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THE Cathedral Courier

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

28 September 2025



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ARCHANGEL MICHAEL • GUIDO RENI • 1635

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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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

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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ANNUAL NOVENA TO THE INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE

Hope Does Not Disappoint



Week 4 - September 29
"Hope Through Suffering"

Father John Soplinski
Cathedral of St. Joseph &
St. Alphonsus Parishes, Wheeling

Nine Consecutive Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Missionary Cooperation Plan

Next Weekend

Father Cassian Edwards, O.S.B., a Benedictine monk of St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, PA, will be with us next weekend asking for our prayers and alms for their missions in Brazil and Taiwan, as well as for the many foreign seminarians who study at St. Vincent and then return to ministry in their home countries. Please be generous and help them reach out to those they serve. In this way, you can become part of this mission of mercy and salvation.

40 Days for Life Pilgrimage

Saturday, October 4 following 9:00 a.m. Mass
Franciscan University of Steubenville

The St. Gianna Pro-Life Group invites everyone to join us on Saturday, October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, for a pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unborn Child at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Following the Cathedral's 9:00 a.m. Mass and Rosary, we will carpool from the parking lot and gather to pray together at this peaceful place, lifting up infants in the womb, expectant parents, those healing from abortion, and all the vulnerable of the world. Let us sanctify each of these 40 Days for Life with prayer and witness!



Mark your calendars for our annual parish festival — a celebration for the whole community! **We need everyone's help to make it a success.** A sign-up sheet is available in the back of the church; **please take a moment to volunteer.** Once you sign up, we'll contact you to schedule you for areas where you feel most comfortable helping. Together, we can make this year's festival our best yet!

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

October 4 - Rosary Altar Society, 9am Mass

October 4 - Blessing of Pets, 10am

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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In Honor of St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday, October 4, 2025

10:00 am

Cathedral Courtyard Plaza



Eucharistic Adoration

This Friday, October 3 from 1:00pm-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.

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend's second collection supports **The Catholic University of America**, founded in 1887 by the U.S. bishops as the national university of the Catholic Church in our country. The University educates clergy, religious, and laity in the pursuit of truth through faith and reason, serving the Church, the nation, and the world.

COLLECTION & ATTENDANCE

September 21, 2025

Envelopes: \$2448 • Loose: \$1289 • Online: \$1001 • Total: \$4738

Maintenance Fund: \$245

Attendance: 247

Thank you for your generous support!



SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of September 28

THIS SUNDAY

Amos 6:1, 4-7
Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

MONDAY

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5
John 1:47-51

TUESDAY

Zechariah 8:20-23
Ps 87:1-3, 4-5, 6-7
Luke 9:51-56

WEDNESDAY

Nehemiah 2:1-8
Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Luke 9:57-62

THURSDAY

Nehemiah 8:1-4, 5-6, 7-12
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11
Matthew 18:1-5, 10

FRIDAY

Baruch 1:15-22
Ps 79:1-2, 3-5, 8, 9
Luke 10:13-16

SATURDAY

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29
Ps 69:33-35, 36-37
Luke 10:17-24

NEXT SUNDAY

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

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 Power of the Holy Rosary Our Lady's Call to Prayer and Peace

On October 13, 1917, during her final appearance to the three shepherd children of Fatima, Our Lady revealed her identity: "I am the Lady of the Rosary." How striking that in the midst of the First World War, when the world was engulfed in violence and fear, she chose this title above all others. Each time she appeared, she asked for the Rosary to be prayed for peace and the end of war.

The Rosary is dear to Our Lady because it leads us through her intercession into the very mystery of Christ. It is a simple yet profound way of prayer, combining words from Sacred Scripture—the Our Father and the Hail Mary—with prayers rooted in Sacred Tradition, such as the Apostles' Creed, the Glory Be, and the Hail, Holy Queen. Each decade is like a doorway that opens our minds and hearts to the saving events of Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

According to long-standing tradition, the Rosary was entrusted to St. Dominic by the Blessed Mother herself. It is true that for centuries the Rosary has been a vital treasure in the Church's life of prayer.



St. Padre Pio famously called it "the weapon for our time." In an age scarred by confusion, violence, and division, the Rosary truly remains a remedy. Just this past week, Pope Leo XIV gave us a similar invitation: "I invite everyone, each day of the coming month, to pray the Rosary for peace—personally, in the family, and in community." His words echo the time-

less request of Our Lady at Fatima and remind us that the Rosary is as urgent today as it was over a century ago.

When we pray the Rosary, we are never alone—it is a prayer that joins heaven and earth, a prayer Our Lady herself has placed into our hands.



Last week, a few members of our St. Gianna Pro-Life Group placed 40 crosses in the Stations of the Cross Garden across from the Cathedral Rectory, a visible reminder of the 40 Days for Life campaign that began last Wednesday. Each cross stands as a witness to the dignity of every human life and as a call to prayer for an end to abortion. May these days of prayer, fasting, and witness stir us to pray fervently for the protection of life at every stage, from conception to natural death, and for hearts to be converted to the Gospel of Life.

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.

Formation Evening
This Wednesday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m.
Chancery Cantina

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St. Monica Prayer Group

Wednesday, October 1 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.

Faith Sharing Book Club

Sunday, October 5 at 9:00 a.m. | Cantina

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



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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man and Lazarus—a powerful reminder that ignoring the needs of others has eternal consequences. As Christian stewards, we are called to see those around us who are suffering or in need, and to respond with compassion and generosity. Our faith is not meant to be lived in comfort and isolation, but in active love for others. May we use the gifts we have been given to build bridges of mercy, and not walls of indifference.

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

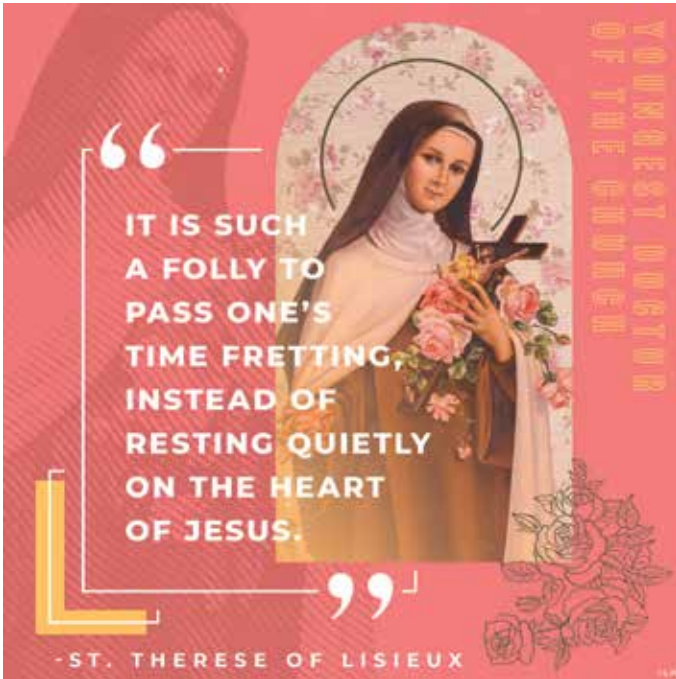
If you are 55 years and over and searching for a group that shares conversation, friendship, fun, and spiritual activities, this group is just for you! **Our next event will be helping with the Fall Festival on Sunday, October 12.**



October 4/5 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

| | Greeter | Altar Server | Reader | EMHC |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Saturday 6:00 pm | Jennifer W. Cheryl J. | Martin I. The Brown Family | Charla F. Br. John B. | Judy R. Paul R. |
| Sunday 7:30 am | Paul B. Kathleen B. | Julia S. Tamora M. | Philippa S. Susanna K. | Philippa S. |
| Sunday 10:30 am | Linda F. Sarah C. | Martin I. | Vivienne P. Lany S. | Bill H. Diane F. |
| Collection Counters for this Week | | Cathy L., Deb Y. | | |

LIVING OUR FAITH



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873–1897)

Feast Day: October 1

Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, often called the “Little Flower,” was a French Carmelite nun whose “little way” of holiness has inspired millions. Born in Alençon, France, she entered the Carmelite convent of Lisieux at the age of 15, desiring to give her whole life to God through love and sacrifice in small, hidden ways.

Her spirituality was rooted in childlike trust and doing ordinary things with extraordinary love. In her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, she wrote with simplicity and depth about her desire to “spend her heaven doing good on earth.”

Though she died at only 24 from tuberculosis, Thérèse’s witness quickly spread throughout the world. Canonized in 1925, she was later declared a Doctor of the Church, one of the youngest ever to receive this title. She is also co-patroness of the missions and of France, alongside Saint Joan of Arc.

Saint Thérèse, 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 celebrate 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

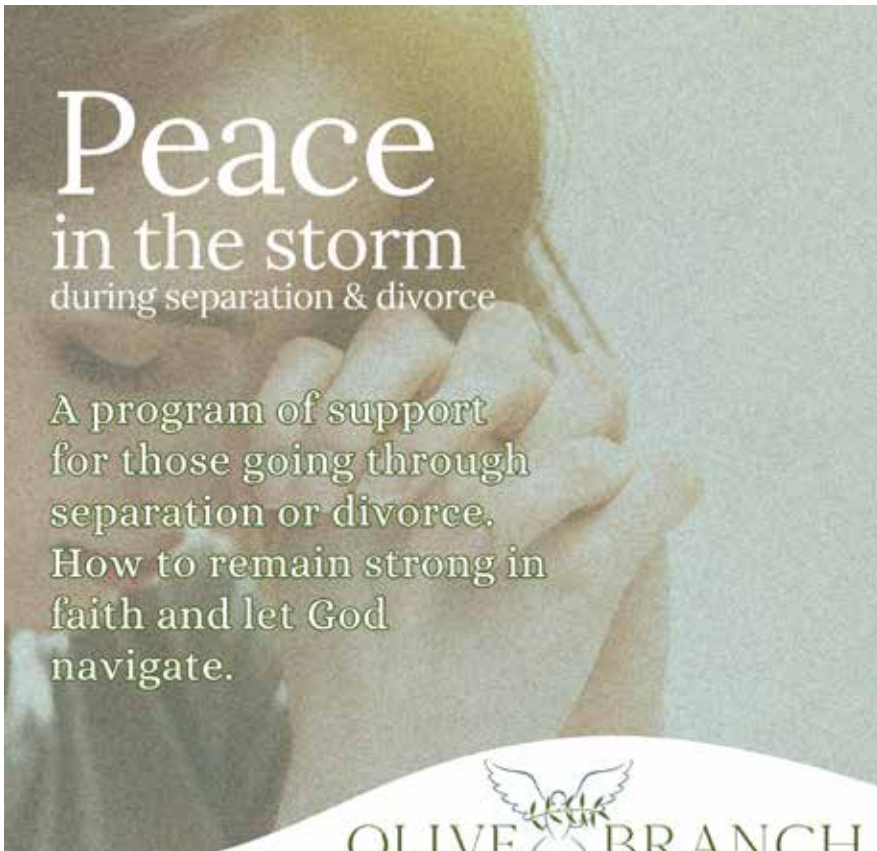
Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers:


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|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Blanche Kirkland | Joyce Hehr | Pat Edmon |
| Cheryl Garrison | Laine Castello | Pete Cuffaro |
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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Archangels

Question:

What is the significance of the Feast of the Archangels, celebrated on September 29?

Answer:

The Feast of the Archangels honors the three named archangels in the Bible: Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Each has a unique role in God's plan of salvation.

St. Michael is known as a protector and leader of the heavenly armies, often invoked for spiritual warfare against evil. His name means "Who is like God?" and he is often depicted defeating Satan.

St. Gabriel serves as a messenger of God, most notably announcing the birth of Jesus to the Virgin Mary during the Annunciation. His name means "God is my strength."

St. Raphael is recognized for his role as a guide and healer, appearing in the Book of Tobit. His name means "God heals," reminding us of God's care for our physical and spiritual well-being.

This feast reminds us of the archangels' powerful intercession and their continual presence in our lives.

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



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Rosary Altar Society

“To Jesus Through Mary”

Our Mission

To foster devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary,
especially through the Holy Rosary,
care for the sacred beauty of our Cathedral,
build community and friendship, and
share Christ’s presence with the sick and homebound.

Join Us for Our Kickoff Gathering!

Saturday, October 4, 2025

Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass & Rosary
Cathedral of St. Joseph

What We Do

Pray: Monthly Rosary and Mass as a group

Serve: Care for altar linens, vestments, and liturgical items

Celebrate: Marian events and devotions

Support: Reach out to the sick and homebound

Grow Together: Formation opportunities, retreats, and fellowship

For more information, contact Cathy Leahy at 304-215-2077 or happyfeet905@gmail.com

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