

THE Cathedral Courier

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



12 October 2025



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST • FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 18

HOLY MASS

SUNDAY

7:30 AM
10:30 AM

SATURDAY

9:00 AM
6:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

WEEKDAYS (Monday-Friday)

12:05 PM

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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

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. John Soplinski, the Diocesan Director of Vocations at jsoplinski@dwc.org or (304) 233-4121.

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

October 12 - 19, 2025

SUN 12 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for + Raphael & Cecilia George
7:30 am Mass for the Parishioners
9:00 am OCIA (*Cantina*)
10:30 am Mass for + Frank & Mary Savo
12:00 pm Fall Festival

MON 13 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for + Bishop John J. Kain
(*Anniversary of Death - 1903*)
7:00 pm Infant of Prague Novena

TUE 14 Optional Memorial of St. Callistus I

12:05 pm Mass for WAOB Radio Listener Request

WED 15 Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus

12:05 pm Mass for + Kristin Smith
7:00 pm Sons of St. Joseph

THU 16 Optional Memorials of St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

12:05 pm Mass for + Thomas Gompers
7:30 pm Catholics in Recovery (*St. Alphonsus*)

FRI 17 Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch

11:00 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for + Chris Collinvitti

SAT 18 Feast of St. Luke

9:00 am Mass for the Chapman/Owens Family
11:00 am Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

SUN 19 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Mass for + Ginny & Ross Felton
9:00 am OCIA (*Cantina*)
10:30 am Mass for + Nepomuceno Dario

**The Rosary is prayed Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.
Please join us as we pray especially for
an increase in vocations in our diocese.**

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

In today's Gospel, we hear the story of the ten lepers who were healed by Jesus, yet only one returned to give thanks (Luke 17:11-19). Gratitude is at the heart of Christian life. When we recognize God's blessings and return thanks to Him, our hearts are made whole. The one who returned not only received physical healing, but spiritual renewal. Like him, may we never forget to give thanks to the Lord for all His goodness to us.

This Sunday is a special day for our parish family as we gather for our Cathedral Fall Festival from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m. This wonderful event brings together our parishioners, families, and neighbors for food, fellowship, and fun. It is a celebration of our faith community and a joyful sign of all that God is doing here at the Cathedral. I hope you will come, enjoy the festivities, and take time to meet new people and share in the joy of our parish life.

This past week, we also kicked off our Centennial Campaign, *Let Us Go Rejoicing to the House of the Lord!* As we look forward to the 100th anniversary of our Cathedral next year, this historic effort will help us care for and restore our spiritual home for generations to come. If you have not yet done so, I encourage you to read the letter that was sent to your home, pray about your response, and consider how you can join us in this important mission.

With hearts full of gratitude for all that God is doing among us, let us continue to serve the Lord joyfully and proclaim with our lives, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!"

In Christ,
Father Pen



Tootsie Roll Drive

This Weekend: October 11 & 12

The Knights of Columbus will be giving away Tootsie Rolls after Mass this weekend. All donations are greatly appreciated and will be given to the Russell Nesbitt Services and to the Ohio County Special Olympics. **The Knights thank you in advance for your kind support!**

Candlelight Rosary Procession & Mass



Join us for an outdoor Candlelight Rosary Procession as we pray for our Church, our world, and our families.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025
7:00 PM

Procession begins at **ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH**
(2111 Market Street, Wheeling) and ends with Holy Mass
at the **CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH** (1300 Eoff Street, Wheeling)

PARKING & TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS:

Option #1: Park at the Cathedral starting at 6PM and take the shuttle bus over to St. Alphonsus for the start of the Rosary. The last shuttle bus leaves the Cathedral at 6:40PM.

Option #2: Park at St. Alphonsus and take the shuttle bus from the Cathedral back to St. Alphonsus after the Rosary and Mass is completed.

ANNUAL NOVENA TO THE INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

Hope Does Not Disappoint



Week 6 - October 13
"The Eucharist: Source of our Hope"

Father Chester Pabin
Diocese of Steubenville

Nine Consecutive Mondays at 7:00 p.m.



• UPCOMING EVENTS •

October 12 - Fall Festival, 12 Noon - 5pm

October 30 - Rosary Procession & Mass, 7pm

November 1 - Solemnity of All Saints, 9am Mass

November 2 - All Souls Day

November 2 - Evening Prayer for the Faithful Departed, 7pm



Angels in the Bible

ENCOUNTER GOD THROUGH HIS HEAVENLY MESSENGERS

THREE THURSDAYS AT 6:00PM • STARTING OCTOBER 30

Please RSVP by October 23

304-233-4121 • tgreenwood@dwc.org

Thank You for Your Support

Thank you to all who contributed so generously to last weekend's special collection for St. Vincent Missions. Your support sustains their outreach in Brazil and Taiwan, and assists foreign seminarians at St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, PA, preparing for ministry in their home countries. Your generosity advances the Church's mission throughout the world. To learn more or donate, visit saintvincentmissions.org.

World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, October 19, is World Mission Sunday, a special day to support the Church's missionary efforts around the world. This year's theme, inspired by the Jubilee of Hope, is "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples." A special collection will be taken at all Masses to assist communities where the Church is young, growing, and often in need.

COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE

October 5, 2025

Envelopes: \$2015 • Loose: \$1015 • Online: \$1089 • **Total: \$4119**

Maintenance Fund: \$862 • St. Vincent Missions: \$2058

Attendance: 279

Thank you for your generous support!



SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of October 12

THIS SUNDAY

2 Kings 5:14-17
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

MONDAY

Romans 1:1-7
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
Luke 11:29-32

TUESDAY

Romans 1:16-25
Ps 19:2-3 4-5
Luke 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY

Romans 2:1-11
Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9
Luke 11:42-46

THURSDAY

Romans 3:21-30
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Luke 11:47-54

FRIDAY

Romans 4:1-8
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11
Luke 12:1-7

SATURDAY

2 Timothy 4:10-17
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18
Luke 10:1-9

NEXT SUNDAY

Exodus 17:8-13
Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
2 Timothy 3:14—4:2
Luke 18:1-8

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.

Fatima and the Power of the Rosary

A Profound Call to Prayer, Penance, and Conversion

On October 13, 1917, a crowd of over 70,000 people in Fatima, Portugal, witnessed one of the most extraordinary events in modern religious history: the Miracle of the Sun. The sun appeared to dance in the sky, change colors, and move in ways that defied all natural explanation, leaving even skeptics in awe. This miraculous event crowned a series of apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to three humble shepherd children—Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta. Our Lady's message was clear: the world needed conversion, penance, and prayer.

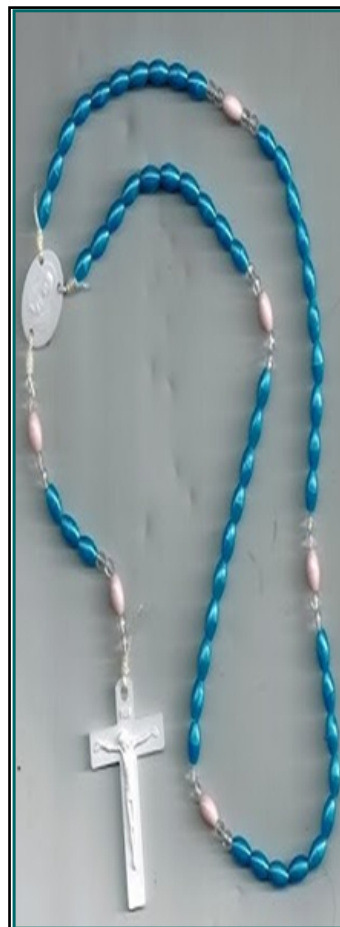


The miracle was not merely a spectacle; it confirmed the urgency of Our Lady's message. She called humanity to turn away from sin, make reparation for offenses against God, and pray the Rosary daily for peace and the conversion of sinners. In the midst of the First World War, her plea was a summons to healing for both hearts and nations.

Mary's request for daily recitation of the Rosary underscores the power of perseverance in prayer. The world is often in turmoil, and we may feel powerless before its conflicts. Yet the Rosary offers hope. It unites us with countless believers across time and space, forming a spiritual army that fights not with violence, but with love and faith. Every

prayer strengthens the bonds of peace and invites God's grace into the world.

As we commemorate the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun, let us heed Our Lady of Fatima's call. The Rosary is not mere repetition, but a profound way of drawing closer to God, seeking His will, and cooperating with His plan. Through Mary's intercession, we can help bring the peace and reconciliation the world so desperately needs.



Rosary Making **Classes**

Tuesday
OCTOBER 21

1:00 pm
or
6:00 pm

*All supplies
provided!*

**Choose your time
and RSVP to the
parish office of
St. Alphonsus Church.**

304-232-4353
office@stalswheeling.org

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.

Fellowship Evening
Wednesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m.
Belmont Brewerks, Martins Ferry

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Faith Sharing Book Club

Sunday, November 2 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, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. | St. Alphonsus

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

Adult Faith Formation

THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO OCTOBER 30 AT 6PM

Our next course will be on Angels in the Bible

Please RSVP now by emailing tgreenwood@dwc.org or calling 304-233-4121

Stewardship Reflection

On this Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear of the ten lepers healed by Jesus—but only one, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks. Gratitude lies at the heart of Christian stewardship. Everything we have is a gift from God, and like the healed leper, we are called to respond with thankful hearts and generous lives. Stewardship begins not with obligation, but with recognition—seeing God's hand in our blessings and choosing to give back in love. May we never grow tired of saying, "Thank you, Lord," with both our words and our deeds.

GRACE
 FALL KICK-OFF
Soup Swap
October 18, 2025
12 noon
 Stephanie Bugaj's home
 60 E Cardinal Ave, Wheeling

Bring your Favorite **Soup to Share!**
 Not a soup maker....
 No worries, just come for the fun and fellowship!

All-Around Favorite Soup will be awarded the **GOLDEN LADLE!**

RSVP to Stephanie @ 304-281-4581 or thebugajs@gmail.com with your name and the soup recipe you plan to bring!

Catholics in Recovery

Thursday at 7:30 p.m. | St. Alphonsus Hall

This program offers support for those facing addictions and unhealthy attachments - including alcohol, drugs, pornography, relationships, food, gambling, and anxiety. Come for yourself or someone you love who is struggling. For more information, please e-mail Fr. John Soplinski at jsoplinski@dwc.org or call the parish office at 304-233-4121.

Seniors Group

If you are 55 years and over and searching for a group that shares conversation, friendship, fun, and spiritual activities, this group is just for you! **Our next event will be helping with the Fall Festival on Sunday, October 12.**



October 18/19 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Greeter	Altar Server	Reader	EMHC
Saturday 6:00 pm	Cheryl J.	Martin I.	Deb Y. Br. John B.	Judy R. Paul R.
Sunday 7:30 am	Paul B. Kathleen B.	Tamora M. Julia S.	Jim E. Susanna K.	Philippa S.
Sunday 10:30 am	Linda F. Catherine L.	Martin I. The Brown Family	Amy M. Richard M.	Diane F. Cathy L.
Collection Counters for this Week		Catherine L., Cathy L., Libby B.		

LIVING OUR FAITH

"WITHOUT
LOVE, DEEDS,
EVEN THE MOST
BRILLANT, COUNT
AS NOTHING."

—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Teresa of Ávila (1515–1582)

Feast Day: October 15

Saint Teresa of Ávila, also known as Saint Teresa of Jesus, was a Spanish Carmelite nun, mystic, and Doctor of the Church. Born in Ávila, Spain, she entered the Carmelite convent at a young age but soon felt called to a deeper life of prayer and reform.

Amid great challenges, Teresa founded the Discalced Carmelites, emphasizing poverty, simplicity, and contemplative prayer. Her spiritual writings—especially *The Interior Castle* and *The Way of Perfection*—remain classics of Christian mysticism, guiding souls toward intimate union with God through humility and love.

Known for her wit, courage, and deep mystical experiences, Teresa was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970, one of the first women to receive the title. Her life reminds us that holiness flows from friendship with God and perseverance in prayer.

Saint Teresa of Ávila, pray for us!

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the Cathedral parish office at 304-233-4121 or email jmanning@dwc.org. Our OCIA classes have just begun, but we are still welcoming new candidates.



On October 7, we celebrated the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, and the Church dedicates the whole month of October to this devotion. In the Rosary, with its prayers and mysteries, we contemplate the Gospel with Mary. As St. John Paul II wrote in 2002, "The Rosary...is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it remains a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness....With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer" (*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, 1).

Ways to Our Lady this Month

- Pray the Rosary each day
- Devote Saturdays to Our Lady
- Place flowers in front of a statue of the Blessed Mother

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION

October: For Collaboration Between Different Religious Traditions

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Gracious God, open our eyes to recognize Your mercy at work in our lives. May we, like the healed leper, return to You with hearts full of gratitude and faith. Teach us to give thanks in all things, that we may walk always in Your saving love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

Blanche Kirkland
Cheryl Garrison
Crystal Vines
Joe Bechtel
Joyce Hehr

Laine Castello
Maria Workman
Marsha Bartlett
Millie Kirkpatrick
Pat Edmon

Pete Cuffaro
Susan Ackerman
Our Homebound
Parishioners

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October 19th

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Lepor Colony, Kon Tum, Vietnam, April 7, 2025, (TPMS USA/Margaret Murray)



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained: *The Lord's Prayer*

Question:

Why don't Catholics add the "For yours is the Kingdom ..." prayer at the end of the Our Father like Protestants do? Where did it come from?

Answer:

The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer that you refer to is called a doxology, which is a prayer of glory and praise. This particular doxology we do use in the Mass. After the Our Father, the priest prays the prayer that begins, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..." and the people respond with the doxology. The doxology is not found in the Bible, but it is very ancient. It was first found in *The Didache*, also called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," which dates probably from about the year AD 90. It was a letter of instruction to early converts to Christianity. Protestantism dates only to the sixteenth century, so the doxology is actually a Catholic prayer. Some scholars and the catechism (#2760) indicate that the doxology was connected to the celebration of the Eucharist and was not used apart from it.

Remember, both the Lord's Prayer and the Eucharist were part of the "mysteries of faith," things taught only to believers. Ironically, a remnant of a prayer used during the celebration of the Eucharist has come to be used widely by many Christian churches that do not celebrate the Eucharist! Truth is indeed stranger than fiction!

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

ROSARY CRUSADE FOR VOCATIONS IN WV

SCAN ME!



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- Name the Cathedral as a beneficiary on an account
- Leave a specific gift in your Will or Trust
- Designate a percentage of your estate

Wording for bequests: "Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church of Wheeling-Charleston, for the use and benefit of the Rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling, WV, for the Cathedral."

Thank you for considering this lasting gift of faith!

respect life month

novena



October 22-30, 2025

The annual Respect Life Month Novena prays for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life prayer intention which is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join thousands of Catholics in praying for life!

Sign Up!

Get the daily prayers by email or text message!
Scan the QR code or visit
respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena.



The National Catholic Youth Conference is a three-day pilgrimage for Catholic high school students. From November 20-22, 2025, in Indianapolis, participants will experience prayer, community, and the transformative power of God's presence. A group from Wheeling will be attending (including members of our parish), and they are holding the following fundraisers to help pay for the trip:

Steak Fry—Oct 18 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
St. Michael Parish Angelus Center
Tickets are \$25

50/50 Raffle—Oct 18
Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20

Contact Dcn. Jacob Manning for tickets:
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