

THE Cathedral Courier

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

2 March 2025



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CEILING MOSAIC OF BAPTISTERY OF ST. JOHN • 13TH CENTURY • FLORENCE, ITALY

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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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: 11:00 am to 12 Noon
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

March 2 - 9, 2025

SUN 2	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for the Parishioners 8:00 am Mass for + Frank Pasden 9:00 am Faith Sharing Book Club (<i>Rectory</i>) 9:15 am Confirmation Class (<i>Parish Offices</i>) 10:30 am Mass for + Wib Breiding
MON 3	Optional Memorial of St. Katherine Drexel	12:05 pm Mass for the Chapman/Owens Family
TUE 4	Optional Memorial of St. Casimir	12:05 pm Mass for + John Petrella 7:30 pm Young Adults Bible Study (<i>Parish Office</i>)
WED 5	Ash Wednesday 	12:05 pm Mass for the Parishioners 7:00 pm Mass for Mary Leahy
THU 6	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	12:05 pm Mass for + Kristin Sacco Smith 7:00 pm Images of Jesus (<i>Chancery Cantina</i>) 7:30 pm Catholics in Recovery (<i>St. Alphonsus Hall</i>)
FRI 7	Friday after Ash Wednesday  Optional Memorial of Sts. Pereptua and Felicity First Friday	11:15 am Confessions 12:05 pm Mass for + Carole Sacco 12:45 pm Eucharistic Adoration Begins 1:00 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy 2:00 pm Pro-Life Rosary 4:00 pm Holy Hour of Reparation 5:45 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm Simple Lenten Meal (<i>Chancery Cantina</i>)
SAT 8	Saturday after Ash Wednesday Optional Memorial of St. John of God	9:00 am Mass for the + John Comack IV 9:30 am Rosary 11:00 am Confessions 5:00 pm Confessions 6:00 pm Mass for + Eve Purpura
SUN 9	First Sunday of Lent	8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners 9:15 am Confirmation Class (<i>Parish Offices</i>) 10:30 am Mass for + Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery 6:00 pm Vespers

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

This Wednesday, we begin the holy season of Lent, a time to turn our hearts back to God. In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good" (Lk 6:45). Our words and actions reflect what is inside us. Lent is a time to fill our hearts with God's grace so that we may live more fully in His love.

I invite and encourage you to make this Lent fruitful by taking part in the many opportunities for prayer and spiritual growth here at the Cathedral. On Friday afternoons, we will have Eucharistic Adoration, followed by the Stations of the Cross and a Simple Lenten Meal. On Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m., our Schola will sing Vespers (Evening Prayer), a beautiful way to pray together as a parish family. There is also an extra opportunity for Confession on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. If you have not been to Confession in a long time, this is a good time to return. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we meet God's mercy and receive His strength to begin again.

As we continue this time of Eucharistic Revival, I encourage you to take up the call to "Walk With One." Think of someone who may need a gentle invitation—perhaps a family member, a friend, or coworker who has been away from the Church. Pray for them and consider inviting them to Mass or a Lenten devotion, such as the Stations of the Cross. Small acts of encouragement and accompaniment can make a great difference in someone's spiritual journey.

Lent is not only about what we give up—it is about what we gain. When we seek the Lord with open hearts, He fills us with peace, joy, and strength. Let us walk together in this season, trusting that every step we take toward God will bring blessings that will last far beyond these forty days.

Yours in Christ,
Father Pen

Lenten Resources

Stop by the narthex to pick up helpful materials for your Lenten journey.

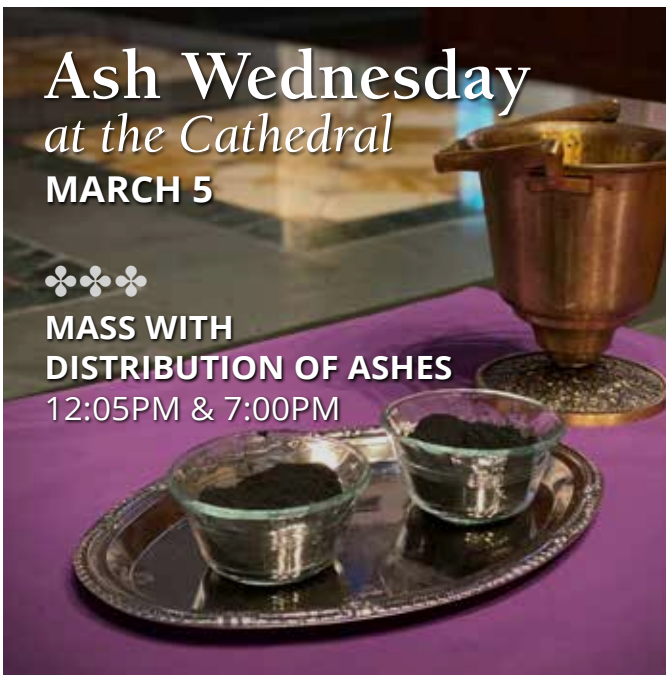
- Magnificat Lenten Companion
- CRS Rice Bowls
- Pamphlets
- Prayer Cards



Ash Wednesday at the Cathedral MARCH 5



**MASS WITH
DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**
12:05PM & 7:00PM



50/50 RAFFLE

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19
SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH
RECEPTION FOLLOWING 6PM MASS**



**1 TICKET - \$5
3 TICKETS - \$10**

**TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER WEEKEND MASSES:
MARCH 8/9 & MARCH 15/16
AND AT THE DOOR ON MARCH 19**

Baby Bottle Campaign

On Sunday, March 9, members of the Knights of Columbus, Council 504, will be distributing baby bottles as part of their annual Baby Bottle Fundraising Campaign. We ask that you please fill these bottles with loose change throughout the Lenten Season. They will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 13. All proceeds will be given to local organizations that provide support to women and children

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

- March 4** - St. Gianna Pro-Life Group, 6:00pm
- March 5** - Ash Wednesday, Mass at 12:05pm and 7:00pm
- March 7** - First Friday
- March 12** - St. Monica Prayer Group, 7:00pm
- March 18** - Solemnity of St. Joseph Evening Prayer, 6:00pm
- March 19** - Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass, 12:05pm & 6:00pm



“Alleluia” is one of the few Hebrew words adopted by the Christian Church from apostolic times. It means “Praise the Lord!” Since we now bid farewell to the word “alleluia” and cease to use it during our liturgies in Lent, the music for this weekend will be filled with “alleluias.”

Disaster Assistance Fund Collection

March 1/2

Bishop Mark Brennan has approved a special collection to support recovery efforts following the devastating flooding in West Virginia. Collections will be held the weekends of February 22-23 and March 1-2 in all parishes. Donations will remain in the state and be managed by Catholic Charities West Virginia to assist affected families and communities. Checks should be made out to your parish with “Disaster Relief” in the memo line, or donations can be made online at dwc.org/disaster-relief or by scanning the QR code. Please keep all those impacted in your prayers.



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

February 23, 2025

Envelopes: \$1853 • Loose: \$719 • Online: \$540 • Total: \$3112
Maintenance Fund \$340 • Music Ministry: \$300

Attendance: 238

Thank you for your generous support!



SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of MARCH 2

THIS SUNDAY

Sirach 27:4-7
Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

MONDAY

Sirach 17:20-24
Ps 31:1-2, 5, 6, 7
Mark 10:17-27

TUESDAY

Sirach 35:1-12
Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23
Mark 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY

Joel 2:12-18
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17
2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
Luke 9:22-24

FRIDAY

Isaiah 58:1-9
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 18-19
Matthew 9:14-15

SATURDAY

Isaiah 58:9-14
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Luke 5:27-32

NEXT SUNDAY

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

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.



Cathedral of St. Joseph Named Pilgrimage Site

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.

On the first Sunday of each month, at the principal Mass (10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph), special recognition and blessings will be given to visiting pilgrims.

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!



FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

Wheeling Nailers vs. Cincinnati Cyclones
Webanco Arena, Wheeling

 **Sunday, March 16, 2025**  **4:10 PM**

Pre-Game Celebration of Faith & Testimonials from Players

If you plan to attend, please contact the parish office at 304-233-4121 or email tgreenwood@dwc.org to purchase one of our group tickets by March 3.

GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Faith Sharing Book Club

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

Our Faith Sharing Book Club is currently reading "Habits for Holiness" by Father Mark Mary Ames, pages 1-66. All are welcome to our next gathering!



Young Adults Bible Study

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

Join our Young Adults Bible Study for inspiring discussions, meaningful fellowship, and an opportunity to grow in faith!



Adult Faith Formation

Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. | Parish Offices

Hearts on Fire is our adult faith formation program, designed to ignite a deeper passion for Christ and His Church through engaging study and discussion. For information on enrolling in our next course, please contact Tyler Greenwood at tgreenwood@dwc.org or 304-233-4121.



St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry

Friday Prayers & Fasts for Life

This Lent, we invite you to join us in fasting each Friday for pro-life needs. Each week, we'll feature one of our associated pro-life ministries. We ask you to fast from a good that you enjoy, and focus on the greater good God is doing through these ministries to create a culture of life, and of course, to pray for them. We are devoting Friday afternoons during Lent to these prayers!

This Friday, please join us after the

- 12:05 p.m. Cathedral Mass
- 12:45 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 1:00 p.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 2:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Holy Hour of Reparation
- 5:45 p.m. Benediction
- 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Come grow with us!
Please join us at our next meeting:
Tuesday, March 4th
at St. Alphonsus
6:00p Pro-Life Rosary (Church)
6:30p Meeting (Downstairs)



The Sons of St. Joseph Prepare for Ash Wednesday

This past Wednesday evening, the Sons of St. Joseph gathered to prayerfully burn palms, preparing the ashes that will be used at our Ash Wednesday Masses. Afterward, they shared a great time of fellowship together.

March 8/9 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Greeter	Altar Server	Reader	EMHC
Saturday 6:00 pm	Lee B. Deirdre B.	Martin I. Stephen L.	Charla F. Richard M.	Judy R. Paul R.
Sunday 8:00 am	Debbie R. Paul R.	Sarah M. Tamora M.	Jim E. Philippa S.	Julia S. Philippa S.
Sunday 10:30 am	Sarah C. Linda F.	The Brown Family Martin I.	Angie G. Robert B.	Nick T. John T.
Collection Counters for this Week		Helen P. Julia S., Carolyn W.		

LIVING OUR FAITH



NEW
Confession
TIME



SATURDAYS
11:00 a.m.
to 12 Noon

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION

March: For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Heavenly Father, as we enter Lent, open our hearts to Your grace and lead us in repentance. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, help us draw closer to Christ and His sacrifice for us. May the ashes upon our foreheads remind us of our need for mercy and the hope of new life in You. Strengthen us to walk this Lenten journey with faith, humility, and love. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

Blanche Kirkland	Marsha Bartlett	Our Homebound
Joe Bechtel	Pat Edmon	Parishioners
Joyce Hehr	Pete Cuffaro	Pope Francis
Maria Workman	Stephanie Bugaj	

LENTEN 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 month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph, the humble and faithful guardian of the Holy Family. We don't know much about him except what is mentioned in the Gospels, but his silent obedience speaks volumes. Holy Scripture proclaims him as a "just man," and the Church has turned to Joseph for his patronage and protection, honoring him as the Patron of the Universal Church, a model of fatherhood, and a powerful intercessor in times of need. His example of faith, humility, and unwavering 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
- Participate in our Novena and St. Joseph Solemnity Celebrations this Month (see page 10)

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Katherine Drexel (1858-1955)

Feast Day: March 3

St. Katharine Drexel, a wealthy heiress from Philadelphia, dedicated her life and fortune to serving marginalized communities, especially Native Americans and African Americans. Moved by the injustices they faced, she founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, focusing on education and social justice.



She established schools across the U.S., including Xavier University of Louisiana, the first Catholic university for African Americans. Katharine's deep love for the Eucharist fueled her mission, and she spent her life advocating for dignity, equality, and faith. Canonized in 2000, she is a model of generosity and service.

St. Katherine Drexel, pray for us!



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 \$10,385 in donations. Thank you for your support!



SUNG

SOLEMN VESPERS

Music by The Cathedral Schola

SUNDAYS OF LENT
6:00 PM


THE Cathedral of St. Joseph
1300 EOFF STREET, WHEELING



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Ash Wednesday Ashes

Question:

Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

Answer:

Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned "out of the dust of the ground" and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.

As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either "remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return" or "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We're reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.

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



LENT & HOLY WEEK

JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN HOPE
DURING THE JUBILEE YEAR



2025

LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY | MARCH 5

Masses 12:05 PM & 7:00 PM

VESPERS (SUNG EVENING PRAYER)

Sundays 6:00 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays 12:45 PM to 5:45 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays 6:00 PM

SIMPLE LENTEN MEAL

Fridays 6:30 PM

CONFESSIONS

Fridays 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM

Saturdays 11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

Saturdays 5:00 PM to 5:45 PM

PENANCE SERVICE | APRIL 8

6:00 PM

“Let us journey together in hope, for we have been given a promise. May the hope that does not disappoint, the central message of the Jubilee, be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter.”

— Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2025

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY | APRIL 13

Masses 6:00 PM (Saturday), 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Vespers 6:00 PM

CHRISM MASS | APRIL 15

4:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY | APRIL 17

Morning Prayer 9:00 AM

Confessions 12:00 NOON to 1:00 PM

Mass of the Lord’s Supper 6:00 PM

Adoration at Altar of Repose
following Mass until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY | APRIL 18

Morning Prayer 9:00 AM

Stations of the Cross 12:00 NOON

Seven Last Words 12:45 PM to 2:30 PM

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion 3:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY | APRIL 19

Morning Prayer 9:00 AM

Confessions 11:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

Easter Vigil 8:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 20

Masses 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Easter Egg Hunt following 10:30 am Mass



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2025 PATRONAL SOLEMNITY OF

St. Joseph

Join in Preparation:

- **MARCH 10 - 18**

Pray a Novena to St. Joseph
in preparation for the Solemnity
www.saintjosephcathedral.com

Join in Celebration:

- **MARCH 18 | TUESDAY**

6:00 p.m. Solemn Vespers

- **MARCH 19 | WEDNESDAY**

12:05 p.m. Mass

Bishop Mark E. Brennan, Celebrant

6:00 p.m. Mass

with Enshrinement of Icon

Reception to follow

Please bring canned food item for donation



The Cathedral of St. Joseph

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FOR LENT FOR LIFE



CRS Rice Bowl Celebrates its 50th Anniversary!

Since 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has helped faith communities encounter God and our global family throughout Lent by practicing:

- ▣ Daily prayer.
- ▣ Weekly fasting.
- ▣ Almsgiving.

Your help is still needed to make a difference!

This Lent, renew your commitment to supporting families facing hunger and malnutrition so that all may live with dignity.

Pick up your Rice Bowl in the narthex of the church this weekend!

Find stories, videos and more at crsricebowl.org

