

THE Cathedral Courier

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

19 October 2025



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOHN PAUL II • FEAST DAY: OCTOBER 22

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 19 - 26, 2025

SUN 19 **Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time** **World Mission Sunday**

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for the Parishioners
7:30 am Mass for + Ginny & Ross Felton
9:00 am OCIA (*Cantina*)
10:30 am Mass for + Nepomuceno Dario

MON 20 **Optional Memorial of St. Paul of the Cross**

12:05 pm Mass for + Edwin Angulo
7:00 pm Infant of Prague Novena

TUE 21 **Weekday in Ordinary Time**

12:05 pm Mass for + Kenneth Snyder

WED 22 **Optional Memorial of St. John Paul II**

12:05 pm Mass for + Chris Miller
7:00 pm Sons of St. Joseph

THU 23 **Optional Memorial of St. John of Capistrano**

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

FRI 24 **Optional Memorial of St. Anthony Mary Claret**

11:00 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for + Thomas McConkey

SAT 25 **Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 am Mass for + Jeannie Ann Quirk
11:00 am Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

SUN 26 **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 am Mass for + Helen Pasden
9:00 am OCIA (*Cantina*)
10:30 am Mass for + Jack & Evelyn Jochum

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,

Today, the Church throughout the world celebrates World Mission Sunday, a day set aside each year to renew our prayerful and material support for the missionary work of the Church. In a recent video message, Pope Leo urged "every Catholic parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday." He went on to say, "Your prayers and your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories."

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares the parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8), teaching us that prayer must be constant and full of faith. The Lord does not tire of hearing us; He desires that we never tire of speaking to Him. This kind of persevering prayer also fuels our missionary spirit. When we pray faithfully, our hearts are opened to see the needs of others, near and far, and to respond with compassion.

During this Month of the Rosary, the Church gives us a beautiful way to live out that same spirit of persevering prayer. The Rosary is more than a repetition of words—it is a meditation on the life of Jesus through the eyes of His Blessed Mother. You are warmly invited to our Candlelight Rosary Procession on Thursday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m., beginning at St. Alphonsus Church and concluding at the Cathedral. This special evening is always a moving public witness of our love for Mary and her Son, and a reminder that Christ's light still shines in the darkness. I hope many of you will attend.

I would also like to take a moment to thank everyone who has already supported our Cathedral Centennial Campaign! If you have not yet had the opportunity to participate, I encourage you to prayerfully consider making a pledge or donation. Together, we can preserve and strengthen our beloved Cathedral for generations to come.

May Our Lady of the Rosary intercede for us, and may our hearts remain steadfast in faith and joyful in prayer.

In Christ,
Father Pen



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 7 - October 20
"Living Hope in the
Community of Believers"

Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan
Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

Nine Consecutive Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

World Mission Sunday

This 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.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

- 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
- November 7** - First Friday Adoration, 12:45pm-5pm
- November 27** - Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9am
- November 30** - First Sunday of Advent



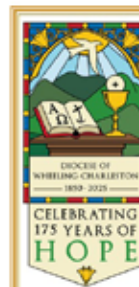
Angels in the Bible

ENCOUNTER GOD THROUGH HIS HEAVENLY MESSENGERS

THREE THURSDAYS AT 6:00PM • STARTING OCTOBER 30

Please RSVP by October 23

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Wheeling Vicariate Gathering:

Celebrating the 175th
Anniversary of the Diocese

Tuesday, October 28
St. Paul Parish
140 Walnut St. Weirton WV

Mass at 6:00pm
Celebrated by Bishop Brennan
and priests of the Wheeling Vicariate

Reception to follow the Mass

All are welcome!!

COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE

October 12, 2025

Envelopes: \$1502 • Loose: \$896 • Online: \$1097 • Total: \$3495
Maintenance Fund: \$250

Attendance: 287

Thank you for your generous support!



SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of October 19

THIS 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

MONDAY

Romans 4:20-25
(Ps) Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75
Luke 12:13-21

TUESDAY

Romans 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21
Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17
Luke 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY

Romans 6:12-18
Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8
Luke 12:39-48

THURSDAY

Romans 6:19-23
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6
Luke 12:49-53

FRIDAY

Romans 7:18-25
Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94
Luke 12:54-59

SATURDAY

Ephesians 2:19-22
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5
Luke 6:12-16

NEXT SUNDAY

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

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.

The Apostle of the Rosary Celebrating the Canonization of Bartolo Longo

This Sunday, October 19, 2025, Pope Leo XIV will canonize Blessed Bartolo Longo alongside six others, raising to the altars a man whose remarkable conversion shows that no one is beyond the reach of God's mercy. Once a promoter of Satanism, Longo became one of the Church's greatest apostles of the Rosary—a living sign that divine grace can transform even the darkest heart.

Born in 1841 in Latiano, Italy, Longo was raised in a devout Catholic family and educated in law at the University of Naples. During his studies, he drifted from the faith, drawn into anti-religious philosophies and occult practices that left him anxious and despairing. Yet through the prayers of friends and the guidance of a Dominican priest, Father Alberto Radente, he rediscovered

God's mercy through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Longo's conversion was profound—a true rebirth of the soul. In gratitude, he embraced prayer, penance, and the Rosary, which he called "the sweet chain that binds us to God." Joining the Dominican Third Order and taking the name "Brother Rosario," he became convinced that Mary had personally led him from darkness into light. Determined to share that grace, he began preaching the Rosary, especially among the poor and forgotten.

In 1872, he settled in Pompeii, then a town marked by poverty and spiritual neglect. There he taught the faith to children, gathered the townspeople to pray, and restored a tattered image of Our Lady that soon became world-famous.



His tireless efforts transformed Pompeii into a thriving center of devotion, culminating in the great Shrine of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary of Pompeii, dedicated in 1891 and now one of the world's most beloved Marian sanctuaries.

Together with his wife, Countess Mariana di Fusco, Longo founded schools, orphanages, and homes for the children of prisoners, showing that true

devotion always leads to charity. Until his death in 1926, he lived as a man redeemed—humble, joyful, and utterly devoted to Our Lady.

Nearly a century later, Bartolo Longo stands as a radiant witness that God's mercy triumphs over every darkness. Through Mary's intercession and the faithful prayer of the Rosary, grace can transform even

the most wounded heart into a vessel of light.

*"The Rosary is the prayer
dearest to Mary,
most loved by the Saints,
most frequently used by
Christian peoples,
most honoured by God
with astounding wonders,
most enriched with
great promises,
by the Virgin."*

Bl. Bartolo Longo

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 22 at 7:00 p.m.
Outdoor Rosary in Courtyard

FORMATION • FELLOWSHIP • WORSHIP • SERVICE

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.

St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry



We are blessed to be observing both the Catholic Respect Life month and the Ecumenical 40 Days for Life!

-pray the rosary with us in the Cathedral at 11:30 a.m. weekdays & 9:30 a.m. Saturdays

-pray the Respect Life Novena, Oct. 22-30
 (link & QR code on page 9)

-sponsor a baby or maternity product for *St. Gianna Goods on the Go*, our mobile baby pantry that's starting soon!

For more info, call Amy at (304) 312-9051 or Jennie at (304) 281-1349.

GRACE
 CELEBRATION OF ST. JOSEPH
 1922-1992

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

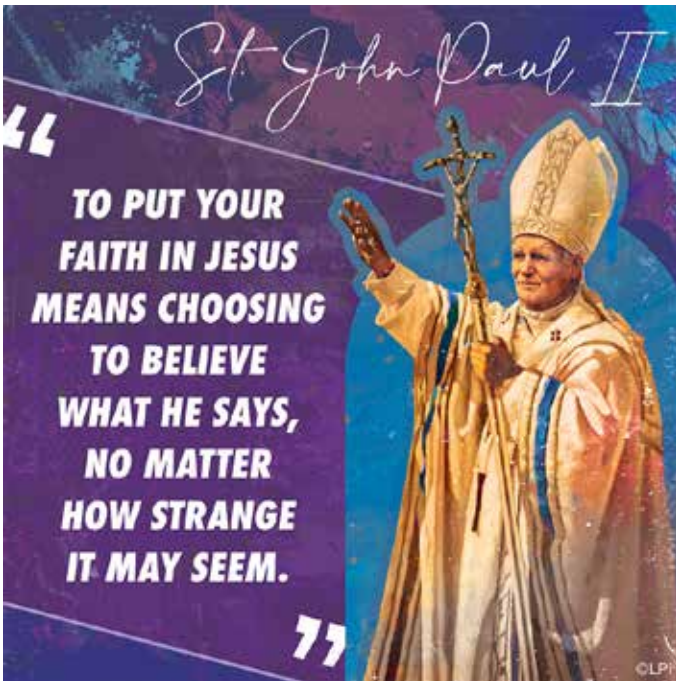
If you are 55 years and over and searching for a group that shares conversation, friendship, fun, and spiritual activities, this group is just for you! **Stay tuned for our next gathering.**



October 25/26 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

	Greeter	Altar Server	Reader	EMHC
Saturday 6:00 pm	Br. John B. Yvonne K.	Martin I.	Roberta S. Deb Y.	Judy M. Patti D.
Sunday 7:30 am	Debbie R. Paul R.	Sarah M. Tamora M.	Mark B. Julia S.	Philippa S. Tamora M.
Sunday 10:30 am	Stephanie B. Walt B.	Martin I. The Brown Family	Christina B. Isabella B.	Nick T. John T.
Collection Counters for this Week		Cathy L., Deb Y.		

LIVING OUR FAITH



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John Paul II (1920-2005)

Feast Day: October 22

Saint John Paul II, born Karol Józef Wojtyła in Wadowice, Poland, was one of the most beloved and influential popes in modern history. Elected pope in 1978, he became the first non-Italian pope in over 450 years and served the Church for more than 26 years.

Before his papacy, he lived through the Nazi occupation and later Communist oppression in Poland, experiences that shaped his deep faith and defense of human dignity. As pope, he traveled to over 100 countries, proclaiming the Gospel and calling all people to holiness and hope.

He played a pivotal role in the fall of communism in Eastern Europe, especially through his support for the Polish Solidarity movement. John Paul II also emphasized the dignity of every human person, the value of youth, and the mercy of God—most notably by canonizing Saint Faustina and instituting Divine Mercy Sunday.

Canonized in 2014, he is remembered for his joy, courage, and unwavering faith in Christ.

St. John Paul II, 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

Lord, strengthen our faith to trust boldly in Your providence and to witness to the dignity of every human life. Fill our hearts with courage and hope, that we may bring Your mercy to the world and proclaim the joy of the Gospel through all we do. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:

Blanche Kirkland	Laine Castello	Pete Cuffaro
Cheryl Garrison	Maria Workman	Susan Ackerman
Crystal Vines	Marsha Bartlett	Our Homebound
Joe Bechtel	Millie Kirkpatrick	Parishioners
Joyce Hehr	Pat Edmon	

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE
among the Peoples

World Mission Sunday 2025
October 19th

SHARE: GIVE NOW

TEXT "MISSIONS25" TO 53555

YOUR GIFT HELPS SUPPORT:

82,498 Seminarians	8,749 Shelters and Orphanages	11,992 Health Centers	843,785 Catechists	258,540 Religious sisters
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Lepor Colony, Kon Tum, Vietnam, April 7, 2025, (TPMS USA/Margaret Murray)



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained: *Serving Others*

Question:

I volunteer every once in a while. How can I incorporate serving the poor in my everyday life?

Answer:

In the Gospels, Jesus is very clear about emphasizing outreach to vulnerable persons on the margins of society. These may be the materially poor, the disabled, the lonely, or any others whose circumstances drive them from mainstream society. We can all respond to Christ's call to love by incorporating direct service into our regular life routine. Here are some ideas to find your niche:

Consider your life. Before you look for direct service opportunities, consider your schedule, commitment levels, and personal gifts. When can you help out and how regularly? Where have you volunteered in the past that has felt like a good fit? Do you have any particular skills or personality traits that lend you to particular work?

Do some research. There are a lot of structured ways you can get involved in your community. Your parish might have a social concerns outreach program. If not, ask friends and family. A simple online search for local nonprofits can also expose you to new opportunities.

Be open to God's invitation. The chance to serve may be closer than you think. Befriending an elderly neighbor, widowed and far from children, is an act of serving the poor. Keep your eyes and heart open!

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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Our beautiful Cathedral, rich in history and faith, needs essential repairs to preserve it for generations to come. Please consider making a donation. Every gift makes a difference. Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

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\$43,219 in donations.
Thank you for your support!**

Leave a Legacy Gift

Do you hold the Cathedral close to your heart? Including it in your will or estate plan is a meaningful way to ensure our faith and ministry continue for generations.

You can:

- 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.



All Saints *All Souls*

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 1

MASS
9:00 AM

SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 2

MASSES
6:00 PM (SAT)
7:30 AM
10:30 AM



EVENING PRAYER
for the Faithful Departed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2
6:00 PM

Featuring music by

THE SCHOLA OF THE CATHEDRAL



THE VOICES OF FREEDOM
OF WHEELING PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Join us for this special evening of prayer and music as we remember our beloved deceased family members, friends, and parishioners.




FALL FESTIVAL



Thank you!!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped make our Cathedral Fall Festival this year such a joyful and successful event! It was a beautiful day of faith, fellowship, and family.



Our sincere thanks to all who planned, organized, set up, volunteered, and cleaned up—and to those who donated baked goods, raffle items, or their time.

We are especially grateful to our generous sponsors for their support, which helped make the day possible.



Your kindness and hard work reflect the spirit of our Cathedral family. May God bless you for all you do to strengthen our parish and share its joy with others.



We encourage you to support our sponsors!



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