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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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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 30 - June 6, 2021

SUN
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The Most Holy Trinity

(Sat) 6:00 pm Mass for Norma Paytash
8:00 am Mass for William Campbell
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners

MON
31

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial Day

9:00 am Memorial Day Mass

TUE
1

Saint Justin

12:05 pm Mass for George Bridges

WED
2

Saints Marcellinus and Peter

12:05 pm Mass for Virginia Snyder

THU
3

Saints Charles Lwanga and Companions

12:05 pm Mass for Orlando Sacco

FRI
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Weekday in Ordinary Time First Friday

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for the Moran Family
12:45 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5:45 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

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Saint Boniface First Saturday

9:00 am Mass for Martha Wojcik
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

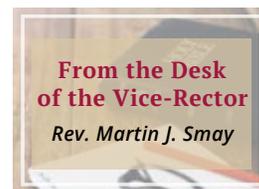
SUN
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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

8:00 am Mass for Ron Radcliffe
10:30 am Mass for Kathleen Charlotte Cobb
Eucharistic Procession following Mass
6:00 pm Solemn Vespers & Benediction



Dear Parishioners of the Cathedral Parish,



Time is among the most precious things that we have. The fact is that we only get a limited amount of time on this earth and we do not know how much of it we get; death will make an end of our time and we know not when we will depart this world to render an account to the divine Judge for our lives. One of the biggest tragedies that we are responsible for is wasting time. This is especially tragic when we view things from the standpoint of eternity. With good reason did our Lord command his disciples to "store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal" (Matthew 6:20). The reality is that as long as we are in the state of grace, we have an opportunity to use our time well on this earth and merit an eternal reward. This isn't simply about doing what is necessary in order to get to heaven (most certainly a good use of time) but this is also about using our time to merit as great a reward as possible.

Heaven is not an egalitarian society in the sense that everyone there is equal (or even that everyone other than the Three Persons of God are equal). The Church teaches there is a hierarchy in heaven. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the highest created person in heaven and everyone else is under her (including all of the angels, the Apostles, and Saint Joseph her spouse). The happiness of the Saints in heaven is complete and perfect for each person who is there (they are as happy as they can be). But each individual's capacity for happiness differs according to what they did on earth. Those who died with greater virtue are the ones who have a greater capacity for happiness in heaven. Saint Alphonsus Liguori (Doctor of the Church!) says in one of his reflections that "In heaven there is no grief; but if the blessed could grieve, they would do so for having lost so much time during life, in which they might have acquired greater glory, and because time is now no longer theirs."

There are a number of things that we can do to use our time profitably. If we read old catechisms (I do!) then we usually encounter a statement like this "To gain the happiness of heaven we must know, love, and serve God in this world." These old catechisms are very well thought out and proceed in a methodical manner which is why I like reading them. Later on there is usually a comment like this made "we say that we must know God because we cannot love what we do not know." In studying the Faith, we come to know and understand God and His work in creation more and more. As we acquire a deeper knowledge of God, we realize more and more how loveable He is and we are thus enabled and impelled to love God. Even in the annoying or tragic occurrences of life, if we have a sufficient understanding of God's wisdom, we will have a kind of peace and tranquility in these vicissitudes because we will realize that God is wise and has a plan which exceeds what we are able to understand.

We are fortunate because we have means of studying the Faith and using time well because of modern technology that was not readily available to past generations. For example, we can find good, solid podcasts about the Faith or the spiritual life, audio books, or YouTube videos of homilies or conferences and listen to them while we do the mundane things of life (brushing our teeth, combing our hair, shaving, driving, etc.). And if we find that those videos are a little too fast or

slow, we can always adjust the speed on the video or recording. On YouTube there are recordings of Saint Teresa of Ávila's books *The Way of Perfection* and *Interior Castle* which I have been listening to off and on for months (this is why so many of her quotes have cropped up in these columns) as well as works by Saint Augustine, Thomas à Kempis, and Saint John of the Cross among others. At least one good thing about studying the Faith and spiritual life in this way is that we can go back to the well and drink the same work in multiple times and gain a firmer grasp each time. Other than listening to books by Saints, I personally enjoy conferences which can be found on YouTube by Fr. Chad Ripperger (a very erudite priest-exorcist) as well as listening to brief stories about different Saints although I've found no one good source for these.

The other big thing that we can do to use our time well and merit an eternal reward is to "supernaturalize" each of our actions. We have the ability to offer all of our actions (as long as they aren't sinful) to God and to do them for love of God. We can prepare dinner while making a conscious decision to do this for the love of God. We can put gas in our car and make a conscious decision to do it for the love of God. Almost all of our everyday actions can be done for love of God and thus merit us an eternal reward. We do this by simply turning to God and saying "Lord, I know that I need to eat, that I must prepare dinner, and that it is Your gracious will that I do it now and so I offer this to You for love of You." Mother Teresa once said "Don't look for big things, just do small things with great love." Her point is obvious: don't worry about the big things, worry about loving God in the little things, in each and every thing in life. If we do this, we will have lived a good life, used our time wisely, and merited an eternal reward.

God love you and keep the Faith!

Fr. Martin J. Smay

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Farewell Gathering for Father Smay **Saturday, June 12 following the 6:00 p.m. Mass** **Great Hall of Central Catholic High School**

Join us on Saturday, June 12 after the 6:00 p.m. Mass to say thank you to Father Smay and to wish him well on his new assignment.

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Corpus Christi Sunday at the Cathedral **Sunday, June 6, 2021**

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph will celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) on Sunday, June 6 with several special events. At the conclusion of the 10:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be taken in procession around the grounds of the Cathedral. Following the procession, the Blessed Sacrament will be placed on the altar for Adoration throughout the afternoon until the celebration of Solemn Vespers with Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

"The annual procession on the feast of Corpus Christi has a special importance and meaning for the pastoral life of the parish or city.... When the Eucharist is carried through the street in a solemn procession with singing, the Christian people give public witness of faith and devotion toward the Sacrament."

Parish Council Elections

As we continue our process of electing 5 new members to serve the Cathedral Parish on our Pastoral Council, please take the time to read through the biographies of the people who have been nominated, which may be found in the insert of this weekend's edition of *The Cathedral Courier*. Beginning next weekend, June 5/6, the ballots will be available in the narthex of the church.

According to the guidelines of the council, the following gifts and temperaments are necessary for successful pastoral leadership in members of the Council: desire for spiritual growth in self and in others, enthusiasm about the future of the parish, eagerness to facilitate parish decisions about its future, courage to work toward consensus, capacity to listen, integrity in articulating what one has heard and what one believes, ability to inspire and empower, willingness to delegate, and flexibility and openness with people and ideas.

Offertory Collection

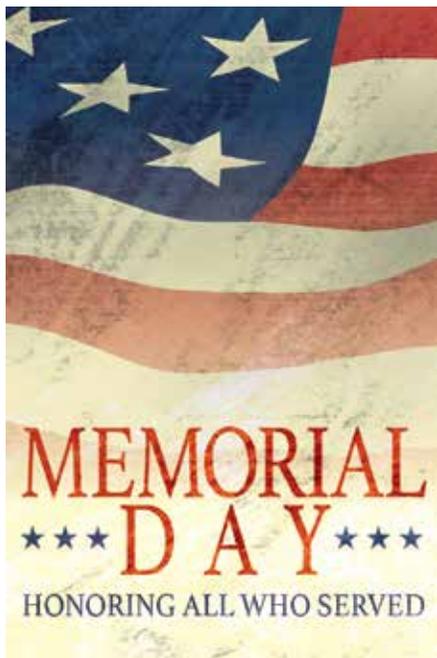
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Envelopes: \$1191
 Loose: \$408
 Online: \$458

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Since the days just following the end of the Civil War, Americans have gathered on the last Monday in May to honor those who died in military service to their country. What we remember—and honor—on Memorial Day is heroic sacrifice. We acknowledge those who nobly gave of themselves, even unto death, for a purpose they believed was greater than themselves.

A Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy,
you destroy war
and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst
and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be
called your sons and daughters.
Keep in your mercy those who
have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely into your
kingdom of justice and peace.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."

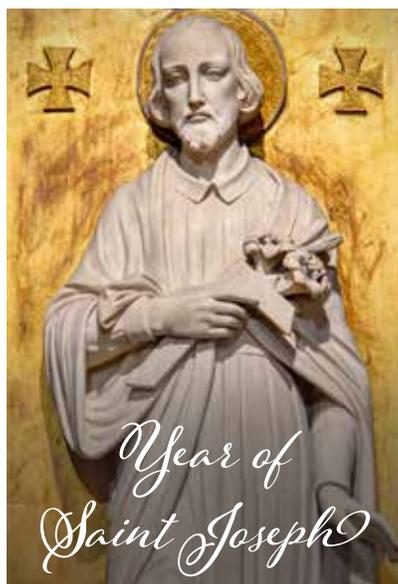


Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do

you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the

creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God?

We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him 'Dad' and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care.



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).

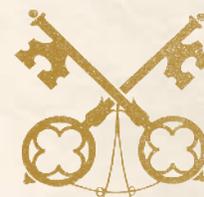


Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

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
- ❖ Pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart

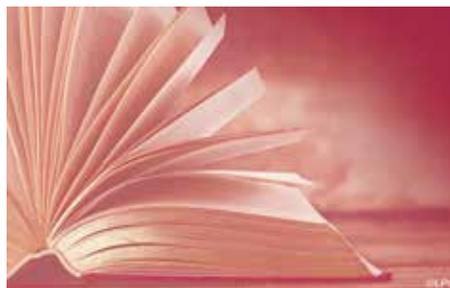


The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June

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.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of May 30

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28:16-20

MONDAY

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

or Romans 12:9-16

(Ps) Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Luke 1:39-56

TUESDAY

Tobit 2:9-14

Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9

Mark 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY

Tobit 3:1-11, 16-17

Ps 25:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7, 8-9

Mark 12:18-27

THURSDAY

Tobit 3:6-10; 7:1, 9-17

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Mark 12:28-34

FRIDAY

Tobit 11:5-17

Ps 146:1-2, 6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Mark 12:35-37

SATURDAY

Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20

(Ps) Tobit 13:2, 6, 7, 8

Mark 12:38-44

NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 24:3-8

Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18

Hebrews 9:11-15

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

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

June 1 - Saint Justin, martyr (c.100-165)

Saint Justin, also called Justin Martyr (c.100 - 165), was born in Judea and raised by pagan parents who were probably Greek or Roman. He studied philosophy, converted to Christianity, and spent his life teaching and writing. Justin is best known for his Apologies and for his Dialogue with Trypho. He fought against the heresy of Marcion, who rejected the Old Testament. Justin's life ended in Rome, where he was martyred under Marcus Aurelius. He is one of the first Christian apologists, and he was one of the first to employ philosophy as a tool toward greater understanding of revelation. *Patronage:* philosophers; apologists

June 2 - Saints Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs (d.304)

Not much is known about these two early martyrs, except that Marcellinus was a priest, Peter was an exorcist, and they were both martyred by beheading under Diocletian. While in prison, tradition tells us that they managed to convert the jailer and his family. They are mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer I.

June 3 - Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, martyrs (d.1885-1887)

Charles Lwanga was a Ugandan catechist who served as a page in the court of King Mwanga II. King Mwanga felt threatened by the presence of missionaries in his country, and he insisted that Christians renounce their faith. After a massacre of Anglicans in 1885, the head page, Joseph Mukasa, reproached the king, who had him beheaded and arrested his followers. Charles baptized those who were still catechumens, and he and twenty-one others were burnt alive. Although they were not canonized, Pope Paul VI recognized the martyrdom of the Anglican Christians when he canonized Charles and his companions.

June 5 - Saint Boniface, bishop, martyr (c.675-754)

Boniface was an Anglo-Saxon Benedictine monk. He was first sent as a missionary to Frisia, which is in the vicinity of the Netherlands, but he failed because of wars between the local tribes and the Frankish king Charles Martel. Boniface then went to Rome and was commissioned by the pope to evangelize in Germany. He started by chopping down an oak tree dedicated to Thor, and when he was not immediately struck down, the people believed and became Christians. Boniface return to evangelize the Frisians but was killed by them. He is buried in the cathedral in Fulda. Boniface is known as the "Apostle of Germany".

Saints of God, pray for us!



Book of Intercessions

You may notice that the Book of Intercessions has returned to the back of the Church. This book is used to record the intercessions and prayer requests for the sick, the homebound, the suffering, the local and universal Church, the needs of the world, and anyone else in need of prayer. Please feel free to write in the book any prayer requests or intercessions you want to place before the Lord. All of the intercessions in the book will be remembered during the Universal Prayer at Sunday Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

The first Friday of every month, immediately following the 12:05 pm Mass. Benediction at 5:45 pm.



Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers:

Sr. Margaret "Peggy" Sinnott
(d. May 24, 2021)



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained: *Anointing of the Sick*

Question:

If it isn't only for people who are dying, when should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

Answer:

One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction."

In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage. And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey).

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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| Andrew Helfer | 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 DeBenedictis |
| Bob Jones | Hines Rotrigo | 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 Wiethe | Jimmy Hocking | Milissa Rose | Tammy |
| Charles Heizer | Joe Bechtel | Nadine Greenwood | Teresa Helfer |
| Charles DeBenedictis | John Petrella | Nicholas Barns | Thelma Pearson |
| Children of the | Jon-Michael Lasher | Norma Bosold | Trystan Timmons |
| Youth Services System | Judy Pack | Pete Cuffaro | Victoria Jeskey |
| Christina Helfer | Julia Sheets | Pete Mack | |
| Chuck Fair | Kathy Cooley | Philippa Shores | |
| David A. Kress, Jr. | Kaitlyn Hanasky | Rachel Wade | |

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.

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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.

