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NINETEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Solemnity of the ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday, August 15
Holy Day of Obligation

Mass at
12:05pm & 6:00pm

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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

August 11 - 18, 2024

SUN
11

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for the Parishioners
8:00 am Mass for Frank & Helen Pasden
9:00 am Mass for Nepomuceno Dario

MON
12

Optional Memorial of St. Jane Frances de Chantal

12:05 pm Mass for Sharon Torbett

TUE
13

Optional Memorial of Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus

12:05 pm Mass for Janet Castilow

WED
14

Memorial of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

12:05 pm Mass for Sophie Moses

THU
15

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary *Holy Day of Obligation*

12:05 pm Mass for the Parishioners
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

FRI
16

Optional Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Most Rev. Bernard W. Schmitt
(Anniversary of Death - 2011)

SAT
17

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am Mass for Evelyn Ghaphery
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for Michael Sargent

SUN
18

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 am Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery



RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

Last week, we began to reflect on the Kingdom of God. As we continue our reflections, we must ask ourselves: Who can be saved?



It is not enough to have faith in Jesus. We must also obey his commandments.

Someone asked Jesus, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" (Luke 13:22). The answer we can find in Luke 15:4-5. "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.'"

If anybody asks you "Are you saved?" you should say I am redeemed by the blood of Jesus. I trust in him alone for my salvation.

"So then, my beloved, obedient as you have always been, not only when I am present but all the more now when I am absent, work out your salvation with fear and trembling." (Philippians 2:12).

This passage from Philippians reminds us that our journey toward the Kingdom of God is an ongoing, active process. Just as St. Paul urges the Philippians to remain obedient and diligent in their faith, we too are called to work out our salvation daily, even when sometimes we feel God's presence less acutely.

Let us keep one another in prayer.

Father Pen



If angels could be jealous of men,
they would be so for one
reason: Holy Communion.

- ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

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IT'S COMING!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SEPTEMBER 21

12NOON - 9PM
SATURDAY



Join us for our Community Fall Festival this year! We'll have a variety of food, beer and wine, live music, craft vendors, fun games, a pumpkin patch, and so much more. Stay tuned for more details.

Special Collection for Seminarians

Next Weekend, August 17/18

A special collection will be taken next weekend to assist in the education and formation of our diocesan seminarians. Donations to the Seminarian Education Fund provides tuition, books, room and board, and health insurance for our future diocesan priests. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

NOVENA TO THE
Infant Jesus of Prague

Theme: Bringing Others to Christ

SEPTEMBER 9 TO NOVEMBER 4, 2024
 NINE CONSECUTIVE MONDAYS
 7:00 P.M.

"The More You Honor Me, The More I Will Bless You."



THE Cathedral of St. Joseph

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 15** - Solemnity of the Assumption
- August 27** - St. Monica Mass, 6pm
- September 6** - First Friday
- September 7** - Pilgrimage to St. Anthony's Chapel, Pittsburgh
- September 7** - Diocesan Religious Mass, 6pm
- September 9** - Infant of Prague Novena Begins, 7pm
- September 14** - Blue Mass for First Responders, 6pm
- September 15** - Catechetical Sunday
- September 21** - Fall Festival, Noon-9pm
- September 28/29** - Stewardship Ministry Fair

GROUP PILGRIMAGE TO PITTSBURGH'S

St. Anthony Chapel

LARGEST COLLECTION OF RELICS OUTSIDE THE VATICAN



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

We will leave the Cathedral at 10:00 a.m. and return at 1:30 p.m.

Pray, explore the chapel and its thousands of relics, and tour the museum and gift shop.

Please register by Sunday, August 18
 by using the sheet in the back of the church, calling the parish office (304-233-4121) or e-mailing jsoplinski@dwc.org

Collection
 August 4, 2024

Envelopes: \$1560
 Loose: \$782 / Online: \$751
Total: \$3093

Attendance: 182
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FIRE UP YOUR FAITH



The Virgin Mary Receiving the Eucharist from Saint John the Apostle, Flemish School

Mary and the Eucharist

The Virgin Mary was privileged above all saints to hold within herself, Jesus, the Son of God. In this way she was a living Tabernacle of God and lovingly adored Jesus in her womb, but also after birth.

Her example of adoring love inspired St. Peter Julian Eymard to call her "Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament," composing various prayers and reflections with her in mind.

Here is one of his prayers that asks for Mary's help in adoring our Lord, as she adored her Son:

O Mary, teach us the life of adoration! Teach us to find, as thou didst, all mysteries and all graces in the Eucharist, to live the Gospel over again, and to read it in the Eucharistic Life of Jesus! Remember, Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament, that thou art the Mother of all adorers of the Holy Eucharist.

Thou art blessed among women, Mary, and blessed is our Eucharistic Jesus, the fruit of thy womb!



Mass at 12:05pm & 6pm
Holy Day of Obligation

FAITH TIP: Surround yourself with Catholic beauty

The beauty and richness of our Church is unreal and unparalleled. Beauty has an amazing power to draw us to God, and if we are intentional about it, we can keep ourselves close to him constantly by surrounding ourselves with faithfully designed items. A few suggestions:

- Wear Catholic jewelry, like a Miraculous Medal necklace everyday.
- Hang crucifixes and holy images in your home
- Keep a rosary in your pocket

St. Monica Ministry

Begins on August 27

We are excited to launch a new ministry at the Cathedral specifically committed to praying for our loved ones and friends who have left the Church. We will have our initial gathering after the 6pm Mass on the feastday of St. Monica, August 27, to talk about the future plans for this ministry.

MASS for the CONVERSION of LOST SOULS

Join us as we entrust our loved ones and friends who have left the practice of the Faith to the intercession of

SAINT MONICA

Patron of Wayward Children

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

6:00 P.M.



FAITH FORMATION

First Communion & Confirmation Classes

It's time to register for the 2024-2025 First Communion and Confirmation Classes. To register or for more information, please contact the parish offices. *The deadline for registration is September 1.*

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Starting September 22

We are excited to once again offer a special Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 a.m. Mass for all children who are present. More information about this ministry will be announced in the coming weeks.



The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary takes place on the day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, usually in June, but in this month when we celebrate Mary's Assumption (August 15) and her Coronation or Queenship (August 22), we also give honor to her Immaculate Heart. There are many prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Here is one short enough to memorize and pray every day during this month: "O Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain for me from Jesus a pure and humble heart."

Ways to Honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary

- ❖ Wear the Miraculous Medal
- ❖ Consecrate yourself to the Immaculate Heart
- ❖ Pray the Rosary

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...



- Is interested in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Has been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what to do to become Catholic?

Registration for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is open. If you want to join or knows someone who wants to be Catholic, please contact the Parish Office or Deacon Jacob Manning at 304-280-9684 or jmanning@dwc.org.

PARISH GROUPS

Faith Sharing Book Club

Sunday, September 8 at 9:00am

Our Faith Sharing Book Club is now reading *Go to Heaven - A Spiritual Road Map to Eternity* by Fulton J. Sheen. Join us for a discussion of chapters 1-4 (122 pages) on Sunday September 8th at 9 a.m. in the rectory. Hope to see you there!

Young Adults Bible Study

Monday, August 19 at 7:30pm

Cathedral Parish Offices

To sign up or for more information, please e-mail Fr. Soplinski at jsoplinski@dwc.org. How often we meet, where we meet, and what this group chooses to study will be a prayerful discernment.



SONS of SAINT JOSEPH

We invite **ALL THE MEN** of the parish to come and join us in building **AUTHENTIC** friendships with **CHRIST** and each other so that we can walk **TOGETHER** in becoming the men he has **CALLED** us to be.

NEXT EVENT: Worship
Wednesday, August 14 at 6pm
Assumption Vigil Mass
St. Alphonsus Church, Wheeling

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious (1572-1641)

Under Saint Francis de Sales' guidance, Jane Frances de Chantal, a French widow, founded the Visitation of the Virgin Mary. This unique order welcomed women with health issues, unlike other cloistered communities. Despite personal losses, she transformed her sorrow into service, caring for the sick and embracing those often rejected.

August 13 - Saint Pontian, pope, and Saint Hippolytus, priest, martyrs (3rd c.)

Pope Pontian, persecuted by Alexander Severus, led the Church from 230 to 235 before being exiled to Sardinia, where he died. Hippolytus, a priest who caused a schism, was also exiled to Sardinia. There, he reconciled with the Church and died for the faith in 235.

August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is the principal feast of the Blessed Mother. Through it, we are given an insight into the great plans the Lord has in store for us, namely the union of our body and soul in the heavenly Kingdom which awaits us. We live in a time in which belief in the truths of the Faith is in decline, a time in which people doubt that we will experience a bodily resurrection. Some even go as far as doubting the Resurrection of Christ Himself from the dead. In the face of these doubts which are ever present in our time, we can look to the experience of the Blessed Mother who is the first among us to experience what our Lord has promised to us who follow Him, everlasting life with Him in His Kingdom.

August 14 - St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, and martyr (1894-1941)

St. Maximilian Kolbe preached the love of Christ during his life and demonstrated it in death, offering himself as substitute to save the life of a young father chosen at random for starvation by their Nazi captors.

August 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary (d.1038)

St. Stephen is thought of as the founder of the kingdom of Hungary, was its first king, and established Christianity there. Stephen was the first canonized "confessor king".

Patronage: Hungary; kings; masons; children who are dying

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of August 11

THIS SUNDAY

1 Kings 19:4-8
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Ephesians 4:30—5:2
John 6:41-51

MONDAY

Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28
Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
Matthew 17:22-27

TUESDAY

Ezekiel 2:8—3:4
Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

WEDNESDAY

Ezekiel 9:1-7; 10:18-22
Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Matthew 18:15-20

THURSDAY

Revelation 11:19, 12-16, 10
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16
1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56

FRIDAY

Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63
(Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Matthew 19:3-12

SATURDAY

Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13, 30-32
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
Matthew 19:13-15

NEXT SUNDAY

Proverbs 9:1-6
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

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.



TAKEN UP
INTO HEAVEN,
MARY SHOWS
US THE WAY
TO GOD,
THE WAY TO
HEAVEN, THE
WAY TO LIFE.

ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II

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Young Adults Cookout

We had a great time at our Young Adults Cookout on Friday, August 2! The evening was filled with fellowship, delicious food, fantastic music by Faire May, and pickleball!



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Faith as a Theological Virtue

Question:

I've heard that faith is a theological virtue. What does that mean?

Answer:

To say a virtue is theological means that it comes as a gift from God. St. Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican monk who crafted the famous arguments for the existence of God, wrote: *"This alone is the true knowledge of God: to know that God is beyond knowing."* God is transcendent. This word comes from the Latin "transcendere," meaning "to climb beyond." When something is transcendent, it exists beyond our normal range of experience. Philosopher Peter Kreeft put it simply: "God is always more."

While God created us in His image and likeness, too often we re-create Him in ours. We project our deepest hopes, our subliminal fears, and our hidden dreams, and conjure up our own image of what God could be. Yet God can never be limited to our own perception of Him.

That's where faith comes in. We read in the Catechism that *"faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that He has said and revealed to us and all that the Holy Church proposes for our belief"* (CCC 1814). We can know God through reason, to a point. As human beings, we want to know and understand the world around us, but God isn't in the world around us. He's beyond it. The best way to come to know God is not through our own clever mental maneuvering, but through trusting in God's revelation of Himself. We might think we know who God is, but the only way we can have any idea is if we trust, through the virtue of faith, who He has revealed Himself to be.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer
Angela Niehart
Archer Hatch
Arthur Danehart
Austin Cook
Barb Mazzocca
Beth Jochum
Betty Teater
Bill Wilson
Bob Armstrong
Billy Hanasky
Brian Hanasky
Brogan Gallentine
Caleb Hlebiczki
Carol Young
Carolyn Lash
Carolyn Wiethe
Catherine Lanham
Charles Heizer
Children of the
Youth Services System
Christina Helfer

Chuck Fair
David A. Kress, Jr.
Dianna Albright
Doug Jones
Eric South
Eva Wood
Frank Davis
Frederick C. Schweizer
Gail Koch
George Kirchner
Geri Adams Nagy
Hines Rotriga
Jean Schultz
Jim Antill
Jim and Dee
Jimmy Hocking
Joe Bechtel
Jon-Michael Lasher
Judy Pack
Julia Sheets
Kathy Cooley
Kaitlyn Hanasky

Kermit Klosterman
Kristin Smith
Langan Family
Liam Barns
Liam Manning
Lukie Brown
Margaret Stocke
Marge Mucheck
Marie Farnsworth
Marie & Conner
Workman
Mark Davis
Marshall South
Martha Yocum
Mary K. Schlosser
Mary Walicki
Michael DeBlasis
Milissa Rose
Nicholas Barns
Pete Cuffaro
Pete Mack
Philippa Shores

Rachel Wade
R.J. Stocke
Richard Simon
Rick Burgy
Ron Hickman
Rosalie Davis
Rose Otey
Sarah Hanasky
Sarah Sargent
Shirley DeCaria
Stanley Kyrk
Susan Graff
Susan Mize
Susan Schulte
Susanna Kress
Tammy
Teresa Helfer
Thelma Pearson
Tony Helfer
Trystan Timmons
Victoria Jeskey
Zoey Knight

From the Diocesan 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 the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. 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)

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.

O.C.I.A.

If you feel you are being called to join the Catholic Church, please contact Deacon Jacob Manning.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should contact the parish office.

HOLY ORDERS

If you believe you are being called by God to serve the Church as a priest, deacon, or religious brother or sister, please contact one of our priests or deacons.

PARISH REGISTRATION

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

