

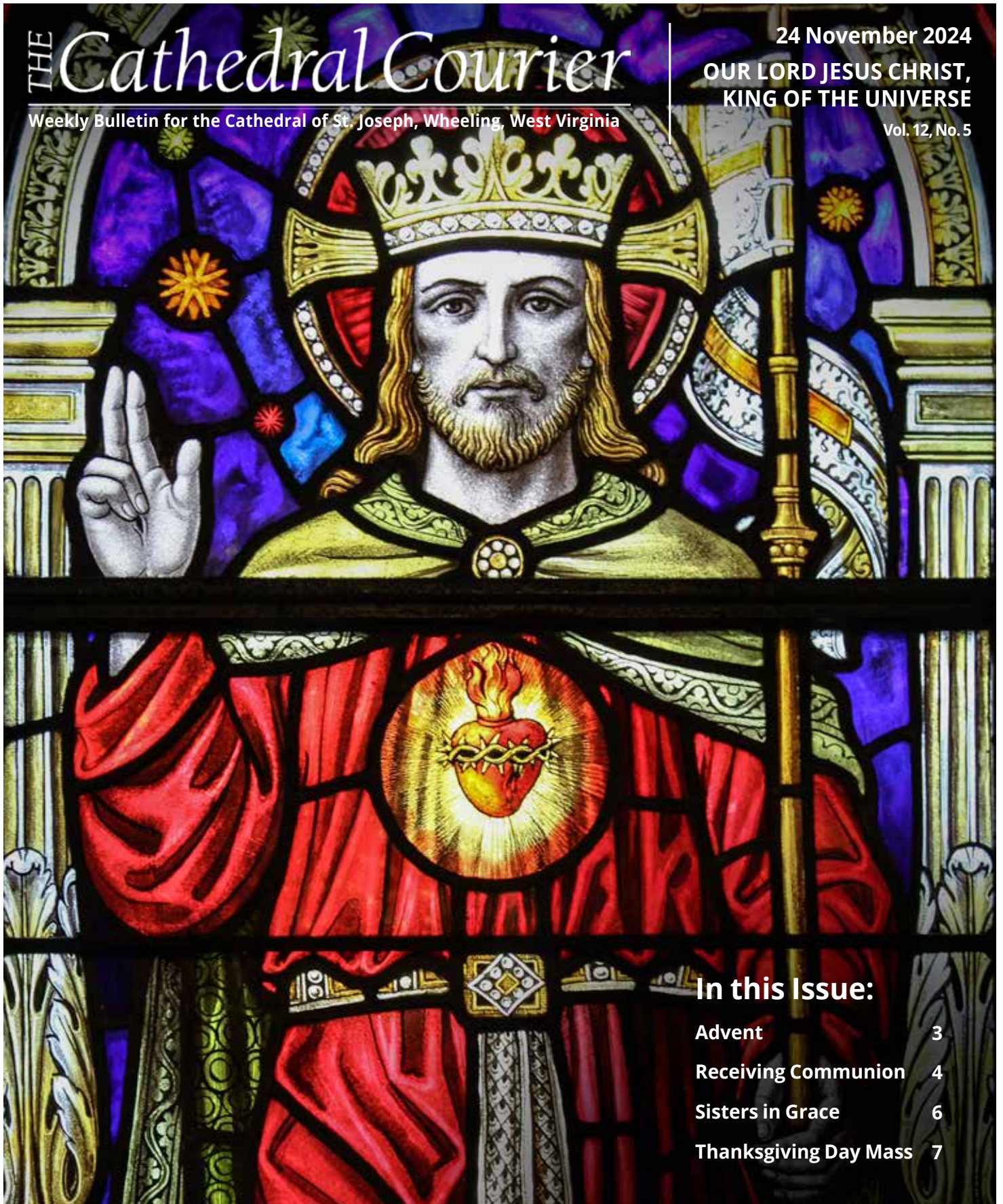
THE Cathedral Courier

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

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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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.

This Week

November 24 - December 1, 2024

SUN 24 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for the Parishioners
 8:00 am Mass for Helen Pasden
 9:15 am Confirmation Class (*Parish Offices*)
 10:30 am Mass for Mary and Neysa O'Neil
 11:45 am OCIA (*Parish Offices*)
 3:00 pm Christ the King Organ Concert

MON 25 Optional Memorial of St. Catherine of Alexandria

12:05 pm Mass for James LaFlam
 5:00 pm Finance Council Meeting

TUE 26 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Katerina Bolcek

WED 27 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Stella Baginski
 7:00 pm Sons of St. Joseph (*Wheeling Nailers*)

THU 28 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am Thanksgiving Day Mass

FRI 29 Weekday in Ordinary Time

11:15 am Confessions
 12:05 pm Mass for Mary Lou Guckert

SAT 30 Feast of St. Andrew

9:00 am Mass for Nadine Greenwood
 9:30 am Rosary
 5:00 pm Confessions
 6:00 pm Mass for Patricia Oglinsky

SUN 1 First Sunday of Advent Month of the Divine Infancy

8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners
 10:30 am Mass for Mildred and Fred Risovich
 6:00 pm Vespers

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

This weekend, we joyfully celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe, the final Sunday of the liturgical year. As we reflect on Christ's eternal reign, we are reminded that His kingdom is of truth, justice, and peace. Let us renew our commitment to living as faithful citizens of His kingdom, bringing His love and mercy to the world around us.



As we approach Thanksgiving, we are especially mindful of the countless blessings we have received. God's providence surrounds us every day—in our families, our parish community, and the gift of faith that sustains us.

I warmly invite you to join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. as we gather around the altar to give thanks to God, the source of all our blessings. Let's begin this beautiful holiday of gratitude by offering the greatest act of thanksgiving, the Holy Eucharist. As the Psalmist reminds us: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1).

May Christ the King reign in your hearts and homes, and may your Thanksgiving celebrations be filled with joy, love, and peace.

Let us continue to keep one another in prayer.

Father Pen

Sovereign Sounds A CONCERT IN CELEBRATION OF Christ the King of the Universe

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 24, 2024

3:00 P.M.

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA



The Cathedral of St. Joseph invites you to a free organ concert featuring works by Max Reger, César Franck, and Philip Glass, given by **ORGANIST ROBERT TROEGER** in triumphant celebration of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.


The Cathedral of St. Joseph

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Advent

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 1

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

Blessing of Advent Wreath at 6:00 PM Mass

Vespers: 6:00 PM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 8

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

Vespers: 6:00 PM

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 9

Masses: 12:05PM and 6:00 PM

Holy Day of Obligation

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 15

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

Vespers: 6:00 PM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 22

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

Blessing of Bambinelli during Masses

Decorating for Christmas: 12 NOON

Vespers: 6:00 PM

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 21 from 9:30AM to Noon

Penance Service: Monday, December 23 at 6:00 p.m.



Advent Resources Available

The beautiful and holy season of Advent begins next Sunday, December 1. We encourage you to take this sacred time seriously as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. In the narthex, you will find a variety of resources to enrich your Advent journey, including the Magnificat Advent Companions, various prayer cards and pamphlets, and a limited number of Advent wreaths. Let us enter this season with prayerful hearts, ready to embrace the joy and hope of the Savior's birth.

Parish Pictorial Directory

If you did not have your picture taken for our Parish Directory, please contact the parish office as soon as possible to schedule a session.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 24 - Sovereign Sounds Organ Concert, 3:00pm

November 25 - Mass of Gratitude, 12:05pm

November 25 - Finance Council, 5:00pm

November 28 - Thanksgiving Day, Mass at 9am

December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

Sundays of Advent - Sung Evening Prayer, 6pm

December 6 - First Friday Adoration, 12:45pm-5pm

December 7/8 - Angel Tree Gift Return

December 9 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 18 - Christmas Caroling, 6pm

December 22 - Decorating the Church for Christmas

Angel Tree
Christmas Giving Program

Angel Tree in the narthex
starting Nov 23/24

PLEASE RETURN GIFTS BY DEC. 8
To Cathedral Sacristy or Parish Offices

Please help us spread Christmas Joy
by choosing a tag from our Angel Tree
and making a child's wish come true this season!

Scholarship Applications

A second round of scholarship applications are now available for new applicants attending a 2 or 4 year college or Wheeling Central Catholic High School. Please see the forms in the back of the church for more information. **The deadline to submit applications has been extended to January 12.**

Collection

November 17, 2024

Envelopes: \$1477

Loose: \$1185 / Online: \$592

Total: \$3254

Attendance: 278

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Christ the King: Source of Unity

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we proclaim that Christ's kingship is not of this world, yet it transforms this world. His reign transcends all earthly powers and invites us to place Him at the very center of our lives. When Christ is enthroned as the King of our hearts, His love, truth, and mercy become the foundation upon which we stand.

To make Christ the King and focus of our lives is to place Him above every earthly authority, ideology, or ambition. It means surrendering our divided hearts to His unifying will. In a world fractured by division and discord, Christ, the very source of unity, shows us the path to reconciliation. His kingdom is not built on power or control but on peace, justice, and sacrificial love.

This week, let us reflect on where we have given our allegiance. Do we allow Christ to reign in our decisions, relationships, and priorities? When we live with Christ as our King, we become instruments of His peace, witnesses to His mercy, and signs of His kingdom breaking into our world.

May we echo the words of ancient hymn: *Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat!* Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands! May He reign in our hearts, now and forever!

Reverence for the King: A Timely Reminder on Receiving Holy Communion Properly

By Deacon Jacob Manning

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King, a feast that reminds us that Christ reigns as king forever. As we reflect on Christ's kingship this weekend, what better time to think about how we receive Christ in the Eucharist?* If you will indulge me, I'd like to present just a few thoughts for your reflection.

First, and just to be perfectly clear, the consecrated host may be received either on the tongue or in the hand, at the discretion of each communicant. And when we receive the Eucharist under either species, we are receiving Jesus, body, blood, soul, and divinity. Thus, it is not necessary to receive under both species but is optional.

Second, we do receive Christ in the Eucharist. Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist; He wants to give us His body and blood so that we can be nourished. If Jesus is giving Himself to us, we should be careful that we are not taking by grabbing or snatching or biting the consecrated hosts. Instead, we should let the minister (ordinary or extraordinary) present Jesus to us.

We should also keep in mind as we approach the minister, that we do so reverently. No matter how we receive, the minister will say, "The body of Christ" or "The blood of Christ." This is a statement of what we are receiving, as in, "This is the body of Christ." We say "Amen", then to assent to what's just been said. In other words, the "Amen" is an important way that we acknowledge the true presence of Christ, and we should be sure to say it as a response to the minister's statement.

It is also helpful to be prepared to receive when it is our turn. By that I mean that if we are going to receive in

the hand, we can have our hands positioned when we approach the minister. Or if we are going to receive on the tongue, we can show that by keeping our hands folded.

If we choose to receive on the tongue, after we say, "Amen", we should open our mouth and extend the tongue slightly out of our mouth, so that the minister has room to place the consecrated host. Again, we don't bite at the host, and if we do not extend the tongue at least slightly, there is a greater likelihood of the minister touching the tongue or missing the mouth altogether.

If we choose to receive in our hand, we can be aided by the words of St. Cyril of Jerusalem: "When you approach, take care not to do so with your hand stretched out and your fingers open or apart, but rather place your left hand as a throne beneath your right, as befits one who is about to receive the King. Then receive him, taking care that nothing is lost." Our hands shouldn't be cupped together, as there's a risk of dropping the consecrated host between our hands.

Finally, if we do receive the blood of Christ, we receive the cup in the same way we would if someone presents a cup for us to drink from. We may not self-intinct, meaning we cannot dip the consecrated host into the chalice to receive the blood. Again, I hope these thoughts are helpful for each of us as we reflect on the kingship of Jesus Christ this weekend, and how we can truly receive Jesus reverently in the Eucharist. For your own knowledge and reflection, please read 1 Corinthians 11:27-30.

*I'd like to credit Fr. John Soplinski for making this connection for us, and giving me the idea for this reflection.

PARISH GROUPS

Young Adults Bible Study

Thursday, December 5 at 7:30pm
Parish Offices

Join our Young Adults Bible Study for engaging discussions, fellowship, and growing together in faith!

Faith Sharing Book Club

Sunday, December 8 at 9:00am

Our next meeting will be Sunday December 8th and we will be discussing Adrienne von Speyr's "John: The Word Becomes Flesh!", pages 1 - 99.



SONS of
SAINT JOSEPH

We invite **ALL THE MEN** of 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.

NEXT GATHERING:

Fellowship: Wheeling Nailers Game
Wednesday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m.
WesBanco Arena
BRING YOUR FAMILIES!

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You gave, and we are so thankful!



Our Nov. 10th Gathering of Gratitude and Giving abounded in generosity for the Young Lives winter LyfePacts for pregnant and parenting teens. They especially needed cleaning & hygiene supplies, which we gifted them, along with baby and maternity supplies. We did much sharing of gratitude, and sharing in generosity.

Thank you!

Welcome

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

John and Amy Kelly
Edward Crum

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

MONTH OF ALL SOULS

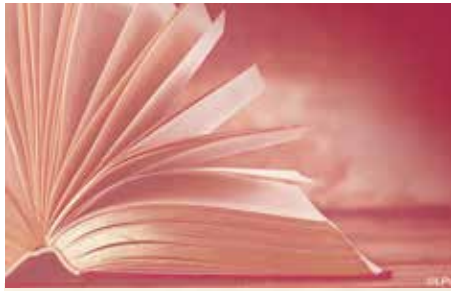


"It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins," observes the writer of Maccabees in the Old Testament (2 Maccabees 12:45-46; quoted in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 958). Intercession on behalf of those who have died is a cherished tenet of our Catholic faith, springing from our belief in the resurrection of the body and the communion of saints. "Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayer and intercession (*Order of Christians Funerals*, 6). Trusting in God's mercy, we continue to pray for them, knowing that this spiritual bond with our brothers and sisters who have died can never be broken. In the month of November, when we celebrate All Souls, we pray in a special way for those who have died — those who are known to us, and those known only to God.

Ways to Honor the Holy Souls

- ❖ Visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased
- ❖ Pray for the souls in purgatory with St. Gertrude's Prayer
- ❖ Perform acts of charity and sacrifices for the holy souls

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of November 24

THIS SUNDAY

Daniel 7:13-14
Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5
Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33-37

MONDAY

Revelation 14:1-3, 4-5
Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Luke 21:1-4

TUESDAY

Revelation 14:14-19
Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13
Luke 21:5-11

WEDNESDAY

Revelation 15:1-4
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 7-8, 9
Luke 21:12-19

THURSDAY

Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9
Ps 100:1-2, 3, 4, 5
Luke 21:20-28

FRIDAY

Revelation 20:1-4, 11—21:2
Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 8
Luke 21:29-33

SATURDAY

Romans 10:9-18
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Matthew 4:18-22

NEXT SUNDAY

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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.

November 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin and martyr (d.310)

St. Catherine of Alexandria, from Egypt, boldly debated Emperor Maxentius and converted many philosophers to Christianity. When she refused to renounce her faith or marry him, she was sentenced to death on a spiked wheel, which miraculously broke. She was then beheaded, and legend says angels carried her body to Mount Sinai. Patronage: philosophers, preachers, librarians, unmarried women

November 30 - St. Andrew, apostle (1st century)

St. Andrew, the first Apostle to meet Jesus, was a fisherman and brother of Simon Peter. He preached the Gospel in the Black Sea region, Greece, and Turkey. Martyred in Patras on an X-shaped cross (St. Andrew's Cross), he preached from the cross for two days, saying he was unworthy to die on the same kind as Jesus. Patronage: fishermen, mariners, the fishing industry



We are thrilled to announce the kick-off of the Sisters of Grace—our new Cathedral Women's Group! To celebrate, they started with something a little unexpected yet deeply meaningful: a Barbie Movie Night! At first glance, Barbie might seem like just a fun, lighthearted choice—but there's a deeper connection. As we learned in the discussion before the movie, it challenges us to think about identity, purpose, and the beauty of transforming our world with kindness and courage—echoing the very heart of God's call for us to live out our faith! Special thanks to those who worked so hard to put together this movie night! We look forward to seeing what's next!

November 30 / December 1 Liturgical Ministers

	Greeter	Altar Server	Reader	EM
Saturday 6:00 pm	Cheryl J. Ginny S.	Martin I.	Rose Marie C.	Patti D. Judy M.
Sunday 8:00 am	Paul B. Kathy B.	Sarah M. Julia S.	Adrianne M. Ellie M.	Philippa S. Tammy M.
Sunday 10:30 am	Linda F. Sarah C.	The Brown Family Martin I.	Vivienne P. Robert B.	Debbie T. Nick T.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Sacramental Seal

Question:

What is a sacramental seal and where did it come from?

Answer:

Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming, making us different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments. A sacramental seal or character is a theological concept to describe the life-changing and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person: baptism, confirmation, and holy orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal "by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions. This configuration to Christ and the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible" (#1121).

Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. It's a spiritual "point of no return" whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the Spirit and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why these sacraments are received only once. The direction is set, the choice is made, and we are called by God to be his people. Nothing can change that, not even our own sinfulness.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer
Angela Niehart
Archer Hatch
Arthur Danehart
Austin Cook
Barb Mazzocca
Beth Jochum
Betty Teater
Bill Wilson
Bob Armstrong
Billy Hanasky
Brian Hanasky
Brogan Gallentine
Caleb Hlebiczki
Carol Young
Carolyn Lash
Carolyn Wiethe
Catherine Lanham
Charles Heizer
Children of the
Youth Services System
Christina Helfer

Chuck Fair
David A. Kress, Jr.
Dianna Albright
Doug Jones
Eric South
Eva Wood
Frank Davis
Frederick C. Schweizer
Gail Koch
George Kirchner
Geri Adams Nagy
Hines Rotriga
Jean Schultz
Jim Antill
Jim and Dee
Jimmy Hocking
Joe Bechtel
Jon-Michael Lasher
Judy Pack
Julia Sheets
Kathy Cooley
Kaitlyn Hanasky

Kermit Klosterman
Kristin Smith
Langan Family
Liam Barns
Liam Manning
Lukie Brown
Margaret Stocke
Marge Mucheck
Marie Farnsworth
Marie & Conner
Workman
Mark Davis
Marshall South
Martha Yocum
Mary Walicki
Michael DeBlasis
Milissa Rose
Nicholas Barns
Pete Cuffaro
Pete Mack
Philippa Shores
Rachel Wade

R. J. Stocke
Richard Simon
Rick Burgy
Ron Hickman
Rosalie Davis
Rose Otey
Sarah Hanasky
Sarah Sargent
Shirley DeCaria
Stanley Kyrk
Susan Graff
Susan Mize
Susan Schulte
Susanna Kress
Tammy
Teresa Helfer
Thelma Pearson
Tony Helfer
Trystan Timmons
Victoria Jeskey
Zoey Knight

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



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MASS TIMES

SUNDAYS 6:00 pm (Saturday)
8:00 am
10:30 am

WEEKDAYS 12:05 pm (Monday thru Friday)
9:00 am (Saturday)

CONFESSIONS

FRIDAY 11:15 - 11:45 am

SATURDAY 5:00 - 5:45 pm
or by appointment

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

By appointment. Please contact the parish office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery. If ill, homebound or hospitalized, a visit can be scheduled upon request.

O.C.I.A.

If you feel you are being called to join the Catholic Church, please contact Deacon Jacob Manning.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should contact the parish office.

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office. Please notify the parish of address changes through contacting the office or by visiting the website.

