

THE Cathedral Courier

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

23 March 2025



Third Sunday of Lent

ANNUNCIATION STAINED GLASS WINDOW • FEAST DAY: MARCH 25

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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Bulletin articles are due by 12 Noon on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

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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The Mother Church of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston



Masses & Schedule

March 23 - 30, 2025

SUN 23 Third Sunday of Lent

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for + Nepomuceno Dario
8:00 am Mass for + Elizabeth Wilson
9:15 am Confirmation Class (*Parish Offices*)
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners
6:00 pm Vespers

MON 24 Lenten Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for + John Petrella

TUE 25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

12:05 pm Mass for + Kristin Marie Sacco Smith
7:30 pm Young Adults Bible Study (*Parish Office*)

WED 26 Lenten Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for + Evelyn Ghaphery
7:00 pm Sons of St. Joseph

THU 27 Lenten Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for + Stella T. Crum & Family
7:30 pm Catholics in Recovery (*St. Alphonsus Hall*)

FRI 28 Lenten Weekday

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for + Bartholomew Purpura
12:45 pm Eucharistic Adoration Begins
1:00 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
4:45 pm Pro-Life Rosary
5:45 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm Simple Lenten Meal (*Chancery Cantina*)



SAT 29 Lenten Weekday

9:00 am Mass for the + Jack & Evelyn Jochum
9:30 am Rosary
11:00 am Confessions
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

SUN 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am Mass for + Janet Castilow
9:15 am Confirmation Class (*Parish Offices*)
10:30 am Mass for + Jack & Evelyn Jochum
6:00 pm Vespers

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

In today's Gospel (Luke 13:1-9), Jesus tells the parable of the barren fig tree—a tree that has not borne fruit for years. The owner of the vineyard wishes to cut it down, but the gardener pleads for more time, promising to care for it and cultivate it so that it may bear fruit. This is a powerful reminder of God's patience and mercy. He does not give up on us, even when we have failed to bear the fruit we should. Instead, He nurtures us, giving us every opportunity to grow in holiness and conversion. Lent is a time of grace—an opportunity for us to allow the Divine Gardener to tend to our souls, to help our faith to grow through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity.

As we move deeper into Lent, it is good to pause and reflect: How is my Lenten journey going? Many of us started with great enthusiasm, eager to pray more, fast faithfully, and be generous in acts of charity. But as the days pass, our initial excitement may fade, and we might struggle to keep up with the commitments we made on Ash Wednesday. It is easy to feel discouraged when we fall short, and the devil would love for us to believe that failing once means we have failed completely. But that is not true—God does not ask for perfection, only perseverance. If we have stumbled, the important thing is to get back up, renew our efforts, and keep going. Every moment is an opportunity to return to the Lord and allow Him to continue His work within us.

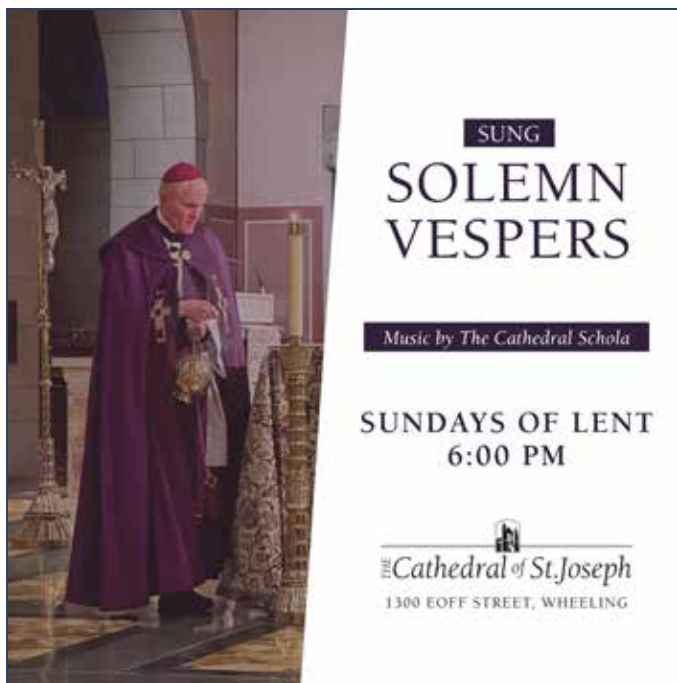
This week, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation on Tuesday, March 25. On this day, we recall the moment when the Angel Gabriel appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary, announcing that she had been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary's "yes" changed the course of history—her trust in God's plan brought about our salvation. As we continue our Lenten journey, may we learn from Mary's example of faith and surrender, allowing God's will to take root in our hearts and bear fruit in our lives.

Let us not waste this season of grace! The Lord is giving us this time to grow, to repent, and to bear good fruit. May we open our hearts to His mercy and continue walking faithfully with Him toward the joy of Easter.

Yours in Christ,
Father Pen

• *Thank You* •

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who helped make our St. Joseph Celebrations this past Wednesday so special. A special thank you to those who coordinated the 50/50 raffle, to the Sons of St. Joseph and Sisters in Grace for their hard work in setting up and cleaning up the reception, to our choir and liturgical ministers, and to all who attended and joined in the festivities. Your presence and support made this a truly joyful celebration of our patron. May St. Joseph continue to guide and bless our parish family!



Easter Flowers

Donations for the Easter Flowers this year will help to purchase the lilies, hydrangeas, azaleas, and other flowers for the upcoming Easter season. **Please use the Easter flower donation form on page 10 to make your contribution.** Thank you for your support in helping us decorate our Cathedral for the beautiful events of our salvation which we will celebrate this Easter!



Parish Directory Now Available!

Parishioners listed in the directory are eligible to receive a parish pictorial directory. Please stop by the Parish Office to pick yours up!



40 Cans for Lent

The Knights of Columbus Council 504 is sponsoring the 40 Cans For Lent. This is for non-perishable food items that benefit Catholic Charities at the 18th Street Center. A bin is located in the narthex of the Church.

Baby Bottle Campaign

We ask that you please fill the baby bottles distributed by the Knights of Columbus a few weeks ago 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 in need.

The Knights thank you for your generous support!

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

- March 29** - Pilgrimage to 7 Churches, 10am
- April 1** - Pastoral Council Meeting, 5pm
- April 8** - Communal Lenten Penance Service, 6pm
- April 12** - Palm Sunday
- April 17** - Holy Thursday
- April 18** - Good Friday
- April 19** - Holy Saturday
- April 20** - Easter Sunday
- April 27** - Divine Mercy Sunday

Pilgrimage to 7 Churches

Join us for a special Pilgrimage to 7 churches and praying the 14 Stations of the Cross on Saturday, March 29. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church for those who are interested or you may call the parish office.

Special Collection for Retired Priests

March 22/23

This weekend, there will be a special collection to assist in the Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA) Fund. This fund provides essential support for the retirement needs of our diocesan priests who have dedicated their lives in service to the Church. Please consider making a contribution. Thank you.

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

March 16, 2025

Envelopes: \$2061 • Loose: \$1124 • Online: \$649 • **Total: \$3834**
Maintenance Fund \$350

Attendance: 230

Thank you for your generous support!



SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of March 23

THIS SUNDAY

Exodus 3:1-8 13-15
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Luke 13:1-9

MONDAY

2 Kings 5:1-15
Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4
Luke 4:24-30

TUESDAY

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

WEDNESDAY

Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9
Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
Matthew 5:17-19

THURSDAY

Jeremiah 7:23-28
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
Luke 11:14-23

FRIDAY

Hosea 14:2-10
Ps 81:6-8, 8-9, 10-11, 14, 17
Mark 12:28-34

SATURDAY

Hosea 6:1-6
Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21
Luke 18:9-14

NEXT SUNDAY

Joshua 5:9, 10-12
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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.

A Joyful Celebration of St. Joseph, Our Patron Honoring Our Patronal Feast with Mass, a New Icon, and Fellowship

The Solemnity of St. Joseph this past Wednesday, our Cathedral and Diocesan Patronal Feast Day, was a day filled with celebration and grace! We began with a beautiful midday Mass celebrated by Bishop Brennan, joined by several priests and members of our Chancery staff. In the evening, the celebration continued with another solemn Mass, which featured a special moment for our parish community: the enshrinement of a stunning icon of St. Joseph in the narthex of the Cathedral.

This beautiful icon, generously donated by the West Virginia Knights of Columbus, was part of the Knights' pilgrim icon prayer program, a long-standing tradition where a specially selected image travels from council to council, inspiring devotion and strengthening communities in prayer.



This particular icon, crafted by Elizabeth Bergeron and based on a drawing by Alexandre Sobolev, depicts St. Joseph tenderly holding the child Jesus. The original icon is housed at St. Joseph's Oratory in Montréal, Canada, one of the most significant sites of pilgrimage and devotion to St. Joseph.

During the prayer of blessing for the icon, Father Pen, our Cathedral Rector, invoked God's grace, praying "that those who gaze upon this image may be strengthened in faith, encouraged in their labors, and comforted in times of trial." He also prayed, "May families who entrust themselves to St. Joseph's intercession be filled with



peace and holiness, and may this icon be a constant reminder to follow his example of humility, obedience, and love."

Now enshrined in the narthex, this icon serves as a visible sign of St. Joseph's care and patronage over our Cathedral and all who enter for prayer.

Following the evening Mass, our community gathered for a wonderful dinner, where parishioners and friends enjoyed a time of fellowship and shared joy. The evening's festivities were a fitting conclusion to a day dedicated to honoring our beloved patron, St. Joseph. May his prayers continue to guide and protect us all!



GROUPS & MINISTRIES

On Bended Knee

A 3-week prayerful reflection upon the Eucharist and its impact on our relationships with one another.

MARCH 27
APRIL 3
APRIL 10
6:00 PM

For more information,
please call the parish office
at 304-233-4121

Hearts on Fire
Cathedral of St. Joseph's
Adult Faith Formation



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.

Movie Night: *The Last Supper*
Wednesday, March 26 at 6:40 p.m.
Marquee Cinemas, The Highlands

FORMATION • FELLOWSHIP • WORSHIP • SERVICE

Faith Sharing Book Club

Sunday, April 6 at 9:00 a.m. | Rectory

Our Faith Sharing Book Club is currently reading "Habits for Holiness" by Father Mark Mary Ames, pages 67-133.



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!



St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry

Our St. Gianna ministry works with the Northern Panhandle chapter of West Virginians for Life. Led by the capable mother/daughter team of Judi Varner Meyer and Faith Meyer, the chapter provides:



--monthly educational meetings focused on specific pro-life topics. This provides needed information about the complexities of pro-life health care and legislative matters.

--educational booths at events such as fairs & festivals, where they engage people on timely pro-life matters

--other educational initiatives and publicity are in the works!

Their Mission

"WVFL's primary purpose is to educate through the presentation of detailed and factual information about fetal development, alternatives to abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and related issues, upon which individuals and the general public may make informed decisions."

<https://www.wvforlife.org/about/>

--This week, pray & fast for WestVirginians for Life.

Join us at the Cathedral this Friday:

- 12:45 Adoration
- 1:00 Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Silent Prayer & Meditation
- **4:45 Pro-Life Rosary / Prayer litany especially for WestVirginians for Life**
- 5:30 Benediction
- 6:00 Stations of the Cross
- Simple Supper in the Cantina

For more information, please contact Judi Varner Meyer at (304) 639-3041.

Judi, Faith, Secretary Debbie Smith, and St. Gianna member, Jennie, on the right, with fetal models and other educational materials.



March 29/30 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

| | Greeter | Altar Server | Reader | EMHC |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Saturday 6:00 pm | Yvonne K. Judy M. | Martin I. Stephen L. | Deb Y. | Patti D. Judy M. |
| Sunday 8:00 am | Paul B. Kathleen B. | Sarah M. Tamora M. | Philippa S. Julia S. | Tamora M. |
| Sunday 10:30 am | Walt B. Stephanie B. | The Brown Family Martin I. | Chris T. Shawn T. | John T. Debbie T. |
| Collection Counters for this Week | | Helen P., Julia S., Carolyn W. | | |

LIVING OUR FAITH

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 journey through another week of Lent, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself. Let me hear your voice in the deepest reaches of my heart. Give me rest in you. Help me to accept others, showing them your great love instead of casting judgment. Stay with me through the busy days this week and remind me that when I need comfort, solitude, wisdom, or guidance, I can always turn to you. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

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| Blanche Kirkland | Maria Workman | Pete Cuffaro |
| Joe Bechtel | Marsha Bartlett | Our Homebound |
| Joyce Hehr | Millie Kirkpatrick | Parishioners |
| Laine Castello | Pat Edmon | Pope Francis |



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
- Perform an Act of Charity in his honor

Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers:

AnnaMarie Williams

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Dismas (1st century)

Feast Day: March 25

Saint Dismas is known as the Good Thief crucified alongside Jesus. Though little is known about his life, the Gospels tell us that as he hung on the cross, he acknowledged his sins and turned to Christ in faith, saying, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Luke 23:42).



In response, Jesus promised him, "Today you will be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43), making Dismas the first recorded saint. His story is a powerful testament to God's mercy and the hope of salvation even in our final moments, as long as we turn to the Lord.

Saint Dismas, pray for us!

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Feast Day: March 25

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord celebrates the moment when the Angel Gabriel appeared to the Virgin Mary, announcing that she would conceive and bear the Son of God. Her response—her humble and faithful "yes"—opened the way for the salvation of the world. A single "yes" can change the world, and in Mary, we see how trust in God's plan can transform history. May her example inspire us to say "yes" to God in our own lives, allowing His grace to work through us.





Rejoicing in God's Call: Celebrating the Rite of Election at Our Cathedral

Our Cathedral was filled with joy last Sunday afternoon for the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion—one of three celebrations held across our diocese this past week for the hundreds of people entering the Catholic Church at Easter! Their enthusiasm, and that of their sponsors, families, and all gathered, was truly inspiring. We are grateful for their "yes" to God's call, for those who have supported them, and for the dedication of their clergy and catechists. Please keep them in your prayers this Lent!



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 \$11,745 in donations. Thank you for your support!



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Mortal vs. Venial Sin

Question:

What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?

Answer:

Sin is a deliberate thought, word, action, or omission contrary to God's law. Since the beginnings of the Church, sin has been distinguished by its gravity. "Grave matter" is traditionally defined by the Ten Commandments. If a person commits a grave sin with full knowledge of the action's evil and with the complete consent of their will, this is a mortal sin. The effects of mortal sin are grave – the loss of sanctifying grace, which can be restored by a fresh outpouring of God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Venial sin does not fit one or more of these conditions (for example, a less serious matter still freely chosen or grave matter committed while under force or ignorance of God's law). The effects of venial sin – while still damaging to the human heart and human society – are less severe. Even so, smaller sins build habits, which can obstruct our growth in virtue. When we are serious about following Jesus, we should do our best to avoid all sin, whether large or small!

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

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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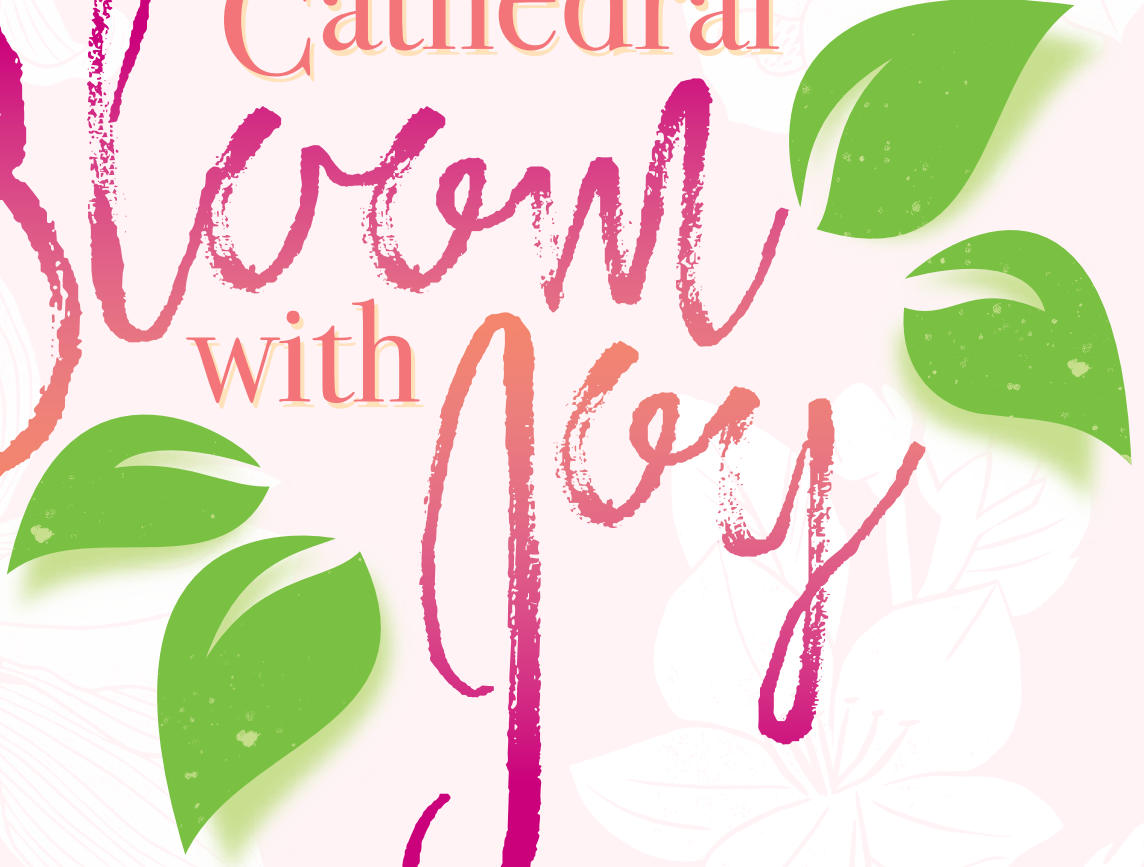




THE Cathedral of St. Joseph

Make our Cathedral

Blossom with Joy



Please detach and return to the Cathedral offices

Our Hope blossoms anew!
Contribute to the Easter flower donations

Help bring Easter lilies, hydrangeas, azaleas, and mums into our worship space.
Consider making a donation!

Please mail to the Cathedral Parish Office at: 1218 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003
OR place your donation in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket no later than April 13, 2025

In Memory of: _____
From: _____

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



**FLOOD RECOVERY
MUCK OUT**




Hundreds of West Virginia families are still struggling after February's devastating floods. They need YOUR help. More than 500 homes still require cleanup, and with enough volunteers, we can make a real difference.



West Virginia
Voluntary Organizations
Active in Disaster

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