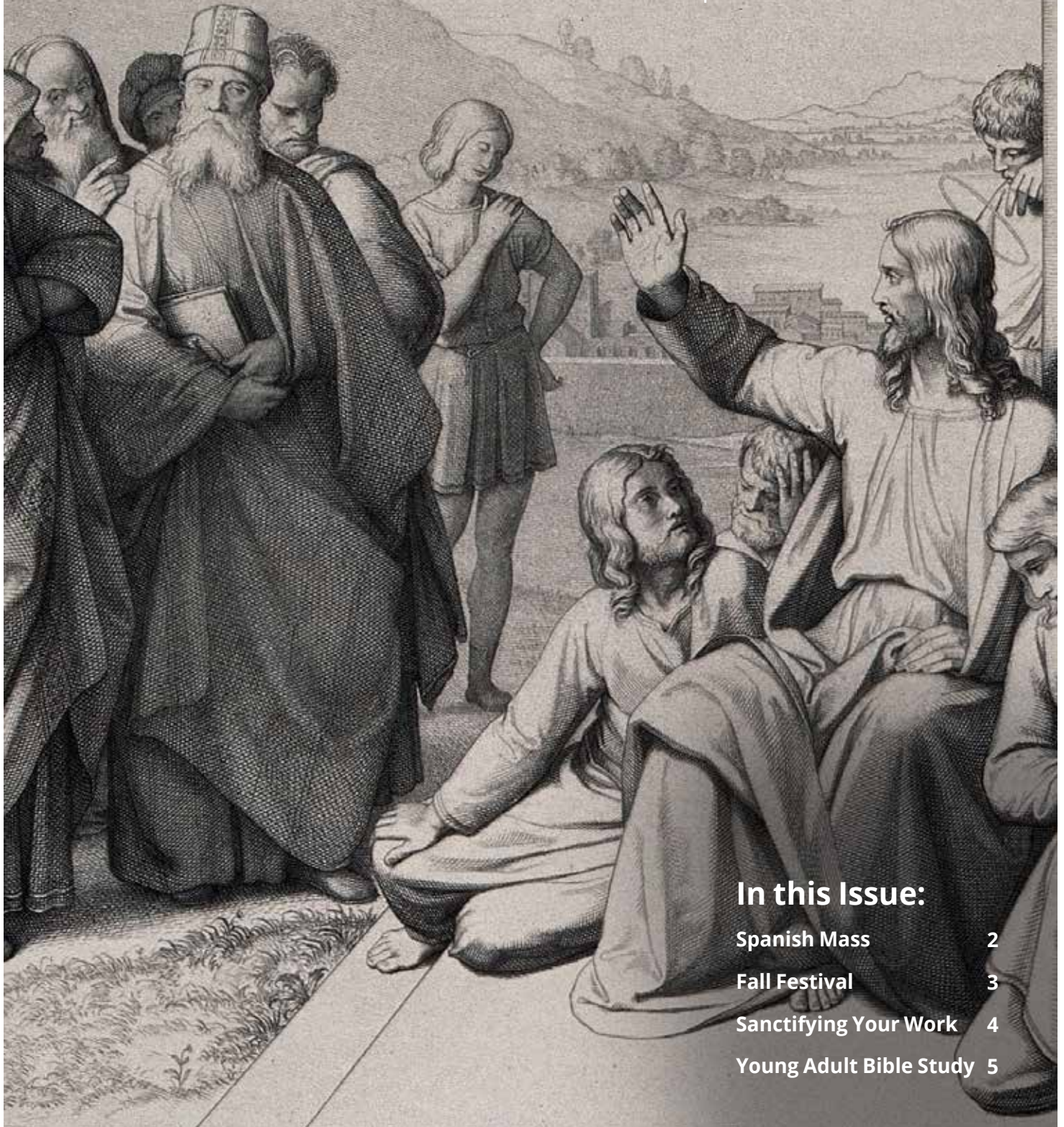


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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

September 1 - 8, 2024

SUN 1	<p>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Month of Our Lady of Sorrows World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation</p> <p>6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for the Parishioners 8:00 am Mass for Janet Castilow 9:00 am Mass for Sarah Truini</p>
MON 2	<p>Weekday in Ordinary Time Labor Day</p> <p>9:00 am Labor Day Mass 12:00 pm Spanish Mass</p>
TUE 3	<p>Memorial of St. Gregory the Great</p> <p>12:05 pm Mass for Roseanna Thoman 6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Group Meeting (<i>St. Alphonsus</i>)</p>
WED 4	<p>Weekday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>12:05 pm Mass for Bartholomew & Rose Purpura 7:00 pm St. Monica Prayer Group (<i>St. Alphonsus</i>)</p>
THU 5	<p>Optional Memorial of St. Teresa of Calcutta</p> <p>12:05 pm Mass for David & Faye Ghaphery 7:30 pm Young Adults Bible Study (<i>Parish Office</i>)</p>
FRI 6	<p>Weekday in Ordinary Time First Friday</p> <p>11:15 am Confessions 12:05 pm Mass for Betty Hickman 12:45 pm Eucharistic Adoration Begins 4:00 pm Holy Hour of Reparation 5:00 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament</p>
SAT 7	<p>Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary First Saturday</p> <p>9:00 am Mass for Mihalena Pacewicz 9:30 am Rosary 5:00 pm Confessions 6:00 pm Mass for Madeline Belby</p>
SUN 8	<p>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners 9:00 am Book Club (<i>Rector's Office</i>) 10:30 am Mass for Norma Paytash</p>



RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

As we celebrate Labor Day this weekend, we reflect on the dignity of work and our calling to honor God in all we do. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges the Pharisees, reminding us that it is not external rituals that make us pure, but the intentions of our hearts. Our work, whether at home, in the office, or in the community, becomes an offering to God when done with love, honesty, and integrity.



As we focus on the work of our hands and hearts, it's also important to consider the work of our spiritual lives. With the new school year beginning, now is the time to sign up for First Communion and Confirmation classes, or OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). If someone in your family is ready to receive their First Communion or Confirmation, or if you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please reach out to the parish office soon, as classes will begin shortly. Let us commit to growing in our faith and supporting one another on this journey.

Labor Day invites us to examine the motivations behind our labor. Are we working just for personal gain, or do we seek to serve others and glorify God? Let us strive to keep our hearts pure, dedicating our work to building up God's Kingdom, where justice, compassion, and respect for all prevail. May our labors be blessed, and may they bless others.

Let us keep one another in prayer.

Father Pen

St. Monica Ministry

Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 pm

We are excited to launch a new ministry specifically committed to praying for our loved ones and friends who have left the Church. We will meet this Wednesday evening at 7 pm at the St. Alphonsus Parish Hall to discuss future plans for this ministry.



Join us for our Cathedral Community Fall Festival! We'll have a variety of food, beer and wine, live music, craft vendors, fun games, a pumpkin patch, and so much more!

VOLUNTEERS

We're looking for volunteers to help make this event a success! If you're able to lend a hand, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. We'll be in touch to assign specific roles for the day of the festival. **Please register to volunteer by September 8.**

BAKE SALE

Our bake sale was a huge hit last year, and we're excited to bring it back this year. **If you're able to donate a sweet treat, please sign up in the back of the church as well.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 2** - Labor Day Mass, 9am; Spanish Mass, Noon
- September 3** - Pro-Life Group, 6pm
- September 4** - St. Monica Prayer Group, 7pm
- September 5** - Young Adults Bible Study, 7:30pm
- September 6** - First Friday
- September 7** - Pilgrimage to St. Anthony's Chapel, Pittsburgh
- September 7** - Diocesan Religious Mass, 6pm
- September 9** - Infant of Prague Novena Begins, 7pm
- September 14** - Blue Mass for First Responders, 6pm
- September 15** - Catechetical Sunday
- September 18** - Courtyard Movie Night, 7pm
- September 21** - Fall Festival, Noon-9pm
- September 28/29** - Stewardship Ministry Fair
- October 5** - Blessing of Pets, 10am
- October 11** - Candlelight Rosary Procession, 7pm



Eucharistic Adoration

This Friday, September 6 from 12:45pm-5pm

Eucharistic Adoration will begin immediately following the 12:05pm Mass and continue until our Holy Hour of Reparation at 4:00pm, followed by Benediction. All are welcome to come and adore the Lord, even if only for a few minutes during the day.



First Communion & Confirmation Classes



It's time to register for the **2024-2025 First Communion and Confirmation Classes**. To register or for more information, please call the parish offices at 304-233-4121 or e-mail tgreenwood@dwc.org. **The deadline for registration is September 1.**

Pilgrimage to St. Anthony's Chapel

Saturday, September 7

For those registered to participate in our pilgrimage to St. Anthony's Chapel in Pittsburgh on Saturday, September 7, please note that our bus will depart from the Cathedral at 10:00 a.m. and return around 2:30 p.m. While there is no charge for the bus, donations are welcome.

Collection

August 25, 2024
 Envelopes: \$1508
 Loose: \$1292 / Online: \$438
Total: \$3238

Attendance: 286

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“TEACH US TO PRAY”

Living the Year of Prayer
in Preparation for Jubilee 2025

Year of Prayer: Embracing Silence in a Noisy World

During this Year of Prayer designated by Pope Francis to prepare us for the 2025 Jubilee Year, we will present a series of reflections here over the next few weeks on how to best live out this Year of Prayer:

In our fast-paced lives, silence can seem elusive. Yet, in this Year of Prayer, we are encouraged to seek out moments of stillness. Silence is not just the absence of noise but the presence of God. In the quiet, we can hear the gentle whispers of the Holy Spirit, guiding us, comforting us, and drawing us closer to God’s heart.

This week, try to carve out time each day to sit in silence with God. It might be in the early morning before the rush of the day begins or in the evening as you reflect on the day’s events. In those moments, simply be present to God. You don’t need to fill the silence with words; just listen. Allow the silence to penetrate your soul and open your heart to God’s presence. As you practice this, you may find that the noise of the world fades, and the peace of Christ fills your heart. Let this silence become a wellspring of prayer, from which your conversations with God flow naturally and deeply.

FIRE UP YOUR FAITH

Sanctifying Your Work: A Path to Holiness Transforming Ordinary Labor into a Sacred Offering

As we celebrate Labor Day weekend, it’s an opportune time to reflect on the value of work in our lives. Work is not just a means to earn a living; it is a vital aspect of our Christian vocation, a way to grow in holiness, and a means to serve God and others.

The Catholic Church teaches that every kind of work, whether manual labor, professional, or domestic tasks, can be sanctified when done with love and offered to God. In his encyclical on human work, *Laborem Exergens*, St. John Paul II reminded us, “Work is a good thing for man—a good thing for his humanity—because through work, man not only transforms nature, adapting it to his own needs, but he also achieves fulfillment as a human being.”

Sanctifying your work means carrying out your daily tasks with a spirit of excellence, integrity, and dedication, offering them up as a prayer to God. It involves doing everything for the glory of God, whether it’s a small, seemingly insignificant chore or a significant professional responsibility.

By offering your work to God, you transform it into a form of prayer and worship, thus bringing God’s presence into your everyday life.

This practice also invites us to see Christ in the people we work with and serve. When we approach our tasks with a heart full of love and a desire to serve others, we participate in the redemptive mission of Christ. We become co-creators with God, contributing to the well-being of society and the building up of His Kingdom on earth.

On this Labor Day weekend, let us renew our commitment to sanctify our work. Whether you’re at home, in the office, or out in the community, remember that your labor is not in vain when it is done with love and for the glory of God. May St. Joseph, the humble carpenter, intercede for us and guide us in this noble endeavor.

In this way, our work becomes more than just a job—it becomes a pathway to holiness and a means to draw closer to God.

NOVENA TO THE
Infant Jesus of Prague

Theme: Bringing Others to Christ

SEPTEMBER 9 TO NOVEMBER 4, 2024
NINE CONSECUTIVE MONDAYS
7:00 P.M.

“The More You Honor Me, The More I Will Bless You.”

THE **Cathedral of St. Joseph**

PARISH GROUPS

Faith Sharing Book Club

Sunday, September 8 at 9:00am

Our Faith Sharing Book Club is now reading *Go to Heaven - A Spiritual Road Map to Eternity* by Fulton J. Sheen. Join us for a discussion of chapters 1-4 (122 pages) on Sunday September 8th at 9 a.m. in the rectory. Hope to see you there!

Young Adults Bible Study

Monday, August 26 at 7:30pm

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We're currently working our way through the Acts of the Apostles. To sign up or for more information, please e-mail Fr. Soplinski at jsoplinski@dwc.org.



On September 15, the Church observes a memorial honoring the Blessed Mother as Our Lady of Sorrows. "And a sword will pierce your own soul, too," Simeon told Mary when she presented the child Jesus in the Temple forty days after his birth (Luke 2:35). That prophecy was fulfilled when Mary stood at the foot of her Son's Cross, sharing his bitter suffering. During the month of September, we honor Mary under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows. This month, let us bring to Mary all our sorrows, knowing that she understands what it is to truly suffer. This month is a good time to draw closer to our Blessed Mother by meditating on the great hymn to the Mother of Sorrows, the *Stabat Mater*.

Ways to Honor the Seven Sorrows of Mary

- ❖ Pray the *Stabat Mater*
- ❖ Meditate upon an image of the *Pieta*
- ❖ Don't run from the sorrows of others



The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September

For the cry of the Earth

We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.



SONS of SAINT JOSEPH

We invite **ALL THE MEN** of the parish to come and 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 EVENT: St. Monica Prayer Group
Wednesday, September 4 at 7pm
St. Alphonsus Parish Hall, Wheeling

We had a fantastic cookout with our men's group and their families recently! We are blessed to have a great group of guys who regularly get together for formation, fellowship, worship, and service! If you're looking for a place to grow in faith and build lasting friendships, consider joining us on Wednesday evenings!



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St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry

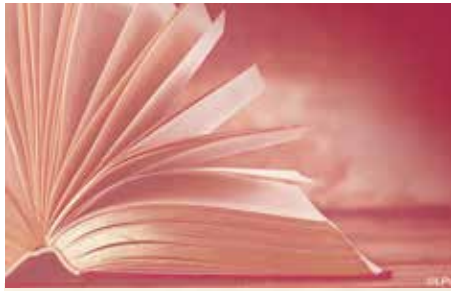
This Labor Day, we uphold the worth of all the unpaid labor of raising our children and managing our households.

In the words of Pope St. John Paul II, "...that work should be acknowledged and deeply appreciated. The "toil" of a woman who, having given birth to a child, nourishes and cares for that child and devotes herself to its upbringing, particularly in the early years, is so great as to be comparable to any professional work. This ought to be clearly stated and upheld, no less than any other labour right. Motherhood, because of all the hard work it entails, should be recognized as giving the right to financial benefits at least equal to those of other kinds of work undertaken in order to support the family during such a delicate phase of its life.*

We ask each of you to discern ways to support this work of mothers- and fathers- who do this crucial work of raising our children and tending our homes. On this Labor Day, let us collaborate - co-labor - because we can only do this work in the fellowship of brothers and sisters who have one another's backs.

Our next gathering will be this Tuesday, September 3 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus in Wheeling.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of September 1

THIS SUNDAY

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
 Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5
 James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

MONDAY

1 Corinthians 2:1-5
 Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102
 Luke 4:16-30

TUESDAY

1 Corinthians 2:10-16
 Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 13-14
 Luke 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY

1 Corinthians 3:1-9
 Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21
 Luke 4:38-44

THURSDAY

1 Corinthians 3:18-23
 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
 Luke 5:1-11

FRIDAY

1 Corinthians 4:1-5
 Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40
 Luke 5:33-39

SATURDAY

1 Corinthians 4:6-15
 Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21
 Luke 6:1-5

NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 35:4-7
 Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
 James 2:1-5
 Mark 7:31-37

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.

September 3 - Saint Gregory the Great, pope, doctor of the Church (d.387)

Saint Gregory the Great was a mayor, a monk, a pope and a writer. Unhappy with his life as mayor of Rome, St. Gregory allocated half his fortune to the poor and the other half to the foundation of seven monasteries. After joining a monastery in pursuit of a simple life, he was elected to the papacy. As pope, he cared for the poor, implemented the Gregorian reforms to improve Church governance and clerical behavior, promoted the monastic vocation, and renewed the liturgy. His name is associated with Gregorian chant (plainsong) and Eucharistic Prayer II (along with St. Hippolytus). A prolific writer and Doctor of the Church, St. Gregory composed numerous theological texts and is cited 374 times in St. Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologiae*. *Patronage*: music

September 5 - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

The Church celebrates on September 5 the feast of Mother Teresa, a universal symbol of God's merciful and preferential love for the poor and forgotten. "Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defense of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded." (Pope Francis, Canonization Homily). Small in stature but a giant witness to faith, hope and love, we turn to Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta on her feast day, asking her to intercede for us!

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults



Evangelization is the primary task of the Church and we, the members of the Church, are called to evangelize. Let us go forth and seek out those who want to be Catholic and bring them to experience an encounter with Jesus. Therefore,

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Is interested in becoming Catholic?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
- Has been sitting in the pew next to your Catholic spouse for years wondering what to do to become Catholic?

Registration for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is open. If you want to join or knows someone who wants to be Catholic, please contact the Parish Office or Deacon Jacob Manning at 304-280-9684 or jmanning@dwc.org.

September 7 - 8 Liturgical Ministers

	Greeter	Altar Server	Reader	EM
Saturday 6:00 pm	Yvonne K. Judy M.	The Brown Family Stephen L. Sarah M.	Religious	Patty D. Judy M.
Sunday 8:00 am	Paul R. Debbie R.	Tamora M. Julia S.	Philippa S.	Teresa H. Tony H.
Sunday 10:30 am	Sarah C. Pat T.	Martin I. Stephen L.	Jon G.	Bill H. Cathy L.

BLUE MASS

FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRST RESPONDERS



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
6:00 PM

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH

1300 Eoff Street, Wheeling, West Virginia

Bishop Mark E. Brennan
Celebrant & Homilist

*A reception will follow.
All are welcome.*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer	Chuck Fair	Kermit Klosterman	Rachel Wade
Angela Niehart	David A. Kress, Jr.	Kristin Smith	R. J. Stocke
Archer Hatch	Dianna Albright	Langan Family	Richard Simon
Arthur Danehart	Doug Jones	Liam Barns	Rick Burgy
Austin Cook	Eric South	Liam Manning	Ron Hickman
Barb Mazzocca	Eva Wood	Lukie Brown	Rosalie Davis
Beth Jochum	Frank Davis	Margaret Stocke	Rose Otey
Betty Teater	Frederick C. Schweizer	Marge Mucheck	Sarah Hanasky
Bill Wilson	Gail Koch	Marie Farnsworth	Sarah Sargent
Bob Armstrong	George Kirchner	Marie & Conner	Shirley DeCaria
Billy Hanasky	Geri Adams Nagy	Workman	Stanley Kyrk
Brian Hanasky	Hines Rotriga	Mark Davis	Susan Graff
Brogan Gallentine	Jean Schultz	Marshall South	Susan Mize
Caleb Hlebiczki	Jim Antill	Martha Yocum	Susan Schulte
Carol Young	Jim and Dee	Mary K. Schlosser	Susanna Kress
Carolyn Lash	Jimmy Hocking	Mary Walicki	Tammy
Carolyn Wiethe	Joe Bechtel	Michael DeBlasis	Teresa Helfer
Catherine Lanham	Jon-Michael Lasher	Milissa Rose	Thelma Pearson
Charles Heizer	Judy Pack	Nicholas Barns	Tony Helfer
Children of the	Julia Sheets	Pete Cuffaro	Trystan Timmons
Youth Services System	Kathy Cooley	Pete Mack	Victoria Jeskey
Christina Helfer	Kaitlyn Hanasky	Philippa Shores	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



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Catholic Teaching on Labor

Question:

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

Answer:

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.



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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 one of our priests or deacons.

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.

