



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.



SUN 23

#### **Pentecost Sunday**

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Regina LaFlam 8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners 10:30 am Mass for Virginia Sacco 6:00 pm Solemn Vespers

MON 24

#### Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

12:05 pm Mass for Mildred Risovich

TUE **25** 

#### Saint Bede the Venerable; Saint Gregory VII; Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

12:05 pm Mass for Albert Schubert

WED **26** 

#### Saint Philip Neri

12:05 pm Mass for Joseph Paytash, Jr.

THU 27

#### Saint Augustine of Canterbury

12:05 pm Mass for Victoria Trouten

FRI 28

#### Weekday in Ordinary Time (Week 8)

11:15 am Confessions12:05 pm Mass for Dave Wiethe

SAT **29** 

#### Saint Paul VI;

#### **Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 am Mass for Ken Shores 5:00 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Mass for Norma Paytash

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#### **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**

8:00 am Mass for William Campbell 10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners



Dear Parishioners of the Cathedral Parish.

Last week in the bulletin we ran a little article on the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names and a list of some of the post-nominal letters which indicate a person's particular religious order (it



is on page 7 of last week's bulletin). It was kindly brought to my attention that there was a major omission: the Congregation of Saint Joseph (whose post-nominal is CSJ). Truly this is an omission as these good women have been serving Wheeling and this Diocese since the very early days of the existence of the Diocese of Wheeling. Shortly after the founding of the Diocese, Bishop Whelan, the first bishop of the Diocese, established Wheeling Hospital. Within three years, the Sisters of Saint Joseph (now Congregation of Saint Joseph) came to Wheeling, Virginia to take charge of the Hospital. In 1860 Bishop Whelan estab-



lished the Congregation of Sisters of St. Joseph of Wheeling. While they no longer run the hospital, they continue to provide pastoral ministry to the patients there. These women have also been involved in other crucial ministries in the Wheeling area, perhaps

most notably at Wheeling Central Catholic High School. The Sisters opened Saint Joseph's Academy in 1865 which was a high school for girls and was eventually merged with CCHS making it a co-ed institution. I would also be remiss if here I were to fail to mention another notable omission from the list last week: the Marist Brothers whose post-nominal is FMS. They have also made tremendous contributions to Wheeling Catholics most notably in the area of education, having served at CCHS from 1933 until 1972. We owe a debt of gratitude to the women and men who dedicated their lives to serving Christ and His Church. The Church in the United States in particular was largely built on the backs of women religious. May God grant eternal rest to those who have already passed, and may he grant joy, peace, and abundant fruit to those who continue to labor in the Lord's Vineyard!

This week's column will build upon last week's column wherein we discussed the Natural Law and the subset of the Natural Law, the Natural Moral Law. As I mentioned last week, the Natural Moral Law can be aptly 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" (this definition was taken from the article titled Natural Law in the old Catholic Encyclopedia). While the Natural Moral Law is an important concept in Catholic theology, the idea itself dates back well before the time of Christ and, in its essentials, is found in the ancient pre-Christian philosophers and thinkers, especially Plato and Aristotle and their discussion of what the nature of a thing is. Cicero appeals to the Natural Moral Law in his oration Pro Milone where he says, "This is a law not written, but born with us,—which we have not learnt or received by tradition, or read, but which we have taken and sucked in and imbibed from nature herself; a law which we were not taught but to which we were made,—which we were not trained in, but which is ingrained in us ,-namely, that if our life be in danger from plots, or from open violence, or from the weapons of robbers or enemies, every means of securing our safety is honourable" (Chapter 4).

The Natural Moral Law is from the Creator and God of the universe. He is the Lawmaker. This means that any laws which are made by lesser lawmakers cannot contradict the law which God has established. This authority structure is actually built directly into the psyche of the human person (by God) and indeed all rational creatures. We understand intuitively that if the State of West Virginia says that all vehicles of residents must pass an inspection in order to be operated on the public

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roads of West Virginia, the City of Wheeling could not make a law saying that it is illegal for a car to have such an inspection. No lower power can make a law which contradicts the law of a higher power. Thus, if the City of Wheeling were to make that a law, we could safely ignore it, because that law would contradict the law of a higher authority, namely the State. Nor is this idea extant in the making of laws, it is also present in adjudicating them as appeals are made to successively higher courts.

There is a Natural Moral Law which both lays duties upon us and confers rights to us which are beyond the purview of any government to diminish or to make entirely void; any legislation which is contrary to the laws given us by God are not valid and lack all force. An example that I am particularly fond of is that of alcohol and the virtue of temperance. Parents have a Natural Moral Law obligation to train their children in virtue. Temperance is one of the four cardinal virtue which regulates "the greatest pleasures, which chiefly regard the preservation of human life either in the species [i.e. procreation] or in the individual [i.e. food and drink]" (Saint Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologiæ II-II, q. 141, a. 5 resp.). Because parents have a duty to educate their children in virtue, they have a corresponding Natural Moral Law right to do so within the bounds of reason. If, therefore, a government were to make a law forbidding the consumption of alcohol by anyone under the age of 18 under any circumstances, that law would lack force for parents because teaching a child the virtue of temperance with regards to alcohol is an integral part to teaching that virtue. It is well within the bounds of reason that parents introduce their children to alcohol in a controlled and safe manner so that their children can learn proper moderation for themselves (i.e. temperance). In this country we as a society have a less than healthy stance toward alcohol (thank the Puritans!) as a kind of forbidden thing and people tend to go off the deep end when they get to college because they suddenly have unbridled freedom to consume as much as they want and at the same time lack all virtue in regards to drink (which is not their fault!). In Europe, where they have a much healthier stance toward alcohol, that does not tend to happen nearly as much as it is normal for children to be given wine or beer with some regularity while they are growing up so that it is not a forbidden fruit and they have also acquired some virtue in relation to it (which isn't to say that they have no issues with people drinking too much in college, but it's not nearly what it is here). Although, just because you are in the moral right according to the Natural Moral Law doesn't mean you won't be arrested and thrown into jail; it does mean that the divine adjudicator will rule in your favor if you're willing to wait that long.

As I mentioned last week, our founding document, the Declaration of Independence, made an appeal to the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God" in order to justify dissolving the bands which had formerly linked the Thirteen Colonies to the British Crown. In spite of such appeals, the relationship between the Natural Moral Law and the civil law has been a matter of dispute among American legal scholars, attorneys, and judges from the early days of our Republic. Initially there was a preference for appealing explicitly to the Natural Moral Law. For example, Vanhorne's Lessee v. Dorrance was a case argued before the Supreme Court of the United States in 1795 involving conflicting land claims and property rights. Justice William Paterson, who presided over the case, noted the following while charging the jury: "the right of acquiring and possessing property, and having it protected, is one of the natural, inherent, and unalienable rights of man. Men have a sense of property: Property is necessary to their natural wants and desires.... The legislature, therefore, had no authority to make an act devesting one citizen of his freehold, and vesting it in another, without a just compensation. It is inconsistent with the principles of reason, justice, and moral rectitude." This is nothing other than an appeal to the Natural Moral Law right to private property which had been explicitly taught at least as far back as Saint Thomas Aquinas and is implicitly taught by Sacred Scripture. This Natural Moral Law right to private ownership of property was unambiguously affirmed by Pope Leo XIII several times in his momentous encyclical letter *Rerum Novarum*. In one instance he affirms that, "everyone has by nature the right to possess property as his own" (no. 6).

Appeals to the Natural Moral Law have lessened over the years in favor of legal positivism, the doctrine that the State may legislate however it wants with no regard to the "Laws of Nature and of Nature's God." This conception of the state sees the state not as a preserver and guarantor of God-given rights, but as the producer of those rights and in truth sets the state in place of God or makes the state into a god. This theory and conception of the state and of law also had early proponents in the United States. For example, Justice James Iredell wrote in a concurring opinion for Calder v. Bull, a case argued before the Supreme Court in 1798, that "If, then, a government, composed of Legislative, Executive and Judicial departments, were established, by a Constitution, which imposed no limits on the legislative power, the consequence would inevitably be, that whatever the legislative power chose to enact, would be lawfully enacted, and the judicial power could never interpose to pronounce it void." He excludes any ability of a court or judge to appeal to a higher law – to the Natural Moral Law – in order to pass judgment on legislation. With this idea of government, something like the Holocaust would be perfectly acceptable since in Nazi Germany that was the law. Of course Pope Pius XII, many Catholics, and others of good will knew instinctively that the laws that commanded the handing over and subsequent internment and execution of Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals, and others seen as undesirable by the Nazis were in violation of the fundamental rights given by God to all people and thus those laws had no force; they frequently put themselves at risk by sheltering those whom these unjust laws targeted.

As Pope Saint John XXIII noted in his encyclical letter *Pacem in Terris*, the purpose of a government is to promote the common good (no. 54), which is defined by the Second Vatican Council as "the sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfillment" (Gaudium et Spes no. 26). Further on in the same encyclical letter, good Pope John says that, "In working for the common good, therefore, the authorities must obviously respect its nature." The fulfillment of social groups and their individual members is intrinsically linked to following the Natural Moral Law. We cannot expect that the rule of action written into our nature by the Creator can be violated and at the same time we can gain the fulfillment for which we were created. Such a proposition is as preposterous as thinking that one can entirely neglect the routine maintenance on a car and expect it to run for 200,000 miles! Thus governments ought to enact legal systems in which the Natural Moral Law is at least not contradicted and which promotes virtue. Unless and until we do so, we cannot expect that we will have tranquility of order in our Nation.

God love you and keep the Faith!

Fr. Martin J. Smay

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#### Mary, Mother of the Church

In 2018, Pope Francis decreed that the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church be inserted into the Roman Calendar each year on the Monday after Pentecost. In the official decree announcing the memorial, Cardinal Robert Sarah, the prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, explains that "Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church, while the latter says that the birth of the Head is also the birth of the body, thus indicating that Mary is at once Mother of Christ, the Son of God, and mother of the members of his Mystical Body, which is the Church." Let us pray that Mary, Mother of the Church, will continue to intercede for and guide the Church on earth and help us to be better disciples of Her Divine Son.

#### 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 Adrianne Manning at adriannemanning424@gmail.com.



# The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May

#### The World of Finance

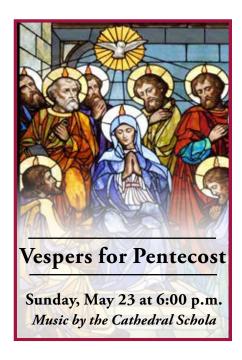
Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.



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Envelopes: \$1713 Loose: \$292 Online: \$658

Thank you for your support!





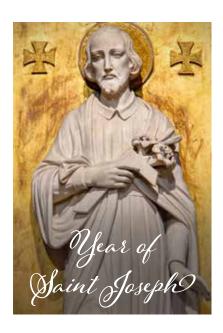
Please remember in your prayers:

Jamie Lynn McAninch (d. May 10, 2021)

## 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.

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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 Fertility Care™ 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

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# **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Week of May 23

#### **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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

#### **MONDAY**

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Ps 87:1-2, 3, 5, 6-7 John 19:25-34

#### **TUESDAY**

Sirach 35:1-12 Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23 Mark 10:28-31

#### **WEDNESDAY**

Sirach 36:1, 4-5, 10-17 Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13 Mark 10:32-45

#### **THURSDAY**

Sirach 42:15-25 Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mark 10:46-52

#### **FRIDAY**

Sirach 44:1, 9-13 Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, -6, 9 Mark 11:11-26

#### **SATURDAY**

Sirach 51:12-20 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mark 11:27-33

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 Romans 8:14-17 Matthew 28:16-20

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.

# SAINTS OF THE WEEK

### May 25 - Saint Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor of the Church (672/73-735)

Venerable Bede was a Benedictine monk at the Abbey of Jarrow in England. He devoted his life to scholarly pursuits, including the study of Scripture, the composition of commentaries based on the ideas of Church Fathers, and extensive research and writings regarding the history of the Church in England. He is credited with educating over 600 monks and popularizing the use of AD (Anno Domini - "in the year of our Lord" to refer to the Christian era.

#### Saint Gregory VII, pope (1028-1085)

Also on May 25, Pope Gregory VII, born Hildebrand of Sovana, who joined the Benedictine monks, but was eventually called beyond the cloister to serve the larger church as pope. Recognized as one of the greatest reformer popes, St. Gregory instituted what is known as the Gregorian reform. Through this reform he wanted to end rampant and widespread abuses in the Church.

#### Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, virgin (1566-1607)

Also on May 25, Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi who was the daughter of a prominent family in Florence. She developed a love of prayer at an early age and began having mystical experiences. Her parents sent her to be educated in a convent but brought her home when they decided she should marry. Fortunately, Mary persuaded them that she had a vocation to be a Carmelite, and they allowed her to return. Her life was marked by prayer, penance, devotion to the Eucharist, and love for the poor.

#### May 26 - Saint Philip Neri, priest (1515-1595)

Philip Neri was an Italian priest and founder of the Congregation of the Oratory or Oratorians. Philip was known for his joyful spirit, believing that it is more Christian to be cheerful than melancholy. A well-known figure in the Eternal City, he was known as the "Apostle of Rome" during his lifetime. He worked with the youth, finding safe places for them to play. Philip was ahead of his time in urging more frequent reception of Holy Communion, and he introduced the Forty Hours' devotion with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

#### May 27 - Saint Augustine of Canterbury, bishop (d.604)

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Saints of God, pray for us!

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# Congratulations Confirmandi!

We wish to congratulate the young men and women of our parish who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation and were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the presence of their sponsors, family, friends, and catechists last Sunday.

As you continue your journey of faith, may you use the gifts given to you to love and serve your brothers and sisters in Christ. Know of our continued prayers!

Gianna Cipriani Hajiyianni Marin Allison Thomas Thomas Turak



# REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer Archer Hatch Arthur Danehart Austin Cook Ashton Southerly Barb Mazzocca Beth Jochum **Betty Teater** Bill Wilson **Bob Armstrong** Bob Jones Billy Hanasky Brian Hanasky Brogan Gallentine Caleb Hlebiczki Carolyn Lash Carolyn Wiethe Charles Heizer Charles DeBeni Children of the Youth Services System Christina Helfer

Chuck Fair

David A. Kress, Jr.

Eli Musser Eric South Eva Wood Fr. Joseph Wilhelm Frank Davis Fred Herink Frederick C. Schweizer Gail Koch George Kirchner Geri Adams Nagy Hines Rotriga Janet Cupp lanie Jean & Chuck Schultz Jim Antill Jim and Dee Jimmy Hocking Joe Bechtel John Petrella Jon-Michael Lasher Judy Pack Iulia Sheets Kathy Cooley Kaitlyn Hanasky

Kermit Klosterman Liam Barns Liam Manning Lucille Renowicz Lukie Brown Margaret Stocke Marie Farnsworth Marie & Conner Workman Mark Davis Marshall South Martha Yocum Mary Ann Fowler Mary K. Schlosser Mary Walicki Michael DeBlasis Milissa Rose Nadine Greenwood Nicholas Barns Norma Bosold Patricia Kaliscz Pete Cuffaro Pete Mack Philippa Shores

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#### 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.



# WHY DO WE DO THAT?

**Catholic Life Explained:** 

Catholic vs. Protestant Bibles

#### Question:

Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles different?

#### **Answer:**

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians used a Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. This collection of the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures included 46 books. At the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the Protestant reformers began to create their own translations of the Bible (into local languages) and some began to question why the Jewish Scriptures would have included texts that were written in Greek, because, they assumed, the only valid Jewish Scriptures would have been written in Hebrew. And so, they decided to remove seven books from the Old Testament: Baruch, Sirach, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith and Wisdom (as well as portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther). This means that the Protestant Old Testament only includes 39 books, while Catholic Bibles continue to include those original 46 books. Both Catholic and Protestant Bibles include 27 books and letters in the New Testament.

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**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.

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