



# The Cathedral Courier

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November 12, 2017 | THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If you pay attention, you are aware that our Church year is drawing to a close. Today is the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Next Sunday is the Thirty-third, and the last Sunday in November is the Feast of Christ the King. With December comes Advent and the new Church liturgical year. Throughout this year most of our Gospel Readings have come to us from Matthew, which is the norm for Cycle A, our current year. With the new Church year we will hear Gospels largely from St. Mark.

As we approach the end of the Church year, we also reach the end of the Book of Matthew. Today's Gospel comes from Chapter 25. Chapter 26 begins with the Last Supper and Jesus' final hours before His Crucifixion. Most scholars feel that Matthew's Gospel presents the fullest account of Christ's teaching. What we have heard in recent weeks confirms that as Christ has presented us with several teaching parables, including today's Parable of the Ten Virgins.

The Holy Word as we hear it in scripture and at each Mass is filled with wisdom. Today's First Reading is drawn from the Book of Wisdom. Written only 50 years or so before the coming of Christ, the primary purpose of the book is basically indicative of its name — the author extols the splendor and worth of divine wisdom. Today's reading, as is the case with many in Wisdom, is intended to provide background for Jesus' teaching. "For taking

thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence." Throughout the year we are called to listen carefully and to hear and assimilate the Holy Word of the Lord. Doing that and making an effort to understand the messages of wisdom found therein do bring us wisdom.

In all of his various letters there are four occasions when St. Paul cautions those to whom he is writing, "We do not want you to be unaware..." In other words Paul wants to make sure that they

The phrase "fallen asleep" was common at Paul's time to refer to death. Were you aware, for example, that the word "cemetery" meant, "sleeping places?" Paul's point is that we who are living must also be prepared. And there is hope because the reward for being prepared is that "...we shall always be with the Lord." That is the great reward of heaven — to be with Jesus forever. Paul points out that not even death can break our unity with Jesus and other Christians.

Jesus could not be clearer about the necessity of preparedness on our part. The Lord reminds us in the Gospel from St. Matthew "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Jesus wants His followers, His disciples, to be ready and prepared. He also makes it clear the price for failing to be ready is high: "Amen, I say to you I do not know you."

Holy Scripture prompts us often to be aware and ready. In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul paralleled Christ's message, stating, "Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than we ever believed." Disciples of Jesus need to think often about the fact that He may come any time. We will stand before Him and give an account of our lives, of our stewardship really. He has entrusted us with many gifts. Are we ready to justify how we have used those gifts? 🍷



(we) are not ignorant about something. Today Paul writes "We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep." Paul is speaking about the Second Coming of Christ, and his reminder leads very well into Jesus' message in today's Gospel. (The other three times Paul uses the phraseology are when he writes the Romans not to be ignorant of God's plan for Israel; in First Corinthians Paul says do not be ignorant about spiritual gifts; and in Second Corinthians he says not to be ignorant of the suffering and trials in Christian living).

# This Week

## At The Cathedral



**SUN 12** **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 (Sat) 6:00 PM Mass for Sophie Moses  
 8:00 AM Mass for the Parishioners  
 9:15 AM First Communion Classes (*Parish Offices*)  
 10:30 AM Mass for Agata DeCicco

**MON 13** **Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini, virgin**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Joseph & Sarah Truini  
 7:00 PM Infant of Prague Novena

**TUE 14** **Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Elizabeth Wilson

**WED 15** **Saint Albert the Great, bishop, doctor of the Church**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Alfonso Pagano

**THU 16** **Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, virgin**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Herbert & Susan Mize

**FRI 17** **Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, religious**  
 11:15 AM Confessions  
 12:05 PM Mass for Jean Huff

**SAT 18** **Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin**  
 9:00 AM Mass for Helen Valentino  
 9:30 AM Rosary  
 5:00 PM Confessions  
 6:00 PM Mass for Joseph Paytash, Jr.

**SUN 19** **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 8:00 AM Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery  
 9:15 AM First Communion Classes (*Parish Offices*)  
 10:30 AM Mass for the Parishioners



## Book of the Names of the Dead

The Church has a long tradition of remembering those who have died, and commending them to the love and mercy of God. During November, we are called in a special way to remember “our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection.” The Book of the Names of the Dead will be on display near the baptismal font throughout this month. Contained in this book are the names of our parishioners who have died over the past years. We encourage you to inscribe the names of your family and friends who have died over the past year so that we might remember and pray for them and for all of the holy dead.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

## The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul - November 18

The Vatican Church, dedicated in honor of St. Peter, is the second patriarchal church at Rome, and in it reposes one half of the precious remains of the bodies of SS. Peter and Paul. The body of St. Peter is said to have been buried immediately after his martyrdom, upon this spot, on the Vatican hill. The remains of this apostle were removed hence into the cemetery of Calixtus, but brought back to the Vatican. Those of St. Paul were deposited on the Ostian Way, where his church now stands. The tombs of the two princes of the apostles, from the beginning, were visited by Christians with extraordinary devotion above those of other martyrs. Caius, the learned and eloquent priest of Rome, in the year 210, in his dialogue with Proclus the Montanist, speaks thus of them: “I can show you the trophies of the apostles. For, whether you go to the Vatican hill, or to the Ostian road, you will meet with the monuments of them who by their preaching and miracles founded this church.” The Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul in Rome, observed on November 18, is not so much the church buildings we are honoring, of course, as the saints to whom they are dedicated.

*Congratulations* Mr. Jacob Manning, KHS, who was recently appointed the President for the Wheeling-Charleston Section of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.



The origins of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem date back to the First Crusade over 900 years ago. A Papal Order, today, the members dedicate themselves to personal sanctification, fidelity to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, and support of the Christian Community in the Holy Land.

Knights and Ladies continue this tradition through prayer and pilgrimage, active involvement in their parish and diocese and a commitment of financial resources to support Catholic Institutions in the Holy Land.

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is the only lay institution of the Vatican State charged with the task of providing for the needs of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and of all the activities and initiatives to support the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

## November - Month of All Souls ☸☸☸

In the month of November, we pray in a special way for those who have died - those who are known to us, and those who are unknown. "It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins," observes the writer of Maccabees in the Old Testament (2 Maccabees 12:45-46). Intercession on behalf of those who have died is a cherished tenet of our Catholic faith, springing from our belief in the resurrection of the body and the communion of saints. "Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayer and intercession (Order of Christian Funerals, 6). Trusting in God's love and mercy, we continue to pray for them, knowing that this spiritual bond with our brothers and sisters who have died can never be broken.

### INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE NOVENA at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph



*Encountering Christ in His Miracles*

Week VIII - November 13  
"Raising of Lazarus"

Rev. Msgr. George R. Coyne  
Priest of the Diocese of Steubenville

Nine Consecutive Mondays at 7:00 p.m.  
Please join us!

*"The more you honor me, the more I will bless you."*

2017  
**CHRISTMAS  
PROJECT**

**ANGEL TREE**

The Angel Tree will be in the church beginning:  
Saturday, November 25

Please return the gifts no later than December 3  
All gifts are delivered that week and it is important  
we receive your gift and tag by the due date.

## Liturgical Ministers

The liturgy is the public worship of the Church. It is celebrated, not by individuals or groups within the Church, but by the entire Body of Christ. All of the faithful are called to fully participate in the Mass. Most of us do this by coming to the Mass spiritually prepared, ready to join our minds and hearts, indeed our bodies, to all that we as a Church hear, say, and do in the liturgy. However, there is need for some of the faithful to take up special roles in the liturgy, such as Altar Servers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Greeters. The Cathedral of Saint Joseph is looking for individuals who wish to volunteer their time in one of these important ministries during Mass. To sign-up, please contact Ms. Debbie Fahey by email (dfahey@dwc.org) or by phone (304-233-4121).

## In your charity, please keep in your prayers:

Annie Midcap, Arthur Danehart, Austin Cook, Barb Mazzocca, Betty Teater, Bill Wilson, Bob Armstrong, Bob Jones, Brogan Gallentine, Caleb Hlebiczki, Charles Heizer, Children of the Youth Services System, Chuck Fair, Darleen Williams, David A. Kress, Jr., Dustin Ronevich, Eva Wood, Father Joseph Wilhelm, Frank Davis, Fred Herink, Gail Koch, George Kirchner, Haley Carter, Hines Rotriga, Jack Jochum, Jr., James Benner, Jane Rudari, Marlene Martin, Janet Cupp, Janie, Jean and Chuck Schultz, Jim Antill, Jim and Dee, Jimmy Hocking, John Petrella, Jon-Michael Lasher, Judy Pack, Julia Sheets, Kathy Cooley, Kermit Klosterman, Liam Manning, Lukie Brown, Margaret Stocke, Mark Davis, Martha Yocum, Mary Alice Florio, Mary Ann Fowler, Mary K. Schlosser, Mary Shutler, Mary Walicki, Michael DeBlasis, Milissa Rose, Milly Burke, Mona Wurtzbacher, Norma Bosold, Patricia Kaliszcz, Pete Mack, R. J. Stocke, Richard Simon, Rick Burgy, Ron Hickman, Rosalie Davis, Sarah Hanasky, Sarah Sargent, Shawn Thomas, Shirley DeCaria, Stanley Kyrk, Stephanie Bugaj, Susan Graff, Susan Mize, Susan Schulte, Tammy, Thelma Pearson, Thomas Griffith, Trystan Timmons



Once again we welcome children to experience Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass on Sunday morning. Now that everything has been cleared away and we can assure the safety of the little ones, we are delighted to invite the children to participate in the ministry. The children listen to the Word of the Lord in the language they understand, relate the lesson as it is meaningful to them, make crafts or complete little skits.

Since November is typically a "thankful" month, we'd like to extend our gratitude to two very important members of this ministry who have given many years in the development of our children's faith life. Melody DeFranco and Betty Foster have been instrumental in the Children's ministry developing lesson plans and crafts to reinforce the lessons of the love God has for His children. They have formed beautiful friendships with the children and have the admiration and affection of the members of the Children's Liturgy ministry. We thank these two wonderful women for their love and commitment to God's church and His children.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word is held each Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.**

## Weekly Collection

November 5, 2017

Envelopes: \$2996 Loose: \$747

Online: \$503

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*



# Rector's Ruminations

## THE CATHEDRAL CONUNDRUM

### Ambry

BY REV. MSGR. KEVIN M. QUIRK

While we have, gentle reader, completed our tour of the major features of the sanctuary, I would like to touch on a few of the more distinct minor elements before preceding to the murals of the Church.

Remaining in the same general area as our previous installments, directing one's attention to either the left or right of the high altar, one will find a niche set into the apse wall on the right and a door in the same location opposite on



the left. The niche on the south side of the apse is decorated with a white and green marble, set in a striped pattern at the bottom and a particolored pattern at the top. The slate shelf at the bottom of the niche

gives a clear indication of its prior use: the niche was intended as a credence table for implements and items used in the celebration of the Mass, when the High Altar was used as the principal altar of sacrifice for the Cathedral and on the rare occasions when the Extraordinary Form of the Mass is celebrated at this Altar. Workmanship in this niche is worth close inspection.

Opposite it is a wooden door finely crafted out of oak, decorated with a Latin Cross and the words "*Olea Sancta*," that is "Holy Oils." This is the Cathedral's ambry. As the door itself announces, it stores the Holy Oils – Chrism, the Oil of the Catechumens, and the Oil of the Sick – which are blessed each year at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week.

The word ambry comes, by a circuitous route, from the Latin word *armarium*,

which means a place for keeping tools, a shed, a closet. The English word *armoire*, the equivalent of a wardrobe (of Lion and Witch fame) comes from the same origin. Given this etymology, the term ambry harkens back to its more general, original use as a storage



area for sacred oils, vestments, and vessels. As such, the ambry was usually much larger and located in the sacristy closer to the sacrarium, a sink specially adapted for the washing of sacred vessels (to be discussed much later). In some senses, cupboard may be a good secular comparison for an ambry.

The ambry contains three large ewers holding, respectively, the Oil of Catechumens (indicated by the Latin letters O.C.), Oil of the Sick (O.I.), and Sacred Chrism (S.C.). The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint infants and children under seven before they are baptized and is used within the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults. The Oil of the Sick is used in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the sick person's head and hands being anointed while the sacra-

mental formula is said. The sick person's feet and site of the illness, if culturally appropriate and within the bounds of propriety, may also be anointed. Finally, the Sacred Chrism is used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders, as well as in the dedication of Altars and Churches. Where the other two oils are made from olive oil, Sacred Chrism is made from olive oil and aromatic balsam, giving it a distinct, rich odor.

The inside of the ambry is, like the tabernacle, lined with cedar. In both cases, this harkens back to the Ark of the Covenant, which the Lord God directed should be lined in cedar as a preservative element and as a mark of the dignity of its contents. The cedar has the additional advantage of giving the ambry's interior a strongly pleasing smell, as the scent of cedar and Chrism mix together.

Prior to the Second Vatican Council's reform of the liturgy, ambries were required to be secure and locked, and lined and veiled with either purple cloth (in reference to the Oil of the Sick) or white (for the Sacred Chrism). With the relaxation of these regulations, some Churches have started to display the Sacred Oils in glass or semi-transparent ambries. A fine example of a modern glass ambry can be seen at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Wheeling. That ambry contains only the Oil of the Sick, since the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders are not regularly celebrated there nor are the Rites of Christian Initiation typically held there. The Cathedral continues to use its original ambry and I invite you to come forward and admire this unassuming yet noble "shed."

If you have a question for *The Cathedral Conundrum*, please share it with our discerning editor, Mr. Tyler Greenwood (tgreenwood@dwc.org). 🌿



## Delivered to the Master

BY ALEX NAGEM

I entered our Cathedral with several co-workers to attend Mass and a memorial service on Monday. My co-workers walked toward the back of the Cathedral for seats. They don't like sitting in the front as I do. I stood for a few seconds looking at all who have come for today's service. The Cathedral was filled as if it was a Sunday Mass. There are many familiar faces in the pews. I took my usual place in one of the front pews on the left side facing the altar. Just before the service began, a line of priests came from the sacristy to take their seats in the side pews. Several dozen priests came from across the State for the service today. Bishop Bransfield took his seat on the altar, and then the bells rang to start the Mass. As the music and singing begins, a somber procession starts down the center aisle. The masterful playing of the organ and baritone voice of Tyler Greenwood may make angels stop and listen. The captivating voice of Shaney Faini in song is one to be compared to the voice of angels. Both are appropriate for this is the day we celebrate a life now resting in the arms of Our Lord. As the procession reaches the front of the Cathedral, a small chest is placed on a table where a black and white picture of a little girl sitting on the lap of Santa, and flowers await. This is a special day. This is the day that one who has delivered many to the Master now delivers his own mother. Msgr. Kevin's display of love for his mother, family, and God brings one to the point of tears. With a clear voice he leads us with words of unshakeable faith in the teachings of Jesus Christ. Today, as every day, we are all his family in Christ, as a tree with many branches. On every branch he lays our hearts for worship to God. Judy Miller and Rose Marie Carroll each have a

reading today. Why is it when these two ladies of faith read I feel like a child in a classroom? They hold our attention with their excitement and joy in the words spoken. Deacon Doug Breiding reads the Gospel for today. His deep, strong voice will make you sit up and listen. There is strength in his voice as he reads. I have the feeling that I better listen to him or I will pay a price. Now we hear the memories of Msgr. Kevin. As he looks at all who are gathered today, he appears a little surprised and humbled at the display of love we all have for him. He thanks all for coming. He tells us stories of his family, his mother, and childhood. He is a family man with the care he has given to his mom and grandmother, and the care he gives to his brother Sean. Their brother, Brian, his wife, Brandi, and their two children are seated in the front pew. They are a family who has lost a monarch. There is a bond between brothers that can weather many storms. Maybe this one will strengthen the bond even more. At the end of the Mass, Bishop Bransfield shares his heartfelt thoughts. Though the Bishop of our diocese, today he sat in prayer and watched one of his priests deliver his mother to the Master. I do believe in a life everlasting. I believe the road to this life is not an easy one. We need support from our ancestral family and our family found in prayer. We are excited and filled with joy in the birth of a child. We should feel the same with the new life one has in the arms of Jesus. I guess in some way we are, but it is the familiar face and voice that will not be seen or heard that brings us sorrow. May our thoughts of our loved ones in the presence of God bring some relief to the sorrow we share, for now they pray for us at

the foot of the Master's Throne.

"I am like a tired and harassed traveler, who reaches the end of a journey and falls over. Yes, but I will be falling into God's arms." St. Therese of Lisieux

You are remembered in my prayers as I hope you remember Jeannie Anne Quirk.

"Vocatus Atque Non Vocatus, Deus Aderit" 🙏



## Christmas at the Cathedral 2017 Mass Schedule

*December 23/24 -  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
(Saturday) Mass at 6:00pm  
Sunday Mass at  
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*

*Please join us as we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord:*

*December 24 - Christmas Eve  
Mass at 6:00 p.m.  
and Midnight*

*December 25 - Christmas Day  
Mass at 10:30 a.m.*

## Scripture Readings

The readings are included each week so that those who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

### Week of November 12

#### Monday

Wisdom 1:1-7  
Ps 139:1-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10  
Luke 17:1-6

#### Tuesday

Wisdom 2:23—3:9  
Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19  
Luke 17:7-10

#### Wednesday

Wisdom 6:1-11  
Ps 82:3-4, 6-7  
Luke 17:11-19

#### Thursday

Wisdom 7:22b—8:1  
Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175  
Luke 17:20-25

#### Friday

Wisdom 13:1-9  
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab  
Luke 17:26-37

#### Saturday

Wisdom 18:14-16  
Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43  
Luke 18:1-8

#### Sunday

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31  
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
Matthew 25:14-30

### Weekly Devotions at the Cathedral

The following devotions are prayed each week following the 12:05 pm Mass:

**Miraculous Medal Novena**  
Monday

**Litany of Saint Joseph**  
Wednesday

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy**  
Fridays

**The Holy Rosary**  
Saturdays after the 9 am Mass



# This Week with the Saints

**November 13 - Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917)** was the first American citizen to be canonized. Born in Italy, she studied to be a teacher and wanted to join a religious community but was rejected because of ill health. When the orphanage she managed closed in 1880, Frances and six others took religious vows and founded the institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Her work brought her to the attention of Pope Leo XIII, who sent her to New York in 1889 to minister to Italian immigrants. St. Frances founded institutions all over the United States of America, as well as in South American and Europe. She died in Chicago in 1917. *Patronage:* immigrants; migrants



**November 15 - To great disappointment of his father, Saint Albert the Great (1206-1280)**, known as “the universal doctor,” entered the Dominican order, where he was recognized for his acumen. Ahead of his time, he believed that learning did not take place in a vacuum; one must be an interdisciplinary learner. He loved the world of academia, anywhere from studying the natural sciences to unearthing the connection between reason and experience to learning the geography of the earth. As a prestigious teacher, he had the privilege of instructing and mentoring St. Thomas Aquinas, author of the Summa Theologia. Toward the end of his life he began to experience memory loss and dementia, which led to his gradual demise. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XI. *Patronage:* scientists

**November 16 - Saint Margaret of Scotland (c. 1045-1093)**, the wife of King Malcolm III of Scotland, managed to raise eight children while promoting Church reform, especially in the area of liturgical practice. As a woman of great faith, she founded and restored monasteries, provided hospitality to pilgrims, spoke out on behalf of the falsely accused, and fed the poor from her own dining table. All of her charitable activity was grounded in a strong prayer life. *Patronage:* Scotland



**Saint Gertrude the Great (1256-1302)** was a nun at the Benedictine monastery of Helfta, the abbey where two other great female spiritual writers lived: Mechtild of Magdeurg and St. Mechtild (Matilda von Hachenborn-Wippra). Though prayer she was graced with many mystical and ecstatic experiences, which are recorded in a five-volume work entitled *Legatus divinae pietatis*, commonly called *The Life and Revelations of St. Gertrude the Great*. Her spirituality focused on the humanity of Christ and was characterized by a strong devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. According to many scholars, St. Gertrude’s writings should be “shelved” with other influential mystics, such as St. Teresa of Avila. *Patronage:* West Indies

**November 17 - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1231)**, the Queen of Hungary and mother of four children, had a special love for the downtrodden. She built a hospital in the basement of her castle, nursed the sick, fed the hungry, and provided life-giving work for the poor. After the death of her husband, she took the habit of a Franciscan tertiary (Third Order Franciscan), devoting herself to a life of simplicity and almsgiving. Along with her selfless service to those in need, she actively pursued God through prayer and spiritual discipline. *Patronage:* Franciscan Third Order, bakers, beggars, brides, the homeless, and charities.



**November 18 - Beginning her life as a nun in the Order of the Visitation in France, Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne (1769-1852)**, eventually joined the Society of the Sacred Heart, founded by St. Madeleine Sophie Barat. Due to her missionary zeal, she was sent, along with five other sisters, to St. Louis, Missouri, to care for the poor and educate North Americans, particularly the Potawatomi people. Recognizing her extraordinary ministry, amazing ability to navigate difficulties, and profound spirituality, a contemporary said, “She was the Saint Francis of Assisi of the Society.” Rose Philippine died in 1852, at the age of 83, and was canonized in 1988.

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

## Sunday Mass from the Cathedral

is broadcast each week on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. on Channel 4 (ABC Ohio Valley).

In addition, a recording of the Mass from the previous Sunday is available for viewing online throughout the week at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org).

## WISDOM OF THE SAINTS



*The Kingdom of God compared with ten maidens,*

by St. Hilary of Poitiers (315-367 AD)

“The whole story is about the great day of the Lord, when those things concealed from the human mind will be revealed through our understanding of divine judgment. Then the faith true to the Lord’s coming will win the just reward for unwavering hope. For in the five wise and five foolish virgins (Matthew 25:2), a complete separation between the faithful and unfaithful is established... The wise virgins are those who, embracing the time available to them, were prepared at the first onset of the coming of the Lord. But the foolish were those who were lax and unmindful. They troubled themselves only over present matters and, forgetting what God said, did not direct their efforts toward hope for resurrection.” (excerpt from the commentary *ON MATTHEW 27.3,5*)

## In Memoriam

**Magdalene “Maggie” Joanmarie Stromeyer**, 1 year of age, from Martins Ferry, OH, passed away, Friday, October 31, 2017, at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Maggie was born October 21, 2016, in Martins Ferry, a daughter of Anthony and Jill (Predragovich) Stromeyer. Maggie was a very happy baby, who seldom cried, she enjoyed cats and kittens, and singing, but above everything else, she loved being around her family. Maggie was able to celebrate the anniversary of her Baptism this year.

Maggie is preceded in death by her grandfather, Walter Stromeyer.

In addition to her parents, Maggie is survived by her two brothers, Benedict and Christopher Stromeyer; grandmother, Cynthia Stromeyer; grandparents, Maureen and George Predragovich; Godmother, Mary Jo Plute; Godfather, Fr. Dan Heusel, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Wheeling, on Thursday, November 2, 2017. Interment followed at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.altmeyerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.altmeyerfuneralhomes.com).



## Around and About

**WHEELING VICARIATE ADVENT REFLECTION** - Join us on **Friday, December 1st** and **Saturday, December 2nd** in the **Parish Centre of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Wheeling** for an opportunity to study and reflect on Pope Francis’ message on living and sharing the Gospel with joy. Hear from local Catholic speakers and national Catholic leaders (via video presentations) as we explore the “Francis effect” and the Holy Father’s call for us to live our Catholic faith in ways that help others come to encounter our Lord Jesus. Friday evening begins with a soup supper at 5p.m., features an introduction to *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), and concludes with prayer and adoration. We pick back up on Saturday morning with a pancake breakfast from the Knights of Columbus, followed by a full day of presentations, guided discussions, and a panel of local Catholics. We conclude with the Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. There is no cost for the event, but please register in advance at <https://dwc.org/thejoyofthegospel/> so that we can plan for the meals. Questions? Contact St. Vincent Parish at 304-242-0406.



**Central Catholic High School**

Wheeling, WV • est. 1865

### News

❖ Come out and support CHS Girls’ & Boys’ Basketball by attending the Basketball Brunch on Sunday, November 19, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of Central Catholic High School. Tickets are \$10; ages 5-10 are \$5; children under 5 are free.

❖ Remember that you can follow all the action of the Maroon Knights by going to [NFHS.com](http://NFHS.com) and searching for CCHS events. If you can’t make it to a game, our students bring it home to you!

## From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop’s designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr. Anthony Cincinnati, 270. For more information on the Diocese’s Office of Safe Environment, please go to [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), then click the “Diocese” tab, then click “Office of Safe Environment” under the “Offices” menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church’s efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under “Issues and Action,” click “Child and Youth Protection” from the drop down menu.

# The Cathedral of Saint Joseph

## Parish Mission Statement

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



**Parish Offices:**  
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## Masses

Sundays: 6:00 p.m. (Saturday)  
8:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 12:05 p.m. Monday thru Friday  
9:00 a.m. Saturday

Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin

## Confessions

Friday 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Saturday: 5:00-5:45 p.m.  
or by appointment

### BAPTISMS / INITIATION

Both Baptism and the Rite of Initiation for Adults can be arranged by contacting the parish office.

### MARRIAGE

Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for a visit.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office.  
Please notify the parish office of address changes through the parish office or by visiting the website.

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