

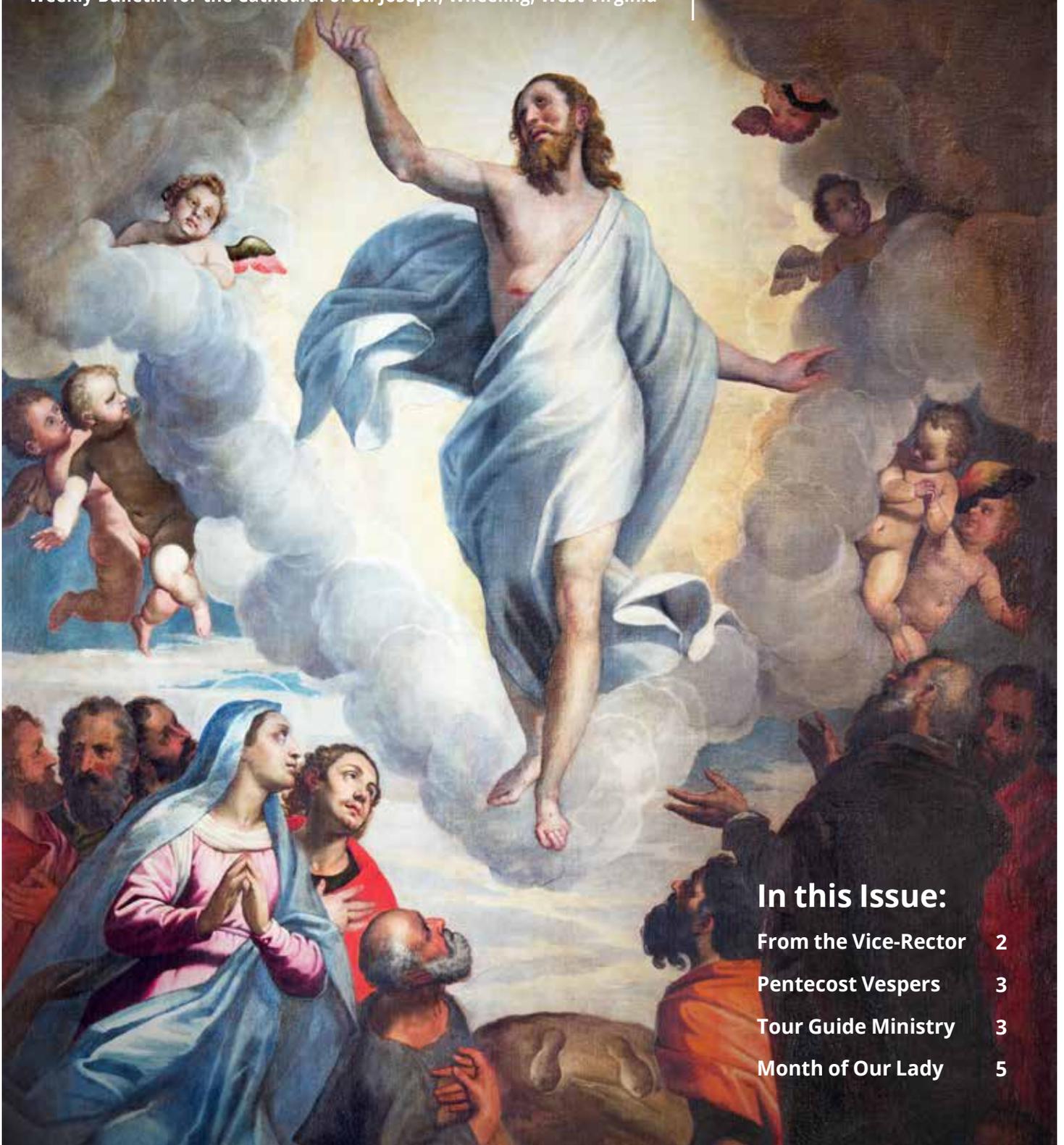
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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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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

May 16 - 23, 2021

SUN 16 **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord**
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners
8:00 am Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery
10:30 am Mass for Katie Fahey
Confirmation during Mass

MON 17 **Easter Weekday**
12:05 pm Mass for Martha Wojcik

TUE 18 **Saint John I**
12:05 pm Mass for Katherine E. Sadaly

WED 19 **Easter Weekday**
12:05 pm Mass for Aracelis Marin

THU 20 **Saint Bernadine of Siena**
12:05 pm Mass for Katie Fahey

FRI 21 **Saint Christopher Magallanes and Companions**
11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for James & Regina LaFlam

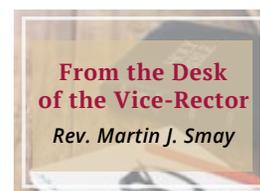
SAT 22 **Saint Rita of Cascia**
9:00 am Mass for James Evangelist
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for Regina LaFlam

SUN 23 **Pentecost Sunday**
8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 am Mass for Virginia Sacco
6:00 pm Solemn Vespers



Dear Parishioners of the Cathedral Parish,

God is the Supreme Being, infinitely perfect, Who made all things and holds all things in existence. He created everything from nothing. When God created, He created in an ordered manner and this ordered creation is annunciated in the various creation accounts found in the Old Testament, especially the first two chapters of the Book of Genesis. This order is all around us and much of it is empirically verifiable. The Catholic tradition has traditionally called this order which God established the "Natural Law." This idea of a "Natural Law" was picked up by the natural philosophers and physicists. Not only was this concept picked up by them but in a real sense it forms the foundation of modern science. Paul Davies wrote a book titled Taking Science on Faith and in it he writes that "Isaac Newton first got the idea of absolute, universal, perfect, immutable laws from the Christian doctrine that God created the world and ordered it in a rational way." Interestingly Isaac Newton was not afraid of mentioning God in his various letters and works and clearly his faith in a God of order gave him the intellectual framework to begin to consider the universe as an ordered place. As he once wrote: "It is the perfection of God's works that they are all done with the greatest simplicity. He is the God of order and not of confusion." Other monumental thinkers of the post-Medieval West such as Galileo, Johannes Kepler, and Rene Descartes has similar foundations, or assumptions, which formed the basis of their world views and philosophies. In a real sense, modern science has Christianity to thank for the idea that the universe has laws written into it by the Creator. In fact, the unspoken but demonstrable foundation of the scientific method is that the universe operates in a regular, consistent manner. These natural philosophers and physicists began to deduce what this natural law was and have come up with precise formulae like the Law of Gravity and a whole body of other laws which we call "Scientific Laws."



But the idea of a natural law was not restricted to the merely physical. There are also laws which God has established that regulate human (and animal) behavior. Sometimes this set of laws is called by the philosophers and theologians the "Natural Moral Law" although more commonly in Catholic literature simply the "Natural Law" as the context is sufficient to specify the moral aspect of the topic being discussed. The Church has always concerned herself more with the Natural Moral Law than any scientific natural laws (actually, when the Church gets involved with pronouncing on scientific laws, it doesn't always go well - this should not surprise us as Christ the Lord gave the Church authority on matters of faith and morals, not the physical laws. As Cardinal Caesar Baronius once quipped, "The Bible teaches us how to go to heaven, not how the heavens go"). This is one of the ideas which stood at the founding of our country. We read in the Declaration of Independence that there is a "separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle" people and "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights." This is so thoroughly imbued with the idea of a Natural Law which goes well beyond regulating the motion of the stars but clearly delineates that the Natural Law regulates also human actions.

Some people deny that there is such a thing as a Natural Moral Law. I think they do this because the Natural Law which regulates the physical universe cannot be broken (God can work miracles, which is a breaking of the physical laws of the universe, but since He created the whole thing, He can break the rules too), but because we have free will we humans can break the Natural Moral Law. Rather than denying that a Natural Moral Law exists, maybe it would be more accurate to say that some hold that the Natural Law for human conduct is self-will or the survival of the fittest or the strong have power over

the weak (laws which have as their referent the individual, not God).

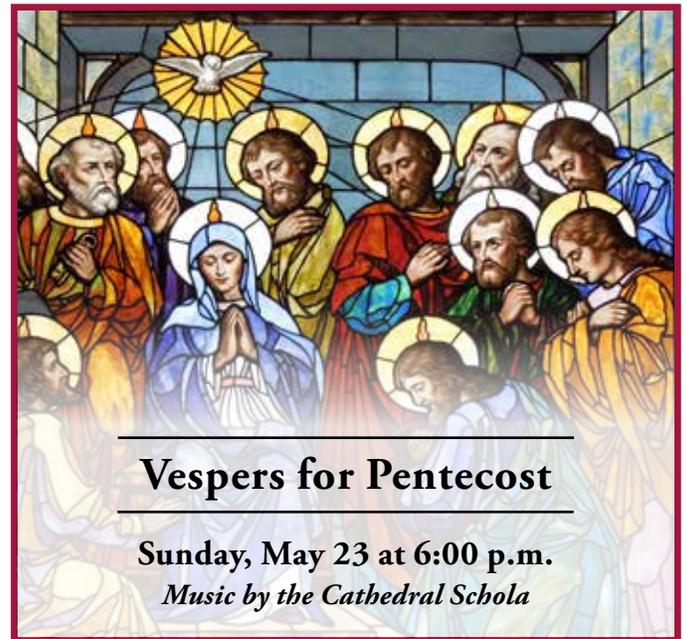
The Natural Moral Law can be defined as “the rule of conduct which is prescribed to us by the Creator in the constitution of the nature with which He has endowed us.” That’s a bit of a mouthful, I know. In other words, God designed us to function in a certain way and He wrote this manner of action into our very nature. My car was designed by someone (a team) and those designers intended that my car be used in a certain manner. If I never change the oil, I can’t really expect for the car to function very well (as someone once told me “you can run out of gas as many times as you want, you only get to run out of oil once”); if I try to tow more than the car was designed to tow, I can expect that it will break. If I do all the maintenance and follow the owner’s manual, I can expect my car to last a long time.

What is this Natural Law, this rule of conduct which our Creator has given us? In the Catechism of the Catholic Church we read that the Ten Commandments contain “a privileged expression of the natural law” and that they are “accessible to reason alone.” Saint Thomas Aquinas in his book Summa Contra Gentiles argues to the Ten Commandments based only on the natural light of reason. Our reason tells us that some things are good and that we must do them and others are evil and should not be done; perhaps more fundamentally, our reason tells us that good is to be done and evil is to be avoided. This is why Saint Paul wrote in his Letter to the Romans that the “Gentiles, who have not the law, do by nature what the law requires.” Saint Irenaeus writes that “from the beginning God had implanted in mankind the natural law (which if anyone does not observe, he has no salvation)” and that God reminded the Jews of these precepts in the Ten Commandments (*Adversus Haereses*, Book IV, Chapter 15). No child needs the Fourth Commandment to tell him that he should respect and obey his parents. Parents do not need the law to tell them that they must feed, clothe, house, and educate their children until they reach maturity (no such obligation ordinarily obtains once children reach adulthood) – these things are known through our own conscience. Still, through sin, the intellect is darkened (we become dumb when we sin) and thus our ability to reason to the Ten Commandments and the Natural Law is impeded. This is much of the reason why God, in addition to writing them on the human heart, also wrote them on stone and gave them to Moses and the People of Israel. Saint Bonaventure writes “A full explanation of the commandments of the Decalogue became necessary in the state of sin because the light of reason was obscured.”

One last note on the Ten Commandments as an expression of the Natural Moral Law: the entirety of the Natural Law cannot be summed up in ten sentences but those Ten Commandments do contain implicitly the entirety of the Natural Law. Much of the work of the Church’s greatest theologians, like Saint Thomas Aquinas and Saint Alphonsus Liguori was unpacking the Ten Commandments so that what was implicit becomes explicit. What they are able to demonstrate is that the Ten Commandments, fully understood, do not only prohibit certain actions or command certain actions, but they actually teach and command virtue.

God love you and keep the Faith!

Fr. Martin J. Smay



Vespers for Pentecost

Sunday, May 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Music by the Cathedral Schola

Help Us Re-Kindle Our Tour Guide Ministry

With this being the year of St. Joseph, we hope to see many pilgrims coming to visit our Cathedral. We would like to reorganize our group of tour guides to host tours as needed during this exciting year. If you love public speaking and history, please join us for an informational meeting after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 23rd. The meeting will begin around 9:30 a.m. and will conclude before the 10:30 a.m. Mass. For more information, e-mail Adrienne Manning at adriannemanning424@gmail.com.

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The Cathedral of Saint Joseph offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application that is safe and secure. This site allows you to set up automatic contributions and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. You may make pledges and manage your contributions to the pledge amount, and you may make one-time donations. To sign up for Online Giving, visit our parish website at www.saintjosephcathedral.com and follow the “Giving” tab. This website will walk you through the process.

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May 9, 2021

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Novena to the Holy Spirit



IN PREPARATION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

The Pentecost Novena is the first of all novenas, nine days of prayer. After Jesus' Ascension into heaven, He commanded His disciples to come together in the upper room to devote themselves to constant prayer. They prayed for nine days before receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. While this Novena to the Holy Spirit can be prayed anytime, it is recommended that it start on the Friday before Ascension Sunday.

Come, Spirit of Wisdom,
dispose our hearts to know and value the things of heaven above the things of earth and show us the way to salvation.

Come, Spirit of Understanding,
enlighten our minds to the mysteries of salvation and grant that we may come to a fuller knowledge of you.

Come, Spirit of Counsel,
guide us in the way of your commandments. Incline us to do good. Keep us from evil and bring us to everlasting life.

Come, Spirit of Fortitude,
strengthen us in every trial and help us in our struggle against evil. Never let us be parted from you.

Come, Spirit of Knowledge,
help us to see beyond the passing joys of this world to the glories you have prepared for us.

Come, Spirit of Piety,
stir up our hearts to true holiness and love of you. May we always seek you in spirit and in truth.

Come, Spirit of the Fear of the Lord,
teach us ever to set the Lord before us and to avoid whatever is displeasing to you. Bring us all one day to the fullness of your love.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now and will be forever. Amen.

Men of Galilee — why are you looking at the sky? It seems like a pretty foolish question for the angels to be asking the disciples. Their best friend just flew away in a cloud. I think in that situation, my first reaction would probably be to stop and stare, too.

But let's not forget, the disciples had a lot of work to do. A world full of souls to evangelize. I've always been a little amused at the thought of the angels shooing them down from Mount Olivet. Get to work! The kingdom isn't going to build itself!

In our own faith lives, we often find ourselves looking at the sky, don't we? We're the faithful, after all. We have seen Christ. We have accepted him. We have given ourselves to him. What more do we need to do? Perhaps we excessively dwell on the past, or anxiously anticipate the future. Perhaps we can't move on from a mistake we have made, or we are shying away from a challenge in front of us. We all have our own cloud that has bewitched us.



But let's remember, our faith compels action. Once again, the kingdom isn't going to build itself.

Why are you looking at the sky? The work is here. The hour is at hand. A good steward is to be mindful of the gift of time. What's the mountain you need to climb down? What is the task God is handing you? For what purpose has God placed you here, at this very moment in history?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

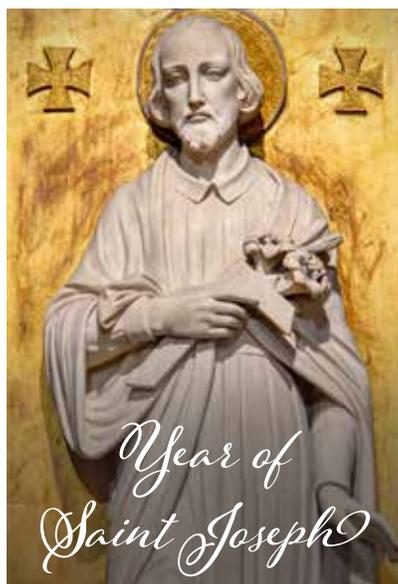
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THANK YOU!

Cathedral of St. Joseph
WHEELING, WV

Congratulations! You have exceeded 50% of the parish goal for the 2021 Catholic Sharing Appeal!

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL



When Pope Francis decided to dedicate this liturgical year to St. Joseph and write his apostolic letter, *Patris Corde*, announcing it, he was making his major contribution to the long and storied history of the Church's devotion to Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster father of Jesus. The prominent place that Saint Joseph holds in our Church Tradition can be seen in his patronage, his liturgical feasts, the religious communities that have taken his name, his apparitions with the Blessed Mother, the major shrines and basilicas dedicated to him, the Church documents written about him, the prayers said to him, his place in the liturgy, as well as the studies devoted to him.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy,
and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.*

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!

Dessert donations are needed for the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center's upcoming Spaghetti Dinner, scheduled for June 13. Please contact Trish at the Neighborhood Center 304-232-7157 x3 to donate a dessert. Thank you for your support.

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).



Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God's mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance" (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

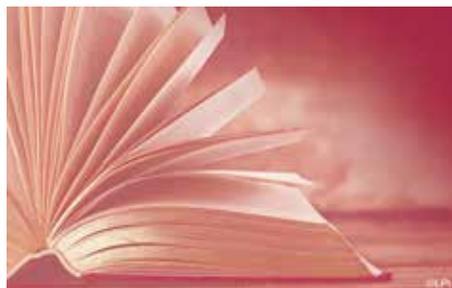
This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

Ways to Honor Our Lady

- Pray the Holy Rosary and spread it's devotion
- Place flowers around a statue or image of Our Lady
- Entrust your family and friends to Mary's maternal intercession
- Pray a novena to Mary or the Litany of Loreto

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of May 16

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Ephesians 1:17-23
Mark 16:15-20

MONDAY

Acts 19:1-8
Ps 68:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
John 16:29-33

TUESDAY

Acts 20:17-27
Ps 68:10-11, 20-21
John 17:1-11

WEDNESDAY

Acts 20:28-38
Ps 68:29-30, 33-35, 35-36
John 17:11-19

THURSDAY

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
John 17:20-26

FRIDAY

Acts 25:13-21
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
John 21:15-19

SATURDAY

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Ps 11:4, 5, 7
John 21:20-25

NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23

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.

May 18 - Saint John I, pope, martyr (d.526)

The papacy of Saint John I took place amid the Arian controversy. King Theodoric the Goth, an Arian ruler tolerant of Catholics, employed the help of John in trying to negotiate an end to the persecution of Arians in the Eastern part of the empire. John went to Constantinople to present the demands of Theodoric to Emperor Justin I, the initiator of the persecutions. Justin agreed to all of the demands except allowing Arians who had converted under pressure to return to their heretical ways. The king was infuriated that John failed in his attempt to bring about resolution; therefore, he sentenced him to prison where he eventually died. St. John is not only revered as "a victim for Christ," but also remembered for introducing the Alexandrian system of calculating the date of Easter.

May 20 - Saint Bernardine of Siena, priest (1380-1444)

Saint Bernardine of Siena was an Italian Franciscan, a priest, and a preacher. He was orphaned young and raised by a pious aunt. While still a student, he helped care for the sick during an outbreak of the bubonic plague, contracted the disease, and almost died. Bernardine joined a strict branch of the Franciscans, called the Observants, around 1402. Known as the "apostle of Italy," he preached devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, popularizing the use of the monogram IHS and encouraging his hearers to burn unnecessary luxuries in "bonfires of vanities." *Patronage:* advertisers; advertising

May 21 - St. Christopher Magallanes, priest, (1869-1927) & Companions, martyrs

Saint Christopher Magallanes was a Mexican priest whose years of ministry coincided with an extreme anticlerical era in Mexico. He was falsely accused of promoting rebellion and arrested while on his way to celebrate Mass. Christopher was killed without trial after absolving his executioners, saying, "I die innocent, and ask God that my blood may serve to unite my Mexican brethren." He and his companions died between 1915 and 1928. He was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II on May 21, 2000, along with twenty-one priests and three laymen, also martyred for resisting the anti-Catholic Mexican government of the 1920s.

May 22 - Saint Rita of Cascia, religious (1381-1457)

Saint Rita of Cascia lived in Italy from 1377 to 1457. Against her wishes, her parents arranged for her to marry a man who ended up abusing her. She had two sons with him; both followed their father's bad example. Rita's husband converted toward the end of his life, but he was murdered by an old enemy. Her sons died soon after. Rita was refused entrance to an Augustinian monastery several times because she was a widow, but eventually she was admitted and lived there until her death. She is depicted with a wound in her forehead because she asked to suffer in union with Jesus and was given a wound from a thorn in his crown. *Patronage:* desperate situations; abuse victims; widows

Saints of God, pray for us!

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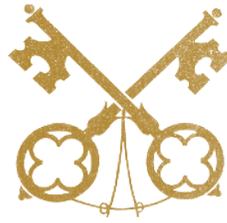
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The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May

The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Religious Orders

Question:

What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?

Answer:

The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as "religious orders") are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person's name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

Other common examples include:

- DC = Daughters of Charity
- FSC = The Brothers of the Christian Schools/Christian Brothers
- OCist = The Order of Cistercians
- OCD = Order of Discalced Carmelites
- OFM = The Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans)
- OFM Cap = The Capuchin Franciscans
- OP = The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)
- OSF=Franciscan Sisters
- SC = Sisters of Charity
- SDS = Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Priests and Brothers and Salvatorian Sisters)
- SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame
- SVD = Society of the Divine Word (Divine Word Missionaries)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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 under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph



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

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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.

