

The Cathedral Courier

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There are many themes and messages found in every reading and all of Holy Scripture. Nevertheless, sometimes it is important for us to focus on a few main ones in order to make everything around it clearer. There are a couple premises found in today's readings that are worthy of our notice and our reflection. Simply put they are where our lives should be centered and how ongoing conversion is a necessity.

The First Reading is drawn from the Second Book of Kings. The two Books of Kings are basically a history of ancient Israel from the death of King David up to the release of Jehoiachin from imprisonment in Babylon, roughly a 400-year period. Elisha, on whom today's reading centers, is a person whom we may well recall. With a name which means "My God is salvation" Elisha was called by Elijah to follow him while Elisha was plowing a field with oxen. He became a disciple and a protégé of Elijah, and after Elijah's departure, Elisha replaced him and was accepted as the leader of the sons of the prophets.

This reading is filled with hope, but it also is a reminder of God and salvation. We often focus on the idea of stewardship and Elisha is an excellent example of a good steward leading his life by serving others and closely following God. Elisha reminds us that as stewards we are called to lead God-centered lives, even when that may seem impossible or difficult.

St. Paul goes to a different level in the Second Reading from his letter to the Romans. He opens by

writing, "Are you unaware that we who are baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" This is a different perspective of the importance of Baptism than the one we normally ascribe to it, which views Baptism as a cleansing. Paul continues, "...just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." For us as Christians neither Baptism nor death is final. Both are better described as beginnings. Another important facet

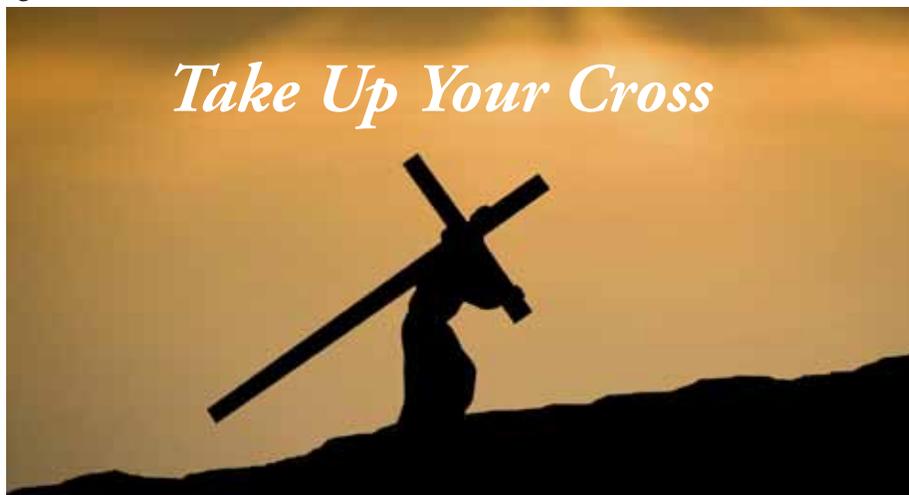
What Paul calls us to is dramatic and life changing. You cannot die and rise again without it changing your life. Our death with Christ is real in a spiritual way. Paul closes with "you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." That is what living God-centered lives entails.

Jesus brings it all to sense in the Gospel Reading from St. Matthew. A biblical scholar once posed the question, "If you were put on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough

evidence among those close to you to convict you of being a disciple of Jesus Christ?" That is more or less the demand that Jesus makes of us in today's Gospel. Do we live God-centered lives? Do we seek and pursue daily conversion and rebirth? Jesus reminds us "whoever does not

take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." A Cross represents death, and that is the same kind of dying and renewal and conversion to which Paul was referring.

We are called to discipleship and stewardship, but to fulfill that calling seems to be a bit of a dichotomy. We hear in today's readings that we can only find our lives by losing them, and we can only live by dying. In order to experience the enduring resurrection in our lives we must be willing to take up the Cross of being a Christian and a steward in what we do and how we live. This is how we truly follow Jesus. 🕊



of stewardship is rebirth, especially rebirth and spiritual conversion. This all has to do with Resurrection.

Paul's point might be stated that new life takes place every moment of our lives. We are naturally always being physically renewed, but spiritual renewal is just as vital; however, it is not quite as automatic nor as easy as the ongoing physical renewal we experience by breathing, by the fact that our heart renews constantly by sending blood through our bodies. The difference is that spiritual renewal requires an effort and our willingness to undertake it; it does not occur naturally. Resurrection is about daily rising and daily conversion, and that is the secret to being a good steward also.

This Week

At The Cathedral



A Prayer for Our Government

by Archbishop John Carroll

We pray, O almighty and eternal God,
 who through Jesus Christ
 has revealed thy glory to all nations,
 to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church,
 being spread through the whole world,
 may continue with unchanging faith
 in the confession of your name.

We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice,
 through whom authority is rightly administered,
 laws are enacted, and judgment decreed,
 assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude
 the president of these United States,
 that his administration may be conducted
 in righteousness and be eminently useful
 to your people over whom he presides;
 by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion;
 by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy;
 and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom
 direct the deliberations of Congress,
 and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws
 framed for our rule and government,
 so that they may tend to the preservation of peace,
 the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry,
 sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us
 the blessing of equal liberty.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy,
 all our brethren and fellow citizens
 throughout the United States,
 that they may be blessed in the knowledge
 and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law;
 that they may be preserved in union,
 and in that peace which the world cannot give;
 and after enjoying the blessings of this life,
 be admitted to those which are eternal.

Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.
 Amen.

Pope Pius VI named John Carroll the first bishop of the United States of America in 1789. His cousin, Charles Carroll, was one of America's Founding Fathers and the only Catholic to sign the Declaration of Independence.

Bishop John Carroll would go on to become America's first archbishop when the Diocese of Baltimore, Maryland—the mother diocese of the United States—was elevated to the status of archdiocese.

**Mass will be celebrated on Independence Day,
 Tuesday, July 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the Cathedral.**

SUN 2 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Sat) 6:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners
 8:00 AM Mass for Sophie Moses
 10:30 AM Mass for Nancy Rodgers

MON 3 SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

12:05 PM Mass for Philip Shapaka

TUE 4 Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time *Independence Day*

9:00 AM Mass for the Nation

WED 5 Saint Anthony Zaccaria, priest; Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

12:05 PM Mass for Fred & Clara Shutler

THU 6 Saint Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr

12:05 PM Mass for Joseph L. Nassif

FRI 7 First Friday of the Month

11:15 AM Confessions
 12:05 PM Mass for Bishop Richard V. Whelan
 (Anniversary of Death - 1874)
 12:40 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 1:25 PM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

SAT 8 *Blessed Virgin Mary*

9:00 AM Mass for Dr. Jesus Ho
 9:30 AM Rosary
 5:00 PM Confessions
 6:00 PM Mass for Nancy Witzberger

SUN 9 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Mass for the Parishioners
 10:30 AM Mass for Ann Schlatt
 12:00 PM Baptism



- 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.

THIRST will be returning on July 13 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.”

From the Parish Council...

Please see the bulletin insert this weekend for biographies of the candidates for the upcoming election on the weekend of July 8/9. Special thanks to our parishioners for their recommendations.

First Friday - July 7

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is of great antiquity in the Church. It was Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, however, who made this devotion widespread. The great promise of the Sacred Heart is most consoling: the grace of final perseverance and the joy of having Jesus’ heart as our sure refuge and infinite ocean of mercy in our last hour.



To gain this grace, we must:

- ❖ Receive holy Communion on nine consecutive first Fridays.
- ❖ Have the intention of honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of reaching final perseverance.
- ❖ Offer each holy Communion as an act of atonement for offenses against the Blessed Sacrament.

The Cathedral observes First Friday each month with

11:15 am Confessions

12:05 pm Mass

12:40 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Benediction concludes the period of Adoration at 1:25 pm

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 or google **Catholic Church (City/State)** to find a church. Please don’t take a vacation from Our Lord during the summer.

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

Bishop Michael J. Bransfield has made public the following appointments:

Msgr. Kevin M. Quirk, J.C.D., J.V., is appointed pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish in Wheeling, St. John Parish in Benwood and St. James Parish in McMechen with continued residence at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling, effective June 21, 2017. This appointment is in addition to his current assignments as Judicial Vicar of the Diocese and rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

In consultation with Archbishop Anil Couto of the Archdiocese of Delhi, India, Father Arul Anthony is appointed associate pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish in Wheeling, St. John Parish in Benwood and St. James Parish in McMechen with residence at the St. Alphonsus Parish rectory in Wheeling, effective July 5, 2017.

Many Thanks to Mr. Tim Bishop, for sharing his time and talent as Editor of the Cathedral Courier for the past three years. May the Lord God continue to bless him.

Weekly Collection

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Rector's Ruminations

CATHEDRAL CONUNDRUM

The Ambo

BY REV. MSGR. KEVIN M. QUIRK

Having considered the Altar of Sacrifice, dear long-suffering reader, it seems appropriate to turn our attention to its matching piece within the Sanctuary, the Ambo.

This estimation arises not merely from the complementarity between Altar and Ambo in their appearance, but from the purpose they serve within the celebration of the Mass and the other Eucharistic liturgies, especially as we are mindful that Christ is both the Word of God and the Bread of Life, Saint John testifies so beautifully in his Gospel and elsewhere. The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council touched on this same complementarity in their discussion of the presence of Christ in the Church and her Sacred Liturgy, saying: "Christ is always present in His Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, not only in the person of His minister, the same now offering, through the ministry of priests, who formerly offered himself on the cross, but especially under the Eucharistic species. By His power He is present in the sacraments, so that when a man baptizes it is really Christ Himself who baptizes. He is present in His word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church. He is present, lastly, when the Church prays and sings, for He promised: 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.' (Matt. 18:20)" (SC, 7).

The Council, thus teaching, reminds us, first, that Christ is present not merely *to* His Church but *in* His Church and by His presence manifests the Father to us, such that Christ Himself is what the

theologian Father Edward Schillebeeckx, O.P. – himself a peritus ('an expert') at the Council – called "the primordial sacrament." Father Schillebeeckx provided the Council with a fresh understanding of the "sacraments as a living encounter with God's primal sacrament to humankind, Jesus Christ."



The Council Fathers responded, offering the above meditation on the manifold presence of Christ in His Church, among which for our purposes here are His presence "especially under the Eucharistic species" and "in His word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church." They went further, referring to the Altar as "the table of the Lord's body" (SC,48) and the Ambo as "the table of God's word" (SC, 51) and directed that just as the faithful are "nourished" at the former, so they should be presented with "rich fare" at the latter, bringing a new dignity to the Liturgy of the Word within the celebration of the Mass and the place of Word within the lives of the faithful.

All of these are echoed in the ornamentation of churches built or renovated following the Council by the prominence of place given to

the Ambo, now no longer merely a pulpit or lectern for preaching, but primarily a place where the Word of God is proclaimed. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal echoes this Counciliar doctrine providing that "The dignity of the Word of God requires that in the church there be a suitable place from which it may be proclaimed and toward which the attention of the faithful naturally turns during the Liturgy of the Word. "It is appropriate that generally this place be a stationary ambo and not simply a movable lectern. The ambo must be located in keeping with the design of each church in such a way that the ordained ministers and readers may be clearly seen and heard by the faithful. "From the ambo only the readings, the Responsorial Psalm, and the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) are to be proclaimed; likewise it may be used for giving the Homily and for announcing the intentions of the Universal Prayer. The dignity of the ambo requires that only a minister of the word should stand at it" (GIRM, 309).

Our own Ambo is faithful both to the theology behind it and the provisions of The General Instruction. It is made from the same materials and in the same overall design and pattern as the High Altar and the Altar of Sacrifice, to ensure that a close visual connection is established between these three tables of the Lord, where He is present in manifold ways and where He is manifest to the faithful in word and deed.

In keeping with the Greek word *Ἀμβών* – meaning "step" or "elevate" – from which it derives its name, the Ambo is slightly elevated and placed in a location visible to all of the faithful within the Church (and yes, all of the faithful are likewise visible to the reader, lector, cantor, deacon, priest, or preacher

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Christian Awareness

Conversation with God

BY ALEXJ. NAGEM

I hear these words, “Greetings and Salutations,” expressed each time I am greeted by Fr. Bob Park. Fr. Park is a humble, intelligent, and kind priest of our diocese who has an appreciation for southwestern art. Recently, Fr. Park celebrated his 60th year as a priest. I attended the celebration Mass for his anniversary along with several staff of the Diocese and many of his fellow priests. As I listened to his distinctive voice with his opening prayer, I wondered how many times he stood in front of an altar and celebrated the Mass. Not allowing my mind to wander, which is easily and freely done, I focused on his words, prayers, and the Mass itself. After Mass, as I was walking to my car, I wondered how many children and adults he baptized, gave First Communion, married, and to whom he administered Last Rights in those 60 years. And the confessions, how many confessions of sins, worries, and regrets could he have heard and given absolution? Yet, he still greets all with a smile, a wave of his hand, and bestows greetings and salutations to all. With all his years as a servant of God, he is an epitome of humbleness. “God is beautiful and He loves beauty. God is good and only accepts that which is good.” These words can be found in many religions, Christianity, Islam, Hindu, and others. With the soft spoken ways of Fr. Park, one must wonder how long it took him to gain the quality of a spiritualized soul. The spiritualized soul is one who is sensitive to forgiveness. It is the forgiving of those who hurt us, and one who seeks forgiveness from God and others for our own faults and offenses. This is a form of beauty and good that I believe God seeks from all of us. This is a characteristic of Fr. Park. He

is not one of secrets but one who holds your words in confidence. He truly is a Disciple of Christ.

Seeing his fellow priests at the Mass, transformed the Cathedral into a monastic community of prayer of those who have devoted their life to praising God and teaching others of God’s love for us. Their many voices were one in prayer, as were their voices in song. One could wonder if this was choreographed, but it is only the voices of those who have gained a spiritual state of mind and soul themselves. This beauty is shown with their one voice from many bodies. The Celebration of the Eucharist should place our mind in a heavenly state. Listening to their choir of voices along with the masterful music originating from the hands of our own associate organist, Tyler Greenwood, one could only feel closeness to God. Maybe my own soul and mind were reaching for that spiritual state? At the Sign of Peace, their hugs are ones of fellow crusaders as they fight against all that is evil in this world to save our souls and return them to God. It is not an easy task to administer to the needs of a parish. There is maintenance of buildings and maintenance of souls to keep both from crumbling. Both take a toll on these followers of Christ. But yet, they traveled from around our diocese to celebrate the priestly life of Fr. Park.

Spiritual beauty is hard to possess. We are distracted with life, with possessing what we see around us. God created us to be examples of His beauty. This beauty is shown in our actions. These are actions of helping others, our kind words, and our resistance to material temptations that crumble our spiritual state of mind. When our actions are done for self they enrich our

lives. When they are done for others they enrich our spirituality. This is what is seen in Fr. Park and the choir of priests at his Mass, these men who have devoted their life to God and us. Bishop Bransfield was attentive to the words and prayers of Fr. Park during the Mass, and after, he spoke words of praise that his humble priest well deserves for his commitment to the children of God. After this celebratory Mass and words of praise spoken, I don’t believe one will see an outward change in Fr. Park. He would still wear his English driving cap and dark tweed sports jacket. He will still walk softly with his distinctive gait. He will still have his soft, humble voice as he greets all with a smile, a wave of the hand and the words, “Greetings and Salutations.”

“The Jesus of your spirit is inside you. Ask Him for help, but don’t ask for bodily things. Don’t ask for material provisions. Don’t worry so much about livelihood. Your livelihood will turn out as it should. Be constantly occupied instead with listening to God.” Dr. M. A. Muqtedar Khan

My daily prayers are said with you in mind, as I hope I am remembered in yours.

“Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit” 



“In recent centuries, millions of people came to this land to pursue their dream of building a future in freedom ... building a future of freedom requires love of the common good and cooperation in a spirit of subsidiarity and solidarity.”

*-Pope Francis
during his visit to the Joint Session
of Congress at the United States
Capitol, Washington, D.C.
September 24, 2015*

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 2

Monday

Ephesians 2:19-22
Ps 117:1b-2
John 20:24-29

Tuesday

Genesis 19:15-29
Ps 26:2-3, 9-12
Matthew 8:23-27

Wednesday

Genesis 21:5, 8-20a
Ps 34:7-8, 10-13
Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday

Genesis 22:1b-19
Ps 115:1-6, 8-9
Matthew 9:1-8

Friday

Genesis 23:1-4, 19;
24:1-8, 52-67
Ps 106:1-6
Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday

Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29
Ps 136:1b-6
Mathew 9:14-17

Sunday

Zechariah 9:9-10
Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14
Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

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 3 - Saint Thomas, also called “Didymus” or “the Twin” (John 11:16) was one of the Twelve Apostles. He is remembered for doubting the Resurrection of Christ: “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” The following week, Thomas was with the Twelve when Jesus appeared and chided him or his lack of faith: “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:25-29). After seeing the risen Christ alive, Thomas exclaims “My Lord and my God!” According to tradition, Thomas is the only Apostle who went outside the borders of the Roman Empire to evangelize. Although there is a Gospel account attributed to him, it is not accepted in the canon of Scripture and is, in fact, of gnostic origin. The people of Kerala in South India fervently believe that it was Thomas who evangelized them. He is represented in art with a spear, the instrument of his martyrdom. *Patronage:* architects, builders, India



July 5 - Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria (1502-1539) was from Cremona, Italy. He was born into a noble family, and dedicated himself to the Lord from a young age. He studied philosophy, went to study medicine at the University of Padua, and practiced for three years before deciding to become a priest. Anthony had already done so much study that he was ordained quickly, in 1528. He founded three religious orders: the Barnabites or Clerics Regular of St. Paul - the first order named for St. Paul - the Angelic Sisters of St. Paul for nuns, and a lay community. The three groups worked together to reform society. Because of the implied criticism of abuses in the Church, Anthony was investigated for heresy twice, but was acquitted both times. In addition to founding the Barnabites, he popularized the forty-hour devotion of exposition of the Eucharist. In 1539, he became ill with a fever, and because his health had been undermined by his penitential practices, he died at the age of thirty-seven. Today the Barnabites can be found in sixteen countries, including Italy, the United States, Brazil, and Afghanistan. *Patronage:* Barnabites



Saint Elizabeth of Portugal (1271-1336) was the grandniece of Elizabeth of Hungary and is known by the Spanish version of her name, Isabel. When very young, she was married to the King of Portugal. Elizabeth had been raised to be devout, but at her husband's court, she found much corruption and immorality. In spite of this, she managed to continue her life of prayer, penance, and devotion to the care of the sick. This caused resentment in the court, which Elizabeth bore quietly. After her husband, the king, died, she went to live in a convent of Poor Clares that she had founded, and she took the habit of a Third Order Franciscan. Throughout her life she was well known for her peacemaking skills, most importantly when she prevented a war between Portugal and Castile in 1336. The exertion weakened her health, and she died soon after and is buried at Coimbra. *Patronage:* Franciscan Tertiaries; charity workers; peace; widows



July 6 - Saint Maria Goretti (1890-1902) is one of the youngest saints to be canonized. She died of stab wounds after she resisted a rapist. Maria came from a poor Italian family. They lost their farm and a few years later, her father died of malaria. In spite of their hard existence as farm laborers, the family was close-knit and devout. By 1902, the family was sharing a building with another family of farm workers, one of whom was Alessandro Serenelli, who made it a habit to sexually harass Maria. One day, finding her alone, he threatened to kill her if she did not submit to him. Maria protested that what he asked was a mortal sin. Alessandro choked and then stabbed her, leaving her bleeding to death. She was taken to the hospital, but she could not be saved. Maria died forgiving her murderer. Shortly after Maria died, Alessandro was arrested, charged with murder, and sentenced to twenty years in prison. He remained unrepentant until Maria appeared to him in a dream. Upon his release, he went to Maria's mother and asked her forgiveness. Eventually he became a Capuchin lay brother and was present at Maria's canonization in 1950, as was her mother. *Patronage:* rape victims; girls



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

Ruminations ...

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at the Ambo ... more to the point: yes, I can see you, even all the way back there in pew 97). Being clearly heard always seems to be a work in progress at the Cathedral, but the new lighting system makes the Ambo and the person proclaiming the readings clearly visible to all within the Church. It is fixed in place, like the Altar itself, having a solidity and a stability that models the Word of God, Jesus Christ, "who was proclaimed to you by us, Silvanus and Timothy and me, was not "yes" and "no," but "yes" has been in him" (2 Cor 1:20).

In addition to being made of the same marbles as the High Altar and Altar of Sacrifice, the Ambo has two other design features I would note. First, its frontispiece is decorated in a manner similar to both Altars: the botticino disk is mounted and centered on the calacatta panel framed in marble marquetry. Where the disk on the High Altar is decorated with a Chi Rho (XP) and the Altar of Sacrifice shows the ΑΩ, the Ambo's disk is surmounted with a Greek Cross – having arms of equal length – manifesting the centrality of the Cross of Christ within the Word of Salvation and the balance established within and by the Word. The Ambo diverges from the Altar in that its mensa or

table top of rosso lepanto turco is surmounted by a book stand executed in calacatta marble and decorated the images of the Evangelists done in low relief: Mark's lion, Matthew's man, John's eagle, and Luke's ox. In the next one of these connundra, I will talk about these images of the evangelists more but, until then, I invite you to take the time to visit the Ambo and see these carved images in detail.

As always, 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

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AS BISHOP Pope Francis celebrated Mass in the Vatican's Pauline Chapel with the cardinals present in Rome on Tuesday, June 27 - the 25th anniversary of his Episcopal Ordination. After the Mass, the Holy Father greeted the Cardinal-concelebrants one-by-one.

GENERAL AUDIENCE "None of our sufferings are invisible to God, for He always walks before us and accompanies His disciples", Pope Francis explained during his weekly General Audience on Wednesday, June 28 in St. Peter's Square. The Holy Father continued his catechesis on Christian hope, reflecting specifically on martyrs this week, those who die for their faith in Christ.

NEW CARDINALS On June 28, 2017, Pope Francis held a consistory creating five new cardinals. The Holy Father instructed the new cardinals to "follow him, and walk ahead of the holy people of God, with our gaze fixed on the Lord's Cross and Resurrection." Afterward the consistory, Pope Francis and the new cardinals made a brief visit to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI at his residence at the Mater Ecclesiae Monastery in the Vatican Gardens.



Around and About

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.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL will be held on **July 6 from 6pm-10pm** and **July 7 & 8 from 5pm-11pm**. Canned goods and toiletries will be accepted for Catholic Charities. For more information, visit www.st-mikesparish.org or call the parish office at (304) 242-1560.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA is seeking volunteers to come to their Main Street location. Volunteers will meet once per month and will be helping stuff and label Christmas cards, event invitations and save the dates. An informational session will be held on Wednesday, July 12th at 2 pm. For more information contact Cassandra Gallant at cgallant@ccwva.org or 304-905-9860 ext. 2024.

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, 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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SUNDAY MASSES

6:00 pm (Saturday)
8:00 am
10:30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

12:05 pm Monday through Friday
9:00 am Saturday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

11:15-11:45 am Friday
5:00-5:45 pm Saturday
Or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for a visit.

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the
parish office.

Please notify the parish office of address changes.



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