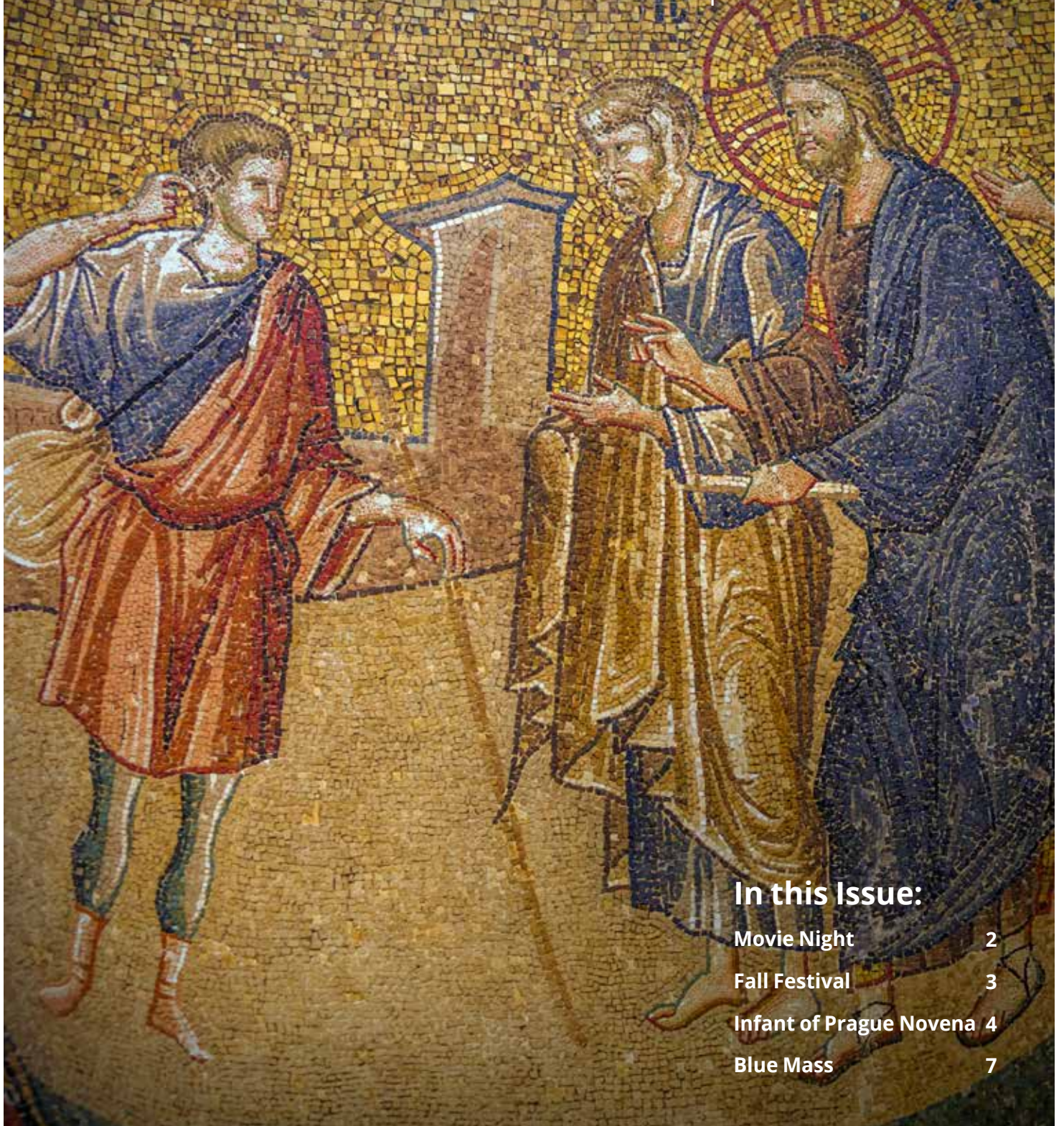


# THE Cathedral Courier

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

8 September 2024  
TWENTY-THIRD 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 8 - 15, 2024

## SUN 8 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 pm (Sat) Mass for Madeline Belby  
8:00 am Mass for the Parishioners  
9:00 am Book Club (*Rector's*)  
10:30 am Mass for Norma Paytash

## MON 9 Memorial of St. Peter Claver

12:05 pm Mass for Dr. Joseph Agresta  
7:00 p.m. Infant of Prague Novena

## TUE 10 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Dorothy Fillipovich

## WED 11 Weekday in Ordinary Time

12:05 pm Mass for Elias & Gabrielle George  
7:00 pm Sons of St. Joseph (*Cathedral*)

## THU 12 Optional Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary

12:05 pm Mass for Evelyn Ghaphery  
7:30 pm Young Adults Bible Study (*Parish Office*)

## FRI 13 Memorial of St. John Chrysostom

11:15 am Confessions  
12:05 pm Mass for Thomas & Ida George

## SAT 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 am Mass for Cecilia & Louis Amor  
9:30 am Rosary  
5:00 pm Confessions  
6:00 pm Mass for Sharlet Purpura  
Blue Mass for First Responders

## SUN 15 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Catechetical Sunday

8:00 am Mass for Ginny & Ross Felton  
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners



# RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

This weekend, as we reflect on the Gospel, we witness Jesus healing a man who was deaf and mute, opening his ears and loosening his tongue. It reminds us that, just as Jesus brought healing and restoration, we too are called to listen more attentively to His Word and speak it boldly in our lives.



We warmly welcome the religious men and women of our Diocese for their annual appreciation Mass on Saturday evening. Their dedication to living out their vocation in service to Christ and His Church inspire us all. We are grateful for their witness and the many ways they enrich our diocese!

This Monday evening marks the beginning of our Infant of Prague Novena, with the theme "Bringing Others to Christ." This powerful novena invites us to deepen our relationship with Jesus and to pray for the conversion and renewal of others. As we embark on this nine-week journey of prayer, let us unite in asking the Child Jesus to inspire and guide us in our mission to bring others closer to Him.

As we get ready for our Fall Festival on September 21, I encourage everyone to join in the excitement. It will be a day filled with food, music, and fellowship—a wonderful opportunity to gather as a parish family and reach out to our broader community. To make this event a success, we need your help! Please consider signing up as a volunteer to assist with games, crafts, the bake sale, or any other aspect of the festival.

Let us continue to open our hearts, as Jesus opened the ears of the deaf man, to the many blessings God has in store for us!

Let us keep one another in prayer.

Father Pen





Join us for our Cathedral Community Fall Festival on Saturday, September 21 from Noon to 9pm!

**Food & Beverages:** Enjoy a variety of delicious food options, including local favorites and traditional festival fare. For those 21 and over, a selection of beer and wine will be available.

**Live Music:** Enjoy the sounds of local bands, Faire May, Mr. Fancy pants, and MSM as they perform live throughout the day, providing a festive soundtrack to the celebration.

**Craft Vendors:** Browse unique handmade crafts and goods from talented local artisans.

**Games & Activities:** Participate in classic festival games, challenge your friends to a game of pickleball, or join us for a football watch party featuring the WVU and Notre Dame games. Kids and adults alike will also enjoy our vibrant pumpkin patch.

**Cathedral Tours:** Experience the beauty and history of the Cathedral of St. Joseph with guided tours offered throughout the day. Learn about the rich heritage and stunning architecture of our beloved church.

**Bake Sale:** Indulge in homemade baked goods, lovingly prepared by our parish community. **If you're able to donate a sweet treat, please sign up in the back of the church as well.**

**Raffles:** Enter for a chance to win our 50/50 raffle or one of our beautifully themed baskets. **We will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets following Masses this weekend!**

**Also, please pray that we have good weather!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 9** - Infant of Prague Novena Begins, 7pm
- September 11** - Sons of St. Joseph, 7pm
- September 12** - Young Adults Bible Study, 7:30pm
- 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 1** - St. Gianna Pro-Life Group, 6pm
- October 4** - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
- October 5** - Blessing of Pets, 10am
- October 9** - St. Monica Prayer Group, 6pm
- October 11** - Candlelight Rosary Procession, 7pm
- October 26** - White Mass for Healthcare Professionals, 6pm

## Festival Volunteers Needed

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.

## St. Alphonsus Parish Fundraiser

**Saturday, September 7 from 6pm-10pm**

**St. Alphonsus Parish Gym, 2111 Market Street, Wheeling**  
St. Alphonsus Parish will have a Hotdog Social Fundraiser to celebrate the end of summer. All of the profits of this event will go directly towards the church's overhead costs. There is a very generous donor who has agreed to match the final cost, so please considering attending!

## Stewardship Survey

**We are asking every parishioner to complete a stewardship form and return it in the collection basket or by dropping it off at the Parish Offices.** This survey is intended for use by all parishioners as a way to tailor our ministries at the Cathedral to best serve your needs and interests.

## Cathedral Choir Sign-Up

If you have are interested in joining our choir, please contact Mr. Matthew Berher at 304-230-1565 or mberher@dwc.org.

**Collection**

September 1, 2024

Envelopes: \$2644

Loose: \$1390 / Online: \$558

**Total: \$4592**

Attendance: 262

*Thank you for your support!*

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# FIRE UP YOUR FAITH



## “TEACH US TO PRAY”

Living the Year of Prayer  
in Preparation for Jubilee 2025

### Year of Prayer: Immersing Ourselves in God’s Word

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:

The Scriptures are a living testament of God’s love and guidance. In this Year of Prayer, we are invited to immerse ourselves more deeply in God’s Word. The Bible is not just a book to be read but a conversation with God that transforms us from within. Each passage, each verse, is an opportunity to encounter God and allow His Word to take root in our hearts.

This week, commit to spending time each day reading and reflecting on Scripture. Choose a specific book of the Bible, a psalm, or the daily Mass readings, and allow yourself to dwell on the words. After reading, spend a few moments in quiet reflection, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal the meaning and application of the passage in your life. How does God’s Word challenge you? How does it comfort or inspire you? Let this time with Scripture be a foundation for your prayer life, shaping your thoughts, guiding your actions, and drawing you ever closer to the heart of God.

## Infant of Prague Novena Begins This Week A Nine-Week Journey of Prayer to Bring Others to Christ

**This Monday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. we will begin our 13th annual Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague.** The Novena will be prayed on nine consecutive Monday evenings concluding on November 4. As we begin the Year of Mission for the National Eucharistic Revival, the overall theme for this year’s novena will be based on **“Bringing Others to Christ”**. Each week consists of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, a homily given by a guest priest or deacon, music, and prayers to the Infant of Prague. Find out more below!

### Novenas

The word “novena” is derived from the Latin word for nine, or “*novem*.” Typically, a novena refers to nine days of prayer, asking God for a specific intention, often through a particular saint’s intercession. Novenas are a beautiful way to grow purposeful, consistent, and persistent in daily prayer.

### History of the Infant of Prague

Originating in the Czech Republic, tradition holds that the original statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague was once possessed by St. Teresa of Ávila and was brought to what was then known as Bohemia by a Spanish noblewoman upon her marriage to a Czech nobleman named Vratislav of Pernstyn. Their daughter, Princess Lobkowitz, gifted the statue to the Discalced Carmelite friars. It now resides in the Church of Our Lady Victorious in Prague.

### Statue of the Infant of Prague

In His left hand, the Infant Jesus holds a miniature globe topped by a cross, representing His kingship over the world. His right hand is raised in blessing, with two fingers bent to reflect Christ’s divine and human nature, and the other three fingers raised to symbolize the unity of the Trinity.

### Significance of the Infant of Prague

By depicting Jesus as a child, the tradition of the Infant of Prague also



emphasizes His humanity, and how we are children of God because of the salvation that He brings us. As Pope Benedict XVI said: *“The figure of the Child Jesus, the tender infant, brings home to us God’s closeness and his love. We come to understand how precious we are in his eyes, because it is through him that we in our turn have become children of God. Every human being is a child of God and therefore our brother or sister, to be welcomed and respected. May our society grasp this truth! Every human person would then be appreciated not for what he has, but for who he is, since in the face of every human being, without distinction of race or culture, God’s image shines forth.”*

### 2024 Novena Homilists

**Sept 9** - Bishop Mark Brennan

**Sept 16** - Rev. Justin Golna

**Sept 23** - Rev. Chester Pabin

**Sept 30** - Rev. Pen Manikyalarao

**Oct 7** - Rev. Dennis Schuelkens

**Oct 14** - Rev. John Soplinski

**Oct 21** - Rev. Ron Prechtl

**Oct 28** - Rev. Joseph Augustine

**Nov 4** - Bishop William Waltersheid

# 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

**Thursday, September 12, 7:30pm  
Cathedral Parish Offices**

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](mailto: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



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: Worship Evening  
Wednesday, September 11 at 7pm  
Cathedral of St. Joseph**

Recently, the Sons of St. Joseph had a memorable evening at Good Shepherd Nursing Home, spending quality time with the residents. It was a great joy to connect with the wonderful individuals there, sharing laughter and friendship!



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## St. Gianna Pro-Life Ministry

This Sunday, the 8th is Grandparents Day! Supporting parents and children, from the womb onward, truly takes so many people, and some of the most important of those people are our grandparents!

Many grandparents in our region are raising their grandchildren, creating "grandfamilies."

In whatever way you are caring for your grandchildren - even if you've been "adopted" as a Gramma or Grampa, thank you!!!

We're beginning our parish-wide spiritual adoption program soon. Stay tuned!

*Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, October 1 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus in Wheeling.*

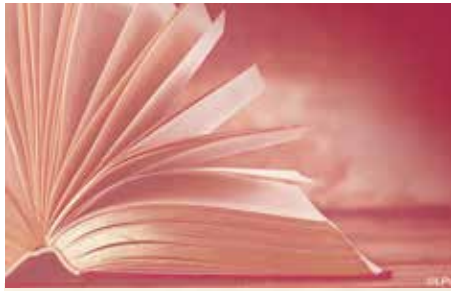


## The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for September

### 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.

# SAINTS OF THE WEEK



## SCRIPTURE READINGS Week of September 8

### THIS SUNDAY

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

### MONDAY

1 Corinthians 5:1-8  
Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12  
Luke 6:6-11

### TUESDAY

1 Corinthians 6:1-11  
Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 9  
Luke 6:12-19

### WEDNESDAY

1 Corinthians 7:25-31  
Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17  
Luke 6:20-26

### THURSDAY

1 Corinthians 8:1-7  
Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 23-24  
Luke 6:27-38

### FRIDAY

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-27  
Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12  
Luke 6:39-42

### SATURDAY

Numbers 21:4-9  
Ps 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38  
Philippians 2:6-11  
John 13:13-17

### NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-9  
Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9  
James 2:14-18  
Mark 8:27-35

*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 9 - Saint Peter Claver, priest (1580-1654)

Peter Claver, a Spanish Jesuit priest, spent his life tending to the needs of African slaves in Columbia, South America. While serving as a missionary, he ministered to the slaves by providing them with food and medicine, washing their wounds, preparing them for Baptism, and witnessing their Marriages. He actively pursued lawyers to plead the cases of imprisoned slaves and prepared criminals for death. Not only did he care for the slaves, but he also preached missions to plantation owners and sailors. The "saint of the slaves," as St. Peter is often called, died after contracting a plague. *Patronage:* African missions; interracial justice

## September 13 - St. John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor of the Church (c.350-407)

After a short stint as a monk, St. John Chrysostom, whose surname means "golden mouth," returned to Antioch, where he was ordained a priest and became a noted preacher. During his free time he wrote commentaries on the Pauline letters as well as the Gospels according to Matthew and John. Due to his reputation for preaching and writing, he was appointed bishop of Constantinople. As bishop he initiated a program of reform that challenged clerical abuses and the extravagant lifestyle of the upper class. His reforms were not always received well, especially on the part of Empress Eudoxia; therefore, he was exiled from the city for a period of time. *Patronage:* preachers; Istanbul

## 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](mailto:jmanning@dwc.org).

## September 14/15 Liturgical Ministers

|                             | Greeter              | Altar Server                     | Reader               | EM                     |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Saturday<br/>6:00 pm</b> | Deidre B.<br>Judy M. | Steve L.<br>Sarah M.<br>Julia S. | First Responders     | Judy R.<br>Paul R.     |
| <b>Sunday<br/>8:00 am</b>   | Kathy B.<br>Paul B.  | Tamora M.<br>Julia S.            | Mark B.              | Tony H.<br>Philippa S. |
| <b>Sunday<br/>10:30 am</b>  | Linda F.<br>Diane F. | Martin I.<br>Stephen L.          | Shawn T.<br>Chris T. | Diane F.<br>Cathy L.   |

# BLUE MASS

FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRST RESPONDERS



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024  
6:00 PM



## WHY DO WE DO THAT?

### Catholic Life Explained:

*Exaltation of the Cross*

#### Question:

What is the history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

#### Answer:

Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.

*Welcome*

Let us welcome the newest members  
of our Cathedral Parish Family

**Patricia Contraguerro**

**David & Kelly Soloninka**

**Christopher & Jennifer White**

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

## 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  
Gerri 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 K. Schlosser  
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 Kyrck  
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](http://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 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.

