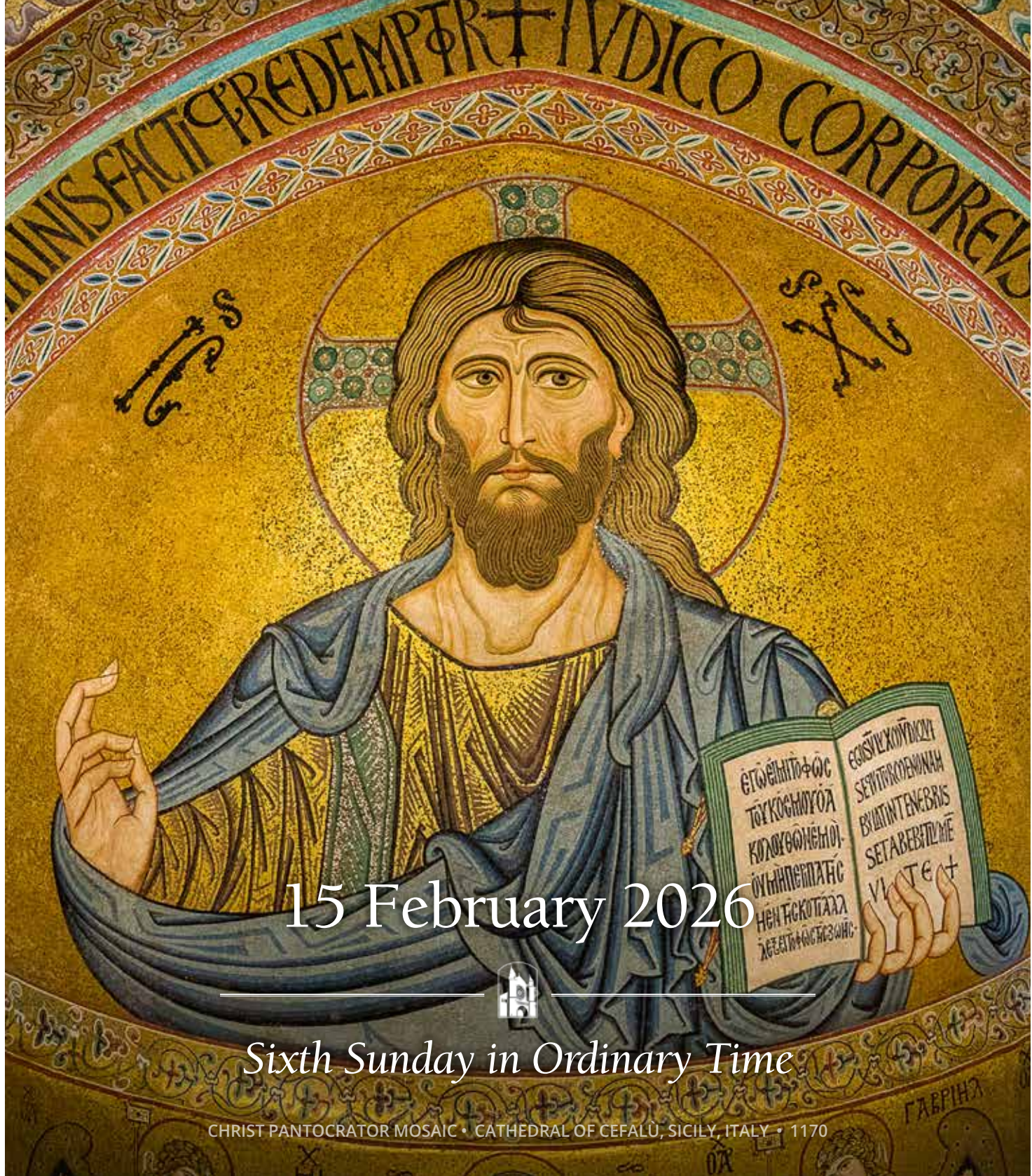


# THE Cathedral Courier

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



15 February 2026



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# HOLY MASS

## SUNDAY

7:30 AM  
10:30 AM

## SATURDAY

9:00 AM  
6:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

## WEEKDAYS (Monday-Friday)

12:05 PM

## OUR PARISH

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### OFFICE HOURS

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*Bulletin articles are due by 12 Noon on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.*

### REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained at [www.saintjosephcathedral.com](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.com) or through the parish office.

Please notify the parish of address changes.

#### From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

To report an incident 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.

*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.*

# SACRAMENTS

## **Confession**

Friday: 11:00 am to 11:45 am  
Saturday: 11:00 am to 12 Noon

## **Baptism**

Please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a meeting with the priest as well as the necessary preparation.

## **Marriage**

Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance to make an appointment with the priest.

## **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 Fr. John Soplinski, the Diocesan Director of Vocations at [jsoplinski@dwc.org](mailto:jsoplinski@dwc.org) or (304) 233-4121.

## **Pastoral Care of the Sick**

Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners confined to home. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Those who are seriously ill or who are preparing for surgery should request a priest for Anointing of the Sick.



Visit the Sacraments page at [www.saintjosephcathedral.com](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.com) for more information.

## LIVE STREAMED MASSES

Our Sunday Masses are live-streamed and archived for later viewing at [www.dwc.org/mass](http://www.dwc.org/mass).  
*While this is a valuable resource for those unable to attend in person due to health or other serious reasons, please remember that live-streamed Masses are not a substitute for the in-person celebration.*



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*The Mother Church of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston*



# Masses & Schedule

February 15 - 22, 2026

## SUN 15 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for + Hugh & Louise Reddy  
7:30 am Mass for + Sr. Mary Florence Burke, CSJ  
9:00 am OCIA (*Cantina*)  
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners

## MON 16 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for + Ron & Helen Chuff  
& Living & Deceased Family Members

## TUE 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

12:05 pm Mass for + Nadine Greenwood

## WED 18 Ash Wednesday

8:00 am Mass with Distribution of Ashes  
12:05 pm Mass with Distribution of Ashes  
4:30 pm Mass with Distribution of Ashes  
6:00 pm Mass with Distribution of Ashes



## THU 19 Thursday after Ash Wednesday

12:05 pm Mass for + Msgr. Joseph Peterson  
7:00 pm Catholics in Recovery (*St. Alphonsus*)

## FRI 20 Friday after Ash Wednesday

11:00 am Confessions  
12:05 pm Mass for + Jean Huff  
12:45 pm Eucharistic Adoration (*St. Alphonsus*)  
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (*St. Alphonsus*)



## SAT 21 Saturday after Ash Wednesday

9:00 am Mass for + Palma Sheldon  
11:00 am Confessions  
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

## SUN 22 First Sunday of Lent

7:30 am Mass for + Julia Bartolovich  
9:00 am OCIA (*Cantina*)  
10:30 am Mass for + Mary Jean Mahfood  
6:00 pm Vespers

# RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to go deeper in our faith. He reminds us that it is not enough to follow God's law only on the outside. The Lord looks at the heart. He calls us to live with sincerity, honesty, forgiveness, and love. This Gospel prepares us well for the holy season that begins this week.

This Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, we begin the Season of Lent, a sacred time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Because the Cathedral is currently closed during the week for renovations, we will have four Masses on Ash Wednesday at St. Alphonsus at 8:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. I strongly encourage everyone to come and begin Lent in prayer, marked with ashes as a sign of repentance and hope.

Throughout Lent, I invite you to make time for the Lord in a special way. On the Fridays of Lent, following the 12:05 p.m. Mass at St. Alphonsus, we will have Eucharistic Adoration in the church until 6:00 p.m., followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m. These are beautiful opportunities to slow down, pray, and walk with Jesus during His Passion.

Lent comes only once a year. Let us not waste this season. I encourage you to take Lent seriously, to pray more, to fast with purpose, and to give generously. If we do so with sincere hearts, the Lord will bless us and lead us closer to Him.

In Christ,  
*Father Pen*

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the renovation work being done in the Cathedral of St. Joseph, beginning Monday, February 2, 2026, the 12:05 daily Mass (M-F) will be celebrated at St. Alphonsus Parish, 2111 Market Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. This will include Friday 11:00 AM Confessions. Also beginning Saturday, February 7, 2026, the 9:00 a.m. Mass and 11:00 a.m. confessions will also move to St. Alphonsus Parish.

Saturday 6:00 p.m., Sunday 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses will continue at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. This will continue until further notice.



# Ash Wednesday

AT ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH  
2111 MARKET STREET, WHEELING, WV

**February 18, 2026**

## Mass with the Distribution of Ashes

8:00am  
12:05pm  
4:30pm  
6:00pm

## Fish Fry 11:00am-5:30pm

*Come, return to the Lord,  
and begin the journey.*



**"Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return."**

Please note that all Ash Wednesday Masses will be celebrated at St. Alphonsus Church (2111 Market Street, Wheeling). As parking is limited, a shuttle service will be provided before and after the 12:05pm Mass from the Cathedral parking lot for your convenience.



## Baby Bottle Campaign

On Sunday, February 22, members of the Knights of Columbus will be distributing baby bottles as part of their annual Baby Bottle Fundraising Campaign. We ask that

you please fill these bottles with loose change throughout the Lenten Season. They will be collected on Palm Sunday, March 29. All proceeds will be given to a Diocese sponsored organization to assist women with young children or crisis pregnancies. Thank you in advance for your support!

## Pastoral Visits for the Sick

If you or a loved one is ill and would like a visit from a priest, please contact the parish office. We are always glad to arrange a visit, but we rely on you to let us know when someone is in need.

## Magnificat Lenten Companions

Magnificat Lenten Companions are available in the narthex of the church. Please take one to use for your prayer and reflection throughout Lent.



**"Alleluia"** is one of the few Hebrew words adopted by the Christian Church from apostolic times. It means "Praise the Lord!" Since we now bid farewell to the word "alleluia" and cease to use it during our liturgies in Lent, the music for

this weekend will be filled with "alleluias."

## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

**February 14/15** - Bake Sale

**February 18** - Ash Wednesday

**Fridays of Lent** - Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm at St. Alphonsus

**March 18** - Solemnity of St. Joseph Evening Prayer, 6:00pm

**March 19** - Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass, 6:00pm

# BAKE SALE



**FEBRUARY 14 & 15  
AFTER ALL 3 MASSES**

FUDGE COOKIES CUPCAKES PIES BREADS



## Supporting Our Parish

### Your Gift Makes a Difference

We are very grateful to those who are able to support the Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish. Your support allows us to continue our mission and provide vital ministries. Here are some simple ways to give:



**Online:** OSV Online Giving is a fast, secure, simple way to make your contributions. Visit [www.saintjosephcathedral.com/giving](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.com/giving)



**By Mail:** Mail to Cathedral of St. Joseph  
1218 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003



**In Person:** At Mass during the collection or dropped off at the parish offices.

## COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE

**February 8, 2026**

Envelopes: \$1316 • Loose: \$689 • Online: \$1090 • Total: \$3095  
Maintenance Fund \$200

Attendance: 202

**Thank you for your generous support!**



## SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of February 15

### THIS SUNDAY

Sirach 15:15-20  
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Matthew 5:17-37

### MONDAY

James 1:1-11  
Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76  
Mark 8:11-13

### TUESDAY

James 1:12-18  
Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19  
Mark 8:14-21

### WEDNESDAY

Joel 2:12-18  
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17  
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

### THURSDAY

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6  
Luke 9:22-24

### FRIDAY

Isaiah 58:1-9  
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 18-19  
Matthew 9:14-15

### SATURDAY

Isaiah 58:9-14  
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Luke 5:27-32

### NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

*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.*

## Lent: A Sacred Season Not to Waste Entering Forty Days That Can Change the Heart

Every year, the Church gives us the gift of Lent, forty days set apart to slow down, take stock of our lives, and return more intentionally to the Lord. Lent is not simply a time of giving things up or checking spiritual boxes. It is a sacred season, ancient and wise, meant to renew hearts and refocus lives.

From the earliest centuries of Christianity, Lent developed as a period of preparation for Easter. Its forty days echo key moments in salvation history: Israel's forty years in the desert, Moses' forty days on Mount Sinai, and above all, Christ's forty days of fasting and prayer before beginning his public ministry. Over time, the Church came to see Lent as a privileged time for repentance, conversion, and deeper discipleship, especially for those preparing for Baptism at Easter, and for the whole community walking with them.

Why does Lent matter so much? Because the Christian life is not static. We either grow closer to Christ or drift away from Him. Lent interrupts our routines and invites us to choose growth again. It reminds us that grace is real, that change is possible, and that God never tires of calling us back to Himself.

Pope Benedict XVI once wrote, "The exterior observance is meaningless if it does not translate into an interior conversion." That simple line captures the heart of Lent. The practices of the season only matter if they help us love God more sincerely and love others more generously. Lent is not about self-improvement for its own sake. It is about clearing away what dulls our spiritual senses so that we can hear the voice of the Lord more clearly.

The Church has always proposed three concrete practices to guide us during



Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These are not random disciplines. They shape our relationship with God, with ourselves, and with our neighbors. As Saint Augustine memorably put it, "Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Give it two wings: fasting and almsgiving." Together, these practices train the heart in humility, dependence, and charity.

Lent is brief, but it is powerful, if we let it be. It asks for honesty, effort, and perseverance. It also promises real fruit: renewed faith, softened hearts, and a deeper joy at Easter.

In the coming weeks, we will look more closely at these ancient disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and how they can be lived meaningfully today. For now, the invitation is simple and urgent: do not let this Lent pass by untouched. Enter it fully. Make room for God. Let these forty days prepare you not only for Easter, but for a more faithful way of living every day.

# GROUPS & MINISTRIES



We invite all men in the community to 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.

**Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Chancery Cantina**

**FORMATION • FELLOWSHIP • WORSHIP • SERVICE**

## St. Monica Prayer Group

**Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. | St. Alphonsus**

Join the St. Monica Prayer Group as we unite in prayer for loved ones who have wandered from the Faith.

## Rosary Altar Society

**Saturday, March 7 after 9am Mass & Rosary**

We foster devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary through prayer, care for the altar and sanctuary, and service to the Cathedral family.



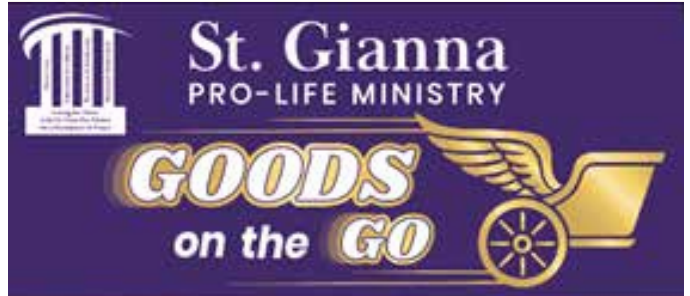
## Stewardship Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to go deeper than outward obedience and examine the intentions of our hearts. He reminds us that true righteousness is not just about following rules, but about love, integrity, and faithfulness within. As Christian stewards, we are invited to align our daily choices with the Gospel—not simply in what we do, but in why we do it. May we use the gifts God has entrusted to us with honesty and purpose, allowing His grace to shape our hearts and guide our lives.

## Pray for Vocations

We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially from among the people of our parish.

**Discerning a Vocation? Contact: [jsoplinski@dwc.org](mailto:jsoplinski@dwc.org)**



**FOR BABIES AND THOSE WHO LOVE THEM**

**Please help us help parents & guardians who have said "yes" to life in challenging circumstances!**

Donations can be left on the table in the narthex.

**Our mobile baby pantry, *St. Gianna Goods on the Go*, needs these items right away:**

- Sz 6 diapers
- several young kids' toothbrushes
- kids' toothpaste
- kids' bath wash
- adult toothbrushes
- feminine hygiene items
- deodorant
- shampoo
- misc. hygiene items
- girls sz 6 clothes

## Seniors Group

If you are 55 years and over and searching for a group that shares conversation, friendship, fun, and spiritual activities, this group is just for you! **Stay tuned for our next gathering.**



## Faith Sharing Book Club

**Sunday, March 1 at 9:00 a.m. | Rectory**

Join us as we discuss "An introduction to the Devout Life" by St. Francis de Sales. All are welcome to join us!

## February 21/22 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Greeter	Altar Server	Reader	EMHC
<b>Saturday 6:00 pm</b>	Deidre B. Yvonne K.	Martin I.	Br. John B. Roberta P.	Patti D. Judy M.
<b>Sunday 7:30 am</b>	Paul B. Kathleen B.	Sarah M. Tamora M.	Philippa S. Julia S.	Debbie F. Pat F.
<b>Sunday 10:30 am</b>	Walter B. Stephanie B.	Martin I.	Robert B. Roberta S.	Cathy L. Diane F.
<b>Collection Counters for this Week</b>		Cathy L., Catherine L., Libby B.		

# LIVING OUR FAITH

## ASH WEDNESDAY

### LENT BEGINS

**WHAT IS LENT?**  
The 40-day period from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by praying, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of penance.

PRAYING FASTING ABSTINENCE

**WHAT IS FASTING?**  
One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal.

**WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?**  
Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

**DAYS OF FAST?**  
Ash Wednesday, Good Friday

**DAYS OF ABSTINENCE?**  
Ash Wednesday, All Fridays of Lent, Good Friday

**WHO ARE REQUIRED?**  
Catholics from age < 18 to 59 >  
The sick are excused from fasting.

**WHO ARE REQUIRED?**  
Mandatory for everyone older than 14 years old

Source: Code of Canon Law



The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."

### Ways to Honor the Holy Family

- Consecrate your family to the Holy Family
- Pray the Rosary together
- Strengthen your family's devotion to the Holy Eucharist as the nourishment of family life

## THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION

### February: For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

### Please remember in your prayers:

Bill Hehr	Joe Bechtel	Millie Kirkpatrick
Blanche Kirkland	Julia Sheets	Pat Edmon
Charlie Gotard	Laine Castello	Pete Cuffaro
Cheryl Garrison	Maria Workman	Susan Ackerman
Crystal Vines	Marsha Bartlett	Susanna Kress

### St. Conrad of Piacenza (c. 1290-1351)

Feast Day: February 19

St. Conrad of Piacenza was an Italian nobleman who turned from a life of wealth to one of deep repentance and prayer. While hunting as a young man, a fire accidentally spread and caused great damage. Though innocent, Conrad initially allowed another man to be blamed, but later confessed and made restitution, a moment that led to his profound conversion.



Renouncing his possessions, he became a Franciscan tertiary and lived as a hermit in Sicily, dedicating his life to prayer, fasting, and service to the poor. Known for his humility and holiness, Conrad was widely respected for his wisdom and spiritual counsel.

Saint Conrad's life is a powerful reminder of repentance, honesty, and trust in God's mercy.

*St. Conrad of Piacenza, pray for us!*

*Rest in Peace*

Please remember in your prayers:  
**Palma Sheldon**  
We offer our prayerful condolences to her son, Mark, and her family.



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# SOLEMN VESPERS

Music by *The Cathedral Schola*

SUNDAYS OF LENT  
6:00 PM

  
THE Cathedral of St. Joseph  
1300 EOFF STREET, WHEELING



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained: *Ash Wednesday Ashes*

### Question:

Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

### Answer:

Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned “out of the dust of the ground” and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.

As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either “remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return” or “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We’re reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.



## Let Us Go Rejoicing to the House of the Lord.

*Psalms 122:1*

### Preserving the Mother Church

The Cathedral of St. Joseph is more than a parish—it is the spiritual heart of the entire Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. It is where we gather as one Church for Christ Mass, ordinations, diocesan celebrations, and moments of mourning and hope.

As we mark 100 years of grace, we invite every Catholic across the Diocese to participate in preserving this sacred treasure that belongs to all of us.

### \$1,000,000 Campaign Goals:

- Roof Replacement
- Exterior Stone Repair
- AC Replacement
- Interior Repair & Restoration



For more information and to make a donation to our Centennial Campaign, please visit [www.saintjosephcathedral.com/100th](http://www.saintjosephcathedral.com/100th)

If you have a question you'd like answered, please email [tgreenwood@dwc.org](mailto:tgreenwood@dwc.org).

# HAPPENING AROUND THE AREA



**St. Alphonsus Catholic Church**

## Fish Fry

Starting February 18 (Ash Wednesday) & All Fridays during Lent

11:00am to 5:30pm (Good Friday 11:00am to 1:00pm)

Fish Sandwich \$8	Cabbage & Noodles \$2
French Fries \$2	Coleslaw \$2
Mac & Cheese \$2	Dessert \$1
Veggie Tray \$2	Soda & Water \$1
Pierogies \$.50	Coffee/Tea/Punch Free
Soup \$3	Menu/prices subject to change

Lunch Deliveries to Local Businesses (Please call in your lunch order early from 9:00-10:00am)

**304-232-4353 (then press 1)**

## Novena To the Most Blessed Infant Jesus of Prague



**"Becoming Pilgrims of Hope"**  
Monday, January 26 at 7:00pm  
nine consecutive Mondays

**Guest Homilists**  
**Adoration**  
**Weekly Theme**

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

JAN 26	VERY REV. JUSTIN GOLNA <i>Hope Begins in the Manger</i>	Judicial Vicar, Tribunal St. John the Evangelist, Pastor
FEB 2	REV. PEN MANIKYALARAO <i>Walking as Pilgrims, not Tourists</i>	St. Alphonsus, Pastor Cathedral of St. Joseph, Rector
FEB 9	REV. RONALD PRECHTL <i>Mercy Opens the Door of Hope</i>	Clara Welty Apartments Retired
FEB 16	DEACON PAUL LIM <i>Childlike Faith: The Path to Renewal</i>	WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital
FEB 23	REV. JOHN SOPLINSKI <i>Hope that Does not Disappoint</i>	Vocations Director St. Alphonsus, Parochial Vicar Cathedral of St. Joseph, Vice Rector
MAR 2	REV. DENNIS SCHUELKENS, JR. <i>Healing and Restoration: Hope for the Broken</i>	St. Joseph the Worker Sacred Heart of Mary Pastor
MAR 9	VERY REV. CARLOS MELOCOTON <i>Mary, Mother of Hope, Walks with Us</i>	Vicar Forane St. Michael Parish/School, Pastor
MAR 16	REV. JEESON STEPHAN <i>Called to be Missionaries of Hope</i>	St. Vincent de Paul Parish/School, Pastor
MAR 23	REV. TUO GEORGE <i>The Eucharist: Food for Pilgrim Journey</i>	Our Lady of Peace Parish/School, Pastor

March 23: Join us for a light reception to follow in the Battaglino Hall. All are welcome!

Our Lady of Peace Parish  
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Wheeling, WV 26061  
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parish@olypparish.org  
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## Put Your Faith in Action!

### We are looking for new members!

St. Mary's Conference  
Elm Grove, Wheeling, WV

Home visits are the hallmark of our society. We visit to meet with the person we are helping. During the visit we see their identification and see if they might need anything else. We pray before each visit and with each client.

We help with the following:

Rental Assistance, Utilities, Cleaning and Hygiene Supplies, Food Vouchers and Gasoline.

We help anyone in Ohio County once per calendar year.

We also have a Bed Ministry. We give new and gently used beds and bedding in Ohio and Marshall Counties in WV and Belmont County in OH.

Everyone has heard the expression, "It's better to give than to receive." But how many people really believe it?  
Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society do.

Our Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Youth Room of the Marist Centre. Our next meeting is February 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15pm  
Come to a meeting and see what we are all about!!

## LENTEN STUDY SERIES

### "Conversion and Renewal: A Lenten Journey with Christ"

Each Thursday during the Lenten Season, St. Vincent de Parish will be hosting a study series that is open and available for anyone to attend. Each study series begins at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

**Week 1: Thursday, February 19th** "The Mass Explained: Why We Do What We Do" - Explore each part of the Mass, its scriptural roots, and spiritual meaning. Presented by Justin Golna, Judicial Vicar, DWC.



# LENT & HOLY WEEK

Now is the time. Return to the Lord.  
Gather the people together.



2026

## LENT

### ASH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 18

**Masses** 8:00 AM, 12:05 PM, 4:30 PM & 6:00 PM  
(All Masses will be celebrated at St. Alphonsus Church)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Fridays** 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM (St. Alphonsus)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Fridays** 6:30 PM (St. Alphonsus)

### VESPERS (SUNG EVENING PRAYER)

**Sundays** 6:00 PM (Cathedral)

### CONFESSIONS

**Fridays** 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM (St. Alphonsus)  
**Saturdays** 11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON (St. Alphonsus)

### PENANCE SERVICE | MARCH 26

6:00 PM

“Let us take refuge from this world. You can do this in spirit, even if you are kept here in the body. You can at the same time be here and present to the Lord. Your soul must hold fast to Him, you must follow after Him in your thoughts, you must tread His ways by faith, not in outward show. You must take refuge in Him. He is your refuge and your strength.”

– St. Ambrose

## HOLY WEEK

### PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 29

**Masses** 6:00 PM (Saturday), 7:30 AM & 10:30 AM  
**Vespers** 6:00 PM

### CHRISM MASS | MARCH 31

4:00 PM

### HOLY THURSDAY | APRIL 2

**Morning Prayer** 9:00 AM  
**Confessions** 12:00 NOON to 1:00 PM  
**Mass of the Lord’s Supper** 6:00 PM  
**Altar of Repose** following Mass until Midnight

### GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 3

**Morning Prayer** 9:00 AM  
**Confessions** 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM  
**Stations of the Cross** 12:00 NOON  
**Seven Last Words** 12:45 PM  
**Celebration of the Lord’s Passion** 3:00 PM

### HOLY SATURDAY | APRIL 4

**Morning Prayer** 9:00 AM  
**Confessions** 11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON  
**Easter Vigil** 8:30 PM

### EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 5

**Masses** 7:30 AM & 10:30 AM  
Easter Egg Hunt following 10:30 am Mass



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