

THE Cathedral Courier

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



18 May 2025



Fifth Sunday of Easter

FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION • 13 MAY 2025

HOLY MASS

SUNDAY

8:00 AM (*Changes to 7:30AM on June 8*)

10:30 AM

SATURDAY

9:00 AM

6:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

WEEKDAYS (Monday-Friday)

12:05 PM

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REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained at www.saintjosephcathedral.com or through the parish office.

Please notify the parish of address changes.

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

To report an incident of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

*Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community.
We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese,
and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.*

SACRAMENTS

Confession

Friday: 11:00 am to 11:45 am
Saturday: 11:00 am to 12 Noon
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

May 18 - 25, 2025

SUN 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for + Martin Blanchette
8:00 am Mass for + Theresa Shutler
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners

MON 19 Easter Weekday

12:05 pm Mass for + Buddy Benedetto

TUE 20 Optional Memorial of St. Bernardine of Siena

12:05 pm Mass for a Special Intention

WED 21 Optional Memorial of St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions

12:05 pm Mass for + William Campbell
1:00 pm PrimeTimers Lunch (*Mehlman's*)

THU 22 Optional Memorial of St. Rita Cascia

12:05 pm Mass for the Chapman/Owens Family

FRI 23 Easter Weekday

11:00 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for the + Donald Hinton

SAT 24 Easter Weekday

9:00 am Mass for + Julia Bartolovich
11:00 am Confessions
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for + Nepomuceno Dario

SUN 25 Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
10:30 am Mass for + Albert Schubert

**The Holy Rosary will be prayed
Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.
Join us in honoring Our Blessed Mother
through this powerful devotion.**

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples a command that defines the Christian life: "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34). This is more than a simple encouragement to be kind. It is a call to love with the self-giving, sacrificial love that Christ showed on the Cross. It is through this kind of love that the world will know we are His followers.

During the Easter season, we celebrate the power of that love, which is stronger than death, victorious over sin, and alive in the Church. Christ's Resurrection is not only a historical event. It is a daily invitation to live in His love and to share it with others in real and concrete ways.

I want to offer a sincere thank you to all who participated in our Rosary Procession and Mass this past Tuesday in honor of Our Lady of Fatima. It was a beautiful evening of prayer and witness. Your presence and devotion were a powerful reminder of the strength of faith and the maternal care of Our Blessed Mother.

As we continue through the Month of May, traditionally dedicated to Mary, let us remain close to her. Mary always leads us to Jesus and teaches us how to say "yes" to God. We will continue to pray the Rosary at 11:30 a.m. before weekday Masses. I encourage you to come early, bring your rosary, and spend this time with Our Lady in prayer.

May we allow the love of Christ to take deeper root in our hearts. And through the intercession of Mary, may we grow ever more faithful to His command: "Love one another, as I have loved you."

In the Risen Lord,
Father Pen

Prayerful Congratulations To Our
Confirmandi

Mackenzie Ernest
Berklee Heller
Brooklyn Villani
Bridget Zimmerman

May the fire of the Spirit burn brightly
in your hearts always.

Memorial Mass for Fr. Mario Claro

Tuesday, May 27 at 12:05 p.m.

A Memorial Mass for the late Father Mario R. Claro will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph at 12:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27. Father Claro, who passed away on April 19, 2025, served as the Rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph from 1989 to 1994, in addition to several other significant roles in our Diocese.



Interested in Becoming Catholic?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process through which adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church through prayer, study, and community. Whether you're unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or simply curious about the Catholic faith, OCIA is a grace-filled journey of discovery and conversion. **If you or someone you know is interested in learning more, please contact the parish office at 304-233-4121 or e-mail tgreenwood@dwc.org.** We'd be honored to walk with you on this path of faith.

VIRTUS Group Training

Tuesday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m.

St. Alphonsus Columbia Hall, 2111 Market St, Wheeling

There will be an in-person Safe Environment VIRTUS training offered for all parish volunteers and employees. Register with the St. Alphonsus parish office by calling (304) 232-4353 or e-mailing office@stalswheeling.org



**We Reached Our Goal!
Now Every Gift Comes Back to Us!**

Thanks to your generosity, our Cathedral has met its \$16,400 goal for the Catholic Sharing Appeal! But there's still every reason to give—from this point forward, every dollar donated comes directly back to support our parish. Your continued support will help us fund important projects and ministries right here at home. You can give securely using the QR code below, place your pledge card in the collection basket, or mail it in. Thank you for helping us grow in faith and service!



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 •

May 18 - St. Gianna Pro-Life Baby Shower, 11:30am

May 27 - Finance Council Meeting, 5:00pm

June 1 - Ascension of the Lord

June 8 - Pentecost Sunday

June 8 - Pentecost Potluck, 11:30am

June 10 - Mass of Thanksgiving for Pope Leo XIV, 6:00pm

June 14 - Steak Fry, 7:00pm

June 22 - Corpus Christi Procession, 10:30am

Mass Time Change - Starting June 8

Please note that beginning Sunday, June 8, the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m.

Mass at the Bishop's Chapel

Monday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Mt. Calvary Cemetery, 1685 National Road, Wheeling

All are invited to attend a special Mass on Memorial Day wherein we will remember all military personnel who died while serving our country in the U.S. Armed Forces. Also during this Mass, a special recognition will be made to honor Bishop Kain (the second bishop of our diocese) as the 150th Anniversary of his Consecration as Bishop is May 23, 2025.

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.

New to the Parish?

If you are new to the Cathedral and would like to become a member, please contact the parish offices at 304-233-4121 or e-mail tgreenwood@dwc.org

COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE

May 11, 2025

Envelopes: \$1762 • Loose: \$1416 • Online: \$1005 • Total: \$4183

Music Ministry: \$1040 • Maintenance Fund \$340

Attendance: 376

Thank you for your generous support!



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of May 18

THIS SUNDAY

Acts 14:21-27
Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13
Revelation 21:1-5
John 13:31-33, 34-35

MONDAY

Acts 14:5-18
Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16
John 14:21-26

TUESDAY

Acts 14:19-28
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 21
John 14:27-31

WEDNESDAY

Acts 15:1-6
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5
John 15:1-8

THURSDAY

Acts 15:7-21
Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 10
John 15:9-11

FRIDAY

Acts 15:22-31
Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12
John 15:12-17

SATURDAY

Acts 16:1-10
Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5
John 15:18-21

NEXT SUNDAY

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

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.

1700 Years of Faith: Commemorating the Nicene Creed

A Milestone of Faith, Unity, and Truth

On May 20, 2025, the Christian world will commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the opening of the Council of Nicaea, which took place in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey) in the year 325. This historic gathering of bishops marked a turning point in Christian history, as it produced the foundational profession of faith we now know as the Nicene Creed.

A Council That Changed History

The Creed was born out of a time of great theological controversy. A priest named Arius had begun teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly equal to God the Father, but a created being. To respond to this serious error, Emperor Constantine convened a council of bishops in the city of Nicaea (modern-day Turkey). Over 300 bishops gathered to defend the truth handed down from the Apostles.

Their response was clear and bold: Jesus is “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,” and is “consubstantial with the Father.” These words proclaim that Christ is not less than the Father, but fully divine, eternal, and one in being with Him. The Creed was later expanded at the Council of Constantinople in 381 to affirm the divinity of the Holy Spirit and other core teachings.

The Faith We Profess

Every Sunday at Mass, we stand and profess the very same Creed. It is more than a statement of belief—it is a declaration of hope. It proclaims the mystery of the Trinity, the Incarnation, the Resurrection, the Church, and eternal life. It reminds us that faith is not a private feeling, but a shared, living truth revealed by God and handed down through the Church.

The Nicene Creed has been professed by saints and martyrs, by missionaries and mystics, by generations of believers through every trial and age. In a world searching for meaning and stability, the Creed still speaks with clarity and power: truth is not an idea, but a Person—Jesus Christ.



Renewing Our Profession

As we mark this 1700th anniversary, the Church invites us to reflect more deeply on the words we often recite by habit. Do we truly believe what we say? Does this faith shape how we live, love, and hope?

The Creed is not simply ancient—it is alive, and it calls us to live our faith with courage and conviction. It invites us to pass on the same faith that was boldly proclaimed at Nicaea. In our homes, our parishes, and our daily encounters, the Creed becomes a witness to the world. It reminds us that what unites us is not opinion, culture, or preference, but the truth of Jesus Christ. As confusion and division swirl around us, the Creed offers clarity and unity. It roots us in the unchanging love of God and sends us out as bearers of the light of Christ.

Let us honor this milestone by renewing our “Amen” to the truth: “I believe in one God...”

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.

We will share information for our next gathering here soon!

FORMATION • FELLOWSHIP • WORSHIP • SERVICE

Sisters in Grace Women's Group

Please see the bulletin insert for information about our Steak Fry on Saturday, June 14!

The Sisters in Grace are a joyful group of Catholic women who grow in faith through prayer, fellowship, and service. Open to women of all ages, they foster sisterhood, deepen their relationship with God, and support the Church and community.

Seniors Group

**Wednesday, May 21 at 1pm
Lunch at Mehlman's**

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



Stewardship Reflection

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34). At the heart of Christian stewardship is love in action. Jesus' command to love as He has loved calls us to serve generously, forgive readily, and give sacrificially. Stewardship is not just about what we do, but how we do it—with the love of Christ guiding our every gift and response. When we live this way, we become living signs of His presence.

Adult Faith Formation

Hearts on Fire is our adult faith formation series, created to spark a deeper love for Christ and His Church through engaging study and meaningful conversation.



We are currently working our way through a three-week series focused on the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Through art, global perspectives, and cultural insights, we'll explore her powerful role in the life of the Church and in the hearts of the faithful around the world.

Stay tuned for information on our next course!

St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry

**Today's the Day
of our pro-life baby shower!
(Or tomorrow, if you're attending the
Saturday mass.)**



Join us immediately after 10:30 mass in the courtyard. (Rain Location: Chancery) Join us for refreshments, fellowship, games, and of course, generosity!

Your donations will benefit pregnancy / maternity ministries in our community, such as Young Lives. Thank you!

Faith Sharing Book Club

Sunday, June 1 at 9:00 a.m. | Rectory

Our book club provides a unique opportunity for parishioners to come together and explore the richness of Catholic literature and spiritual writings.



St. Monica Prayer Group

Wednesday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. | St. Alphonsus Hall

Join the St. Monica Prayer Group as we unite in prayer for loved ones who have wandered from the Faith.

May 24/25 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Greeter	Altar Server	Reader	EMHC
Saturday 6:00 pm	Yvonne K. Cheryl J.	Martin I. Stephen L.	Deb. Y. Roberta P.	Judy M. Patti D.
Sunday 8:00 am	Paul B. Kathleen B.	Tamora M. Julia S.	Susanna K. Philippa S.	Tamora M. Philippa S.
Sunday 10:30 am	Stephanie B. Walt B.	The Brown Family Martin I.	Richard M. Amy M.	Diane F. Bill H.
Collection Counters for this Week		Cathy L., Catherine L., Libby B.		

LIVING OUR FAITH



Walking with Mary: Honoring Our Lady in Wheeling

On the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima this past Tuesday evening, faithful from parishes across the Ohio Valley came together in a moving public witness of faith. With rosaries in hand and hearts lifted in prayer, we processed through the streets of Wheeling, entrusting ourselves to the maternal intercession of Mary. The evening culminated in a beautiful Mass at our Cathedral, reverently celebrated by our Vicar General, Fr. John Rice.

This powerful act of devotion not only honored the message of Fatima, but also marked the beginning of our Diocesan Rosary Crusade—a united effort to pray fervently for an increase in holy and faithful vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Thank you to all who participated in this grace-filled evening. May Our Lady of Fatima continue to lead us ever closer to her Son, and may her loving care watch over our Church, our world, and our families.

Please remember in your prayers:

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



The month of May is the “month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady,” and it is the occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God’s mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance” (Paul VI: Encyclical on the Month of May, no. 1).

This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion.

The practice became especially popular among the members of the Jesuit Order — by 1700 it took hold among their students at the Roman College and a bit later it was publicly practiced in the Gesu Church in Rome. From there it spread to the whole Church.

Ways to Honor Our Lady

- Learn or pray a new Marian devotion (Regina Caeli, Litany of Loreto, Novenas to Our Lady, etc.)
- Decorate a statue of Our Lady with flowers
- Imitate Mary’s deep humility, obedience, and faith

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Lord Jesus, You have shown us perfect love. Help us this week to love as You love: generously, patiently, and without counting the cost. May our words and actions bear witness to Your mercy. Amen.

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: bcrenwelge@dwc.org



St. Michael Parish

Young Adult Group* Invites You to Join in Their Summer Kick-Off Event!

The Spirit Spikers vs The Venerable Volleys

Team captain for the **Spirit Spikers** (you, the Young Adults):
Emma "The Rage" Romanek

Team captain for our local clergy, **The Venerable Volleys**:
Fr. Carlos "The Cannon" Melocoton

Thursday, May 29, 2025
5:30pm

Angelus Center
Volleyball and BBQ
*All the food and fun are FREE!***

Please invite a friend or two!

****BBQ for the Young Adult Group & Volleyball Teams**

*The Young Adult Group is open to anyone between the ages of 20ish-35 who wish to build Christian Community while having fun!

The summer lineup includes:
June – Music & Pizza in the Park (Oglebay or Wheeling)
July – Game night and dinner at the Angelus Center
August – Pickleball Event at local court

For more information on the Young Adult Group or to RSVP, please contact Emma Romanek @ 304-905-4229



WHY DO WE DO THAT?
Catholic Life Explained:

Good and Evil

Question:

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer:

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!



CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE FUND

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

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

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

HVAC Replacement: Our aging system and obsolete refrigerant require full replacement — \$250,000

Your generous contributions will help us safeguard our Cathedral's future. Please consider making a donation towards these essential repairs. Every gift makes a difference. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

So far we have received \$26,914 in donations. Thank you for your support!

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



Camp Carlo 2025



**June 29 - July 5
July 6 - July 12
July 13 - July 19
July 20- July 26**

Register online at campcarlowv.org



Pentecost

Potluck



Come celebrate the Birthday of the Church and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit with food, fellowship, and fun!



Pentecost is a great time to welcome someone home. Bring a friend or family member who's been away from church. One invitation can make a difference!

Families are asked to bring the following:

Last Names A–M: Cold Side Dish
Last Names N–Z: Dessert

Dishes may be brought to the courtyard before the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Sunday, June 8
11:30 a.m.



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in the back of the church

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