

THE Cathedral Courier

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



27 July 2025



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE LORD'S PRAYER • JAMES TISSOT • 1896

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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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 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 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 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

July 27 - August 3, 2025

**SUN
27**

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for + Frank & Eve Purpura
7:30 am Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 am Mass for + Jack & Evelyn Jochum

**MON
28**

Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for + Liberato & Fe Lauron

**TUE
29**

Memorial of Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

12:05 pm Mass for + John F. Prascik

**WED
30**

Optional Memorial of St. Peter Chrysologus

12:05 pm Mass for + Daniel Schlosser

**THU
31**

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola

12:05 pm Mass for + Archbishop Francis B. Schulte
(Anniversary of Installation - 1985)

**FRI
1**

Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori First Friday Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

11:00 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for CCHS Class of 1948
12:45 pm Eucharistic Adoration begins
4:00 pm Holy Hour of Reparation & Benediction

**SAT
2**

Optional Memorial of St. Eusebius of Vercelli St. Peter Julian Eymard First Saturday

9:00 am Mass for + Thomas Gompers
11:00 am Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

**SUN
3**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Mass for + Helen Pasden
9:00 am Faith Sharing Book Club *(Rector)*
10:30 am Mass for + Joseph Truini

**The Rosary is prayed Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.
Please join us as we pray especially for
an increase in vocations in our diocese.**

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

Today we hear one of the most beloved and powerful teachings of Jesus: the Lord's Prayer. In response to His disciples' request, "Lord, teach us to pray," Jesus gives them—and us—words that have echoed through the centuries: "Our Father..." (Luke 11:1-13).

This prayer reminds us that God is not distant. He is close. He is a Father who knows our needs and listens with love. But Jesus doesn't just give us words—He encourages persistence. "Ask... seek... knock." Don't be afraid to bring your heart before God. He is not annoyed by our prayers. He delights in our trust.

Today we also celebrate the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, a beautiful reminder of the gift of generations before us. How many of us first learned to pray from a grandparent or elderly loved one? Their witness of quiet faith, their love, and their sacrifice have helped pass on the faith from one generation to the next. Let us take time today to thank them, to pray for them, and to cherish them. If your grandparents or elderly relatives are still living, reach out to them. If they have passed on, offer a prayer for the repose of their souls.

Prayer, passed down and lived out, strengthens our families and our Church. May we continue to grow in trust, asking each day for the grace we need, and drawing closer to the heart of our loving Father.



Let us keep one another in prayer.

In Christ,
Father Pen



August 1st is...
SAINT ALPHONSUS DAY!

JOIN US AT ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH FOR AN EXCITING DAY OF CELEBRATION FOR THE NAME SAKE OF OUR PARISH, SAINT ALPHONSUS!

The feast day celebration for Saint Alphonsus will begin on August 1st with mass at 6:00 p.m. A pizza dinner and Italian music are to follow Mass.

Attendees of the celebration will be granted V.I.P. access to the Christian Mothers Rummage Sale!

Cathedral Scholarship Deadline

Scholarship applications are now open for students who are parishioners—or whose parent, guardian, or grandparent is a parishioner—of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. **Application deadline: July 31, 2025. Please see the forms in the back of the church for more information and application requirements.**



Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, we have raised \$51,741—well beyond our goal of \$16,400! Every gift continues to support the vital ministries at the Cathedral. Your support is making a real difference, and we are deeply grateful for your continued partnership. If you haven't had the chance to contribute yet, there's still time to give! Simply scan the QR code below or return your pledge card today. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us continue our mission.



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

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

- July 26/27** - World Day for Grandparents & Elderly
- August 15** - Assumption Solemnity, Mass at 12:05pm & 6pm
- August 21** - "Become" Eucharistic Missionary Study, 6pm
- August 22** - Bishop Brennan's 6th Anniversary Mass
- August 27** - St. Monica Mass, 6pm
- September 6/7** - Celebration of Carlo Acutis Canonization
- September 8** - Infant of Prague Novena begins, 7pm
- September 15** - Stewardship Sunday

Become a Eucharistic Missionary

Three years ago, our bishops instituted the three-year National Eucharistic Revival movement with the vision of sending forth Eucharistic Missionaries to change our culture. As the formal three-year movement comes to a close, the crucial grassroots movement begins. **The time has come for Eucharistic Missionaries to go forth.**

We would like to invite you to continue fanning the flames of Eucharistic Revival alongside fellow parishioners through the 5-part "Become" Eucharistic Missionary study. This study was designed to formally equip those hoping to become Eucharistic Missionaries, and we will be joining thousands of others throughout the United States who are striving to lift Jesus high in the Blessed Sacrament so he can draw all men to himself.

Each session is full of rich theological content, powerful testimonies, and specific practices that Eucharistic Missionaries are called to implement in their lives for the upcoming year. This is a great opportunity to answer the call of our bishops and to dive even more deeply into the richness of our Eucharistic faith.

We really hope you'll join us on **Thursday, August 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chancery Cantina** (located behind the Cathedral Rectory - 1311 Byron St. Wheeling, WV 26003).

Please let us know if you're able to make it by emailing tgreenwood@dwc.org or calling the parish office at 304-233-4121.

MEMORIAL OFFERING



Sanctuary Candles

The Sanctuary Candles this week burn in honor of Bishop Brennan, the Clergy, and Faithful of the Cathedral

Donated by: Pete & Erin Cuffaro

COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE

July 20, 2025

Envelopes: \$1290 • Loose: \$1494 • Online: \$733 • Total: \$3517
Catholic Communications \$687 • Maintenance Fund \$90

Attendance: 274

Thank you for your generous support!



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of July 27

THIS SUNDAY

Genesis 18:20-32
Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13

MONDAY

Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34
Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23
Matthew 13:31-35

TUESDAY

Exodus 33:7-11; 34:4-9, 28
Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Luke 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY

Exodus 34:29-35
Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9
Matthew 13:44-46

THURSDAY

Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38
Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 8, 11
Matthew 13:47-53

FRIDAY

Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37
Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11
Matthew 13:54-58

SATURDAY

Leviticus 25:1, 8-17
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8
Matthew 14:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Luke 12:13-21

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.

St. Michael's Lent Starting August 15

A Call to Prayer, Discipline, and Brotherhood

Prayer, discipline, and friendship are pillars of the spiritual life—but it can be difficult to know how to pursue them and even harder to stay on track. That's why the men of our parish are invited to take part in St. Michael's Lent, a 40-day period of spiritual renewal inspired by the example of St. Francis of Assisi.

Though less well-known than Lent before Easter, St. Michael's Lent is a long-standing Catholic tradition. St. Francis began observing this penitential season in the 13th century, dedicating it to prayer and fasting in honor of St. Michael the Archangel. He believed that just as the holy Archangel defends the Church in the spiritual battle, so too must each Christian man take up arms through prayer and self-denial for the good of his soul and the protection of others.

This year's St. Michael's Lent begins on August 15th, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and continues until September 29th, the Feast of the Archangels: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Over those forty-five days, men will be invited to pursue greater freedom in Christ through prayer, asceticism, and fraternity—following a path that over 100,000 men worldwide have already walked through Exodus 90.



This year's spiritual guides are two Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Fr. Innocent and Fr. Angelus, who will accompany participants with weekly videos, reflections, and encouragement rooted in the Franciscan spirit.

We invite all men of the parish—of every age and stage of life—to join us. Whether you're looking to jumpstart your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God, or simply walk alongside other men who desire holiness, St. Michael's Lent is for you. To learn more or sign up, visit exodus90.com.



“Receive this Scapular and be clothed in the mantle of Our Lady.” It is with these words that Father Pen enrolled more than 100 people in the Brown Scapular during a beautiful Mass on Wednesday, July 16 for the Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The Cathedral was filled with prayer, devotion, and love for Our Lady, who draws us ever closer to her Son. Thank you to everyone who joined us! May we always remain under the protection of her holy mantle!

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.

Service Evening
Wednesday, July 30 at 7:00 p.m.
Good Shepherd Nursing Home

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Sisters in Grace Women's Group

The Sisters in Grace are a joyful group of Catholic women who grow in faith through prayer, fellowship, and service. Open to women of all ages, they foster sisterhood, deepen their relationship with God, and support the Church and community. For more information, please contact Stephanie at thebugajs@gmail.com

St. Monica Prayer Group

Wednesday, August 6 at 6:00 p.m. | St. Alphonsus Hall
 Join the St. Monica Prayer Group as we unite in prayer for loved ones who have wandered from the Faith.

Faith Sharing Book Club

Sunday, August 3 at 9:00 a.m. | Rectory
 Our book club provides a unique opportunity for parishioners to come together and explore the richness of Catholic literature and spiritual writings.



St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry

The St. Gianna Pro-Life Group at our Cathedral promotes the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. Inspired by St. Gianna Molla, the group raises awareness, advocates for the unborn, and supports women and families in need. For more information or for prayer support, contact Amy at (304) 312-9051.



Adult Faith Formation

Our Adult Faith Formation will resume on Thursday, August 21 with a five-week course on becoming Eucharistic Missionaries! Please see page 4 for more details and sign up today!

Catholics in Recovery

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. | St. Alphonsus Hall
 This program offers support for those facing addictions and unhealthy attachments - including alcohol, drugs, pornography, relationships, food, gambling, and anxiety. Come for yourself or someone you love who is struggling. For more information, please e-mail Fr. John Soplinski at jsoplinski@dwc.org or call the parish office at 304-233-4121.

Stewardship Reflection

On this Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray and assures them that the Father gives good gifts to those who ask. Stewardship begins with a relationship of trust in God—a Father who hears us, provides for us, and invites us to depend on Him. As stewards, we are called to be people of prayer, asking not only for our needs but for hearts open to God's will. In prayer, we receive the grace to give, to serve, and to live with generosity and faith.

Seniors Group

Wednesday, August 20
Lunch at 1:00 p.m.
Oglebay Garden Bistro



If you are 55 years and over and searching for a group that shares conversation, friendship, fun, and spiritual activities, there is a group at the Cathedral just for you!

August 2/3 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Greeter	Altar Server	Reader	EMHC
Saturday 6:00 pm	Lee B. Deirdre B.	Martin I. Liam G.	Charla F. Angie G.	Patti D.
Sunday 7:30 am	Debbie R. Paul R.	Tamora M. Sarah M.	Mark B. Susanna K.	Philippa S.
Sunday 10:30 am	Diane F. Linda F.	The Brown Family	Amy M. Richard M.	Cathy L. Catherine L.
Collection Counters for this Week		Leslie M., Deb. Y.		

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope



The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has designated four pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year 2025, including our own Cathedral of St. Joseph!

The other sites are the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart (Charleston), St. Patrick Church (Weston), and St. Joseph Parish (Martinsburg).

From now until December 28, 2025, the faithful are invited to visit these locations to obtain a Jubilee Indulgence, as called for by Pope Francis. To receive this special grace, pilgrims must:

Make a brief pilgrimage to one of the designated sites as a sign of conversion and hope.

Pray—by participating in Holy Mass, Liturgy of the Hours, the Stations of the Cross, or the Rosary.

Confess—receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation within 20 days before or after the pilgrimage.

Receive Holy Communion, reflecting on the hope God gives.

Pray for the Holy Father and his intentions, with the Our Father and Hail Mary recommended.

A Plenary Indulgence may be applied to oneself or a soul in purgatory and can be obtained once per day.

For a full list of Jubilee pilgrimage sites in the U.S., visit www.usccb.org/jubilee2025/pilgrimage-sites-us

Let us embrace this sacred time as Pilgrims of Hope!



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Church Bells

Question:

Why do churches have bells outside?

Answer:

Church bells have been a prominent feature of Christian worship for centuries, serving both practical and spiritual purposes. Historically, they were used to call the faithful to prayer, signaling the beginning of Mass, Vespers, or other important liturgical events. Bells also marked significant moments such as the Angelus, the midday prayer. In times before widespread clocks, bells served as timekeepers, helping the community stay in sync with the rhythm of prayer and work.

The sound of church bells is deeply symbolic. Their ringing is a call to worship, signaling that something holy is happening within the church. The tone and rhythm of the bells can evoke a sense of reverence and remind people of the divine presence in their lives. Additionally, bells are a way to sanctify the surrounding area, as the sound carries over the community, spreading a spiritual atmosphere beyond the church walls.

At the Cathedral, our bells hold a unique and meaningful history. Cast in 1925 by the McShane Bell Foundry Company in Baltimore, these bells are both a connection to our past and a testament to our ongoing faith. The largest bell, dedicated to St. Patrick and Bishop Patrick J. Donahue, weighs an impressive 2,000 pounds and chimes in the tone of E. The second bell, dedicated to St. John and Bishop John J. Kain, weighs 1,000 pounds and chimes in G sharp, while the third bell, dedicated to St. Vincent and Bishop Richard V. Whelan, weighs 650 pounds and chimes in B. Before being hung, each bell was anointed with sacred oils, a traditional ritual that sanctifies their use. These bells were restored in 1990 and again in 2009 by the Verdin Company, ensuring that their timeless call continues to echo through our community.

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



CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE FUND

Our beautiful Cathedral, rich in history and faith, needs essential repairs to preserve it for future generations. Three critical projects have been identified:

Roof Repairs: A major leak threatens interior damage — estimated at \$145,000

Wall Repairs: Cracked limestone near a transept window needs urgent repair — \$9,680

HVAC Replacement: Our aging system and obsolete refrigerant require full replacement — \$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.

So far we have received \$35,836 in donations. Thank you for your support!

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GATHERING OF . . .

MOUNTAIN STATE CATHOLIC MEN

Friday, September 12
St. Joseph Cathedral Parish
Wheeling, WV

5:30 P.M. EXPOSITION OF
BLESSED SACRAMENT & VESPERS

6:30 P.M. INFORMAL DINNER
FOLLOWED BY ROUNDTABLE
DISCUSSION

Saturday, September 13
Pittsburgh, PA

Gathering of Catholic Men's Conference
Noon to 4:30 p.m. (Mass at 4:30 p.m.)

For more information and to register for
Pittsburgh conference, go to:

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