

THE Cathedral Courier

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

9 March 2025



First Sunday of Lent

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 9 - 16, 2025


SUN 9 **First Sunday of Lent**
 6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for + Eve Purpura
 8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
 9:15 am Confirmation Class (*Parish Offices*)
 10:30 am Mass for + Nicholas & Nimnoon Ghaphery
 6:00 pm Vespers

MON 10 **Lenten Weekday**
 12:05 pm Mass for + Doris Collinvitti

TUE 11 **Lenten Weekday**
 12:05 pm Mass for + Alice Malek
 7:30 pm Young Adults Bible Study (*Parish Office*)

WED 12 **Lenten Weekday**
 12:05 pm Mass for + Nicholas & Cecilia Harris
 7:00 pm St. Monica Prayer Group (*St. Alphonsus*)
 7:00 pm Sons of St. Joseph (*Chancery Cantina*)

THU 13 **Lenten Weekday**
 12:05 pm Mass for + Clara Scheibelhood
 7:00 pm Images of Jesus (*Chancery Cantina*)
 7:30 pm Catholics in Recovery (*St. Alphonsus Hall*)

FRI 14 **Lenten Weekday** 
 11:15 am Confessions
 12:05 pm Mass for + Kristin Smith
 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 15 **Lenten Weekday**
 9:00 am Mass for the + Tom Leonard
 9:30 am Rosary
 11:00 am Confessions
 12:00 pm Sisters in Grace
 5:00 pm Confessions
 6:00 pm Mass for + John Petrella

SUN 16 **Second Sunday of Lent**
 8:00 am Mass for + Joanne Driscoll
 9:15 am Confirmation Class (*Parish Offices*)
 10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners
 3:00 pm Rite of Election
 6:00 pm Vespers

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

As we begin this holy season of Lent, today's Gospel from Mark reminds us of Jesus' time in the desert, where He fasted, prayed, and confronted the temptations of the devil. It was a time of testing, but also a time of preparation and renewal. Just as Christ emerged from the wilderness ready to proclaim the Good News, Lent is our time to turn back to God and allow Him to renew our hearts.

Looking at the world around us, we may feel overwhelmed by so much pain, suffering, and brokenness. It is easy to throw up our hands in despair and wonder if healing is even possible. But God's mercy is never distant—He is always reaching out to us. Healing does not happen all at once, nor does it begin somewhere far away. It starts in our own hearts.

Jesus extends His hands to us from the Cross, not held there by nails alone, but by His great love for us. Those nail prints are a sign of the healing power that flows from Him—the power that restores, forgives, and brings peace to our weary souls. And where do we experience this healing most profoundly? In the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Christ, in His desire to draw us to Himself, has entrusted His Church with this great gift. Confession is not just about admitting our faults—it is an encounter with the Divine Physician, the One who longs to restore what is wounded and strengthen what is weak. As Jesus told St. Faustina, "When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul." What a beautiful reminder that when we kneel in humility and trust, we are not just speaking words—we are meeting Mercy Himself.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us take Our Lord up on His invitation to receive His forgiveness and healing. Let us not throw up our hands in despair, but instead lift them in prayer, in trust, and in surrender to the One who gave His life for us. If we want to see the world healed, we must first allow Jesus to heal our hearts. Where does healing begin? Right here, within each of us.

Yours in Christ,
Father Pen

CRS Rice Bowl: Pick Up Yours Today!



This Lent, we invite you to participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a simple yet powerful way to pray, fast, and give in solidarity with those in need. **Rice Bowls are available**

in the back of the church—be sure to pick one up and use it throughout Lent to collect your donations.

Your sacrifices will support Catholic Relief Services in their mission to provide food, clean water, and opportunities for struggling communities around the world. **We will collect the Rice Bowls after Easter. Thank you for your generosity and for making a difference this Lent!**

Lenten Resources

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

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



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 in need.

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

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

- **March 12** - St. Monica Prayer Group, 7:00pm
- **March 16** - Rite of Election, 3:00pm
- **March 18** - Solemnity of St. Joseph Evening Prayer, 6:00pm
- **March 19** - Solemnity of St. Joseph Mass, 12:05pm & 6:00pm
- **March 22 & 29** - Pilgrimage to 14 Churches

Collection for Black & Indian Mission

This weekend, we will be taking up a second collection for the Black & Indian Mission. The Black & Indian Mission exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs in the community. Please consider donating.



Share a Little Jesus This Lent

In the narthex of church is a basket filled with Little Jesus figure in a plastic bag with a card that includes our Cathedral's Mass times. **We encourage you to take a few—but not for yourself.**

Instead, we ask you to pass them on to someone who has drifted from the practice of the Faith or perhaps does not even know God. Lent is a perfect time to reach out to them, so that, by God's grace, they may come home for Easter. **Because truly—everybody needs a little Jesus!**

Pilgrimage to 14 Churches

Join us for a special Pilgrimage to 14 churches and praying the 14 Stations of the Cross on Saturday, March 22, and 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. Stay tuned—more details will be shared next week!

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 2, 2025

Envelopes: \$2775 • Loose: \$777 • Online: \$856 • Total: \$4408
Diaster Relief \$1409 • Maintenance Fund \$585

Attendance: 247

Thank you for your generous support!



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of March 9

THIS SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Ps 19:8,9, 10, 15
Matthew 25:31-46

TUESDAY

Isaiah 55:10-11
Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19
Matthew 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY

Jonah 3:1-10
Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
Luke 11:29-32

THURSDAY

Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 7-8
Matthew 7:7-12

FRIDAY

Ezekiel 18:21-28
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7, 7-8
Matthew 5:20-26

SATURDAY

Deuteronomy 26:16-19
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
Matthew 5:43-48

NEXT SUNDAY

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
Philippians 3:18—4:1
Luke 9:28-36

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.



Colleen Rowan, The Catholic Spirit



Bishop Brennan imposes ashes on Cathedral parishioner Nancy Sukys (top). The bishop blesses the ashes (right), and hundreds gather in the Cathedral for the midday Ash Wednesday Mass (left).

Faithful Flock to Cathedral for Ash Wednesday

"Come back to the Lord with all your heart, leave the past in ashes," the cantor sang as ashes were placed on the foreheads of the hundreds gathered in our Cathedral to mark the beginning of Lent this past week on Ash Wednesday, March 5.

In his homily during the midday Mass, Bishop Brennan reflected on the powerful symbolism of ashes, reminding us that they represent our

mortality—our creation from dust and our eventual return to dust. Yet, he also emphasized that Lent is not just about acknowledging our frailty but about embracing God's mercy and turning our hearts back to Him.

As we continue our Lenten journey, may we take to heart this call to conversion, allowing the ashes of our past to give way to renewal, hope, and new life in Christ.

Novena Prayer to St. Joseph

Prayed on March 10 - 18

O St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most Loving of Fathers. O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

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.

Formation: The Power of Confession
Wednesday, March 12 at 7pm in Cantina

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!



Adult Faith Formation

Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. | Cantina

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

This first week of Lent, please pray and fast for Her Plan. Their app provides referrals for the range of needs people have in a crisis pregnancy. Just enter your location, and the services will show on a local map along with contact info.



This fairly new service is established in nine states so far, and West Virginia is one of them! The dynamic Kayla Kessinger is overseeing and expanding these efforts. Please pray for her and her work.

They are starting a special, collaborative focus on pregnancy services in the upper Ohio Valley this May! Stay tuned for more info.

How You Can Help

--**Install the Her Plan app** on your phone. When you see a young pregnant woman, congratulate her and ask if she has all the resources she needs. Open the app to help her find what she needs!

--**Fast & pray this week for Her Plan.** Join us at the Cathedral this Friday:

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

--Receive information and inspiration to help them both by joining their email list. Contact WV State Coordinator Christy Beaver at (304) 712-0559.

--If your organization provides services that you would like included in the app, contact Christy Beaver at the above number.

March 15/16 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Greeter	Altar Server	Reader	EMHC
Saturday 6:00 pm	Judy M. Ginny S.	Martin I. Stephen L.	Roberta P. Angie G.	Patti D. Judy M.
Sunday 8:00 am	Paul B. Kathleen B.	Sarah M. Julia S.	Adrienne M. Ellie M.	Tamora M. Philippa S.
Sunday 10:30 am	Diane F. Catherine L.	The Brown Family Martin I.	Amy M. Richard M.	Cathy L. Debbie T.
Collection Counters for this Week		Cathy L., Catherine L., Libby B.		

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

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.
- St. Ephrem

Please remember in your prayers:

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

Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers:

Dr. Thomas J. Schmitt
Anne Di Cocco
Mary Adams

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

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. John Ogilvie (1579-1615)

Feast Day: March 10

Saint John Ogilvie was a Scottish Jesuit priest and martyr who gave his life for the Catholic faith during the Protestant Reformation. Born into a Calvinist family, he converted to Catholicism after studying in mainland Europe and later joined the Jesuits.

Ordained a priest, he returned to Scotland in secret to minister to persecuted Catholics. After being arrested, he was tortured and pressured to renounce his faith, but he remained steadfast. He was hanged in Glasgow on March 10, 1615, becoming Scotland's only post-Reformation martyr. Canonized in 1976, he is a model of courage and fidelity to Christ.

St. John Ogilvie, 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 \$10,970 in donations. Thank you for your support!



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In the name of St. Patrick, the Glorious Apostle of Ireland, the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Div. 1, Wheeling, WV wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Irish-American Heritage Month! Men: celebrate and be proud of your Irish-Catholic heritage all year long by joining the AOH! Information at www.aoh.com, [facebook.com/roadbowling](https://www.facebook.com/roadbowling), or Tom Connelly: 304-280-4350. Slainte!



SUNG
**SOLEMN
VESPERS**
Music by The Cathedral Schola
SUNDAYS OF LENT
6:00 PM


Cathedral of St. Joseph
1300 EOFF STREET, WHEELING



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Stations of the Cross

Question:

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

Answer:

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

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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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

