

# THE Cathedral Courier

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



15 March 2026



*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

HEALING OF THE MAN BORN BLIND • LIVIO AGRESTI • 1556

# 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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### 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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# Masses & Schedule

March 15 - 22, 2026

## SUN 15 Fourth Sunday of Lent *Laetare Sunday*

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for + Francie Kay Martin  
7:30 am Mass for the Parishioners  
9:00 am OCIA (*Cantina*)  
10:30 am Mass for + Blaine Cordery  
6:00 pm Vespers

## MON 16 Lenten Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for + Philip Paytash

## TUE 17 Lenten Weekday Optional Memorial of St. Patrick

12:05 pm Mass for + Charles Ballouz

## WED 18 Lenten Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for + Chapman/Owens Family

## THU 19 Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 pm Mass for + Sister Mary Florence Burke, CSJ  
5:00 pm Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass  
6:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner (*St. Alphonsus*)  
7:00 pm Catholics in Recovery (*St. Alphonsus*)

## FRI 20 Lenten Weekday

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



## SAT 21 Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Mass for + Jack & Rosemarie Winiesdorffer  
11:00 am Confessions  
6:00 pm Mass for + Palma Sheldon

## SUN 22 Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am Mass for the Parishioners  
9:00 am OCIA (*Cantina*)  
10:30 am Mass for + Jeff Smay  
6:00 pm Vespers

# RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, often called Laetare Sunday, the Church invites us to rejoice. Even in the middle of our Lenten journey, we are reminded that Easter is drawing near. The readings today speak about light, and the Gospel tells the story of Jesus healing the man born blind (John 9:1-41). Through this miracle, Jesus shows that He is the Light of the world, the one who opens our eyes so that we may see the truth and live in faith.

This Thursday we celebrate the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the patron of our Cathedral parish, our Diocese, and the Universal Church. I encourage you to join us as we celebrate this special feast day with Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus, followed by a Spaghetti Dinner in the parish hall, hosted by the Sons of St. Joseph.

This weekend is also Commitment Weekend for the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Through this appeal, we join together as a Catholic family across our Diocese to support important ministries such as Catholic education, vocations, outreach to the poor, and care for retired priests. Once we reach 50% of our goal of \$19,820, every dollar given beyond that comes directly back to support our parish. This appeal truly makes a difference here and throughout the Diocese, and I thank you in advance for your generosity.

As we continue through Lent, let us ask God to open our eyes so that we may see His grace more clearly and follow Him more faithfully.

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.**

### LENTE DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



*The Solemnity of*  
**St. Joseph**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19**

**5:00 PM  
MASS**

**6:00 PM  
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Homemade Spaghetti, Sausage,  
Meatballs, Salad, Bread, and Dessert  
DINNER PROVIDED BY THE SONS OF ST. JOSEPH  
DONATIONS WILL BE KINDLY ACCEPTED

*Please RSVP by March 15  
by using the sign up sheets  
or calling the parish office  
at 304-232-4353*



ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH  
2111 MARKET STREET  
WHEELING, WV



Since its inception in 2007, the Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) has supported important ministries across West Virginia, helping strengthen our parishes, support Catholic education, and serve those in need. The CSA unites us as a diocesan family in God's love, providing funding both for our parish and for shared ministries of evangelization, education, and outreach throughout the state.

**This weekend is Commitment Weekend, a time for us to come together to support these important shared ministries. Our Cathedral parish goal is \$19,820, and everything raised beyond 50% of that goal comes directly back to our parish.**

You can contribute securely online via the QR code below, by mailing the pledge cards available in the back of the church, or by dropping the same pledge card in the collection basket.



**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 •

- March 19** - St. Joseph Mass & Dinner, 5:00pm at St. Alphonsus
- March 24** - Penance Service, 6:00pm at St. Alphonsus
- March 25** - Healing Mass, 6:00pm at St. Alphonsus
- March 29** - Palm Sunday
- April 2** - Holy Thursday
- April 3** - Good Friday
- April 4** - Holy Saturday
- April 5** - Easter Sunday
- April 20** - Vespers on the Eve of the 100th Anniversary, 6:00pm
- April 21** - Cathedral 100th Anniversary Mass, 5:00pm

## Flower Donations

**As we prepare for the celebration of Easter and our Cathedral's Centennial on April 21, we invite you to help us decorate our Cathedral with flowers for these joyful occasions.**



Donations may be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Flowers." If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please complete the flyer inserted in this weekend's bulletin or available in the back of church. Thank you for helping make our Cathedral especially beautiful for these celebrations.

## Help Us Celebrate Our Cathedral's 100th Anniversary

As we prepare for the 100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St. Joseph on April 21, we are collecting photos from our parishioners and friends to create a slideshow that will be shown at the reception following the Anniversary Mass that day.

**If you have pictures from family sacraments or other special moments at the Cathedral, please drop off a copy at the Cathedral Parish Offices or e-mail a digital version to Gregory Gust at [ggust@dwc.org](mailto:ggust@dwc.org).**

## Thank You!

Thank you to all who contributed to last week's second collection for the Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA) Fund. Your generosity will help provide essential support for our diocesan priests who have devoted their lives to serving the Church. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

## COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE

**March 8, 2026**

Envelopes: \$1430 • Loose: \$1033 • Online: \$1357 • **Total: \$3820**  
Diocesan Priests Retirement: \$1650 • Maintenance Fund: \$220

Attendance: 253

**Thank you for your generous support!**



## SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of March 15

### THIS SUNDAY

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

### MONDAY

Isaiah 65:17-21  
Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13  
John 4:43-54

### TUESDAY

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12  
Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9  
John 5:1-16

### WEDNESDAY

Isaiah 49:8-15  
Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18  
John 5:17-30

### THURSDAY

2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16  
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29  
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24

### FRIDAY

Wisdom 2:1, 12-22  
Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21, 23  
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### SATURDAY

Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Ps 7:2-3, 9-10, 11-12  
John 7:40-53

### NEXT SUNDAY

Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:1-45

*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. Joseph: The Quiet Strength of a Faithful Man Learning from the Guardian of the Holy Family

Each year on March 19, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Though the Gospels record very few words about him, the life of St. Joseph speaks powerfully through his actions. In many ways, his quiet faithfulness has made him one of the most beloved saints in the history of the Church.

Scripture tells us that Joseph was “a righteous man” (Matthew 1:19). This simple description reveals much about his character. Joseph lived in deep obedience to God. When the angel appeared to him in a dream and told him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife, Joseph responded immediately and without hesitation. Later, when he was warned to flee to Egypt to protect the child Jesus from King Herod, he again rose in the night and did exactly as the Lord commanded.

Joseph did not ask for recognition or praise. He simply listened and acted.

This quiet obedience is what makes St. Joseph such a powerful example for us today. In a world that often values attention and success above all else, Joseph reminds us that holiness is often lived in hidden ways, through daily faithfulness, responsibility, and trust in God.

Pope Pius IX recognized the importance of Joseph’s role when he declared him Patron of the Universal Church in 1870. Just as Joseph protected and cared for the Holy Family, the Church entrusts herself to his fatherly protection today.

St. Joseph is also a model for fathers, workers, and all who seek to live their vocation faithfully. As a carpenter in

Nazareth, he lived a simple life of labor and service. Yet through that ordinary life, he played an extraordinary role in God’s plan of salvation. By providing for Mary and Jesus, by teaching Jesus his trade, and by creating a home of stability and love, Joseph helped prepare the way for Christ’s mission in the world.



Saint John Paul II once reflected that Joseph shared in “the mystery of the Incarnation as no other human being except Mary.” Joseph stood at the very heart of the mystery of Christ’s coming into the world, entrusted with protecting and raising the Son of God.

Perhaps what is most striking about St. Joseph is his silence. The Gospels record no spoken words from him. Yet his life speaks

volumes. Through his humility, courage, and unwavering trust in God, Joseph teaches us that holiness is not always dramatic. Often it is found in doing the will of God quietly, faithfully, and day by day.

As we prepare to celebrate his feast, the Church invites us to turn to St. Joseph with renewed devotion. He remains a powerful intercessor for families, for workers, for fathers, and for anyone seeking guidance in times of uncertainty.

In our own lives, when we face difficult decisions or uncertain paths, we can look to St. Joseph and ask for his help. Like him, we are called to listen for God’s voice and respond with trust.

And like Joseph, we are invited to believe that even the most ordinary moments of life can become part of God’s extraordinary plan.

# 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.

**Thursday, March 19 at 5:00 pm**  
**St. Joseph Feast Day Mass & Dinner**  
**St. Alphonsus Church**

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## St. Monica Prayer Group

**Wednesday, April 1 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, April 11 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent, we hear the story of Jesus healing the man born blind. Through this miracle, Jesus reveals that He is the light of the world, opening not only physical eyes but the eyes of faith. As Christian stewards, we are invited to allow Christ's light to guide our lives and shape the way we use the gifts God has given us. When we truly see with the eyes of faith, we are moved to live with greater gratitude, generosity, and trust in the Lord.

## 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)**

## Sisters in Grace Women's Group

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SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST  
 12 NOON  
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 BLESSINGS AND  
 GOOD FORTUNE.



## 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!  
**Join us as we attend the Fish Fry at St. Alphonsus on Friday, March 20 at 1:00 p.m.**



## Catholics in Recovery

**Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. | St. Alphonsus Hall**

This program offers support for those facing addictions and unhealthy attachments of any kind. Come for yourself or someone you love who is struggling.

## March 21/22 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Greeter	Altar Server	Reader	EMHC
<b>Saturday 6:00 pm</b>	Lee B. Deirdre B.	Martin I.	Richard M. Roberta S.	Judy M. Patti D.
<b>Sunday 7:30 am</b>	Debbie R. Paul R.	Sarah M. Tamora M.	Pat F. Philippa S.	Julia S. Tamora M.
<b>Sunday 10:30 am</b>	Linda F. Sarah C.	Martin I. The Brown Family	Rose Marie C. Jim E.	John T. Debbie T.
<b>Collection Counters for this Week</b>		Deb Y., Leslie M.		

# LIVING OUR FAITH

## PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the light of the world, who opens our eyes and leads us out of darkness. During this Fourth Week of Lent, shine your light upon our hearts. Heal our blindness, strengthen our faith, and help us to see the truth of your love more clearly each day. May your light guide our steps, that we may walk as children of the light and reflect your goodness to the world. Amen.

## THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION

### March: For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph, the humble and faithful guardian of the Holy Family. We know little about him beyond the Gospels, but his silent obedience speaks volumes. Scripture calls him a "just man," and the Church turns to him as Patron of the Universal Church, a model of fatherhood, and a powerful intercessor in times of need. His example of faith, humility, and trust in God's plan continues to inspire countless people today.

### Ways to Honor St. Joseph

- Ask St. Joseph for Help in Your Work
- Get a Statue of St. Joseph for your home
- Pray a Novena to St. Joseph

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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

**Edward & Julia Schafer**  
**John Helfer, Jr.**

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



## Please remember in your prayers:

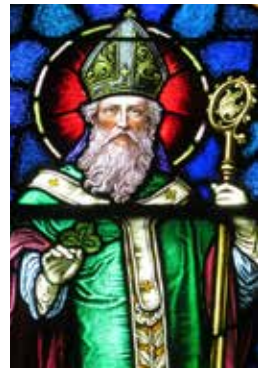
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Blanche Kirkland	Julia Sheets	Pat Edmon
Charlie Gotard	Laine Castello	Pete Cuffaro
Cheryl Garrison	Maria Workman	Susan Ackerman
Crystal Vines	Marsha Bartlett	Susanna Kress

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### Saint Patrick (c. 385–461)

*Feast Day: March 17*

Saint Patrick, the beloved Apostle of Ireland, was born in Roman Britain but was kidnapped as a teenager and taken to Ireland as a slave. After years of hardship, he escaped, but later returned as a missionary, bringing the Gospel to the Irish people.



Through his preaching and miracles, he converted many, using the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. He established churches, schools, and monasteries, helping to shape Ireland into a strong Christian nation.

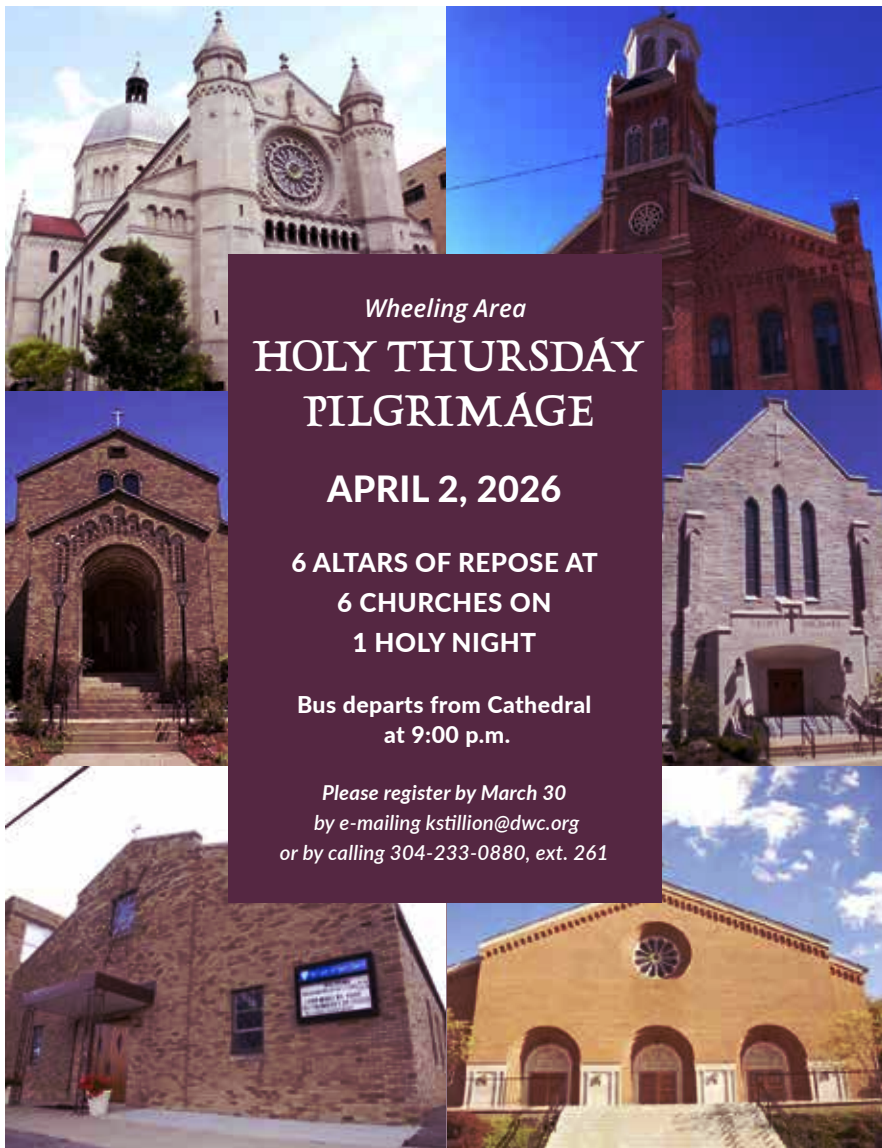
*St. Patrick, pray for us!*

## Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers:

**Jeffrey Smay**  
**Charles "Chuck" Michaels**  
**Charlie Ballouz**

*We offer our prayerful condolences to their families and all who mourn their loss.*



*Wheeling Area*  
**HOLY THURSDAY  
 PILGRIMAGE**  
**APRIL 2, 2026**  
**6 ALTARS OF REPOSE AT  
 6 CHURCHES ON  
 1 HOLY NIGHT**  
**Bus departs from Cathedral  
 at 9:00 p.m.**  
*Please register by March 30  
 by e-mailing [kstillion@dwc.org](mailto:kstillion@dwc.org)  
 or by calling 304-233-0880, ext. 261*

## Leave a Legacy Gift

Do you hold the Cathedral close to your heart? Including it in your will or estate plan is a meaningful way to ensure our faith and ministry continue for generations.

### You can:

- Name the Cathedral as a beneficiary on an account
- Leave a specific gift in your Will or Trust
- Designate a percentage of your estate

### Wording for bequests:

"Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church of Wheeling-Charleston, for the use and benefit of the Rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, WV, for the Cathedral."

Thank you for considering this lasting gift of faith!



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained: *Testifying to Faith*

### Question:

The Bible talks a lot about "testifying" or "giving testimony" to our faith. That makes me think of a courtroom. What does testifying to faith look like in everyday life?

### Answer:

The courtroom image isn't too far off for some Christians. The Church has often been persecuted, and it was especially intense in the early days of the Church, when Acts and the various epistles were being written. For persecuted Christians, it did mean attesting publicly to their faith in Jesus Christ, sometimes before harsh judges. To testify is to bear witness, and this is something we are all called to do.

The call of Jesus is, first and foremost, a call to conversion of life. It is a repentance from sin, a casting off of old ways of seeing and moving in the world. The Christian life is one of transformation, becoming more and more like our God of love. In one sense, to testify to faith should happen naturally as we live like Jesus did. Our lives should bear witness in the respect we accord to others and the uncompromising dignity we honor in them. We bear witness in our gratitude, in our joy, in our hope in God's power and grace. This is where we start! Sometimes others might inquire, as St. Peter puts it, as to "a reason for your hope." Now you're on the stand! It's time to offer, "with gentleness and reverence," the Good News of the Gospel (c.f. 1 Peter 3:15-16).

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

# HAPPENING AROUND THE AREA



Join Us for the  
100th Anniversary of the  
Cathedral of Saint Joseph

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

1300 Eoff Street | Wheeling, WV 26003

Reception to follow in the Great Hall  
Central Catholic High School



Scan the QR code to RSVP  
by Tuesday, April 7, 2026

If you are unable to RSVP via the QR code, or have questions, please contact  
Tyler Greenwood at tgreenwood@dwc.org or 304-233-4121.

CELEBRATE  
*Easter*  
WITH US!

Easter Egg Hunt for the Little Ones

Easter Hat Show-Off for the Adults

Coffee & Donuts for All

**Easter Sunday,  
April 5 @ 12 noon**

Stations of the Cross Garden  
(Across from Cathedral Rectory)

THE Cathedral of St. Joseph

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)

2111 MARKET ST, WHEELING (IN GYM)

**Easter Basket Blessing**

@ St. Alphonsus Church  
2111 Market Street, Wheeling

**Saturday, April 4**  
(Holy Saturday)  
1:00 pm

*Bring a prepared basket with our family's  
Easter foods:*

**meats-cheese-butter-eggs-wine  
breads-candy-cake-salt**



# LENT & HOLY WEEK

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



2026

## LENT

### 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 24

6:00 PM (St. Alphonsus)

“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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