serve as good stewards, active participants. God will take care of the rest, and that is our reason for hope. 🌻

# This Week

## At The Cathedral



### SUN 23 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Sat) 6:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners  
 8:00 AM Mass for Margaret Ryff  
 10:30 AM Mass for Dr. Adiel Anghie  
 12:00 PM Baptism

### MON 24 Saint Sharbel Makhluf, priest

12:05 PM Mass for Mary Ann Gala

### TUE 25 SAINT JAMES, APOSTLE

12:05 PM Mass for Virginia Sacco

### WED 26 Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 PM Mass for Ron Radcliffe

### THU 27 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 PM Mass for Jack Jochum  
 6:00 PM THIRST (*St. Alphonsus Church*)

### FRI 28 Weekday in Ordinary Time

11:15 AM Confessions  
 12:05 PM Mass for Kenneth Snyder

### SAT 29 Saint Martha

9:00 AM Mass for Margaret Ryff  
 9:30 AM Rosary  
 5:00 PM Confessions  
 6:00 PM Mass for Nancy Witzberger  
 Institution of Acolyte

### SUN 30 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Mass for the Parishioners  
 10:30 AM Mass for Herk Henry



## The Acolyte

During the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, July 29, 2017 at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Bishop Michael J. Bransfield will institute Mr. Martin Imbroscio, Sacristan of the Cathedral, as an Acolyte.

Formerly, the ministries of Acolyte and Lector were a part of the “minor orders,” steps on the way to becoming an ordained cleric in to the “major orders”. These ministries, in varying degrees, are seen all the way back to the early Church.

In 1972, Paul VI issued a Motu Proprio, *Ministeria Quaedam* (On certain kinds of Ministries), which changed the way these venerable ministries would be carried out in the service of the Church. The reason for this, as referenced in the document, were meant to be in accord with the desire of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council, when they wrote in the Constitution *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, for the “full, conscious, and active participation” of all the faithful.

The Motu Proprio states: “The Acolyte is appointed in order to aid the deacon and to minister to the priest. It is his duty therefore to attend to the service of the altar and to assist the deacon and the priest in liturgical celebrations, especially in the celebration of Mass; he is also to distribute communion as a special minister when the ministers spoken of in the *Codex Iuris Canonici* can. 845 are not available or are prevented by ill health, age, or another pastoral ministry from performing this function, or when the number of communicants is so great that the celebration of Mass would be unduly prolonged. In the same extraordinary circumstances an Acolyte may be entrusted with publicly exposing the Blessed Sacrament for adoration by the faithful and afterward replacing it, but not with blessing the people. He may also, to the extent needed, take care of instructing other faithful who on a temporary basis are appointed to assist the priest or deacon in liturgical celebrations by carrying the missal, cross, candles, etc., or by performing other such duties. He will perform these functions more worthily if he participates in the holy Eucharist with increasingly fervent devotion, receives nourishment from it, and deepens his knowledge about it.

As one set aside in a special way for the service of the altar, the Acolyte should learn all matters concerning public divine worship and strive to grasp their inner spiritual meaning: in that way he will be able each day to offer himself entirely to God, be an example to all by his gravity and reverence in church, and have a sincere love for the Mystical Body of Christ, the people of God, especially for the weak and the sick.”

Martin has generously served the Church in various capacities, most especially in his duties as Sacristan of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph for over five years.

Please pray for Martin as he is instituted in this important ministry of the Church.



**- 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.



## 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.”

Sincere and heartfelt thanks to our outgoing pastoral council members who have completed their terms:

**Sister Mary Bowman, Betty Foster, and Teddi Grogan.**

May the Lord God bless them for their dedicated service to our Cathedral parish.

## 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.



## Wisdom from the Saints

*Faith as a grain of mustard*, by Jerome (347-420 AD)

“The man who sows in his field is interpreted by many as the Savior. He sows in the souls of believers. By others he is interpreted as one who sows in his field - that is to say, in himself and in his heart. Who is it that sows if not our mind and heart? They take up the grain of preaching and nurture the plant with the moisture of faith, making it sprout and shoot up in the field of the heart. The preaching of faith in the gospel appears to be least among all tasks. Indeed, anyone who preaches the God-man of truth, Christ who died, and the stumbling block of the cross, may not think immediately of mere faith as the primary doctrine. Put this particular doctrine, side by side, with the teachings of the philosophers, their books, their splendid eloquence and fine discourses, and you will see just how small it is compared with the other seeds of the gospel plant. When those teachings grow, they have nothing to show that is pungent or vigorous or vital. Everything turns out weak and withering in a plant and in herbs that quickly dry up and fall to the ground. But when this tiny gospel teaching that seemed insignificant at the beginning has been planted either in the soul of the believer or throughout the world, it does not turn out to be just a plant. It grows into a tree, so that the birds of the air, which we interpret as the souls of believers or deeds dedicated to the service of God, come and dwell on its branches.”

(excerpt from COMMENTARY ON MATTHEW 2.13.31)

### 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 Kyrz, Stephanie Bugaj, Susan Graff, Susan Mize, Susan Schulte, Thelma Pearson, Thomas Griffith, Trystan Timmons

## 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.

## Weekly Collection

**July 16, 2017**

Envelopes: \$3292 Loose: \$898

Online: \$319

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*



# Rector's Ruminations

## THE CATHEDRAL CONUNDRUM

### The Celebrant's Chair

BY REV. MSGR. KEVIN M. QUIRK

As promised, I now move on to the celebrant's Chair (aka, the Presidential Chair or the Presider's Chair), an ornamentation within the sanctuary that is specifically as provided for by The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, though an ornamentation that we might often think of as simply a mundane piece of furniture, functional and necessary.

The General Instruction provides that "The chair of the Priest Celebrant must signify his function of presiding over the gathering and of directing the prayer. Thus the more suitable place for the chair is facing the people at the head of the sanctuary, unless the design of the building or other features prevent this: as, for example, if on account of too great a distance, communication between the Priest and the congregation would be difficult, or if the tabernacle were to be positioned in the center behind the altar. In any case, any appearance of a throne is to be avoided. It is appropriate that before being put into liturgical use, the chair be blessed according to the rite described in the Roman Ritual" (GIRM, 310)

Likewise, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops touch on this subject in their official guidelines, *Built of Living Stones*. Apart from repeating the norms contained in the Missal, it adds some further considerations: "The chair of the priest celebrant stands 'as a symbol of his office of presiding over the assembly and of directing prayer.' An appropriate placement of the chair allows the priest celebrant to be visible to all in the congregation. The chair reflects the dignity of the one who leads the community in the person of Christ, but is never intended to be remote or grandiose. The priest celebrant's chair is

distinguished from the seating for other ministers by its design and placement. The seat for the deacon should be placed near that of the celebrant. In the cathedral, in addition to the bishop's chair or 'cathedra,' which is permanent, an additional chair will be needed for use by the rector or priest celebrant" (63).

In our Cathedral, the provisions of both of these documents have been carefully followed. The Bishop's Cathedra located in the upper sanctuary is a distinctive element appropriate to



the function it fulfills in the life of the Diocesan Church. This cathedra will be discussed in a much later installment of *The Cathedral Conundrum*.

The celebrant's chair is located in the lower sanctuary and, standing on a raised platform, is plainly visible to all gathered in the Church, so that the celebrant may easily fulfill his office of directing prayer.

The current chair was fashioned as part of the 1994-96 renovations and was designed to conform with and echo the carved designs of the cathedra and the chancel seats in the upper sanctuary, but to do so in a sedate manner in order to avoid competing with the cathedra or giving the appearance of a throne of some kind. It is a beautiful, if very heavy, piece and one whose placement easily affords the celebrant eye contact with people throughout the Church.

While it is often called a presider's

chair, I tend to call it the celebrant's chair: the word "presider" has gained some currency among liturgists, but I usually refrain from using it in the context of the Mass as it does not appear in the official liturgical books. The official translation of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) does speak of presidential prayers, texts, office or presidential chair, but the person who presides is referred to most often as "priest celebrant." Moreover, the term presider is best reserved to describe the diocesan Bishop when he is attending the Mass in choir dress – not in a chasuble – and yet, as the one principally entrusted with the office of Sanctifying, retains the role of overseeing the liturgy. This happens to be the strict meaning of the Latin word *episcopus*, from which is derived the English adjective "episcopal." The Latin term comes from the Greek *ἐπίσκοπος* (*epískopos*) which means "overseer" and is used by St. Paul in his letters. This word, in turn, comes from *ἐπί* (*epí*) "over" + *σκοπός* (*skopós*) "watcher, lookout, guardian." A bishop, thus, presides; a priest celebrates or concelebrates. I freely note this to be a pet peeve of mine and will strive to avoid imposing it on others.

I will note that I have resisted the urge to go into a long excursus on the origin of chairs in sacred ornamentation and their origin and use in the Roman Empire. The chair is among those items which could tell the story of Western civilization in their own history, development, and use. I'll avoid this very tempting rabbit hole and refer those interested in such things to works like *The History of the World in 100 Objects*.

In the next installment, I will address some questions that I have received before moving to the upper sanctuary. If you have a question for *The Cathedral Conundrum*, please share it with our trenchant editor, Mr. Tyler Greenwood (tgreenwood@dwc.org). 🌱



## Thoughts of God

BY ALEX NAGEM

There was a small brown bird near the bird feeders on Saturday. My wife and I watched as this little one tried to fly. It didn't have the flying part mastered. It could only make short flights, no higher than a foot above the ground. It was a hot day. Lori worried the little one may be thirsty and hungry. She placed a plastic lid full of water and seeds under the weeping Japanese maple tree where the little one took residence for shade. To our surprise the little one sat near the water, drank and ate the seeds. Through the day, the little bird was more active than in the morning. He could now fly a little higher and found a favorite branch in the young tree. He would sleep on the branch, barely moving. Lori walked close to the tree to see if the little one was still breathing. He would look up and watch her, but would not make a move to fly away. As the day went on and into Sunday, the little bird became more active. The flying skills became mastered in a way. The take off was a little rough. Flying was not graceful. Landing was sudden. But, this was better than the first appearance on Saturday morning. Lori continued with the water and seeds which the little bird continued to enjoy.

By Sunday evening, the little one was flying with the best of them. It only took a little water, food, and someone who cared for the smallest of creatures. There is a young doe that comes by our home each morning. We have fondly named her "Girlfriend." She drops by for cracked corn and water. She also grazes on the grass and leaves in the yard. She takes a nap in the side yard in the shade of the trees before moving off into the woods. There are other small creatures that have found our home, and my wife,

as a comfort. My wife will say that God sent these little ones to our home knowing she will take care of them. They are safe under her watchful eyes.

With all our rituals in the Catholic faith, our rules, traditions, and our deep theology that takes years of study to grasp at the knowledge, I am not sure if many totally understand all this. I do believe we understand the basics of taking care of others and keeping God in our thoughts. This, I am sure, we have gained an understanding. There is goodness in all of us, a goodness God placed in us at birth. We are created in the image and likeness of God, right? If we are focused on God, goodness and care for others should come easy, right?

Recently, my youngest daughter's future mother-in-law succumbed to complications with her fight against cancer. Katy's resistance was at a low. Her body couldn't continue under the strain. In a way, she was a little bird in need of food and water. She found both in the arms of Our Lord where she would find rest and comfort. Her father is a retired minister. Hearing him give the eulogy for his daughter was touching. He reminded us that Katy was now with Our Lord and we should celebrate her life. We should be happy for her, though we will miss her for a short time. If we keep thoughts of God in mind, we will join her and enjoy the food and water provided by our loving and caring God. Rev. Tom had a way to make all feel at ease. After the service, we went to Mark and Katy's home for a luncheon. Neighbors were busy setting up tables and chairs in the yard under the shade of tents. A variety of food was prepared by loving hands and some was donated by a local restaurant owner who knew them both. With thoughts of God, we really do care for

each other. Though there was sadness felt within for missing Katy's presence, there was laughter, stories, and hugs to go around for all. I could imagine Katy smiling at all the neighbors, friends, family and future family members gathered together to celebrate her life. Jesus provided us a way to the Father. He provided a way to an everlasting life. We can live and die through our illness. In our life, we can give up our sufferings for Jesus. All our rituals, traditions and rules, though important in their own place and time, do not replace the sacrifice our Triune God made for us. With this love shown to us by the Father through the Son, we have learned to love God and our neighbor. This love is shown even to the smallest creature in need of food and water. For God loves us so, He sent the Son to redeem us from our sins. Whoever believes in Jesus shall have eternal life. All we need is to keep thoughts of God in mind, and what we are to inherit. The rest will be easy, right?

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Philippians 4:8

You are remembered in my prayers and my conversations with God, as I hope I am remembered in yours.

"Vocatus Atque Non Vocatus, Deus Aderit" ☩



May the strength of God pilot us,  
may the wisdom of God instruct us,  
may the hand of God protect us,  
may the word of God direct us.

Be always ours this day  
and for evermore.

Saint Patrick  
(385-461)

## 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 23

#### Monday

Exodus 14:5-18  
(Ps) Exodus 15:1b-6  
Matthew 12:38-42

#### Tuesday

2 Corinthians 4:7-15  
Ps 126:1b-6  
Matthew 20:20-28

#### Wednesday

Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15  
Ps 78:18-19, 23-28  
Matthew 13:1-9

#### Thursday

Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20  
(Ps) Daniel 3:52-56  
Matthew 13:10-17

#### Friday

Exodus 20:1-17  
Ps 19:8-11  
Matthew 13:18-23

#### Saturday

Exodus 24:3-8  
Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15  
John 11:19-27

#### Sunday

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12  
Ps 119:57, 72,  
76-77, 127-130  
Romans 8:28-30  
Matthew 13:44-52

### 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

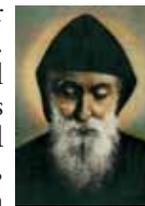
**Chaplet of Divine Mercy**  
Fridays

**The Holy Rosary**  
Saturdays after the 9 am Mass



# This Week with the Saints

**July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhluf Joseph Zaroun (1828-1898)** was a Maronite Catholic, born and raised in a small Lebanese mountain village. As a child he led a pious life of prayer and solitude. His favorite book was *The Imitation of Christ* by Thomas à Kempis. When he entered the Monastery of St. Maron at 23, he took the name Sharbel after the second-century martyr of the Antioch Church. He lived an austere life as a hermit, eating only one meal of vegetables each day, sleeping on a pillow of wood and a duvet filled with dead leaves. His time was devoted to prayer, contemplation, and manual labor. Many came to him for counsel and blessing. He died in 1898 on Christmas Eve.



**July 25 - The Saint James** we honor today is the brother of the Apostle John, one of the "sons of thunder" who were privileged witnesses of some of Jesus' greatest signs: the raising of the daughter of Jairus from the dead, the Transfiguration, and the agony in the garden. James was the first Apostle to suffer martyrdom, slain by Herod's orders as described in Acts of the Apostles. According to legend, his remains were carried away by his friends in a rudderless boat, which drifted all the way to Spain. Many centuries later his remains were discovered, and a great cathedral was built over the spot where they were found (*Santiago de Compoastela*, which became one of the most popular pilgrimage destinations of the Middle Ages). To this day, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims make their way to that remote corner of Spain to venerate the relics of St. James. *Patronage:* pilgrims; against arthritis; Spain

**July 26 -** The information we have regarding **Saints Joachim and Anne** comes from an unreliable source known as the Gospel of James. They are portrayed as an old and barren couple who longed to bring life into the world. Through an angelic messenger they are told they will bear a child - not just any child, but one who will be revered for all time, the Blessed Virgin Mary. *Patronage:* childless women; expectant mothers; women in labor



**July 29 - Saint Martha** was the sister of Lazarus and Mary, friends of Jesus. She appears to have been a practical-minded woman, for she seems to have organized the dinner in Luke 10:38-42, and she protests when Jesus commands that the stone be rolled from the entrance to her brother's tomb after he'd been dead for three days. At the same time, however, she is one of the few in the Gospel to profess her faith in Jesus as the Messiah: "Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world" (John 11:25). The Golden Legend records the tradition that Martha, with her sister, Mary, and brother, Lazarus, fled Judea after the death of Jesus and landed at Marseilles. Martha is supposed to have traveled to Avignon, where she converted many to Christianity. St. Martha is shown in art bearing the tools of a housekeeper - keys or a broom. *Patronage:* housekeepers; cooks; single laywomen.

### 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.

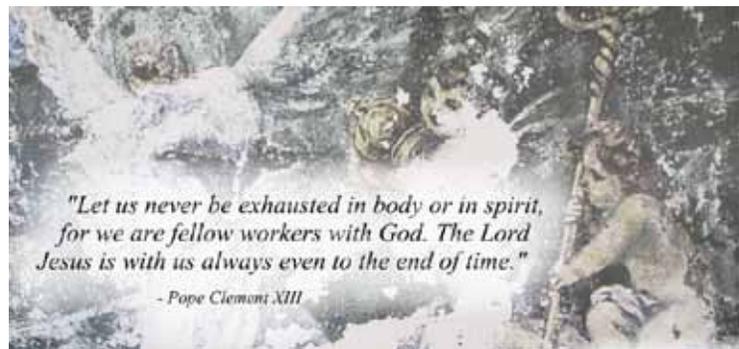
On **Saturday, September 16, 2017**, join Bishop Michael J. Bransfield on a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Bus transportation available from various points around the diocese. Call St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town at 304-726-5558 or go to [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org)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



## News from Rome

**BENEDICT XVI'S WORDS TO CARDINAL MEISNER** Benedict XVI paid tribute to German Cardinal Joachim Meisner, describing him as a "passionate Pastor" and a "spiritual Father," on the occasion of his funeral, held at Cologne, Germany, on July 15. Archbishop Georg Gänswein, Prefect of the Papal Household and private secretary of the Pope Emeritus, read the Pope Emeritus' words. "For him, passionate Pastor and spiritual Father, it was difficult to leave his post at this moment when the Church is in need of Pastors of conviction who are able to resist the dictatorship of the spirit of the times . . . but he learned to let go in the last period of his life, and he was able to live it with the profound certainty that the Lord does not abandon His Church," wrote Benedict XVI. The Cardinal Archbishop Emeritus of Cologne, died on July 5 at the age of 83.

**POPE'S TWITTER ACCOUNT EXCEEDS 35 MILLION SUBSCRIBERS** Pope Francis' Twitter account in nine languages, now has more than 35 million subscribers, reports Vatican Radio. It has seen a sharp rise in the last month, especially in English (with more than 11 million subscribers). The @Pontifex account, opened by Pope Benedict XVI on Dec. 3, 2012, is among the most followed in the world and the one that records the most retweets. Since March 19, 2015, Pope Francis is also present on Instagram with the account @Franciscus which has recently exceeded 4 million subscribers.



## 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.

**LEBANESE FESTIVAL** - Our Lady of Lebanon Church, Wheeling, announces its 84th Annual Two-Day Lebanese Fest (Mahrajan) on Saturday, August 12, 4:00-10:00pm and Sunday, August 13, Noon until 7:00 pm at Oglebay Park, Wheeling (Site 1, Levenson Shelter). Admission is free. An outdoor Mass will be celebrated on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. There will be continuous live entertainment, authentic Lebanese food and pastries, family-friendly activities, and lots more. For more information, please visit [lebanesefest.org](http://lebanesefest.org) or contact the parish at (304) 233-1688.

**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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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).

