

THE Cathedral Courier

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

18 January 2026



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST BEARING WITNESS • CARRACCI • 1605

HOLY MASS

SUNDAY

7:30 AM
10:30 AM

SATURDAY

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

WEEKDAYS (Monday-Friday)

12:05 PM

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Please notify the parish of address changes.

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

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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.*

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 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 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

January 18 - 25, 2026

**SUN
18**

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for + Jack Belby, Sr.
7:30 am Mass for + Samuel & Assunta DeFazio
9:00 am OCIA (*Rectory*)
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners

**MON
19**

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Bishop Mark E. Brennan
- Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination

**TUE
20**

Optional Memorials of St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

12:05 pm Mass for + Frank Pasden

**WED
21**

Memorial of St. Agnes

12:05 pm Mass for + Paul & Shirley Moczek

**THU
22**

**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children**

12:05 pm Mass for + John & Katherine Maruca

**FRI
23**

**Optional Memorials of St. Vincent;
St. Marianne Cope**

11:00 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for + Rose Breiding

**SAT
24**

Memorial of St. Francis de Sales

9:00 am Mass for + Ronald Calovini
11:00 am Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

**SUN
25**

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Word of God Sunday
Catholic Schools Week Begins

7:30 am Mass for + Vincenzo & Gelsomina Sacco
& Deceased Family Members
10:30 am Mass for + Thomas Gompers

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

In today's Gospel, we hear John the Baptist point to Jesus and say, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29) With these words, John shows us who Jesus truly is. He is the Savior. He is the One sent by the Father to bring forgiveness, healing, and new life to the world.

John does not point to himself. He points to Christ. This is an important lesson for all of us. Our faith is not about ourselves. It is about leading others to Jesus by the way we live, speak, and love. When people look at us, they should be able to see something of Christ in our lives.

This Friday, January 23, marks the March for Life in Washington, D.C., a powerful witness to the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. Let us unite in faith, hope, and charity as we pray for a culture that values and protects every human life from the first moment of conception through natural death.

Next Sunday, January 25, we will celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God, a day instituted by Pope Francis to deepen our love for Sacred Scripture. I encourage you to bring your personal Bible to Mass next weekend for a special blessing. May this celebration inspire us to encounter God more deeply through His Word and to live it out in our daily lives.

As we continue in Ordinary Time, let us walk each day with the Lord, trusting in His mercy and following Him with faithful hearts.

May the Lord bless our parish and guide us always.

In Christ,
Father Pen

Sunday of the WORD OF GOD

JANUARY 24 & 25

*Please bring your bibles from home
for a special blessing*



Maintenance & Restoration Update

We are pleased to share that the most important phase of our renovation work has already begun. This work includes the cleaning of the main columns that support the dome, the restoration of the apse mural, and improvements in both transepts, and plaster repair and painting of the restrooms.



We thank you for your patience during this time and for your generous support as we continue to care for our Cathedral in preparation for our Centennial Year, which begins this April.

Grateful for Your Helping Hands

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who generously gave their time and effort to help take down our Christmas decorations after Mass last Sunday. Your support is truly appreciated!

Bring Back Your Palms

As we prepare for the holy season of Lent, you are invited to bring back your blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday. A bin is available in the narthex of the church for their return. These palms will be burned and used to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday, February 18.



New to the Parish?

If you are new to the Cathedral and would like to become a member learn more about our parish, please contact the parish offices at 304-233-4121 or e-mail greenwood@dwc.org

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend's second collection will support the **Church in the Developing World**, helping to fund pastoral ministry, education, and evangelization efforts in some of the most impoverished regions of the world. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the global Church.



• UPCOMING EVENTS •

- January 18** - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins
- January 25** - Sunday of the Word of God, Blessing of Readers
- January 30** - Healing Mass, St. Alphonsus, 6pm
- February 2** - Presentation of the Lord / Blessing of Candles
- February 3** - Feast of St. Blaise / Blessing of Throats
- February 7** - Mardi Gras Party, 7pm
- February 11** - World Day of the Sick Healing Mass, 6pm
- February 18** - Ash Wednesday, Mass at 12:05pm & 6pm

BAKE SALE



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AFTER ALL 3 MASSES**

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Supporting Our Parish

Your Gift Makes a Difference

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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 11, 2026

Envelopes: \$1883 • Loose: \$1336 • Online: \$1040 • **Total: \$3432**
Maintenance Fund: \$242

Attendance: 241

Thank you for your generous support!



SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of January 18

THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

MONDAY

1 Samuel 15:16-23
Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23
Mark 2:18-22

TUESDAY

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28
Mark 2:23-28

WEDNESDAY

1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10
Mark 3:1-6

THURSDAY

1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Ps 56:2-3, 9-10, 10-11, 12-13
Mark 3:7-12

FRIDAY

1 Samuel 24:3-21
Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6, 11
Mark 3:13-19

SATURDAY

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7
Mark 3:20-21

NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 8:23—9:3
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Matthew 4:12-23

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.

Authentically Catholic in a New Year

Living Our Faith with Conviction, Joy, and Hope

A new year invites fresh beginnings. We make resolutions, set goals, and hope to become better versions of ourselves. For us as Catholics, the new year is also an opportunity to renew our commitment to live our faith not casually, not half-way, but authentically.

To be authentically Catholic is not simply to belong to a parish, attend Mass occasionally, or check a box on a form. It is to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ every day, allowing the Gospel to shape our choices, our relationships, and our priorities. It is to recognize that our faith is not something we turn on and off, but the foundation of who we are.

Authentic Catholic life begins with a real relationship with Jesus Christ. Our faith is not built on ideas alone but on a living Person who calls each of us by name. When we pray daily, read Sacred Scripture, and participate in the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist and Confession, we allow Christ to shape our hearts and guide our lives. These are not obligations imposed from outside but gifts given for our strength and salvation.

Saint Francis de Sales once wrote, "Be who you are and be that well." Those simple words capture the heart of authentic Catholic living. God has created each of us with a unique vocation and mission. To live our faith well is not to imitate someone else's path, but to live our own calling with fidelity, generosity, and love.

Being authentically Catholic also means belonging to the Church not only in name but in spirit and action. The Church is our spiritual home, a family gathered around the Lord's table. When we worship together, serve together, and grow together, we become what the Church is meant to be, the Body of Christ alive in the world. Parish life is not an extra activity but an essential expression of our faith.



Our Catholic faith must also be visible in the way we live. Authentic faith shows itself in charity, integrity, and compassion. It means standing for truth even when it is unpopular. It means defending the dignity of every human person, from conception to natural death. It means forgiving when it is hard, loving when it costs us something, and choosing what is right even when it is not easy.

In a culture that often promotes confusion, individualism, and moral compromise, to live as an authentically Catholic man or woman is a powerful witness. It tells the world that our hope is not in passing trends, political leaders, or temporary comforts, but in Christ who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

This new year is a gift. God is once again placing before us the call to holiness. He is inviting us to deeper prayer, more faithful worship, greater generosity, and more courageous discipleship. We do not walk this path alone. We walk it together as a parish family, strengthened by the Sacraments, guided by the teachings of the Church, and supported by one another.

May this year be a year of renewal for our parish and for each of us. May we grow in love for the Lord, in fidelity to His Church, and in joyful witness to the Gospel. And may we truly live as what we are called to be, authentically Catholic, today and always.

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 4 at 7:00 p.m.
Chancery Cantina

FORMATION • FELLOWSHIP • WORSHIP • SERVICE

Faith Sharing Book Club

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

Join us as we discuss "Carlo Acutis - A Saint in Sneakers" by Courtney Mares.



St. Monica Prayer Group

Wednesday, February 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, February 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

On this Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear John the Baptist proclaim, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" His words invite us to recognize Jesus in our midst and to follow Him more closely. As Christian stewards, this is a moment to renew our awareness of who Jesus is—and how we respond to Him. Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary when we live it with intentional faith. May we open our eyes to Christ present in our lives and offer ourselves in service, gratitude, and love.

St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry

Help us create a culture of life in Wheeling!



Life is a Gift.

That's the theme of this year's March for Life in Washington, D.C. In solidarity with the activities at the capital, join us for

a prayer vigil at

St. Michael Parish on National Rd
8:00AM-5:00PM

Friday, January 23rd

Pro-life rosaries will be prayed hourly.

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.



Liturgical Ministers Needed

Are you looking for a way to deepen your faith and serve our Cathedral community? We are currently seeking volunteers to serve as liturgical ministers during weekend Masses:

Readers: Proclaim the Word of God during Mass.

Altar Servers: Assist the priest at the altar and help ensure the Mass runs smoothly.

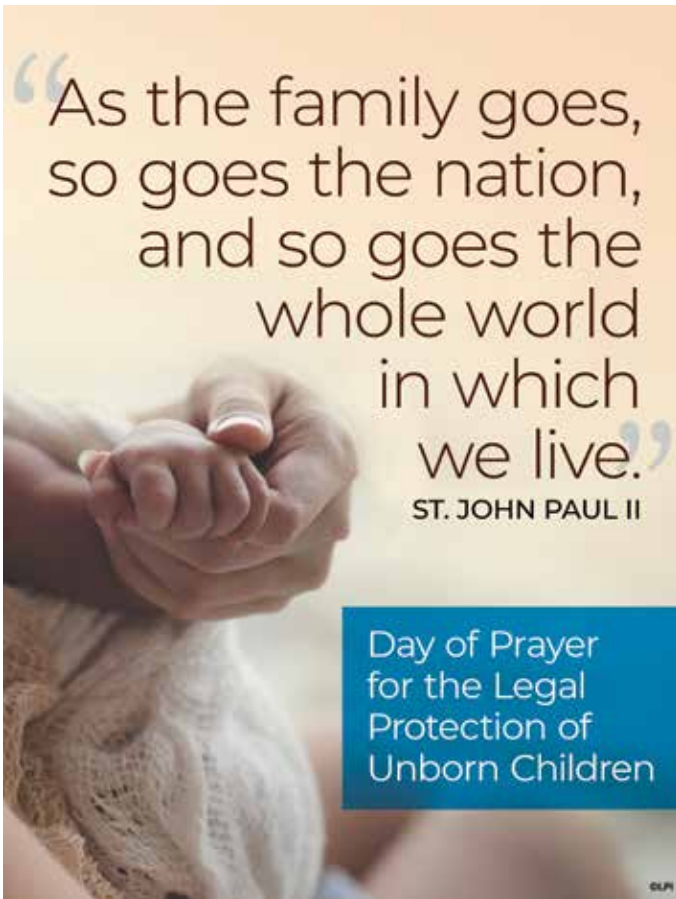
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Help distribute the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass.

If you feel called to serve in one of these roles, we invite you to sign up! Contact the parish office during the week or speak with one of our priests after Mass to learn more.

January 24/25 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Greeter	Altar Server	Reader	EMHC
Saturday 6:00 pm	Judy M. Ginny S.	Steve L.	Roberta P. Jim E.	Paul R. Judy R.
Sunday 7:30 am	Paul B. Kathleen B.	Sarah M. Tamora M.	Elizabeth M. Adrienne M.	Tamora M.
Sunday 10:30 am	Walt B. Stephanie B.	The Brown Family		Catherine L. Debbie T.
Collection Counters for this Week		Helen P., Julia S., Carolyn W.		

LIVING OUR FAITH



Throughout the month of January, we give special honor to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Saint Paul wrote to the Philippians: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10-11). We hold the name of Jesus in special reverence. The very name of Jesus is a prayer.

A Way to Honor the Holy Name of Jesus

Adopt the pious practice (that used to be more widely practiced and is so meaningful and fitting) of bowing your head whenever you say or hear the name of Jesus (just as we should bow or genuflect before the Real Presence in the tabernacle or make a sign of the cross as we pass a Catholic Church). The Council of Lyons in 1274 stated: "Each should fulfill in himself that which is written for all, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow; whenever that glorious Name is recalled, especially during the sacred Mysteries of the Mass, everyone should bow the knees of his heart, which he can do even by a bow of his head." This devotion also helps to make amends for blasphemous use of the Holy Name.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Almighty God, giver of all that is good, we thank You for the precious gift of human life:

For life in the womb, coming from your creative power,
For the life of children, making us glad with their
freshness and promise,
For the life of young people, hoping for a better world,
For the life of people who are disabled, teaching us that
every life has value,
For the life of the elderly, witnessing to the ageless values
of patience and wisdom.

Like Blessed Mary, may we always say "YES" to Your gift. May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end. And bring us at last, O Father, to the fullness of eternal life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Agnes (c.291-304)

Feast Day: January 21

Saint Agnes, a young Roman martyr, is one of the Church's most beloved saints and a model of purity and faith. Born to a Christian family, Agnes was admired for her beauty but chose to dedicate herself entirely to Christ, rejecting all suitors.



During a time of persecution under Emperor Diocletian, Agnes was arrested for her faith. Despite threats and torture, she remained steadfast, declaring Christ as her only spouse. She was martyred around the age of 12 or 13, becoming a powerful witness to the strength of faith even in the young.

Often depicted with a lamb as a symbol of her innocence and purity, her feast day is celebrated on January 21. Saint Agnes, pray for us!



Let Us Go Rejoicing to the House of the Lord.

Psalm 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



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

The Sacraments

Question:

What are the Sacraments and why are they essential to Catholic life?

Answer:

The Sacraments are outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace. Through them, Jesus continues His saving work in the Church today. Each Sacrament strengthens our relationship with God, heals and nourishes our soul, and helps us live as faithful disciples. From Baptism, which brings us into God's family, to the Eucharist, which feeds us with Christ Himself, the Sacraments are the heart of Catholic life and the ordinary way God shares His grace with us.

The Seven Sacraments are:

- Baptism
- Confirmation
- Eucharist
- Penance (Reconciliation or Confession)
- Anointing of the Sick
- Holy Orders
- Matrimony

They are grouped as:

Sacraments of Initiation:

- Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

Sacraments of Healing:

- Penance, Anointing of the Sick

Sacraments of Service:

- Holy Orders, Matrimony

If you have a question you'd like answered, please email tgreenwood@dwc.org.

For more information and to make a donation to our Centennial Campaign, please visit www.saintjosephcathedral.com/100th



You are cordially invited to our Early Childhood Open House!

Rooted in Faith, Committed to Excellence
Monday, Jan. 26th at 6 pm

Lil' Cherubs, PreK 3,
Angel Academy, and
Kindergarten

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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

A Conversation on Catholic Social Teaching and Immigration

Please join us as the participants share their stories of being and working with immigrants around the world, as well as leading us into synodal listening concerning the most recent teachings of the Catholic Church—from Pope Leo XIV, to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, to our own Bishop Mark Brennan - growing in hospitality, solidarity, and compassion with the many refugees, asylum seekers, migrants, and immigrants around the world.



Featuring

Very Reverend Fr. Carlos Melocoton
Pastor, St. Michael Parish

Genevieve Volpe, Millvale Outreach Manager,
North Hills Community Outreach, Pittsburgh

Reverend Fr. Lusius (Luis) Mite, Parochial Vicar,
SVD, (Society of Divine Word Missionaries)

Lou Volpe, Facilitator

February 5, 2026

6:30 - 8:00 pm

**St. Michael Parish
Angelus Center**





Mardi Gras Pot-Luck

Saturday, February 7 at 7pm
Great Hall of Wheeling Central

Join us for an evening of
Fellowship, Music, Games



and the
Crowning of
Mardi Gras
Royalty!



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