

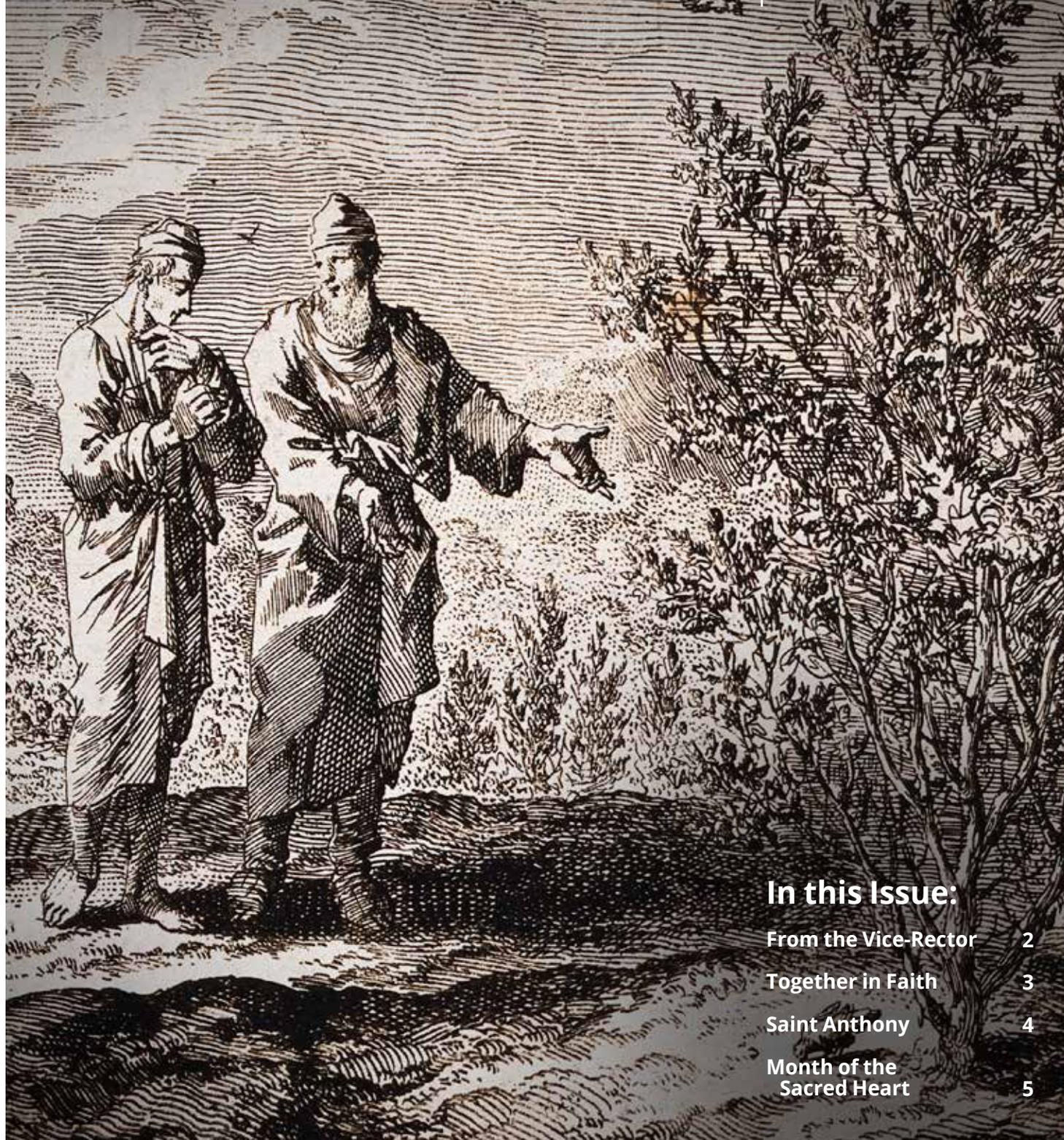
# THE Cathedral Courier

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Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community. We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese, and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.

# This Week

June 13 - 20, 2021

## SUN 13 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Sat) 6:00 pm Mass for Chris Miller  
8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners  
10:30 am Mass for Lawrence E. Lewicki

## MON 14 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Dr. Adiel Anghie

## TUE 15 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Dave Wieth

## WED 16 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for James Evangelist

## THU 17 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery

## FRI 18 Weekday in Ordinary Time

11:15 am Confessions  
12:05 pm Mass for Ken Shores

## SAT 19 Saint Romuald; Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am Mass for Joseph Nassif  
1:30 pm Wedding: Petros & Trabert  
5:00 pm Confessions  
6:00 pm Mass for Dale Shutler

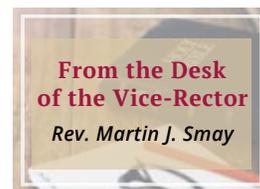
## SUN 20 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass for John Sheets  
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners



Dear Parishioners of the Cathedral Parish,

Before I begin my column this week, I would like for you to consider volunteering regularly at Catholic Charities here in Wheeling. The Catholic Church feeds, clothes, houses, educates, visits, and cares for more people than any other organization. It is the work of Christ Himself today just as He went about healing, teaching, and feeding the crowds some 2000 years ago. But since Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven, He can only accomplish this work through instruments. Saint Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians teaches us that "you are the body of Christ and individually members of it." We must allow Christ to work through us, cooperating with His grace, in order to accomplish the work that He wants done on this earth. It is precisely because Christ works through us that we are not merely a kind of fraternal organization that does good things, or a humanitarian group seeking to alleviate the ills of mankind; in fact, our Holy Father has criticized those kind of conceptions of the Church.



Catholic Charities here in Wheeling is in need volunteer drivers on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Generally this would entail a commitment of 60 to 90 minutes delivering food to people. There is generally very little interaction with the people whom you will be serving but they are very grateful for the ability to eat. They also need dishwashers on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. This would entail a greater time commitment starting around 8am and finishing between 11am and noon. We are not saved by Faith alone - we will be judged on what we have done on this earth. Our Lord is quite clear in the 25th chapter in the Gospel of Matthew. At the end of time Christ will say "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" to those who feed the least among us for they did not feed a mere human being, but someone with whom Christ closely identified Himself; and at the end of time Christ will say "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels" to those who fail to recognize Christ in the least among us. If you are willing to help out, please call Keith Miller at 304-650-9608 and he will fill you in on the details.

For men who would like to become priests, the Church has a definite course of study laid out for them. The history of this course of study is, in itself, worth its own column (that will not come to fruition as there is only one left). But the seminary system, where men go away to study, is a rather recent invention by the Church, being less than 500 years old. Before the modern seminary system, there was no one path for becoming a priest. Frequently a young man would be entrusted to an experienced pastor and a kind of apprenticeship would take place (there is still a vestige of this system in summer assignments). Once the priest judged a candidate worthy/prepared to be ordained, they would approach a bishop who, presumably, examined the candidate himself and conferred Holy Orders on him if he were found worthy. This system proved over the long term to be somewhat ineffective at giving an adequate training so that the Church ended up with an ignorant clergy. This was a contributing factor to the Protestant Reformation. At the Council of Trent, the Church sought to remedy the problem of ignorant clergy by established seminaries - places where men went to prepare to become priests. The academic component to this preparation was far more substantial. In fact, it is estimated that prior to the establishment

of the modern seminary system, only about 1% of the clergy were able to attend university courses.

The Church begins the much needed course of study not with theology but with philosophy. This might seem a bit odd but it is for a very good reason. The basis of theology is philosophy. Most theological errors come from philosophical errors. As I noted in this column several weeks ago, ultimately philosophy is simply the description of how the world works. One of the most important philosophical concepts in Catholic Theology is the idea of causality, precisely because of the sacraments (and also our belief that Sacred Scripture is the inspired word of God). A sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give grace. A sacrament actually gives or confers grace, which is to say, a sacrament causes grace to be given to a person. The sacrament of Baptism, for example, is the sacrament that gives our souls the new life of sanctifying grace by which we become children of God and heirs of heaven. But how can a person pouring water on another and saying some words confer supernatural life on a soul? It seems like it is altogether outside the realm of possibility yet it is what the Church teaches. Or, how can the man Saint Paul author a letter (in fact, many letters) which we say are the words of God? The answer comes in understanding causality.

Let us take as our example a word being written on a piece of paper. A woman takes a pen and with it writes the word "love" on the paper. The question can be asked "what caused the word 'love' to be written on the paper?" If someone were to respond, "the woman caused the word 'love' to be written on the paper" we should agree. If someone were to respond, "the pen caused the word 'love' to be written on the paper" we should likewise agree. The pen would be what we call the instrumental cause and the woman would be the principle cause. The pen does not have in its nature the power to write. A pen does not simply get up and start writing, even though it is designed to write and intended to write and does in fact write. Still, it cannot write by itself, it needs a higher power in order to actually write. The woman is that higher power and hence the principle cause of the writing. The principle cause is that which has, in itself, the power to do something.

Grace is not something which can be caused or conferred by humans as the principle cause. I cannot be the principle cause of someone gaining the supernatural life of grace. God is the one Who gives grace, we do not. Yet, we can make ourselves the instruments of God's grace. Thus the priest in the confessional is like a paintbrush in the hand of a painter, not having any ability to forgive sins on his own, but rather only as an instrument of God can he do so. The same goes for Sacred Scripture. Saint Paul wrote in his second letter "no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God" (1:21).

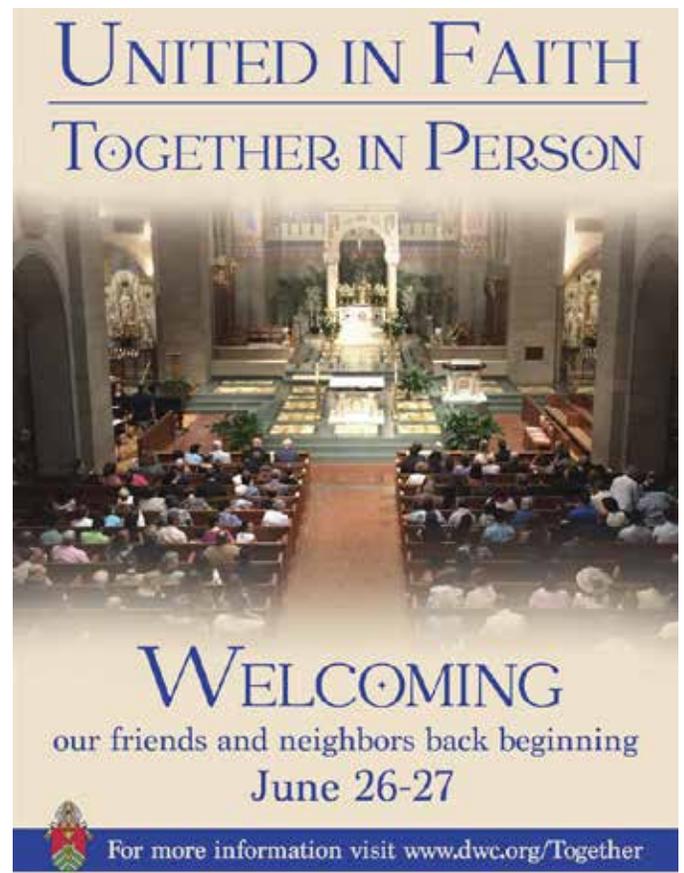
This image of the author of Sacred Scripture or a priest being God's instrument is very apt even if it falls short. For example, we know that the instrument leaves its mark on the work. So, if you have the opportunity to go to confession to a very holy and intelligent priest, that's the guy you want because he is the most docile instrument in God's hands. If you have ever

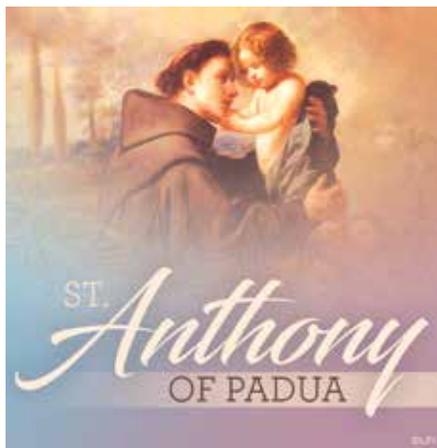
went to Mass and the priest has rushed through the prayers (hopefully not with me) and the whole thing was less-than-prayerful, that's the mark of the priest on the prayer of the Mass. The authors of Sacred Scripture made use of various literary forms which were suited to their situation, life, and culture. Thus the Church instructs us that "For the correct understanding of what the sacred author wanted to assert, due attention must be paid to the customary and characteristic styles of feeling, speaking and narrating which prevailed at the time of the sacred writer, and to the patterns men normally employed at that period in their everyday dealings with one another" (Second Vatican Council, *Dei Verbum* no. 12).

Where this image falls short is that a pen or hammer or whatever instrument does not have free will. Thus there has to be a kind of disposition (even if only implicit) toward doing God's will, doing what He intends so that the priest says the words, or the author writes them. Yet, this ought not be confined to the strictly sacramental or the writing of Scripture. As I said above, Christ the Lord has ascended into heaven. He has no hands or feet on this earth of His own. He must work through us. When we generously and courageously live the Gospel in word and deed, God uses us as His instruments to do His work. On the day of judgement, blessed will they be who made themselves instruments of God!

God love you and keep the Faith!

*Fr. Martin J. Smay*





Saint Anthony of Padua (1195-1231), a member of a noble Portuguese family, joined the Canons Regular of St. Augustine at a young age, but later joined the Franciscans to engage in missionary work. Although his missionary dreams were halted due to illness, he received public acclaim for his preaching style, which led to the conversion of many from heresy, earning him the title “the Hammer of the Heretics.” He had the privilege of meeting St. Francis of Assisi in person and was later elected provincial of Northern Italy. His writings are extensive, especially in the area of sermons; therefore, he was named a Doctor of the Church. People invoke his name when trying to find lost items. This comes from the story in the saint’s biography when a young novice took Anthony’s Psalter, but returned it in a hurry when the angry saint appeared to him in a vision!

Saint Anthony is the patron of Portugal, poor, harvests, lost articles



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## Pope: Eucharist is bread of sinners, not reward of saints

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — People’s hearts and the entire church must be wide open to wonder and devotion to Christ and ready to embrace everyone — sinner and saint alike, Pope Francis said.

“The church of the perfect and pure is a room where there isn’t a place for anyone; the church with open doors that celebrates around Christ is, on the other hand, a large hall where everyone — the righteous and sinners — can enter,” the pontiff said in his homily during Mass June 6, to mark the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

“The Eucharist is meant to nourish those who are tired and hungry along the journey, let’s not forget this!” he said during the early evening Mass, which was celebrated at the Altar of the Chair in St. Peter’s Basilica with about 200 people, who wore masks and maintained social distance.

It was the second year the Mass was held with a reduced congregation and without the traditional outdoor Corpus Christi procession afterward as part of the ongoing efforts to contain the spread of the coronavirus.

The ceremony instead concluded with a long moment of silent eucharistic adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrates the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

In his homily, Pope Francis looked at the meaning of the images presented in the reading from the Gospel of St. Mark which detailed Jesus’ instructions for preparing and finding a place for Passover and the Lord’s Supper.



Pope Francis said the image of a man carrying a jar of water reminds people that humanity is thirsty, “always seeking a source of water that satisfies and restores.”

“All of us journey through life with a jar in our hands” as “each one of us is thirsty for love, joy, a successful life in a more humane world,” he said, adding that only God can satisfy that real thirst for something more — that hope in an eternal life that sustains people in life.

Because that thirst is often not acknowledged, with fewer people seeking or asking about God, Christians must evangelize, the Holy Father said.

It is not enough for the church to be a small group “of the usual people who gather to celebrate the Eucharist. We have to go into the city, encounter people, learn to recognize and reawaken the thirst for God and yearning for the Gospel,” he said. It will be that renewed thirst that brings people to the altar to encounter God in the Eucharist, he added.

The other important image is the grand upper room they find for the Passover meal, he said, a meal that will be significant because of a tiny morsel of bread.



The Eucharist, he said, shows “the strength to love those who make mistakes” because Jesus gave the world the bread of life on the night he was betrayed.

“God makes himself small like a piece of bread,” so humble, hidden and sometimes invisible, that it is necessary that one’s heart be large, open and vigilant to recognize, welcome and adore him, the pontiff said.

“Instead, if our heart is less like a large room and more like storage closet where we regretfully keep old things, like an attic where we have long stored away our enthusiasm and dreams, like a cramped and dark room where we live alone, with ourselves, our problems and bitterness,” he said, “then it will be impossible to recognize this silent and humble presence of God.”

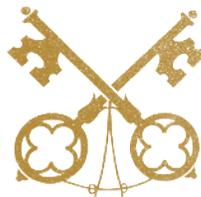
The church also must be a large, welcoming space, “not a small exclusive club, but a community with its arms wide open, welcoming to everyone,” and willing to lead to Christ the wounded, the wayward and those who have done wrong, he said.

“To celebrate and live the Eucharist,” he said, “we, too, are called to live this love, because you cannot break Sunday’s bread if your heart is closed to others, you cannot eat this bread if you do not give the bread to the hungry, you cannot share this bread if you do not share the sufferings of those in need.”

Earlier in the day, the Holy Father greeted hundreds of people spread out in St. Peter’s Square for the noon recitation of the Angelus prayer.

Jesus reacts to the evil of Judas’ betrayal with a greater good, responding to Judas’ “no” with the “yes” of mercy, he said. “He does not punish the sinner, but rather gives his life for him, he pays for him.”

“When we receive the Eucharist, Jesus does the same with us: he knows us; he knows we are sinners; he knows we make many mistakes, but he does not give up on joining his life to ours,” the pontiff said. “He knows that we need it, because the Eucharist is not the reward of saints, but the bread of sinners. This is why he exhorts us: ‘Do not be afraid! Take and eat.’”



### The Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for June

#### The Beauty of Marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.



### Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

On the Friday following the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Because this solemnity usually falls in June, this month is also known as the “Month of the Sacred Heart.” 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. During the month of June, let us ponder Christ’s infinite love and meditate upon his suffering for the salvation of the world.

#### Ways to Honor the Sacred Heart

- ❖ Make an enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in your home
- ❖ Pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart
- ❖ Start a First Friday Devotion



### Marriage Banns

Angela Petros & Tony Trabert  
June 19, 2021

# SAINTS OF THE WEEK

## June 19 - Saint Romuald, abbot (951-1027)

Aristocratic-born Saint Romuald led a wild life as a young person in tenth-century Italy. This changed at age twenty when he saw his father murder another man. Filled with horror, Romuald fled to a Benedictine monastery to do penance for his father's actions. Even monks found him uncomfortably holy, so he left and wandered throughout Italy, establishing his own monasteries and hermitages along the way. He eventually formed the Order of Camaldoli, a religious group of men who combined the cenobitic tradition of communal living with the eremitical (hermit) life of the Eastern monks. He lived a long life, dying of natural causes in 1027.

*Saints of God, pray for us!*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Week of June 13

#### SUNDAY

Ezekiel 17:22-24  
Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
Mark 4:26-34

#### MONDAY

2 Corinthians 6:1-10  
Ps 98:1, 2, 3-4  
Matthew 5:38-42

#### TUESDAY

2 Corinthians 8:1-9  
Ps 146:2, 5-6, 6-7, 8-9  
Matthew 5:43-48

#### WEDNESDAY

2 Corinthians 9:6-11  
Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 9  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

#### THURSDAY

2 Corinthians 11:1-11  
Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 7-8  
Matthew 6:7-15

#### FRIDAY

2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30  
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7  
Matthew 9:19-23

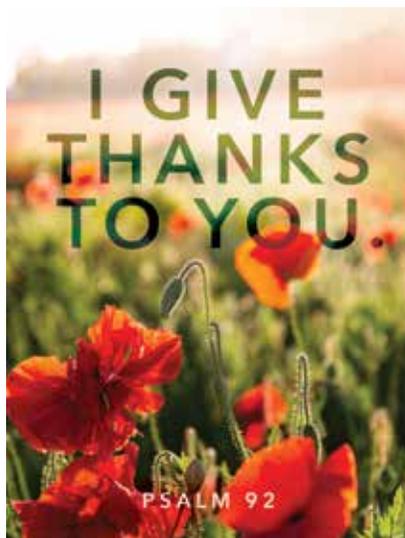
#### SATURDAY

2 Corinthians 12:1-10  
Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13  
Matthew 6:24-34

#### NEXT SUNDAY

Job 38:1, 8-11  
Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31  
2 Corinthians 5:14-17  
Mark 4:35-41

*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.*



## Traveling this Summer?

Take an hour, even on vacation, to attend Mass where you can remember to thank God for your blessings and to seek his divine protection for you and your family. There is a great website, [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org), that can help you to locate the nearest Catholic Church and the times for Mass while traveling.

## New to the Parish?

Are you new to the Parish? Has your address or phone number changed? Are you a Catholic wishing to return to the Church? We would love to hear from you! Contact or stop by the Parish Offices to find out more information on how to become a member of the Cathedral Parish.

## 25th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

**Sunday, June 13; Noon - 5:00 pm**  
**Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center (18th Street)**

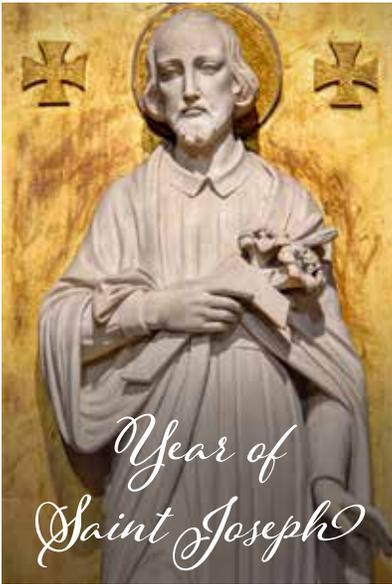
Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center invites you to join them for their 25th Annual Spaghetti Dinner on June 13 from Noon-5pm – 125 18th Street Wheeling. The cost of dinner tickets is \$10.00. Children 5 and under are free. For tickets, please contact Trish 304-232-7157 x3. We hope to see you there!

## Memorial Mass

**Friday, June 18 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Sacred Heart of Mary Church, Weirton, WV**

The FertilityCare™ Center of the Upper Ohio Valley, Inc. & the Weirton Catholic Pro-Life Group will be sponsoring a Memorial Mass for Babies Who Died Before Birth whether by miscarriage, abortion, ectopic (tubal) pregnancy (no distinction will be made) & whether occurring recently or years ago.

The Mass will be celebrated on Friday, June 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 200 Preston Avenue, Weirton, WV. Confession will be available at 5:30 p.m. So that we may best honor your child please call 304-723-0478 or 304-748-0688 to RSVP (all family members and friends are welcome).



## Prayer to Saint Joseph

Glorious Joseph,  
 kind father and friend,  
 Humbly to thee  
 myself I commend;  
 Keep me, watch over me,  
 help and defend.  
 By virtue's path  
 lead to the heavenly land,  
 And in my last hour  
 be thou near at hand.  
 Amen.

*Saint Joseph,  
 pray for us!*



## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### Catholic Life Explained:

#### *Pilgrimages*

#### **Question:**

What is a pilgrimage?

#### **Answer:**

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God.

Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called “indulgences”) can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

In the end, pilgrimages are an ancient act of devotion and something that each of us can put into practice, helping us to discover how God is present in the world around us, in places both near and far.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer	David A. Kress, Jr.	Kaitlyn Hanasky	Rachel Wade
Angela Niehart	Eli Musser	Kermit Klosterman	R. J. Stocke
Archer Hatch	Eric South	Liam Barns	Richard Simon
Arthur Danehart	Eva Wood	Liam Manning	Rick Burgy
Austin Cook	Fr. Joseph Wilhelm	Lucille Renowicz	Ron Hickman
Ashton Southerly	Frank Davis	Lukie Brown	Rosanne Gaughan
Barb Mazzocca	Fred Herink	Margaret Stocke	Rosalie Davis
Beth Jochum	Frederick C. Schweizer	Marie Farnsworth	Rose Otey
Betty Teater	Gail Koch	Marie & Conner	Sarah Hanasky
Bill Wilson	George Kirchner	Workman	Sarah Sargent
Bob Armstrong	Geri Adams Nagy	Mark Davis	Shirley DeBenedi
Bob Jones	Hines Rotriga	Marshall South	Shirley DeCaria
Billy Hanasky	Janet Cupp	Martha Yocum	Stanley Kyrk
Brian Hanasky	Janie	Mary Ann Fowler	Stephanie Bugaj
Brogan Gallentine	Jean & Chuck Schultz	Mary K. Schlosser	Susan Graff
Caleb Hlebiczk	Jim Antill	Mary Walicki	Susan Mize
Carolyn Lash	Jim and Dee	Michael DeBlasis	Susan Schulte
Carolyn Wieth	Jimmy Hocking	Milissa Rose	Tammy
Charles Heizer	Joe Bechtel	Nadine Greenwood	Teresa Helfer
Charles DeBenedi	John Petrella	Nicholas Barns	Thelma Pearson
Children of the	Jon-Michael Lasher	Norma Bosold	Tony Helfer
Youth Services System	Judy Pack	Pete Cuffaro	Trystan Timmons
Christina Helfer	Julia Sheets	Pete Mack	Victoria Jeskey
Chuck Fair	Kathy Cooley	Philippa Shores	

### 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 WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, 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 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

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## MASS TIMES

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

**WEEKDAYS** 12:05 pm (Monday thru Friday)  
9:00 am (Saturday)

**HOLY DAYS** Please consult the bulletin

## CONFESSIONS

**FRIDAY** 11:15 - 11:45 am

**SATURDAY** 5:00 - 5:45 pm  
or by appointment

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

By appointment. Please contact the parish office.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK / MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery. If ill, homebound or hospitalized, a visit can be scheduled upon request.

### 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 of address changes through contacting the parish office or by visiting the website.

**Bulletin Articles due by 9am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.**

