

THE Cathedral Courier

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

26 January 2025



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY MASS

SUNDAY

8:00 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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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

January 26 - February 2, 2025

**SUN
26**

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

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for + John Petrella
8:00 am Mass for Rev. Msgr. Kevin Quirk
9:15 am Confirmation Class (*Parish Offices*)
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners

**MON
27**

Optional Memorial of St. Angela Merici

12:05 pm Mass for + Most Rev. Joseph H. Hodges
(*Anniversary of Death - 1985*)

**TUE
28**

Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas

12:05 pm Mass for + Bartholomew & Rose Purpura
7:30 pm Young Adults Bible Study (*Parish Offices*)

**WED
29**

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for + Chris Miller
7:00 pm Men's Group Evening with the Bishop
(*Chancery Cantina*)

**THU
30**

Weekday in Ordinary Time

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

**FRI
31**

Memorial of St. John Bosco

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for + Chris Miller

**SAT
1**

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary
First Saturday
Month of the Holy Family

9:00 am Mass for + Martin Blanchette
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

**SUN
2**

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

8:00 am Mass for Patricia Felton
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, on this Sunday of the Word of God, we celebrate the Scriptures as a living encounter with Christ. In the Gospel, we hear Jesus proclaiming in the synagogue: *"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing"* (Lk 4:21). These words remind us that the Word of God is alive and active, speaking to us here and now, revealing God's promises and inviting us into a deeper relationship with Him.

The Bible is far more than a collection of stories or teachings—it is divinely inspired and filled with the power to transform our lives. Through Scripture, we come to know Jesus, the Word made flesh, and find strength, guidance, and hope for the journey of faith.

During this Jubilee Year, the Scriptures are our source of light and hope. As pilgrims of hope, let us make God's Word central in our lives, spending time daily in prayerful reading, study, or silent reflection. In these moments, God will guide our hearts and renew our spirits.

Finally, let us remember that the Word is meant to be shared. Like Jesus' listeners in the synagogue, many in our midst are longing for hope and truth. May we boldly share the gift of Scripture with others, letting God's Word shine through our words and actions.

Yours in Christ,
Father Pen



— Feast of the — Presentation of the Lord SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Join us for Candlemas with Holy Mass
and the traditional blessing of candles.

*You are encouraged to bring candles from home
to be blessed during the Mass.*





Disciple Maker Index

The Cathedral of St. Joseph is on a journey to grow in faith and missionary discipleship. To begin, we need your input! The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) is a survey that helps us assess our strengths and areas for growth.

We ask all parishioners to 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. Your responses are confidential.

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.

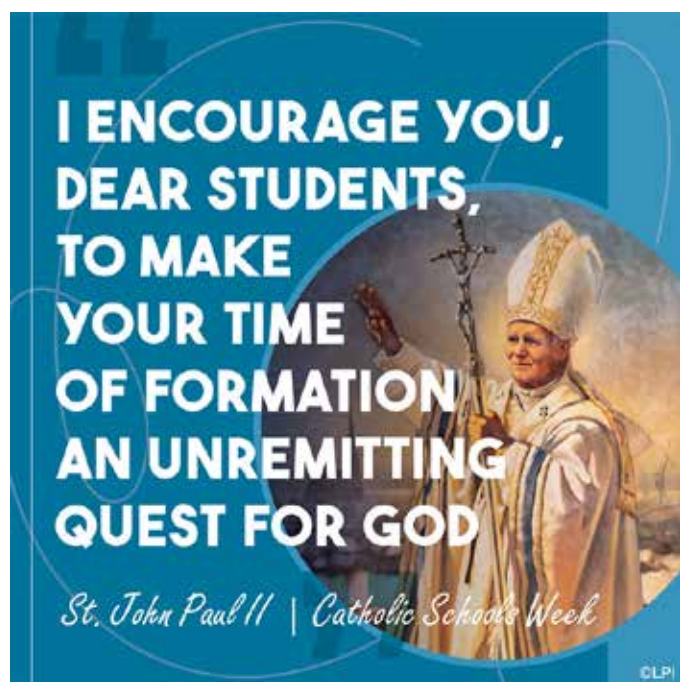
Thank you for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

Catholics in Recovery Next Meeting

Thursday, January 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Columbia Hall, St. Alphonsus Parish, Wheeling

This program seeks to help those suffering from addictions and unhealthy attachments including alcoholism, drug addiction, pornography addiction, sex and relationship addiction, compulsive overeating and food addictions, gambling addiction, codependency and the impact on family, and general fear, control, and anxiety. Come for yourself or for someone you love who is struggling with these challenges.



• UPCOMING EVENTS •

February 2 - Presentation of the Lord / Blessing of Candles

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

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

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

February 20 - Images of Jesus Series Begins, 6pm

Special Collection This Weekend

Catholics across the United States will have the opportunity to support the Church's mission in Latin America during Masses this weekend by giving to the USCCB's annual collection for the Church in Latin America. Established in 1965, this collection expresses solidarity with Catholics in Central and South America and the Caribbean, providing essential funding for ministries, disaster relief, and the formation of clergy and religious. Last year, contributions supported over 250 projects, including ecological education in Haiti, aid for migrants in Honduras, and support for young religious sisters in the Dominican Republic.

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."



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 19, 2025

Envelopes: \$1717 • Loose: \$631 • Online: \$767 • **Total: \$3117**

Maintenance Fund: \$50

Attendance: 204

Thank you for your generous support!

FAITH FORMATION



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of January 26

THIS SUNDAY

Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

MONDAY

Hebrews 9:15, 24-28
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Mark 3:22-30

TUESDAY

Hebrews 10:1-10
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 10, 11
Mark 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY

Hebrews 10:11-18
Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4
Mark 4:1-20

THURSDAY

Hebrews 10:19-25
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Mark 4:21-25

FRIDAY

Hebrews 10:32-39
Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40
Mark 4:26-34

SATURDAY

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
Mark 4:35-41

NEXT SUNDAY

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

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

Starts February 20

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. All are welcome to join us!**



Confirmation Class

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

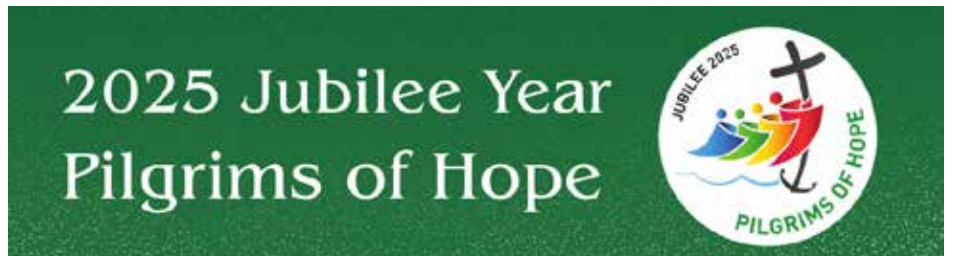
Our Confirmation candidates continue to meet each Sunday morning in preparation for the the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this important step in their faith journey.



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.



About the Jubilee Logo

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples.

St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry

Spiritual Adoption Update:

MONTH 4 – Developing Baby – "I had a dream!"

Well, your little baby now weighs six ounces. She has fingernails and eyelashes. She has her own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same until she dies. Her taste buds are working. Her sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. At this month rapid eye movements (REMs) can be detected – a sign of dreaming. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All she needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong. What a miracle she is!



Prayerful congratulations to
Collins Peluchette
who was welcomed into the Church
through the waters of Baptism
on January 18, 2025

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.



Our new women's group, the Sisters in Grace, is continuing to grow in faith and fellowship! They recently held a Winter Gathering, and there's more to come! Stay tuned for details on how you can join them for their next event - a fun and heartwarming Galentine's Party on February 15. We look forward to seeing you there!



February 1/2 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Greeter	Altar Server	Reader	EMHC
Saturday 6:00 pm	Judy M. Ginny S.	Martin I.	Rose Marie C. Deirdre B.	Patti D. Judy M.
Sunday 8:00 am	Debbie R. Paul R.	Tamora M. Julia S.	Mark B. Susanna K.	Philippa S.
Sunday 10:30 am	Linda F. Sarah C.	Martin I. The Brown Family	Christina B. Isabella B.	Catherine L. Cathy L.
Collection Counters for this Week		Catherine L., Cathy L., Libby B.		

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

January: For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Heavenly Father, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Open our hearts to hear Your voice, trust in Your promises, and live as faithful witnesses to Your love. May Your Word guide and inspire us this week and always. Through Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.



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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint John Bosco (1818-1888)


Feast Day: January 31

Saint John Bosco, also known as Don Bosco, dedicated his life to the education and care of young people, especially the poor and abandoned. Born in Italy, he felt called to the priesthood from an early age and became known for his cheerful spirit and deep faith.



With a heart for helping youth, he founded the Salesian Society, emphasizing education, spiritual formation, and vocational training rooted in kindness and love. Don Bosco believed in guiding young people with reason, religion, and loving relationships.

He also had a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially under the title of Help of Christians. His feast day is January 31. Saint John Bosco, pray for us!

WE WANT YOU....
IN MAROON
Central Catholic High School
OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025
6:00pm until 8:00pm, CCHS Great Hall

We're the Maroon Knights! Learn more about our academic, extra-curricular and service-related programs, as well as financial assistance and the HOPE Scholarship!
Questions? Contact Mr. Rob Magruder at 304-905-6260 or rmagruder@cchsknights.org

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.



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 \$9420 in donations. Thank you for your support!

Healing Mass

Friday, January 31 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Church

A special Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on the last Friday of each Mass at St. Alphonsus Church. Everyone is welcome.

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



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Love as a Theological Virtue

Question:

I've heard that love is a theological virtue. What does that mean?

Answer:

Charles Shultz, the creator of the Peanuts comics wrote, "I love mankind ... it's people I can't stand!" This good humored comment gets at an important truth. St. John wrote a very strong statement in one of his letters: "If anyone says 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). How often do we say "I love the homeless," but ignore the parish food drive? Or insist on the importance of respecting others, but don't bother to say hello to our cashier? If we can't love an individual person, we might not love people like we think, and we certainly need to work on our love for God.

Love is "the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" (CCC 1822). God knows acts of love of Him and others isn't always easy. So He invites us to pray for the grace to do it. The virtue of love gives us the grace and strength we need to offer our lives to God and love people in our lives, especially those who are difficult to respect, tolerate, and care for. Real love, of course, is risky. Real love wills the good of the other when we just want good for ourselves. Real love gets up on the cross when we'd prefer to take a nap in Gethsemane. Real love changes things.



“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*

START THE NEW YEAR STRONG WITH THE SONS OF ST. JOSEPH

Do you want to be a better man, husband, and father? You don't have to do it alone. Join a community where Catholic men support one another in faith and life's challenges.

As Proverbs says, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Together, we pray, grow spiritually, and build lasting relationships to face life's trials with strength and courage.

Across the nation, men's faith groups are transforming lives and parishes. Be part of this powerful movement of the Holy Spirit. Join us and make 2025 a year of growth and brotherhood.

The Sons of St. Joseph are waiting for you!

JANUARY 2025 SCHEDULE

- JAN 8** **Mass & Eucharistic Adoration**
6:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Church, Wheeling
- JAN 15** **Fellowship Evening**
7:00 p.m. at El Paso at the Highlands
- JAN 22** **Prayer Vigil for Life**
7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral
- JAN 29** **Evangelization Talk with Bishop Brennan**
Join Bishop Brennan as he talks about his recent pastoral letter on Evangelization!
7:00 p.m. in Chancery Cantina

***All men are invited to join the Sons of St. Joseph
— no commitment required!***



BECOMING MEN OF FAITH JOIN THE SONS OF ST. JOSEPH

What a different world it would be if more men dedicated themselves to holiness and embraced their role as their family's spiritual leader.

The Sons of St. Joseph are a group of men committed to living a life of conversion, integrity, and honesty, acting as a witness for Jesus Christ in daily life, work, social, parish and family settings. The men of this ministry aim to emulate our patron St. Joseph and become better husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers.

Our hope is that participation in the Sons of St. Joseph will lead to invigorated spiritual lives of Catholic men, and by their positive influence, to that of our families, friends and co-workers.

All men are invited to join us!



SONS of
SAINT JOSEPH
WHEELING, WV

**"The world offers you comfort.
But you were not made for comfort.
You were made for greatness."**

- Pope Benedict XVI

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SPECIAL COLLECTION: JANUARY 26



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