

Volunteers Needed



We need help cleaning and decorating the Cathedral for Easter.
If you can make it, just show up
Saturday April 15, 9:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Sunday
following the 10:30 am Mass
in the Stations of the Cross Garden
Everyone is Welcome!

House of Hagar to Hold First Annual Fundraiser

The House of Hagar Catholic Worker in East Wheeling in addition to other Catholic Worker Houses in the Northern Panhandle are holding their first annual fundraiser April 7. It is a simple Lenten Meal being held at the Soup kitchen of Greater Wheeling on April 7th from 4 to 8 p.m. Folks can come anytime during those hours to enjoy 4 different types of soup, whole breads, fresh salad and a simple dessert. With thoughts of the Catholic Social Teachings in mind, to care not just for our brothers and sisters, but the earth as well, the meal will be served in sustainable palm leaf bowls and using utensils made from bamboo. Everything is compostable and bio-degradable. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children and college students.

Becki Hendrick will be providing music for the event.

House of Hagar artwork will also be on display for purchase as well.

Please join us to help support this great ministry to the less fortunate.

Palm Sunday
Procession at 10:30 Mass
begins in the
St. Joseph Cathedral Courtyard

Most Rev. Michael J. Bransfield, Pastor
Rev. Monsignor Kevin M. Quirk, J.C.D., Rector
(304) 281-7073 (kquirk@dwc.org)
Ms. Debora Valorie Fahey, Parish Assistant for Pastoral Ministries (dfahey@dwc.org)
Sister Mary Bowman, SFCC, Pastoral Associate for Ministry to the Sick

Dr. Michael Match, Director of Music (mmatch@dwc.org)
Mr. Tyler J. Greenwood, Associate Organist (tgreenwood@dwc.org)
Mr. Martin Imbroscio, Sacristan
Mr. Alex Nagem, CPA, CGMA, Comptroller (anagem@dwc.org)
Mr. Donald Gruber, Custodian

Sunday Masses: 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Weekday Mass: 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound: Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

Il Corriere del Duomo

Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph

Congrats Almeida Family



Congratulations to the Almeida family, who's son, Robert received his First Holy Communion last week! Pictured in the back row from left are William (being held by John), Rose, Anastasia, Robert, Msgr. Quirk and Mollie. In front from left are Mary, Eileen and Thomas.

Join Us for the Lenten Pilgrimage

Please remember to join us for the pilgrimage to be held here at the Cathedral of St. Joseph March 29 with guest homilist Rev. Walter M. Jagela, pastor of St. John University Parish in Morgantown.

The pilgrimage will begin with the opportunity to receive the sacrament of penance at 6 p.m. with various priests in the area available to hear confessions. Mass will follow at 7 p.m.

The pilgrimage is always a great way to reinvigorate our Lent and prepare for the great celebration of Easter. We hope you'll join us.

Living Stations to be Offered

The Students of St. Vincent de Paul School invite you to "Living Stations" to be held here at our Cathedral **April 3 at 10:30 a.m.** The service will help us enter more fully into the spirit of penitence and hope. Please try to attend (I know its not the best time for some), you will find it a very prayerful experience.

Christian Awareness

By Alex J. Nagem

I knelt in one of the pews facing the side of the main altar in our Cathedral. I am a reader at the noon Mass on Ash Wednesday. This is not my usual pew, left side, third row, next to the pillar. The view is different, of course. My focus is on the large Crucifix on the wall before me instead of my head bowed in prayer, as my typical posture before and during most of the Mass. Staring at the Crucifix, the question that surfaces is, "why?" Why did this happen? I do believe in one God as the creator of the universe and having a personal relationship with all he created. This labels me as a theist, as one who believes in one God who created all things. I believe that the Son of God who is the Word of God, allowed himself to be ridiculed, beaten, suffered and nailed to a cross as a sacrifice for our sins. All this, so we may be redeemed for a chance of everlasting life with God in Heaven. This has been told over the centuries by prophets, apostles, clergy, religious and parents. Discussions and lectures have been given, and books written on this topic. Wars have been fought over this belief. This belief has not been disproven. But, why did this happen? Had our ancestors been that bad, that sinful, that the One that created us must act and show us the way to a righteous life by having His son come to us as a teacher, Savior and sacrifice? If we believe in God, why do we act in a sinful manner against Him and

others? The piercing of Christ's side as told in Scripture and depicted in icons and paintings, allowed water and blood to pour from the wound. There are medical reasons to explain the water and blood mixture. But, there is more to this piercing. Is the water and blood that poured from Christ's side a meaning of baptism and sacrifice? Are we baptized again with water and the Spirit through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on a cross? Baptism is a gift from God through the Church to its children. What am I missing? I have received a gift of life through Baptism, through the water and blood that flowed from the side of Christ, and through the Eucharist. I should rejoice, yet, I kneel facing an icon with the feeling of guilt. Could it be that I haven't lived out my life as God would have wanted, and I have come to know this? I bow my head asking for forgiveness for the sins of the past. I see as you receive the Eucharist and walk toward this icon, you look up with reverence, with hope, and with prayer. You, too, believe in what it represents. C. K. Barrett said that the Gospel according to John "intends us to see in this event that the real death of Jesus was the real life of men." What was to be our fate without the crucifixion of Christ? Have you thought of this question yourself? I don't want to know the answer though imagination is playful with the answer. The same imagination that chills the body as you walk down the basement stares with only a flashlight, low on battery

Facing the Crucifix

life, during a rain storm when the electric line to your home is down, to investigate a noise that is heard.

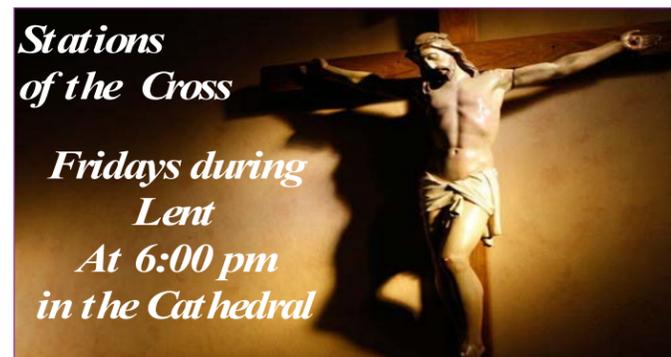
We have entered into a New Covenant with God. This New Covenant is the promise that God makes with all of us that He will forgive sin and restore the relationship with those whose hearts are turned toward Him. God has made five major covenants in the past before the New Covenant. Covenants were made with Adam & Eve, Noah & his family, Abraham & his descendants, Moses & the Israelites, and David & the Kingdom of Israel. In these covenants, God takes man and brings him back to the fold as divine offspring. We give our word to obey God. We swear an oath to God. God is our witness to this oath. I think I defined a covenant correctly. In our New Covenant with God, we believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. We are baptized in the Faith. We receive the Eucharist as the body of Christ. We are to live by the teachings of Jesus Christ, the living Word of God. Christ is the mediator in this New Covenant. My apology if I have gotten a little theological here. But when the realization sets in of the oath we have taken

with God, theological is the only way I can explain the feeling I have and what I have seen in you as we face the Crucifix on the Cathedral wall. We are baptized in the water and blood that poured from His wound. Our sins have been washed away. Jesus gave his spirit to God, (Luke 23:46). Through the Spirit we are brought back into the fold as children of God, (John 3:3, 5). We are made children of God, in the sacrifice and the death of Jesus Christ. As we stare at the Crucifix in the Cathedral, we should be thankful for the love shown us all in this New Covenant. We should accept the conditions of the oath we have taken with God and not look upon them carelessly. The consequence may not allow us a flashlight, low on batteries, as we enter into the darkness of our sins.

"In Jesus Christ on the Cross there is refuge, safety and shelter. All the power of sin upon our track cannot reach us when we have taken shelter under the Cross that atones for our sins." A. C. Dixon

My continued thoughts and prayers have you in mind, as I hope I am remembered in yours.

"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"
Alex J. Nagem



Stations of the Cross

*Fridays during Lent
At 6:00 pm
in the Cathedral*

Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday—March 26th—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Station Church of Rome: Santa Croce in Gerusalemme

8:00a Mass for Sadie Edmister

9:15a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices
RCIA, Rectory

9:15-10:15a Confession

10:30a Mass for the Parishioners

RDGS: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23:1-6
Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

Monday—March 27th

Station Church of Rome: Santi Quattro Coronati

12:05p Mass for Jack Scott

RDGS: Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday—March 28th

Station Church of Rome: San Lorenzo in Damaso

12:05p Mass for Jack Jochem

RDGS: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16
5:30p Parish Council

Wednesday—March 29th

Station Church of Rome: Saint Paul Outside the Walls

12:05p Mass for Patrick Davis

RDGS: Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18
Jn 5:17-30

6:00p Lenten Pilgrimage

Thursday—March 30th

Station Church of Rome: Santi Silvestro e Martino ai Monti

12:05p Mass for Mary Lavern Monnes

RDGS: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

Friday—March 31st

Station Church of Rome: San Eusebio all'Esquilino

11:15a Confession

12:05p Mass for Mercy Griffith

RDGS: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

6:00p Stations of the Cross

Saturday—April 1st

Station Church of Rome: San Nicola in Carcere

9:00a Mass for Martyr Purpura

5:00p Confessions

6:00p Mass for the Parishioners

RDGS: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday—April 2nd—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Station Church of Rome: Saint Peter's Basilica (Part 2)

8:00a Mass for Mary Ann Gala

9:15a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices
RCIA, Rectory

9:15-10:15a Confession

10:30a Mass for Sean C. Quirk

RDGS: Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45

Lent and Holy Week Schedule

All Fridays during Lent

6:00p Stations of the Cross

Palm Sunday—April 9

10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Procession

Monday of Holy Week—April 10

12:05 p.m. Mass

Tuesday of Holy Week—April 11

12:05 p.m. Mass

4:00 p.m. Chrism Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week—April 12

12:05 p.m. Mass

Holy Thursday—April 13

6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday—April 14

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday—April 15

9:00 a.m. Decorating Cathedral for Easter

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord—April 16

8:00 a.m. Mass

10:30 a.m. Mass

Easter Egg Hunt following Mass

Weekly Collection

Envelopes: \$2,623 Loose: \$850.75

Online: \$328

Women's Faith Sharing Group

There is no April meeting for the Women's Faith Sharing Group. Instead, we have scheduled a Visitation Day at Mount St. Joseph on Tuesday, April 4. Our day will consist of liturgy, lunch and visiting the sisters. We will meet at 10:30 in the lobby. Lunch cost is \$9. RSVP by April 2. (Call Diane 304-233-8574)