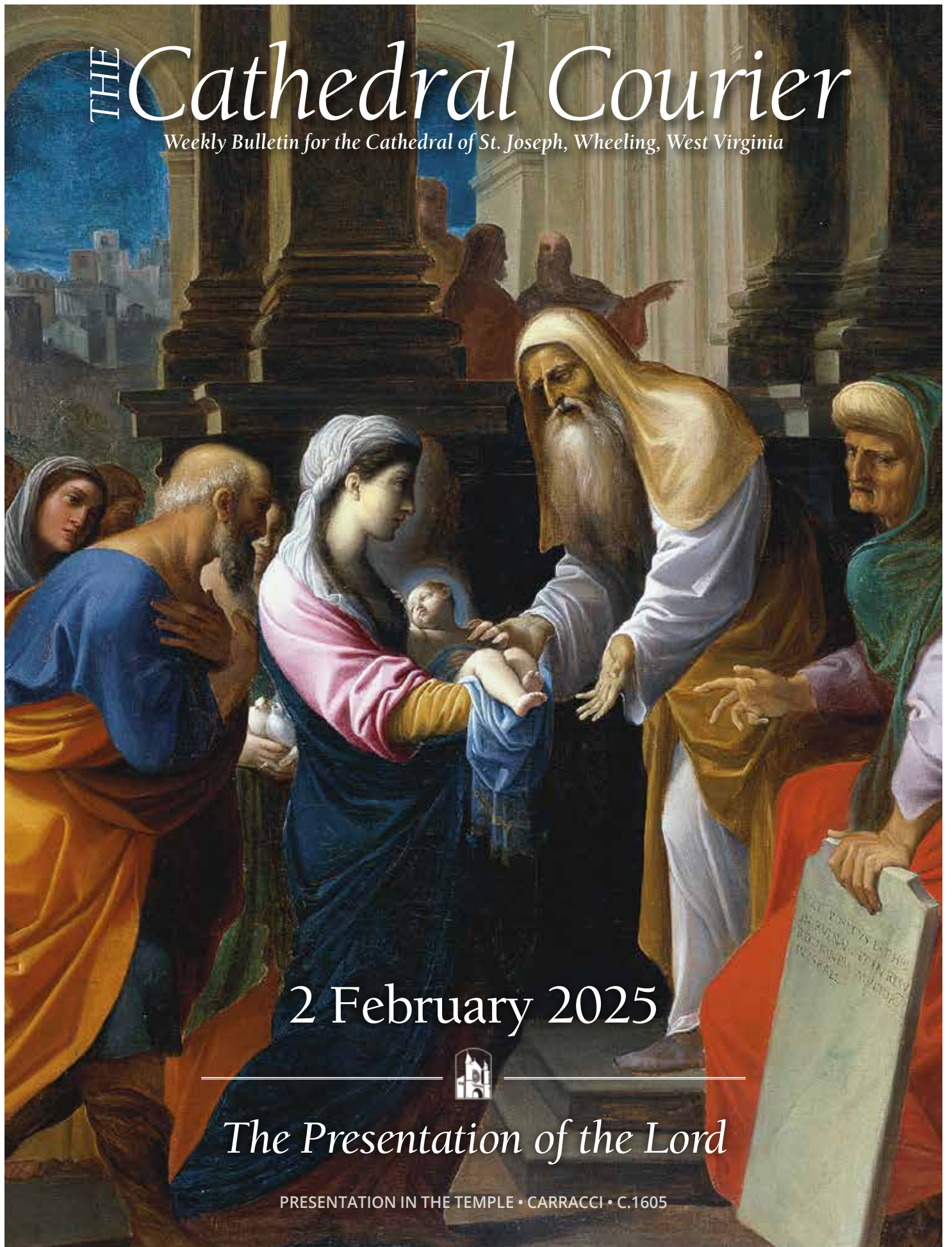


THE Cathedral Courier

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



2 February 2025



The Presentation of the Lord

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HOLY MASS

SUNDAY

8:00 AM
10:30 AM

SATURDAY

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

WEEKDAYS (Monday-Friday)

12:05 PM

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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 or through the parish office.

Please notify the parish of address changes.

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.

*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: 11:15 am to 11:45 am
Saturday: 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm

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. Brian Crenwelge, the Diocesan Director of Vocations at bcrenwelge@dwc.org or (304) 337-9837.

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 for more information.



LIVE STREAMED MASSES

Our Sunday Masses are live-streamed and archived for later viewing at 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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Masses & Schedule

February 2 - 9, 2025

SUN 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord World Day for Consecrated Life

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for the Parishioners
8:00 am Mass for + Patricia Felton
9:00 am Book Club (*Rectory*)
9:15 am Confirmation Class (*Parish Offices*)
10:30 am Mass for + Kristin Marie Sacco Smith

MON 3 Optional Memorials of St. Blaise; St. Ansgar

12:05 pm Mass for + Donald Breiding

TUE 4 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for + Doris Collinvitti
7:00 pm St. Gianna Pro-Life Group (*St. Alphonsus*)

WED 5 Memorial of St. Agatha

12:05 pm Mass for + Denise Seymour
7:00 pm St. Monica Group (*St. Alphonsus*)
7:00 pm Sons of St. Joseph (*Chancery Cantina*)

THU 6 Memorial of St. Paul Miki & Companions

12:05 pm Mass for + John Petrella
7:30 pm Catholics in Recovery (*St. Alphonsus Hall*)

FRI 7 Weekday in Ordinary Time First Friday

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for + Ken Noakes
12:45 pm Eucharistic Adoration Begins
4:00 pm Holy Hour of Reparation

SAT 8 Optional Memorials of St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

9:00 am Mass for + Doris Jean Schultz
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for + Madeline & Jack Belby, Sr.

SUN 9 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
9:15 am Confirmation Class (*Parish Offices*)
10:30 am Mass for + Kristin Marie Sacco Smith

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a moment of great significance in the life of Jesus and in the story of salvation. In today's Gospel, Mary and Joseph bring the infant Jesus to the temple, fulfilling the law of Moses. There, they encounter Simeon and Anna, two faithful servants of God who recognize the Christ Child as the "light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Lk 2:32). This moment reminds us that Jesus is the true Light who has come into the world to guide us in truth and love.

This weekend, the Church also celebrates the World Day for Consecrated Life, praying for all those who have dedicated their lives to Christ through vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. We give thanks for the religious sisters, brothers, and priests who serve the Church with faith and generosity. Please take a moment to pray for them and, if possible, express your gratitude for their witness and service. We are especially blessed to welcome several consecrated religious women and men from throughout the area to our 10:30 am Mass this weekend—please greet them and thank them for their vocation!

As we continue our journey through this Jubilee Year, let us renew our commitment to walk as pilgrims of hope, carrying the light of Christ into the world. May His presence shine through us in our words and actions, bringing hope to those in need.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, who presented Jesus in the temple, help us to present our lives to God each day in faith and trust.

Yours in Christ,
Father Pen



In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



Disciple Maker Index

Time is running out to complete the confidential Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey in order to strengthen our Cathedral parish and better prepare us for the future! Share

your perspective as a parishioner as we work to identify our greatest strengths and opportunities. Complete the survey today and help us thrive!

We ask all parishioners to please complete the survey by February 7. It will take about 10-15 minutes to reflect on your discipleship journey and share your thoughts on how we can better support your spiritual growth.

You can access the survey at this link:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/x22676>

Or by scanning this QR code with your phone:

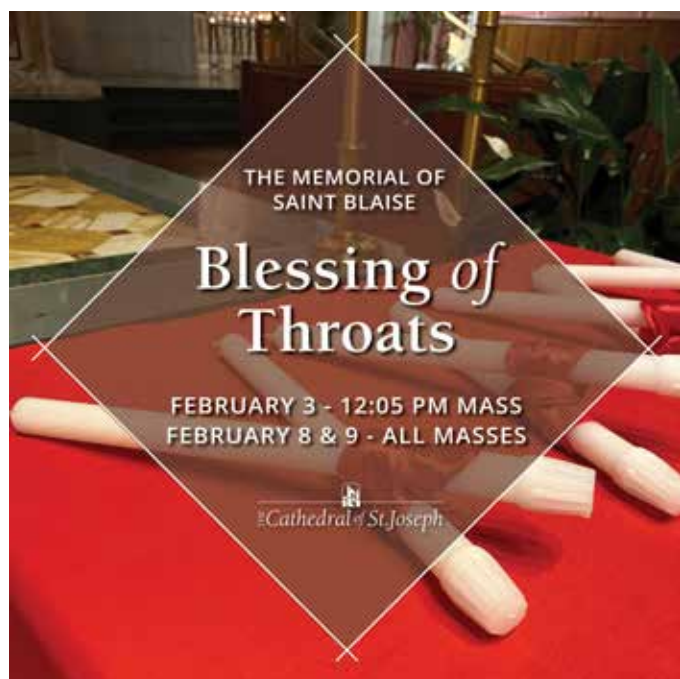


All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

Bereavement Gathering

Grief from a faith perspective. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one and may benefit from a gathering for those grieving, please join us on the following dates this year at 6:00 pm at St. John Fellowship Hall in Benwood, WV. The facilitators are Deacon Doug Breiding and Deacon Tom and Michelle McFadden. 2025 Dates: Feb. 24, March 31, April 28, May 19, June 30, July 28, August 25, Sept. 29, Oct. 27.



• UPCOMING EVENTS •

February 3 - Feast of St. Blaise / Blessing of Throats

February 7 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 12:45-5:00pm

February 8/9 - Blessing of Throats after Weekend Masses

February 11 - World Day of the Sick Healing Mass, 6pm

February 20 - Images of Jesus Series Begins, 6pm

March 5 - Ash Wednesday, Mass at 12:05pm and 7pm

Recycling Blessed Palms

We invite everyone to bring in their blessed palms from last year to be burned for the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. Please place them in the designated container in the narthex labeled "Palms."



Eucharistic Adoration



This Friday, February 7 from 12:45pm-5pm

Eucharistic Adoration will begin immediately following the 12:05pm Mass and continue until our

Holy Hour of Reparation at 4:00pm, followed by Benediction. All are welcome to come and adore Our Lord!

Tax Statements

We will be mailing out End of Year Contribution Tax Statements this week to anyone who donated to the Cathedral of St. Joseph during the calendar year 2024. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 304-233-4121.

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



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

January 26, 2025

Envelopes: \$2063 • Loose: \$1172 • Online: \$464 • **Total: \$3699**

Second Collection for the Church in the Developing World: \$795

Maintenance Fund: \$250

Attendance: 248

FAITH FORMATION



SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of February 2

THIS SUNDAY

Malachi 3:1-4
Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

MONDAY

Hebrews 11:32-40
Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24
Mark 5:1-20

TUESDAY

Hebrews 12:1-4
Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
Mark 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY

Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15
Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18
Mark 6:1-6

THURSDAY

Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24
Ps 48:2-3, 3-4, 9, 10-11
Mark 6:7-13

FRIDAY

Hebrews 13:1-8
Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9
Mark 6:14-29

SATURDAY

Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21
Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6
Mark 6:30-34

NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8
Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

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.



"Hearts on Fire" – Adult Faith Formation Program

Our new "Hearts on Fire" Adult Faith Formation Program at the Cathedral invites participants to deepen their understanding of Jesus Christ, with our initial series titled "Images of Jesus." This journey will explore the Gospels and various theological perspectives to help you form a personal response to the question posed by Jesus: "Who do you say that I am?"
For more information, please see page 9 of the Courier.



Confirmation Class

Each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. | Parish Offices

Our Confirmation candidates continue to meet each Sunday morning in preparation for the the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this important step in their faith journey.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Each Sunday during the 10:30 a.m. Mass

This ministry offers children an age-appropriate reflection on scripture during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. After the opening prayer, they gather in the upper sanctuary for activities and return at the offertory.

St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry

Who is St. Gianna, Our Pro-Life Patron Saint?

Born in 1922 in Magenta Italy, outside Milan, Gianna Beretta Molla was a pediatrician, mother of four, artist, athlete, and patron of the arts. She treated all, regardless of ability to pay.



Gianna was beatified in 1994 and canonized in 2004, after two miracles in Brazil, both resulting in the birth of healthy babies.

St. Gianna is the patron saint of mothers, physicians, and gestating infants, with a feast day on April 28th.

A Catholic parish in Bucks County, PA is home to a shrine to St. Gianna, including a relic, St. Gianna's gloves.

Many online resources provide information and inspiration about her.

***St. Gianna, lover of children and lover of life,
please pray for us,
that we may build a culture of life!***

Please join us for our next meeting, Tues., Feb. 4th
at St. Alphonsus:
6:00 pro-life rosary in the church; 6:30 meeting downstairs.

In 1962, while pregnant with her fourth child, she developed a significant uterine fibroma, a benign fibrous growth. Gianna was provided two options, both which would have ended her baby's life, so she and her husband chose a third, a risky surgery to remove the fibroma. The surgery was safe and successful, but eight days after delivery of her namesake, Gianna Emmanuela, Gianna died from delivery complications. She clearly instructed that should any difficulties result in a choice between saving her life or the baby's, the baby should be saved.

Please note that Catholic teaching does not require this choice, especially when a mother has other children who need her care, but will pray with and accompany women in such situations.

GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Faith Sharing Book Club

Sunday, February 2 at 9:00 a.m. | Rectory



Our Faith Sharing Book Club meets monthly to explore inspiring books, fostering faith, fellowship, and meaningful discussion. We are currently reading "The Word Becomes Flesh" pages 205 to the end. Please join us!

Young Adults Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. | Parish Offices



Dive deeper into Scripture with us as we journey through the Book of the Prophet Isaiah! Join our Young Adults Bible Study for inspiring discussions, meaningful fellowship, and an opportunity to grow in faith together. All are welcome!

St. Monica Prayer Group

Wednesday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m. | St. Alphonsus

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

Home Health & Companionship

If you are in need of home health care or companionship for the elderly, please contact Lynette Chuff at 740-641-0250. Strong moral character, dedication, and treating the elderly with the dignity, respect, and compassion they deserve is paramount in her work. Qualifications and references are available upon request.



If you are 55 years and over and enjoy sharing conversation, friendship, fun, and spiritual activities, please join us!

**Lunch at Mehlman's in St. Clairsville
Wednesday, February 19 at 1:00 p.m.**

Candlemas CLPI



**SONS of
SAINT JOSEPH**

**Join us this
Wednesday at
7:00pm in the
Chancery.**

Last Wednesday night, the Sons of St. Joseph had the privilege of welcoming Bishop Brennan for a presentation on the importance of evangelization, inspired by his recent pastoral letter, *Bringing Others to Christ*. His words challenged and encouraged us to be bold witnesses of the Gospel in our families, workplaces, and communities. We were also blessed to have some visitors from surrounding parishes join us for the evening. It was a great night of fellowship, learning, and renewed commitment to sharing the faith!

***Please see page 9 for information
about our next gathering this week!***



FORMATION • FELLOWSHIP • WORSHIP • SERVICE

February 8/9 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Greeter	Altar Server	Reader	EMHC
Saturday 6:00 pm	Ginny S. Judy M.	Martin I.	Rose Marie C. Deirdre B.	Patti D. Judy M.
Sunday 8:00 am	Paul B. Kathy B.	Tamora M.	Philippa S. Julia S.	Philippa S.
Sunday 10:30 am	Pat T. Diane F.	The Brown Family Martin I.	Vivienne P. Robert B.	Debbie T. Nick T.
Collection Counters for this Week		Helen P., Julia S., Carolyn W.		

LIVING OUR FAITH

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Blanche Kirkland Joyce Hehr Pat Edmon
Joe Bechtel Marsha Bartlett

We are renewing our parish prayer list to ensure it reflects those currently in need of our prayers. Several names have remained on the list for a long time, and we want to make sure we are praying for those who still need our support. **If you or someone you know would like to be included on the prayer list, please e-mail tgreenwood@dwc.org.** Each name will remain on the list for about a month unless you specify otherwise. Thank you.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION

February: For priestly and religious vocations

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, on this Feast of the Presentation, You entered the Temple as the true dawn of salvation, shining in the darkness. Like Simeon and Anna, open our hearts to recognize Your presence and to proclaim Your light to all we meet. Dispel the shadows of sin and fear in our lives, that we may walk always as children of the light. May Your radiance guide our steps and kindle in us a deeper love for You and for those You call us to serve. Amen.



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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Josephine Bakhita (1869-1947)

Feast Day: February 8

St. Josephine Bakhita's life is a testament to resilience, forgiveness, and faith. Born in Sudan, she was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery, enduring years of suffering. Eventually brought to Italy, she found kindness with the Canossian Sisters, where she learned about Christ and gained her freedom.



Baptized Josephine, she became a Canossian sister and spent her life serving others with joy and humility. She forgave her captors, saying, "If I were to meet them, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that had not happened, I would not be a Christian."

Canonized in 2000, she is the patron of victims of human trafficking. Her feast day, February 8, is also observed as the World Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking, raising awareness and calling for action to end this grave injustice.

St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us!



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Let us welcome the newest member of our Cathedral Parish Family:

Lynette Chuff

May you find a joyful and faith-filled home here at the Cathedral of St. Joseph!

Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers:

Thomas Gompers
Terry Sheets

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.





CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE FUND

Our beautiful Cathedral, rich in history and faith, is in need of some important repairs and upgrades to preserve its integrity for future generations. The Diocesan Office of Buildings and Properties and our Cathedral Finance Council has identified three critical maintenance projects that require attention:

Roof Repairs: A significant leak in the roof, especially problematic during strong winds, threatens further interior damage. The estimated repair is around \$145,000.

Wall Repairs: Cracked limestone near one of the transept windows needs urgent attention to prevent further deterioration. The estimated cost for this repair is \$9,680.

HVAC System Replacement: Our air conditioning system is aging, and the refrigerant it uses is now obsolete. The air handlers are nearing the end of their lifespan, with an estimated replacement cost of approximately \$250,000.

Your generous contributions will help us safeguard our Cathedral's future. Please consider making a donation towards these essential repairs. Every gift makes a difference. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

"For God loves a cheerful giver." - 2 Corinthians 9:7

So far we have received \$9670 in donations. Thank you for your support!



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Candles

Question:

Why does the Church use candles?

Answer:

Candles have long been used in the Church as a sign of Christ, the Light of the World (John 8:12). Their steady flame reminds us of God's presence, the prayers of the faithful rising to heaven, and the reverence due to sacred places and actions.

In the early Church, lighting was originally a practical necessity. Christians often gathered in the dark—whether in catacombs, homes, or hidden places of worship—using oil lamps to provide light. Over time, these lamps and candles took on a deeper symbolic meaning, representing the presence of Christ, the Light who overcomes the darkness.

The candles used around the altar, traditionally made of at least 51% beeswax, have a deeper significance. The purity of beeswax symbolizes the purity of Christ, who was born of the Virgin Mary. The flame represents His divinity, while the wick symbolizes His humanity. These candles are also a sign of the faithful offering themselves in sacrifice, just as the wax is consumed to give light.

Throughout the liturgical year, candles mark solemn occasions—such as the Paschal Candle at Easter, the Advent wreath, and votive candles lit in prayer. In every liturgical celebration, their glow calls us to worship with hearts set ablaze for the Lord.

**World Day
of the Sick**
THE MEMORIAL OF
OUR LADY OF LOURDES

**Tuesday, February 11
6:00 p.m.**

Healing Mass
with Anointing of the Sick

Cathedral of St. Joseph
1300 Eoff Street
Wheeling, WV 26003

 *The Cathedral of St. Joseph*



THE SEARCH

FINDING THE MEANING OF LIFE

THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 | 7:00 PM | CHANCERY CANTINA

All men are welcome to attend.

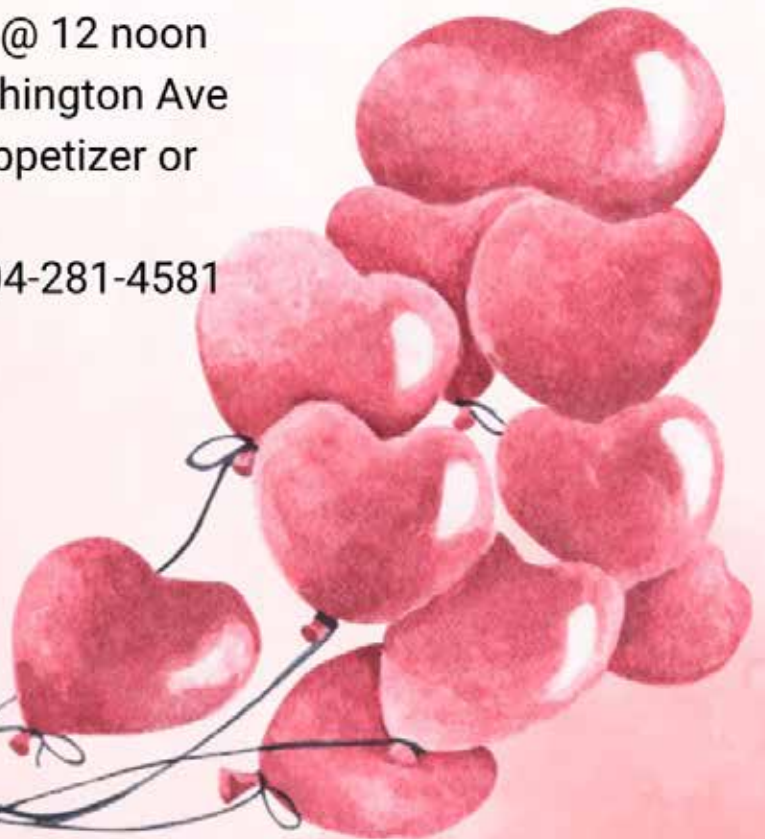
Galentine's Party

Celebrating the love in our female relationships!

Saturday, February 15, 2025 @ 12 noon
Amy Miesel's home, 402 Washington Ave

Please bring your favorite appetizer or
snack to share.

Text RSVP to Stephanie @ 304-281-4581





“WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?”

IMAGES OF JESUS

A 5-WEEK FORMATION STUDY

THURSDAY EVENINGS AT 6:00 P.M.
STARTS FEBRUARY 20
CHANCERY CANTINA

Facilitated by Shirley Carter

*Please register by February 17 by calling the Cathedral Parish Office
at 304-233-4121 or emailing tgreenwood@dwc.org*

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