

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON:

God of the centuries,
You have always guided your people
By raising up leaders among us
And anointing them for
Mission, ministry, and service.
Your Son called his Apostles
To heal the brokenhearted and
To become the first stewards
And preachers of the Gospel.
Hear our prayers today
And through your Holy Spirit, send us a
Bishop,
To nourish us with word and sacrament,
To set a paschal banquet of charity
Among these West Virginia hills,
To call us to mercy and justice
And to kindly serve all
Who seek your face.
We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AT MT.

CLAVARY: All are welcome to attend the monthly first Friday Mass celebrated at the Bishop's Chapel at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. For the month of October, the Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 pm, October 5. Please join us as we remember our beloved dead who are buried within the cemetery.



THANK YOU! The St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all the parishioners who have been so supportive of all of our ministries.

With your donations and prayers over the years, we have been able to assist hundred of local families. In October we will be receiving a large number of beds to support our bed ministry. Without our loyal drivers, this ministry would not be possible. If you have a truck and would like to assist with bed delivery, please contact Vickie Joseph at 304-243-1274. Donations of beds, linens, pillows, & blankets, Queen & smaller are also being accepted. Thank-you for your tremendous generosity!



RCIA: You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information, please contact Sister Rosella at 304-242-0406.

RCIA sessions are being held on Thursdays, at 6:30 p.m. in the Caveney Room in the office area of the Marist Centre.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

STEPS Message

Series: will continue this week with the homily focusing on taking the next **STEPS** in the walk of discipleship. Message topics for the following 5 Sundays are:



- 9/30 **T**ithing and Stewardship;
- 10/07 **E**ngage in Small Groups;
- 10/14 Practicing **P**rayer and Sacraments;
- 10/21 **S**haring the Faith. Those participating in small groups will have an opportunity to continue the discussion. Stay tuned for the next installment of our message series. How is God calling you to take the next STEPS in your walk of discipleship?



Sunday, October 14, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Vincent's beginning at 1:00 pm in the Church. Benediction/Closing Prayer will be at 5 pm. Please plan to join us!

Catholic 2018
Sharing
Appeal

We are very proud that St Vincent's has more parishioners participating in the **Catholic Sharing**

Appeal than any other parish in the diocese! 213 households have made gifts totaling \$152,129. At this stage, your gift to the CSA will be free of diocesan assessments and will be matched by the diocese.

Help us to **Pay the Priest, Protect Education, Pave the Lot,** and reach our goal of \$227,000 by the end of the year. You can give online at: www.dwc.org/csa

Thank you to all who have participated —
We are now at 67% of our Parish Goal!!!



Please Pray For Those who are sick. . Lora

Bishop, Patricia Bock, Barbara Brayec, Jodie Ferrera Bricker, Fred Chipkar, Tom Clatterbuck, Maggie Conley, Urban Danahey, Kathy Dietrich, Samara Edmund, Gerald and Louise Elliott, Janet Ferrera, Tom Flatley, Edna Foose, Lou Frasnelli, Bob Hughes, Fred Jaquay, Elena Kime, Phyllis Kosem, Mary Jane Langmyer, Marcia Laughlin, Lee Merinar, Mary Ellen McCann, Linda Melko, Harold Miller, Kathleen Miller, Denise Mull, Bill Meyers, Lois Naegele, Bill Palmer, Darren Reed, Shirley Seamon, The Petruccioli Family, Lori Plants, Maddie Russell, Nick Stephan, Austin Strawn, Anita Tankovits, Joe Tankovits, Chester Jay Taylor, Rick Terry, Wilma Thomann, Jim Tighe, Chuck Vanyo, Kathy Wagner, Fr. Joe Wilhelm, S.M.; Mitzi Wiczorkowski

SMALL GROUPS AT ST VINCENT PARISH:

Over 90 people have signed up for Small Groups in our parish! These groups

- Are Open to all adults
- Read, study, converse and reflect on the Sunday Readings and Homily.
- Plan to meet for 90 minutes per week for 6 weeks - time and date is up to each leader
- These meetings/gatherings will be located at the home of your Small Group Leader

**For more information, contact Dave Soloninka; Director Small Groups—
304.780.1692 (txt) or
email: davidsoloninka5@gmail.com**

EVENTS AT AREA CHURCHES:

- **Spaghetti Dinner at Our Lady of Lebanon Church**, Eoff Street in Wheeling: Sunday, October 14, 11:30 am—4:30 pm in the parish social hall.
- **Card Party:** October 7, from 1—3 pm at St. Alphonsus Parish Hall. Cost is \$8 per person. For reservations, call Angela Howell at 304-281-5497 or Helena Christman at 304-232-8649
- **Meat Loaf Dinner:** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Ukrainian Church in South Wheeling—November 4 from 11 am—4 pm. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6—12. Under 6: free! For carry out, call 304-232-1777.
- **Novena to St. Jude**—at St. Jude Parish in Glen Dale. Thursdays at 7 pm through October 24.

UPCOMING EVENTS - This Week

Tuesday—October 2

Prayer Shawl 1:30 pm Petri Library

Thursday—October 4

Blessing of Animals 11:15 am SVS Parking Lot

RCIA 6:30 pm Caveney Rm

Friday—October 5

No School **Mass at 7:50 in the Daily Chapel**

Next Week

Tuesday—October 9

Prayer Shawl 1:30 pm Petri Library

Reflection for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, the episode recalled in today's First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God's Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the Apostles.

Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans. The Spirit blows where it wills (see [John 3:8](#)), and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God, in every nation under heaven (see [Acts 2:5, 38](#)). God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom. John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name. But, really, he's only guarding his own privilege and status. It's telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve (see [Mark 3:14–15; 6:7, 13](#)).

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in today's Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church. But as Jesus says today, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples (see [Ephesians 1:4](#)).

Does the advice we give, or the example of our actions, give scandal—causing others to doubt or lose faith? Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father's will? Are we living, as this Sunday's Epistle warns, for our own luxury and pleasure, and neglecting our neighbors?

We need to keep meditating on His Law, as we sing in today's Psalm. We need to pray for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them.

— Dr. Scott Hahn, PhD

St. Vincent's School and Youth News

ATTENTION!

Get an early start on your Christmas Shopping, or just make plans to enjoy a Saturday with your friends at St. Vincent's! Fall and holiday items are ready for you to check out or take home to enjoy with your family. **The Halloween Costume Contest is back!** Our vendors will have treats for the kids. **NEW this year:** food trucks and an outdoor market (weather permitting). Mark your calendars now!

When: Saturday, October 27

Time: 10 am—2 pm

Where: St. Vincent de Paul School Gym

**CRAFT
& vendor SHOW**

SVS MUSIC CLASS: While this year's general music curriculum at SVS has had a few challenges after the school basement flooded, our students have been going with the flow. Right now **our TK-2nd grades** are working on rhythmic identification and notation. Each student has learned to clap their names in rhythm and on beat as well as how to write their name in music notation.

3rd-5th grades are focusing on major scales, order of sharps, order of flats, and the blues scale. Soon they'll be constructing triads and chords.

6th grade is working on research papers about the musical eras from Gregorian Chant to Minimalism. They have been grouped in pairs, and, thanks to the new STEM lab, we have had the chance to work together listening and learning about their research topics. I believe that 6th grade is a key time for students to learn how to write in an academic manner, so we are exploring this in music class.

7th grade has studied modern music history. So far, we have studied hip-hop, rhythm and blues, disco, and new wave pop.

8th grade has been mainly focusing on Mass development.

I'd like to thank St. Vincent parishioners for their continued support of the general music program at St. Vincent, and we hope to see you for our annual Christmas presentation on Tuesday, December 11 at 6PM.

— Michael P. Hamilton

SVS UPDATES:

- Please check the online school calendar on our website—events are continuously updated.
- If you haven't received your picture calendar, please contact the school office.
- **6th Grade** is preparing to attend REAP—October 16—19.
- **New school lunch program** has been very successful! We are planning to continue to serve our children well!
- **We are very proud** of our volleyball, basketball, and football teams. They have been quite successful this season.
- **Check out our Facebook page:** *The Official St. Vincent de Paul Parish School, Wheeling, WV*
- **Thank you** to all who supported our Knight At The Races!
- **A BIG Thank you!** To members of our 8th grade class who served as hospitality ministers on Sunday afternoon. These young people did a wonderful job of setting tables, decorating, serving and engaging guests at our Parish Donor Dinner. **Thank you to Mrs. Anghie**—who was the “angel among us!.” What amazing students we have in our St. Vincent de Paul Parish School!! Thank you to. . . Mariana Alkhouri, Natalie Archer, Patrick Childers, Mary Derrow, Adam LaFollett, Ellie Reasbeck, and Peyton Smith!
- **NEEDED: Our SVS kitchen** is in need of a refrigerator for our school lunch program and athletic concession stand. If you have one around the house that works well but is no longer in use—would you mind sharing it with us? We will even arrange for pick up. Please



GREENBACKS DINNER, DANCE, AUCTION

Saturday, March 30, 2019
White Palace, Wheeling Park
**Honoring the wonderful Sisters
of St. Joseph**

Raffle tickets available in early December
Reservations will begin in January
Raffle tickets - \$20 (greenback)
Event Ticket - \$30 (dinner, dance, auction, prizes)

Mass Schedule

Masses This Weekend

Saturday **Sept. 29 (26th Ord. Sunday/Vigil)**
 5:00 pm Stanley Gornik
 Mary Gornik

Sunday **Sept. 30 (26th Sunday in Ord. Time)**
 9:00 am Sharon Stenger (Anniv)
 11:30 am All the People of the Parish

Masses This Week

Monday **Oct. 1 (St. Therese of the Child Jesus)**
 7:50 am Roland and Alma McDougall

Tuesday **Oct. 2 (Holy Guardian Angels)**
Miraculous Medal Novena before 5:30 pm Mass
 5:30 pm Dr. Thomas Przybysz

Wednesday **Oct. 3**
 7:50 am Grace Neidert

Thursday **Oct. 4 (St. Francis of Assisi)**
 7:50 am Richard Cole

Friday **Oct. 5 (First Friday)**
 7:50 am Commemorative Mass Assoc. Intentions

Masses Next Weekend

Saturday **Oct. 6 (27th Ord. Sunday/Vigil)**
 5:00 pm Lucia Schramm Purpura

Sunday **Oct. 7 (27th Sunday in Ord. Time)**
 9:00 am Pete Langmyer (B)
 11:30 am All the People of the Parish
 10:30 am (OLSD) Dianne and Andy Wensel

Liturgical Minister Schedule for Next Weekend (Oct. 6/7, 2018)

Saturday—5:00 pm

Servers: Angelina Robrecht, Hunter Kerr,
 Vincent Rodak

Greeters: Nancy LaBrosse, Don and Nancy
 Stenger

Lector/Announcer: Lori Buchanan

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim and Barbara
 Roberts, Vickie Joseph, Cindy Perring, GERALYN
 Hemmann, Dave Taylor, Carol Harris

Sunday - 9:00 am

Servers: Hayden and Harrison Leech, Laura
 Tighe

Greeters: Rich Maltese, Bernie Gaus, Ellen
 Kuhar

Lector/Announcer: Dale Naegele

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary and Bill Gibson,
 Carolyn Brookover, Garry Ferrell, Mary Rose
 Dimmey, Richard Oswald, Bob Krajewski

Sunday - 11:30 Mass

Servers: Thomas and Luke Minor, Jada Gornik

Greeters: Paul and Susie Newmeyer

Lector/Announcer: Bryan Minor

Eucharistic Ministers: Thom Trunzo, Janie
 Fox, Karen Bates, Bob Morgan, Wally
 McMasters

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Catholic Charities' Neighborhood Center on 18th Street in Wheeling, needs volunteers—especially back-up drivers to deliver meals. Through the meal delivery program, the Neighborhood Center feeds about 170 people each day. For more information, call Keith at 304-650-9608

Parish Sacrificial Giving

Sept. 23, 2018

Collection	\$7,536.00
WeShare/Online Giving	1,189.00
Attendance	420

Thank you!

Children's Liturgy of the Word is held each Sunday during 9:00 Mass. Four year olds through 4th grade are welcome to attend.



UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

Sept. 30	Catholic University
Oct. 21	Universal World Missions

BEREAVEMENT GATHERING: If you, or someone you know has lost a loved one and may benefit from a gathering for those grieving, please join us at 6:00 pm at St. Alphonsus Church in Wheeling. Everything is kept confidential. Facilitator is Deacon Doug Breiding. **Next gathering is October 22**

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 1-800-352-6513. Report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 1-888-434-6237.