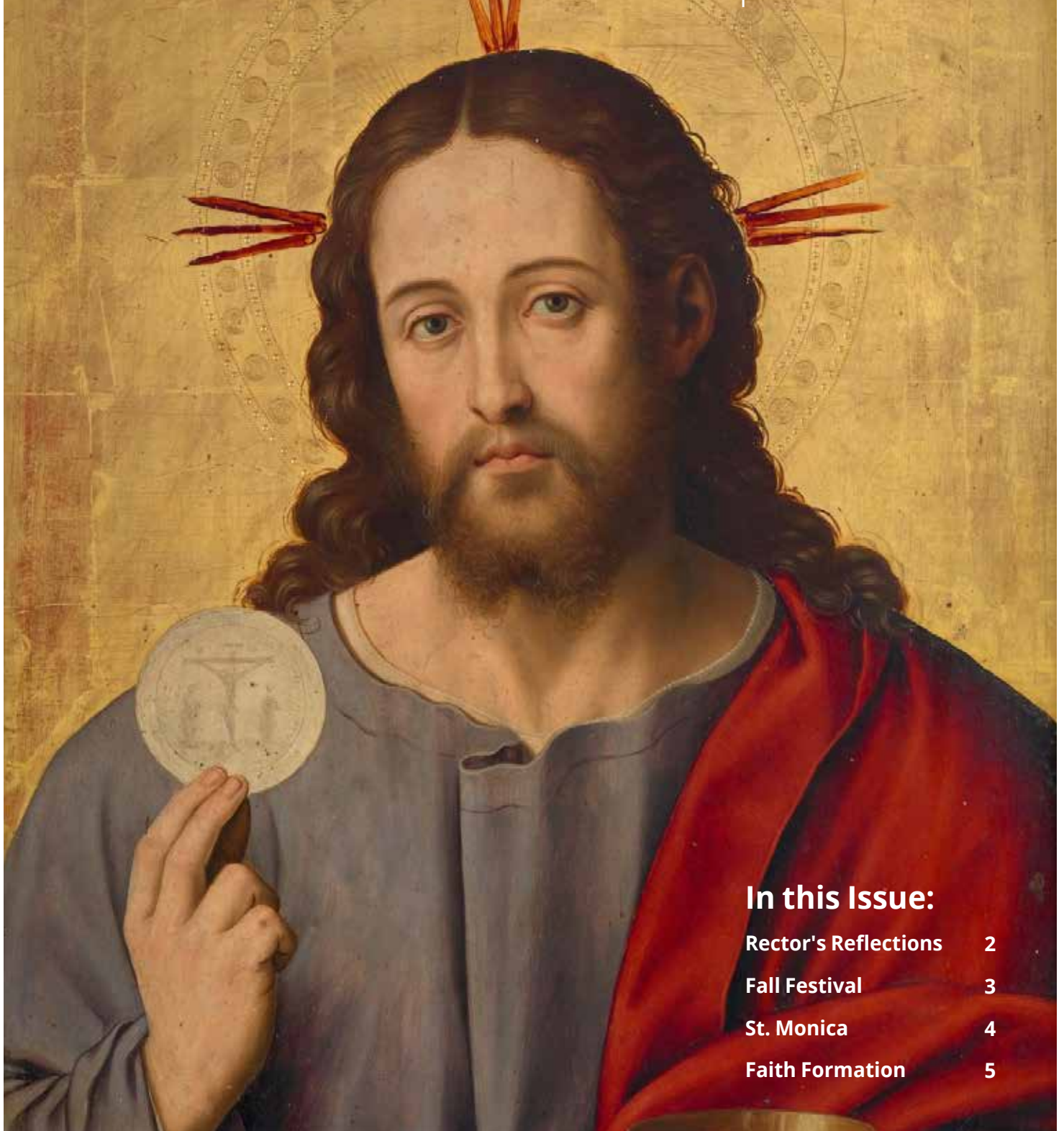


# THE Cathedral Courier

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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 18 - 25, 2024

## RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

Over the past two weeks, we have explored different aspects of the Kingdom of God. Today, I invite all of us to reflect on two important questions:



Firstly, why do we want to go to the Kingdom of God? Today, we often have misconceptions about our desire for the Kingdom of God. The true purpose is to be happy with God in His presence forever, experiencing the fullness of love, peace, and joy that only He can provide.

Secondly, what are the conditions to share in the Kingdom of God? We find these conditions, of course, in the Bible.

1. Be humble. (Matthew 11:11)
2. Have a heart like a little child. (Matthew 19:14)
3. Faith and works. (Matthew 7:24-27 and James 2:14)
4. Don't worry about world needs of food, clothing, or drink. "Seek first for the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you." (Matthew 6:33)

As we reflect on these profound truths, let us take time this week to examine our own lives and hearts. Are we truly seeking the Kingdom of God with humility, childlike trust, and a commitment to living out our faith through our actions? May we always remember that God's Kingdom is not just a distant hope, but a present reality that we are called to participate in each day. Let us strive to align our lives with these conditions, trusting that as we do, we will draw closer to the joy and peace of living in God's presence both now and forever.

Let us keep one another in prayer.

*Father Pen*



**It is with heartfelt appreciation  
and a touch of sadness  
that we announce the resignation  
of our Parish Life and Ministries Assistant,  
Ms. Debbie Fahey,  
after 11 dedicated years of service  
to our Cathedral parish family.  
Her tireless work and unwavering commitment  
have been a blessing to our parish.**

***We wish Debbie a very blessed, happy,  
and fulfilling retirement!***

**SUN 18** **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Michael Sargent  
8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners  
9:00 am Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery

**MON 19** **Optional Memorial of St. John Eudes**  
12:05 pm Mass for Nadine Greenwood  
7:30 pm Young Adults Bible Study (*Parish Office*)

**TUE 20** **Memorial of St. Bernard**  
12:05 pm Mass for Theodore & Cora Scheibelhood

**WED 21** **Memorial of St. Pius X**  
12:05 pm Mass for Daniel Krulcik  
7:00 pm Sons of St. Joseph Cookout (*St. Alphonsus*)

**THU 22** **Memorial of the Queenship  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
12:05 pm Mass for Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan  
(*Anniversary of Installation - 2019*)

**FRI 23** **Optional Memorial of St. Rose of Lima**  
11:15 am Confessions  
12:05 pm Mass for Chris Miller

**SAT 24** **Feast of St. Bartholomew**  
9:00 am Mass for Barbara McGarvey  
9:30 am Rosary  
5:00 pm Confessions  
6:00 pm Mass for Jack Belby, Sr.

**SUN 25** **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 am Mass for Deacon John Moses  
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners



**IT'S COMING!**  
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

# SEPTEMBER 21

**12 NOON - 9 PM**  
**SATURDAY**




Join us for our Cathedral 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.

**VOLUNTEERS**

We're looking for volunteers to help make this event a success! If you're able to lend a hand, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. We'll be in touch to assign specific roles for the day of the festival. **Please register to volunteer by September 8.**

**BAKE SALE**

Our bake sale was a huge hit last year, and we're excited to bring it back this year. **If you're able to donate a sweet treat, please sign up in the back of the church as well.**



*Celebrate*  
**Five with 5**  
 for Bishop Brennan's  
 Fifth Anniversary

Commemorate Bishop Mark's milestone year  
 with five gifts of prayer and works of mercy.  
 Add yours at:  
[dwc.org/celebrate-five](http://dwc.org/celebrate-five)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 21** - Sons of St. Joseph Cookout, 7pm
- 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](mailto:jsoplinski@dwc.org)

## Special Collection for Seminarians

A special collection will be taken this 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.

**Collection**  
 August 11, 2024  
 Envelopes: \$2068  
 Loose: \$1361 / Online: \$656  
**Total: \$4085**  
 Attendance: 250  
*Thank you for your support!*

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# FIRE UP YOUR FAITH



*Institution of the Eucharist, Stefano di Giovanni*

## The Bread of Life

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:51). The Eucharist is more than a symbol; it's the true Presence of Christ, nourishing our souls and drawing us closer to Him.

### How can we live out this mystery?

#### Attend Mass Regularly

Make the Eucharist the center of your week. Prioritize Sunday Mass, and if possible, attend weekday Masses for extra spiritual nourishment.

#### Reverence in Reception

Approach Holy Communion with a heart full of reverence and gratitude, aware that you are receiving Christ Himself.

#### Be Eucharistic in Daily Life

Let the grace of the Eucharist transform your actions. Be a source of Christ's love and peace to those around you.

## 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.**

## 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.

## Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



Evangelization is the primary task of the Church and we, the members of the Church, are called to evangelize. Let us go forth and seek out those who want to be Catholic and bring them to experience an encounter with Jesus. Therefore,

### 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](mailto:jmanning@dwc.org).

# 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

# 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](mailto: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: Family Cookout**  
**Wednesday, August 21 at 7pm**  
**St. Alphonsus Gym, Wheeling**

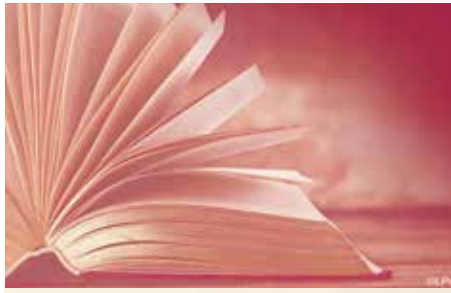
**FORMATION • FELLOWSHIP • WORSHIP • SERVICE**

*The St. Gianna Pro-Life ministry is underway!*

Come pray with us, as we begin building our foundation of prayer. We have many opportunities to join us in praying a **pro-life rosary**:

- 11:30AM, the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month (Before Mass) at the Cathedral
- 6:00PM, the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, at Columbia Hall, St. Alphonsus (before our Pro-Life meeting at 6:30PM)
  - 5:00PM each Saturday at St. Alphonsus (Before Mass)
  - 8:30AM each Sunday at St. Alphonsus (Before Mass)

# SAINTS OF THE WEEK



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Week of August 18

#### THIS SUNDAY

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

#### MONDAY

Ezekiel 23:15-23  
(Ps) Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21  
Matthew 19:16-22

#### TUESDAY

Ezekiel 28:1-10  
(Ps) Dt 32:26-27, 27-28, 30, 35-36  
Matthew 19:23-30

#### WEDNESDAY

Ezekiel 34:1-11  
Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6  
Matthew 20:1-16

#### THURSDAY

Ezekiel 36:23-28  
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19  
Matthew 22:1-14

#### FRIDAY

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Matthew 22:34-40

#### SATURDAY

Revelation 21:9-14  
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18  
John 1:45-51

#### NEXT SUNDAY

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-17, 18  
Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21  
Ephesians 5:21-32  
John 6:60-69

*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.*

### August 19 - Saint John Eudes, priest (1601-1680)

St. John left the Oratorians to found an order, the Congregation of Jesus and Mary, for the renewal of the diocesan priesthood dedicated to founding seminaries and educating seminarians and priests. In turbulent times, St. John always set his hand to whatever work needed to be done, whether it was nursing plague victims or educating priests.

### August 20 - Saint Bernard, abbot, doctor of the Church (1090-1153)

St. Bernard joined the strict Cistercian Abbey at Clairvaux, France, and quickly rose to become abbot of Clairvaux, where his leadership led to the foundation of many monasteries across Europe. In solitude, he wrote influential works like **On Loving God** and *On Consideration*, earning titles such as "Our Lady's Faithful Chaplain" for his devotion to Mary. His writings left a lasting mark on the Church.

### August 21 - St. Pius X, pope (1835-1914)

As pope at the turn of the last century, St. Pius X reformed the liturgy and breviary, promoted Gregorian chant, opposed Modernism, and lowered the age of first Communion from twelve to seven. Although he rose to keep lofty company as pope, St. Pius had humble origins and never lost his love for accessible liturgy and expressions of doctrine.

### August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The early Church Fathers recognized that the Mother of Christ, the King, is herself a Queen. Through the centuries, artists have loved to paint the humble Virgin, crowned by the Holy Trinity amid the glories of heaven. In the Litany of Loreto, we call upon Mary as Queen of Angels, Queen of all saints, Queen conceived without original sin, Queen assumed into heaven, Queen of the rosary, Queen of peace.

### August 23 - St. Rose of Lima, virgin (1586-1617)

During St. Rose of Lima's brief life, people noticed her physical beauty, but the beauty of her soul far surpassed her physical appearance. Rose longed to live solely for God by claiming Christ as her spouse. She lived a penitential life, setting up an infirmary in the family home to care for impoverished children and the sick. *Patronage:* florists

### August 24 - Saint Bartholomew, apostle (1st century)

St. Bartholomew was one of the apostles, usually mentioned in the company of St. Philip. Little is known about Bartholomew, but legend holds that he brought the Gospel to India and was martyred in Armenia. *Patronage:* tanners; butchers

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

# BLUE MASS

FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRST RESPONDERS



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024  
6:00 PM

## CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH

1300 Eoff Street, Wheeling, West Virginia

**Bishop Mark E. Brennan**  
Celebrant & Homilist

*A reception will follow.*  
*All are welcome.*

## 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 Hlebiczi  
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 Muecheck  
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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods



### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

*Organ and Piano During Mass*

#### Question:

Why is the piano used during Mass sometimes instead of the organ?

#### Answer:

The use of the piano during Mass instead of the organ can be understood in both practical and liturgical terms. The organ has a long and venerable tradition in the Church, often being referred to as the "king of instruments" due to its powerful and majestic sound that can elevate the liturgy. The Church has always held the organ in high esteem, as noted in documents like the Vatican II document *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, which states that "the pipe organ is to be held in high esteem in the Latin Church" (120).

In 2007, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a document titled *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*. This important statement addresses many aspects of Catholic Church Music. It has this to say about organs in churches: "Among all other instruments which are suitable for divine worship, the organ is 'accorded pride of place' because of its capacity to sustain the singing of a large gathered assembly, due to both its size and its ability to give 'resonance to the fullness of human sentiments, from joy to sadness, from praise to lamentation.' Likewise, 'the manifold possibilities of the organ in some way remind us of the immensity and the magnificence of God' (87).

However, the Church also recognizes that different instruments can be suitable for liturgical use, provided they foster the active participation of the faithful and are in harmony with the sacred nature of the liturgy. The use of the piano can still maintain the sacredness of the liturgy if the music chosen is reverent and conducive to worship. The key is not so much the instrument itself but how it is used to support the liturgy. The Church encourages music that uplifts the soul and brings the congregation closer to God, regardless of the instrument.



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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.

