

# The Cathedral Courier

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The prophet Isaiah proclaims in the first verse of our First Reading, “Let me now sing of my friend, my friend’s song concerning his vineyard.” Isaiah’s writings were beautiful and poetic, and we are familiar with his many prophecies relating to the Messiah and to Christ. The theme of a vineyard was a favorite of his and in fact is often used throughout Holy Scripture. A number of Christ’s parables involve vineyards.

Vines and vineyards were common in the agricultural economy of Israel and of Jesus’ world. Vines grew readily and wine was historically part of a family meal. Thus, vineyards were an important point of reference to those of that time. Many of the references, as in this instance, are metaphorical. Isaiah states outright that the vineyard for him was Israel. In today’s reading he says, “The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant.” Christ takes that reference to another level as to Him the vineyard is more than just Israel; it is all of us.

Most of us are aware of Christ’s statement, “I am the vine, and you are the branches.” There is even a strong stewardship reference made in relation to vineyards. In the Old Testament Book of Deuteronomy God tells us, “When you harvest the grapes in your vineyard, do not go over the vines again. Leave what remains for the alien, the fatherless, and the widow.” We need to understand the significance of this relationship to vineyards.

St. Paul, in our Second Reading from his letter to the Philippians, speaks of our relationship to God. Keep in mind

that Paul went to Philippi as part of his second missionary journey. It is well documented in the Book of Acts. He may have visited again on his journey from Ephesus to Macedonia. Communications from the Philippians to Paul and his letters back are also acknowledged. This letter, which was most likely written during Paul’s imprisonment in Rome, is

us to pray, Paul says, “Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Paul does not mean that God’s peace is impossible for us to understand, but he feels it is something that we need to experience in order to appreciate it completely, and that can only be accomplished through prayer.

Prayer is, of course, one of our Four Pillars of Stewardship, and a regular and consistent prayer life is important to us both as individuals and as a community.

As referenced previously in this reflection, Jesus was fond of using a vineyard as a setting, especially for His parables. Today’s parable, popularly called The Parable of the Wicked Servants, has the same connection to Israel as that indicated by Isaiah in our First Reading. Our Lord is speaking of judgment, judgment for our actions, for what we do and what we fail to do. Jesus is speaking to leaders, and He is making it clear to them that God expects fruit from their leadership, but is finding little.

Jesus also warns them (and us) about the consequences of rejecting Him. “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” We will be judged if we reject the Lord. Jesus

is not on trial. We are, each and every day and in every way. If we focus on the Lord, and if we live God-centered lives, our chances of redemption are much greater. The idea that we must be “broken” is difficult to endure, but either we humbly accept the Lord as our guide and master, or we might be “broken” in judgment. The choice is ours. ❣



one that does not have any particular logical plan. It is filled with love and gratitude, feelings to which he makes reference in today’s reading.

The overall theme of the letter is one of thanks and gratitude, and in today’s reading in particular Paul advises us that we need to take this gratitude and offer it to God. Paul speaks of the peace that comes to us from God. In urging

# This Week

## At The Cathedral



**SUN 8** **TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 (Sat) 6:00 PM Mass for Mary Lavern Monnes  
 8:00 AM Mass for Sister Sheila Burke  
 9:15 AM First Communion Classes (*Parish Offices*)  
 10:30 AM Mass for the Parishioners

**MON 9** **Saint Denis, bishop, and Companions, martyrs;  
 Saint John Leonardi, priest**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Ron Radcliffe  
 7:00 PM Infant of Prague Novena

**TUE 10** **Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Fr. Roy Lombard

**WED 11** **Saint John XXIII, pope**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Sister Sheila Flanagan

**THU 12** **Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
 12:05 PM Mass for Jean Huff

**FRI 13** **Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
 11:15 AM Confessions  
 12:05 PM Mass for Most Rev. John J. Kain  
*(Anniversary of Death - 1903)*

**SAT 14** **Saint Callistus I, pope, martyr;  
 Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 9:00 AM Mass for Dr. Adiel Anghie  
 9:30 AM Rosary  
 5:00 PM Confessions  
 6:00 PM Mass for the Parishioners

**SUN 15** **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
 8:00 AM Mass for Helen Pasden  
 9:15 AM First Communion Classes (*Parish Offices*)  
 10:30 AM Mass for Ann Schlatt



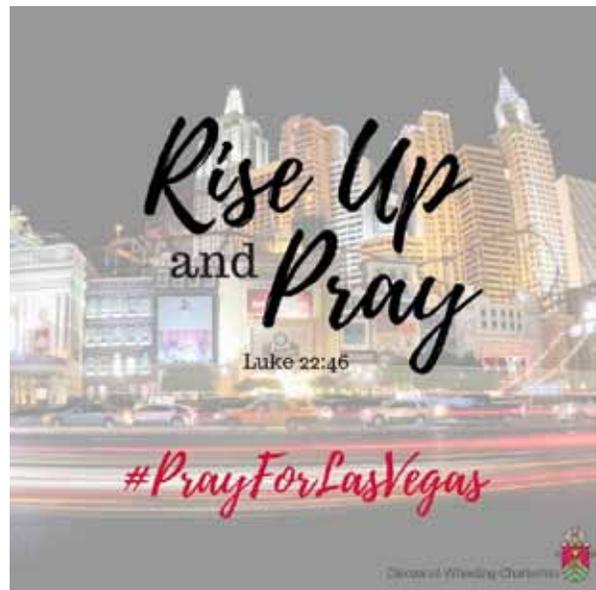
**Thank you** for your generosity towards the recent second collection which benefited the relief efforts of Hurricane Harvey. Parishes throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston contributed more than \$229,000, with the Cathedral of Saint Joseph contributing \$2,859.00. Please continue to pray for those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma and all those who suffer as a result of natural disasters.

### A note from the Knights of Columbus..

The Knights of Columbus, Carroll Council #504 would like to thank the Cathedral of Saint Joseph for their generosity during our recent Tootsie Rool Drive. We were able to raise over \$3,345 in one weekend. These funds will go to help RNS/WATCH and the ARC of Ohio County fund many of their activities for their clients.



The Knights of Columbus will be starting our "Coats for Kids" campaign during the month of October. Please drop off your donations in the bin in the back of church. We will distribute these coats throughout the area during the fall and winter months. Thank you for your generosity.



Pope Francis has expressed his "spiritual closeness" to victims of the deadly shooting in Las Vegas on October 2, which has been described as the deadliest mass shooting in United States history, leaving more than fifty people dead, and hundreds more wounded.

In the telegram addressed to Bishop Joseph Pepe of Las Vegas, the Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, said Pope Francis was "deeply saddened" to learn of "this senseless tragedy." The Holy Father, he said, "commends the efforts of the police and emergency service personnel, and offers the promise of his prayers for the injured and for all who have died, entrusting them to the merciful love of Almighty God."

Let us pray for those who were killed in the mass shooting, for the comfort of their family and friends, and for all those who were injured. May God send his peace, healing, and mercy upon our country and upon the whole world.

## Month of the Most Holy Rosary

The month of October is traditionally observed as the Month of the Holy Rosary. A source of spiritual meditation since medieval times, the rosary has long been a source of comfort through the power of prayer. In the rosary, with its sequence of prayers and mysteries, we contemplate the Gospel in company with the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Benedict XVI advised on the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, October 7, 2007: "With the Rosary, we allow ourselves to be guided by Mary, model of faith, in meditating on the mysteries of Christ, and day after day we are helped to assimilate the Gospel, so that it shapes all our lives."



**Knights of Columbus  
Family Rosary**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Where: Carroll Club  
118 Edgington Lane, Wheeling**

**When: All Sundays of October**

**Time: 7:00pm**

October 8th Monsignor Paul Hudock  
October 15th Father Arul Anthony  
October 22nd Deacon Doug Breiding  
October 29th Father William Matheny

Pray for the repose of the soul of this faithful departed who has gone before us marked with the sign of faith:

**Marcella Virginia Evangelist** (†September 25, 2017)

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

## Women's Faith Sharing Group

The Women's Faith Sharing Group is taking a break for the month of October. Our gathering scheduled for Friday, October 13 has been postponed. Keep in mind throughout the month our thoughts and prayers for each other and our church family.

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



*Encountering Christ in His Miracles*

**Week III - October 9**  
**"Healing of the Centurion's Servant"**  
Rev. Mr. Douglas Breiding  
Director of Catholic Cemeteries  
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

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

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

## 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, 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 Kyrck, Stephanie Bugaj, Susan Graff, Susan Mize, Susan Schulte, Tammy, Thelma Pearson, Thomas Griffith, Trystan Timmons

## Renovation & Restoration

Thank you for your cooperation as we continue our renovation project of installing the restored stained glass windows as well as performing some much needed maintenance on the murals in the dome. Please keep in your prayers the safety of our workers.

## Cleaning Supplies Drive

The Cathedral parish will be hosting a cleaning supplies drive to benefit the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center. Cleaning supplies will be collected during the **weekend of October 21-22** and will be delivered to the Center on October 23. Boxes will be available in the Cathedral church to deposit the supplies. The Neighborhood Center is particularly in need of the following supplies, but will gladly accept and use any supplies: Bleach, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Multi-Purpose Cleaner, Pine Sol, Comet/Ajax Powder, Wood/Furniture Cleaner, Dish Liquid/Detergent, Lysol, Glass Cleaner, Carpet or Floor Cleaner, Dish Sponge, Steel Wool Scrubbers, Fabric Softener, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Dryer Sheets

## Weekly Collection

**October 1, 2017**

Envelopes: \$2831 Loose: \$714

Online: \$279

*Thank you for your generosity and support!*



# Rector's Ruminations

THE CATHEDRAL CONUNDRUM

## The Ciborium

BY REV. MSGR. KEVIN M. QUIRK

This week, gentle reader, we turn to the east, facing the apse itself, and consider the single most noticeable part of the Cathedral's sanctuary: the baldacchino, the large marble canopy that rises two stories above the sanctuary floor, supported on four columns, sheltering the high altar and tabernacle while visually becoming a footstool for the Christ Pantocrator which dominates the apse mural.

There is here a minor debate that gives us a glimpse into Church history. You may hear some call this structure a ciborium – yes, exactly like sacred vessel called a ciborium – while others will call it a baldacchino. In ecclesiastical architecture, a ciborium, derived from the Greek term *κιβώριον*, meaning a flower-blossom shaped goblet, is technically a canopy or covering supported by columns, freestanding in the sanctuary, standing over and covering. It may also be known by the more general term of baldacchino, a canopy of state typically placed over an altar or throne. The term “baldacchino” is ultimately derived from a luxurious type of cloth from Baghdad used in fashioning these royal canopies, such that the word for the cloth became the word for the ceremonial canopies made from the cloth. Since the term baldacchino is often used to indicate a canopy made of cloth and is used more generally for royal functions and even canopy beds, ciborium is often considered more correct for the structure in a Cathedral such as ours.

As a small diversion, the term baldacchino seems the best to describe the structure in the Basilica of Saint Peter at Rome, since the baldacchino rising on the distinctive bronze columns mimics in solid bronze the cloth of gold canopy that used to occupy a similar place within the Old St. Peter's, which Pope Julius II

razed as part of his rebuilding project. Even the design of the canopy itself gives the appearance of highly decorated gilt fabric, emblazoned with various heraldic devices, such that it continues to be called a baldacchino.



As in our Cathedral, the ciborium serves a number of functions: it is an effective means of visually highlighting the altar, and emphasizing its importance. It also harkens back to the original purpose of the umbrella as a mark of dignity held over the head of a noble personage by a servant and, further back, to the canopy Moses was instructed to erect over the Ark of the Covenant creating the Holy of Holies. From the New Testament, we recall the Transfiguration, at which event Peter offers to build three tabernacles, that is simple fabric canopies which bespeaks the human impulse to place an honored person or object on a pedestal or, in this case, within a suitable frame. The structure also suggests a banquet: in the Mediterranean world, banquets were often held outside under a festive tent. The wedding at Cana, traditionally

seen as a “type” of the Eucharist, comes to mind. In Jewish weddings to this day, the chuppah, a fabric canopy held above the heads of the bride and groom, captures the combined sense of consecrated and festive space which might appropriately be seen as analogous to the celebration around the Eucharistic table, such that the structure in our Cathedral can be seen as a wedding canopy, the banquet beneath – complete with the choicest vintage made by Christ Himself from His own side – the wedding feast of Christ and His Church. As well in the ancient world, these canopies were associated with death and burial through its use over a tomb or as a shelter for a relic. Erection of a small temple-like shrine over a tomb is an ancient practice dating back to Roman times and before. In St. Peter's itself, the baldacchino ultimately covers the bones of St. Peter himself, where ours covers the altar stone which contains relics of St. James and St. Turibius.

In the form of our Cathedral's ciborium itself there is more symbolism. The four columns may be seen to represent the Four Evangelists, whose symbolism is repeated elsewhere in the Church. The keen of eye will note that the birds drinking from the fountains forming the capitals of the columns supporting the canopy are peacocks nuzzling the blossoms of the acanthus – the symbol of the peacock representing immortality, stemming from the ancient legend that the flesh of the peacock does not decay and is associated with the Resurrection of Christ.

The ceiling of the canopy is decorated by a mosaic representation of a starry sky suggesting the universal presence of God, the Creator of the Cosmos. The ciborium is decorated with panels of marble on each side, to give it an echo of that original tent-like structure

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# Christian Awareness

## I Am Listening

BY ALEX NAGEM

I sit quietly in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore. The early evening sun shines through the clear glass of the floor level side windows. The light fills the area around the small altars on either side of the main altar. The sunlight is comforting. It is a sign of hope, a bright future for all who follow Jesus. There are two angel statues on the left and right side of the main altar. They are posed giving honor and praise in a humble stance. I sit listening to the silence, gazing upon these angels and gold Crucifix on the main altar. Why do we come to a church if not to give praise? Is our destination here one of guilt or shame? What makes any of us better than someone else seated in another pew? Aren't we all here for the same reason? I am a devoted family man with Christian beliefs. Is my spiritual life any better than the one who kneels and prays with trembling hands and a sorrowful face or is their spiritual life better than mine? I am not here to show importance or to even set an example. Aren't we all servants of God? These and other thoughts fill my mind as silence is broken only by the footsteps of another soul who will soon be in prayer. Earlier in the day I read an article about St. Paul and the Corinthians. Until I read the article, I thought St. Paul was somewhat of a hero to the Corinthians. I found he was tested, ridiculed and thought of as someone who did not live up to his promises. St. Paul wrote and spoke to the Corinthians on several occasions. In his letters, St. Paul says that he is a co-worker with Jesus. God wants us to work together for our good. God asks us to do his work together with Him. The work may not always be easy. St. Paul was

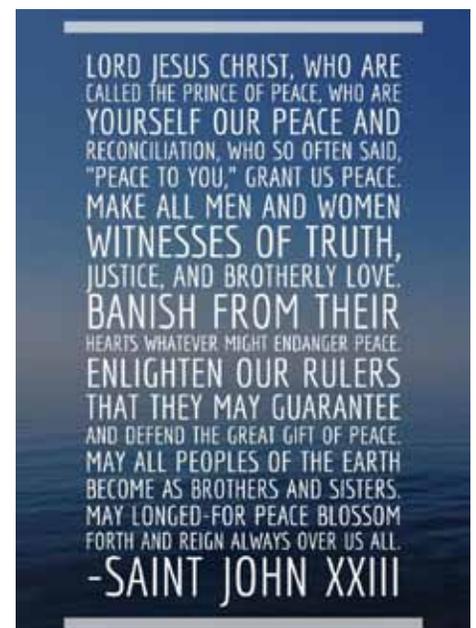
willing to be poor. He was willing to be humble toward others. He was willing to work hard and face hardships. He knew the teachings of Jesus Christ may offend people because of their un-Christian behavior and beliefs. He still did not want his style of ministry to offend anyone. He faced ridicule for his beliefs. With all this running through my mind, I still try to sit quietly. As a child of God listening to the silence, I wait for God to speak. Maybe He already has. Have my thoughts kept me from listening?

I recently heard the phrase "elastic ethics." It reminds me of a saying my dad would tell me, "Do as I say, not as I do." So, even though he may not be following what he tells me, I was to follow his words. That didn't always happen. We tend to bend the meaning of a rule and scripture to please our thinking. We are all to be servants of God who are working for a common good, not for individual gain. That doesn't always happen, either. Going back to St. Paul, he lived in a manner based on what he preached to others. But, he was still accused by the Corinthians of being hard to understand with his letters and did not visit them as often as he promised. He was also accused of being arrogant when he spoke to them. But all this was instigated by visiting preachers who wanted to discredit him. St. Paul tells of his struggles, hardships faced, and the trials of being a minister of the Word of God. As servants of God, we are to boast, in a way, of our struggles that have not altered our belief in our Triune God or those that brought us closer to Him. This is an example St. Paul wished to show to others. We may not always be accepted for our Christian beliefs, the way we prefer to live, or

our Christian acts toward others. This ridicule should not alter our belief in Jesus and his teachings.

The silence is broken by religious music and the voices of the choir. The altar servers, deacons and clergy process toward the main altar. I wonder how many times each clergy spoke the words of Jesus. How many times have these words been questioned? But if the words spoken are questioned, then someone is listening, right? I have more questions than answers. Why should this day be any different than any other day for me? As the Mass begins, my focus is on listening. The service is uplifting and refreshing. I am renewed with the Eucharist. The Word of God is found throughout the Mass. Listening and believing in the Word is what brings joy to life, as long as the mind remains silent. "Lord, help me hear Your Word, to listen, to understand and to believe it. Help my heart to become rich soil that you enter to bear an abundance of good fruit. Jesus, I trust in you." (Adapted from Catholic Daily Reflection)

You are remembered in my prayers, as I hope I am remembered in yours. "Vocatus Atque Non Vocatus, Deus Aderit." 🙏



## 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 October 8

#### Monday

Jonah 1:1—2:2, 11  
(Ps) Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8  
Luke 10:25-37

#### Tuesday

Jonah 3:1-10  
Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8  
Luke 10:38-42

#### Wednesday

Jonah 4:1-11  
Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10  
Luke 11:1-4

#### Thursday

Malachi 3:13-20b  
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6  
Luke 11:5-13

#### Friday

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2  
Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9  
Luke 11:15-26

#### Saturday

Joel 4:12-12  
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12  
Luke 11:27-28

#### Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-10a  
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20  
Matthew 22:1-14

### 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

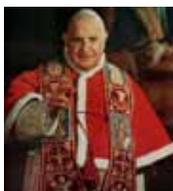


# This Week with the Saints



**October 9** - In Paris there stands one of the world's oldest churches still in continuous use, the Royal Abbey of **Saint Denis** (†250). Its first stones were laid in the third century. Renowned as the major burial place of the French monarchy, it owes its establishment and subsequent prestige to the presence of the relics of St. Denis, first Bishop of Paris, martyred during the third century. The legend surrounding the saint's life is complex, as three historical figures appear to have been conflated into one legendary figure. He is portrayed as Dionysius, the evangelizer of Gaul; Dionysius the Areopagite, a disciple of Paul; and later as Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite, the author of mystical works. Who was the real St. Denis? Historians have not reached a consensus, partly because the stories are too good not to be told. The favorite of the French is the beheading of Bishop Denis on the hill of Montmartre, along with his companions, the presbyter, Eluetherius, and the deacon, Rusticus. He did not lose his head, however, for he picked it up and walked two miles; his lips chanting the psalms, until he reached his chosen burial spot. There his relics have remained ever since. This miracle of cephalophore (picking up your head after being decapitated and walking away) is well attested to in hagiographical accounts and in medieval iconography. *Patronage:* those who suffer from headaches; Paris; France

Also remembered this day is **Saint John Leonardi** (1541-1609), founder of the Clerks Regular of the Mother of God of Lucca. John was born in Tuscany and ordained in 1562. He founded the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and the College for the Propagation of the Faith, an important part of the Counter-Reformation.



**October 11** - Born Angelo Giuseppe Roncali on November 25, **Pope Saint John XXIII** (1881-1963) grew up in a small village in the Province of Berhamo in northern Italy. Raised in a large family of sharecroppers, young Angelo quickly developed a hunger for justice and human rights. While studying at the Pontifical Roman Seminary, Roncali's mind was opened to the world of great books and culture. He was ordained on August 10, 1904, and appointed secretary to Bishop Giacomo Tedeschi of Bergamo. After serving in World War I as a stretcher-bearer, he was later made national director of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. In 1925 he became a papal diplomat, serving in Belgium, Turkey, and in France. With the help of Germany's ambassador to Turkey, Roncalli helped save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people during World War II. Named a cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953 by Pope Pius XII, he was elected pope in 1958 at age seventy-eight. He took the name after his father and the two patrons of Rome's cathedral, St. John Lateran. He convoked (1959) the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). "Good Pope John" died of stomach cancer on June 3, 1963. On his deathbed, Pope John pointed to the Crucifix near his bed and called it "the secret of my ministry." "Those open arms have been the program of my pontificate: they mean that Christ died for all, for all. No one is excluded from his love, from his forgiveness." He was canonized along with Saint John Paul II by Pope Francis on the Second Sunday of Easter in 2014.

**October 14** - Following a life of slavery and hard labor, **Saint Callistus I** (†222) was appointed deacon in charge of the Christian cemetery on the Appian Way, now called the catacomb of San Callisto. Recognized for abounding wisdom and natural leadership, he was elected pope. He had many critics, due to his liberal stance regarding the forgiveness of those who had apostatized during times of persecution. Heeding the commands of Christ, he believed the repentant should be forgiven and welcomed back into the Church. Tradition maintains that he began the Ember Days, periods of fasting and abstinence, which are no longer observed among Catholics. He is commemorated as a martyr and was probably killed during a public disturbance. *Patronage:* cemetery workers



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



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erected by Moses over the Holy of Holies. But here, the canopy is also inscribed in gilded 18 inch high letters carved directly into the marble frieze on its north, west, and south sides: *Quis manducat carnem meam – et bibit meum sanguinem – habet vitam aeternam* – “Whoever who eats my flesh and drinks my blood will have eternal life.” Taken from John 6:54, the ever heart of the Bread of Life Discourse, this quote reminds us the great gift that shelters beneath the baldacchino

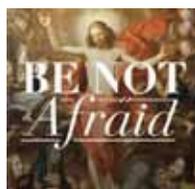
and the reason for our coming into the Church over and over again.

On a more fundamental level, the overall silhouette of the baldacchino, with its strongly vertical orientation, may be seen as a simple pointer, directing our eyes and the actions of the liturgy heavenward as we offer up our worship. Thus, the altar and ciborium are set upon a dais to raise it above the floor of the sanctuary and to draw the eye ever up and up, to where Christ is seated in glory, as depicted by the enthroned Christ in the mural above the ciborium. Seen from certain points of view within

our Cathedral, the highly carved and detailed cornice around ciborium forms an almost physical footrest for the enthroned Christ, who looks down upon us with a kind of detached benevolence and satisfaction at all that has been accomplished.

I invite you, gentle reader, to come forward and study the beauty of the ciborium and meditate on the glory of the treasure it houses.

As always, if you have a question for The Cathedral Conundrum, please share it with our adept editor, Mr. Tyler Greenwood (tgreenwood@dwc.org). 🌱



### October is Respect Life Month

“Give us the grace – When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life.”  
- Pope Saint John Paul II



## Around and About

**CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE** - To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Franciscan University of Steubenville will sponsor “Speaking the Truth in Love” from **October 13 to 15** at Franciscan University. The international conference will focus on how the Catechism can be utilized by catechists—priests, parents, and religious educators—as a powerful tool to transmit the faith. It will feature keynotes and workshops that examine how the Catechism presents information about the faith and ways to effectively share that information to our often resistant culture. Speakers include Cardinal Donald Wuerl, Archbishop Leonard Blair, Dr. John Cavadini, and Dr. Scott Hahn. To register or for more information, visit [Catechetics.com/events](http://Catechetics.com/events).

**HERITAGE DANCE CLASSES** - To prepare for the The Knights of Columbus Family Twelfth Night Ball 2018 in January, new session of classes in “Heritage Dancing” will be offered locally starting on October 19 by the Heritage Dance Association. “Heritage Dancing” is a social and cultural activity for all ages that draws from the various traditions once highly popular in our Ohio Valley including English, Scots-Irish, German, Polish... Some, but not all dances are done as couples. Bring one or find one at class! Thursday thru December. Children’s class Ages (6-13) is 6-6:50 pm. Teens (14+) and Adults meet 7-8:30 pm. Cost: \$3 /person or \$5 for 2. Modest casual attire. For more info, location, and to sign up contact Valleri Gordon at [ValGordon2@comcast.net](mailto:ValGordon2@comcast.net) or call/text at (304)559-4042.



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### News

❖ The CCHS Hockey Team is sponsoring a Steak Fry on Saturday, October 14 at Sonneborn Shelter, Wheeling, Park. There’s live entertainment and a cornhole tournament. Cost is \$20 per person. Tickets are available at the Hair Loft, 540 National Road in Wheeling or contact any hockey parent!

❖ There will be a Trivia Night on Friday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of Wheeling Central. Cost is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for 18 and under. Teams may range from 1 to 8 players - all age levels welcome. Mulligans available for sale; 4 toss-up questions for extra points. Prize for best table decoration / team costume. Trophies for first, second, and third place finishers. Please register your team in advance by emailing [simer@cchsknights.org](mailto:simer@cchsknights.org). Sponsored by the CCHS Senior Class.

❖ The CCHS Hall of Fame Induction is set for Saturday, October 21. If you’re interested in tickets, contact Maggie at 304-233-1660 or [mespina@cchsknights.org](mailto:mespina@cchsknights.org).

### 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.



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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES SCHEDULER

## 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.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Announcements for the Courier must be submitted to Debbie Fahey by email to [dfahey@dwc.org](mailto:dfahey@dwc.org) by noon on Monday (5 days prior to publication).

