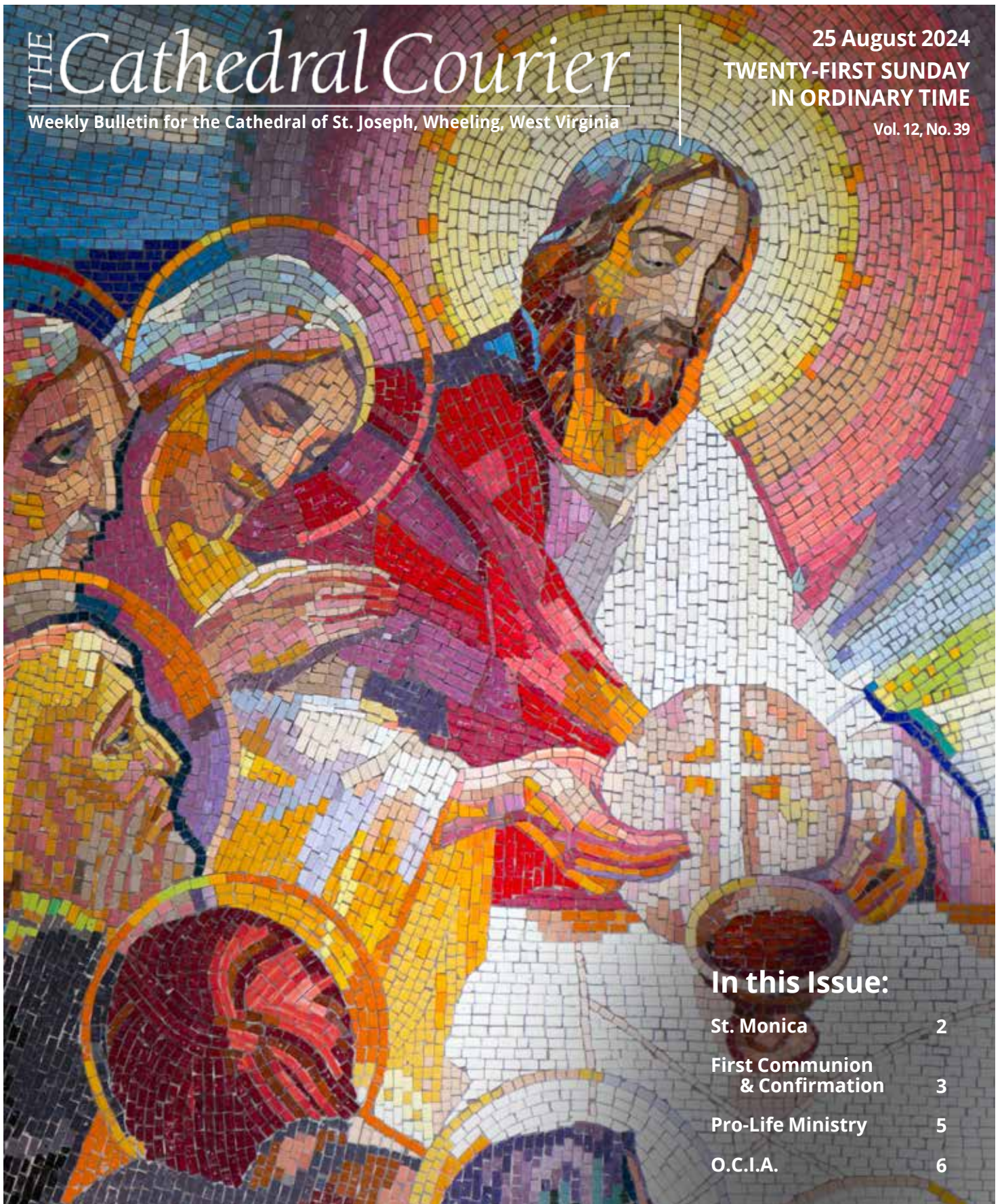


THE Cathedral Courier

Weekly Bulletin for the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, West Virginia

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 25 - September 1, 2024

SUN 25 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Jack Belby, Sr.
8:00 am Mass for Deacon John Moses
9:00 am Mass for the Parishioners

MON 26 Weekday in Ordinary Time

11:30 am Pro-Life Rosary
12:05 pm Mass for Stanley Pacewicz

TUE 27 Memorial of St. Monica

12:05 pm Mass for Albert Mazur
6:00 p.m. St. Monica Mass for Lost Souls

WED 28 Memorial of St. Augustine

12:05 pm Mass for Craig A. Petrella
7:00 pm Sons of St. Joseph
(Good Shepherd Nursing Home)

THU 29 Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

12:05 pm Mass for Mary Bartolovich
7:30 pm Young Adults Bible Study (Parish Office)

FRI 30 Weekday in Ordinary Time

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Greg Sacco

SAT 31 Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am Mass for Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

SUN 1 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass for Janet Castilow
10:30 am Mass for Sarah Truini



RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

As we conclude the Bread of Life discourse this Sunday, we hear Peter's powerful words to Jesus: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). Peter's declaration speaks to the heart of our Eucharistic faith—only in Christ, present in the Eucharist, do we find the true Bread of Life that sustains us.



Yet, we know that many of our loved ones have drifted away from this source of eternal life. They have distanced themselves from the Eucharist, where Christ offers Himself to us completely.

This Tuesday, we celebrate the Memorial of St. Monica who is most known for her unyielding prayer for her son Augustine's return to the faith. What a powerful example for each of us!

I encourage you to join us for a special Mass on Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. as we pray for all those who left the Church. I'm also pleased to announce the formation of a new St. Monica Ministry at the Cathedral, dedicated to praying for those individuals. This ministry will be a place where we gather to intercede for our loved ones.

I also remind each of you of the importance of extending a personal invitation to those who have wandered. Sometimes, all it takes is a gentle reminder of the love and nourishment found in the Eucharist.

May we be steadfast in prayer and loving in our outreach, trusting that the Bread of Life will lead many back to Christ and His Church.

Let us keep one another in prayer.

Father Pen

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.



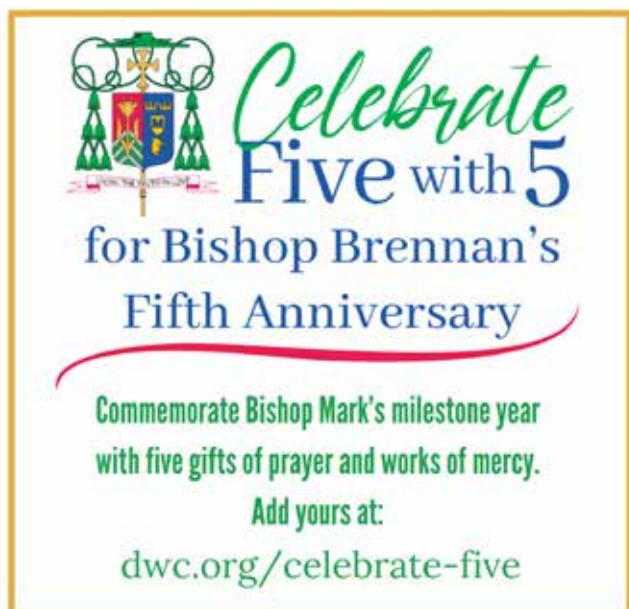
Join us for our Cathedral Community Fall Festival this year! We'll have a variety of food, beer and wine, live music, craft vendors, fun games, a pumpkin patch, and so much more. Stay tuned for more details.

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.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 27** - St. Monica Mass, 6pm
- August 28** - Sons of St. Joseph, 7pm
- August 29** - Young Adults Bible Study, 7:30pm
- 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

Homebound Ministry

A parishioner may be homebound due to age, illness, physical and/or mental incapacities and unable to attend Masses. Our Homebound Ministry is aimed at helping our homebound parish members stay connected to the parish community and activities by bringing most importantly, Our Lord, present in the Holy Eucharist and other materials like the bulletin, newsletter, prayer cards/books and also rendering any other needed services. Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation can be administered by the Pastor when needed or requested. **If you would like to have a priest visit you at home or if you know of someone who is homebound, please contact the Parish Offices at 304-233-4121.**



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 office at 304-233-4121 or tgreenwood@dwc.org. *The deadline for registration is September 1.*



To make a secure online donation in support of the Catholic Sharing Appeal, please scan the QR code using the camera on your smartphone or device.

Offertory Collection

August 18, 2024

Envelopes: \$1648	Seminarian Education: \$854
Loose: \$1028	Assumption: \$870
Online: \$411	Attendance: 228
Total: \$3087	

Thank you for your generosity and support!



“TEACH US TO PRAY”

Living the Year of Prayer
in Preparation for Jubilee 2025

Year of Prayer

Did you know that we are currently in a special year of prayer? Pope Francis announced in January 2024 that 2024 would be a Year of Prayer, leading up to the 2025 Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope". The year is intended to help Catholics prepare for the Jubilee Year, which is a time of grace that offers the faithful the chance to receive a plenary indulgence. The Jubilee Year typically begins before Christmas and ends on the Epiphany of the following year.

This Year of Prayer is a time to renew a desire to be in the presence of God, to listen to him, and to adore him. It's also a time to rediscover the value of prayer in personal life, in the Church, and in the world. The Year of Prayer is intended to foster relationships with God and provide moments of spiritual rest, like an oasis sheltered from daily stress.

Over the next few weeks, we'll share information here about how to live out this special Year of Prayer.

FIRE UP YOUR FAITH

St. Monica: A Supermom who had her Priorities Straight

What we know of St. Monica, whose feast is celebrated on August 27, comes almost entirely from the Confessions of St. Augustine, her son. And how fitting it is that her memorial precedes his feast by one day.

She preceded him to sainthood (even if her's was recognized only later) and, more than any human, was instrumental in bringing him to the Church and heaven. St. Ambrose deserves credit for Augustine's intellectual conversion, but it was certainly Monica's years of prayer, holy example, suffering and sacrifices, along with her bold pursuit of Augustine to Milan, that brought her elder son to the faith.

The life of every saint presents us with examples we'd do well to emulate and Monica is no exception. A Catholic from birth, she patiently endured a very difficult marriage to Patricius, a pagan landowner and minor Roman official who was reportedly hot-tempered, arrogant, serially unfaithful, and who even objected to her works of charity and piety. Monica endured living in a household with a pagan mother-in-law who shared some of her son's worst traits. But through her prayers

and humble example of Christian love and service, she was able to win over them both to the faith and see them baptized.

Monica knew that God hears our prayers and desires the salvation of all. Like every good mother, nothing mattered more to her than the salvation of her family and she was determined to spare no effort in enlisting God's help toward that goal.

In the face of rejection and setbacks, how many of us fail to persevere in prayer, figuring that God would have answered our prayers by now if they were in accord with his will? Do we ever ask God: How much longer must I wait for you to intervene?

Are we sometimes at the point of giving in to despair when, for example, we're praying that others be relieved of great suffering and prayer is the only thing we can do to help, but it doesn't seem to be helping at all?

We'd all do well to follow Monica's example of perseverance in prayer and hope, and by making the salvation of loved ones a priority.

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

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

Thursday, August 29 at 7:30pm

Cathedral Parish Offices

Our initial Young Adults Bible Study gathering a few weeks ago went extremely well! We encourage all young adults to join us for our next meeting this Thursday evening! a



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



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: Service Evening
Wednesday, August 28 at 7pm
Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Wheeling

FORMATION • FELLOWSHIP • WORSHIP • SERVICE



St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry

Please help us build the
St. Gianna Pro-Life **prayer foundation!**

There are many aspects of the pro-life to which we are called as Christians, each of which needs particular prayers:

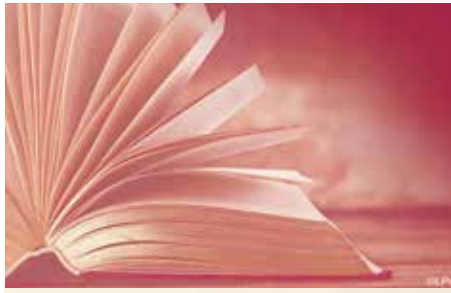
- ☞ **Prevention** of unwanted pregnancies & other troubles through **wise stewardship** of our bodies and choices.
- ☞ **Apologetics**: this is making the case for the sanctity of all human life in our **discourse** with others.
- ☞ **Intervention**: this can take many forms, from supporting people we know to get pregnancy and parenting resources, to sidewalk advocacy, and more.
- ☞ **Supports**: parents may need many supports to meet the responsibilities of pregnancy and parenting in unexpected or other wise challenging circumstances.

Ways to Pray:

- ☞ Our new **pro-life rosaries**. The next one is this **Monday at 11:30**, before the Cathedral mass.
- ☞ Beginning in September, we'll be doing a spiritual adoption program - stay tuned!

*Thank you for helping us pray unceasingly!
The needs are great, but together,
our love is greater!*

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of August 25

THIS 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

MONDAY

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12
Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 4-5
Matthew 23:13-22

TUESDAY

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 14-17
Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13
Matthew 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY

2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18
Ps 128:1-2, 4-5
Matthew 23:27-32

THURSDAY

1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Mark 6:17-29

FRIDAY

1 Corinthians 1:17-25
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11
Matthew 25:1-13

SATURDAY

1 Corinthians 1:26-31
Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21
Matthew 25:14-30

NEXT SUNDAY

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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 27 - Saint Monica (d.387)

Monica knew the pain of disappointment, an unfaithful husband who drank too much, and a promiscuous son, Augustine of Hippo, who lived an immoral youth. Through patience and love, her husband had a change of heart, choosing to become a Christian. Augustine's conversion was a much more difficult task. St. Monica prayed constantly and fasted daily, but nothing seemed to work, so she consulted St. Ambrose, bishop of Milan, for guidance. Through the intervention of God the two of them managed to lead St. Augustine to the waters of Baptism. St. Monica exemplifies that unconditional love and persistence are portals for God's saving grace. *Patronage:* mothers; those who have left the Church

August 28 - St. Augustine, bishop, doctor of the Church (354-430)

St. Augustine had a formative influence on the early Church as bishop and was the author of works of apologetics and theology exploring the role of the Christian in the world and refuting popular errors. His *Confessions* gives an account of his attachment to sin, his restless spirit as a young man, and his path to the spirit conversion that lit the fire of his love for God.

August 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

In addition to the feast of the nativity of Christ's precursor, Saint John the Baptist (June 24), the Church, since the fourth century, commemorates the Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist. There is no doubt that John suffered imprisonment and chains as a witness to our Redeemer, whose forerunner he was, and gave his life for him. His persecutor had demanded not that he should deny Christ, but only that he should keep silent about the truth. Nevertheless, he died for Christ. Does Christ not say: "I am the truth"? Therefore, because John shed his blood for the truth, he surely died for Christ.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



Order of Christian Initiation for 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. Currently we have one candidate for OCIA. 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.

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	Chuck Fair	Kermit Klosterman	Rachel Wade
Angela Niehart	David A. Kress, Jr.	Kristin Smith	R. J. Stocke
Archer Hatch	Dianna Albright	Langan Family	Richard Simon
Arthur Danehart	Doug Jones	Liam Barns	Rick Burgy
Austin Cook	Eric South	Liam Manning	Ron Hickman
Barb Mazzocca	Eva Wood	Lukie Brown	Rosalie Davis
Beth Jochum	Frank Davis	Margaret Stocke	Rose Otey
Betty Teater	Frederick C. Schweizer	Marge Mucheck	Sarah Hanasky
Bill Wilson	Gail Koch	Marie Farnsworth	Sarah Sargent
Bob Armstrong	George Kirchner	Marie & Conner	Shirley DeCaria
Billy Hanasky	Geri Adams Nagy	Workman	Stanley Kyrk
Brian Hanasky	Hines Rotriga	Mark Davis	Susan Graff
Brogan Gallentine	Jean Schultz	Marshall South	Susan Mize
Caleb Hlebiczi	Jim Antill	Martha Yocum	Susan Schulte
Carol Young	Jim and Dee	Mary K. Schlosser	Susanna Kress
Carolyn Lash	Jimmy Hocking	Mary Walicki	Tammy
Carolyn Wiethe	Joe Bechtel	Michael DeBlasis	Teresa Helfer
Catherine Lanham	Jon-Michael Lasher	Milissa Rose	Thelma Pearson
Charles Heizer	Judy Pack	Nicholas Barns	Tony Helfer
Children of the	Julia Sheets	Pete Cuffaro	Trystan Timmons
Youth Services System	Kathy Cooley	Pete Mack	Victoria Jeskey
Christina Helfer	Kaitlyn Hanasky	Philippa Shores	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



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Faith in Marriage

Question:

What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

Answer:

Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.



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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.

