

# St. Joseph Parish

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#### JANUARY 23, 2022 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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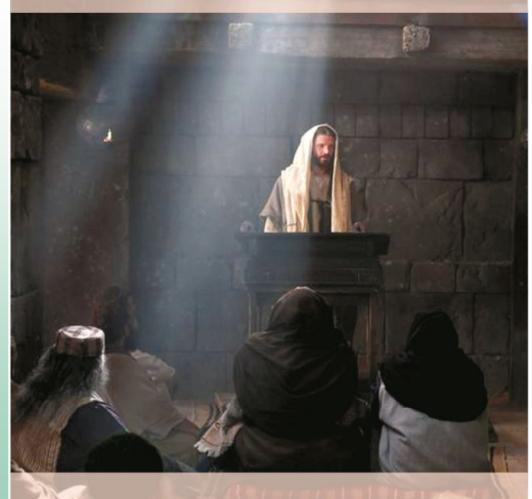
St. Joseph School,

110 E. Stephen St. • 304-267-6447

#### ST. JOSEPH MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 PM 7:00 PM (Spanish) Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM (Spanish) Weekdays: 12:00 PM Holy Days: see calendar

## The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.



El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mi.

#### Sacraments /Sacramentos

The Sacraments express and realize an effective and profound communion among us, for in them we encounter Christ the Savior and, through him, our brothers and sisters in faith.

**Pope Francis** (11/6/2013)

Los Sacramentos expresan y realizan una comunión efectiva y profunda entre nosotros, puesto que en ellos encontramos a Cristo Salvador y, a través de Él, a nuestros hermanos en la fe.

**Papa Francisco** (11/6/2013)

## Baptism/Bautizo



The Church encourages the baptism of newborn children

within a reasonable time after birth. All parents must attend one of the monthly Baptismal Preparation classes prior to scheduling a baptism in the Parish. La Iglesia alienta a los padres de niños recién nacidos a ser bautizados dentro de un plazo razonable después del nacimiento. Los padres deben asistir a una charla de preparación antes de programar el sacramentobautizo con la parroquia

## **Weddings / Matrimonios**



If you are planning to marry at St. Joseph, you should be a practicing Catholic and participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also, participation in a Marriage Preparation Program is required. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

La parejas que deseen contraer matrimonio en la parroquia, deben inscribirse 6 meses antes en el programa de preparación de matrimonio. Por favor llame a la oficina hispana para mayor información.

## Formación de Monaguillos



#### <u>Unete al grupo de</u> monaguillos.

Comunicate con la coordinadora Sra. Roselyn Martínez al (304) 707-8404 para obtener más información.

No dejes pasar la oportunidad. Llámanos para más información.

#### 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 one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. Please visit <a href="www.dwc.org">www.dwc.org</a> under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

## Oficina de Entorno Seguro



Para denunciar un incidente de presunto abuso sexual de menores, comuníquese con la agencia local del orden público o comuníquese confidencialmente con el Servicio de Protección de Menores de West Virginia

llamando al 800-352-6513. Para denunciar presuntos casos de abuso sexual por parte del personal de la Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston ante la Diócesis, además de ante las autoridades civiles, comuníquese con uno de los delegados del Obispo al 888.434.6237 o al 304.233.0880: Sr. Bryan Minor, int. 263; Sr. Tim Bishop, int. 353; P. Dennis Schuelkens, int. 270. O bien, comuníquese con la Oficina de Entorno Seguro al 304.230.1504. Porfavor visite nuestra pagina web <a href="www.dwc.org">www.dwc.org</a> y consulte la sección "Accountability" (Responsabilidad) para obtener más información y ver los métodos disponibles para la presentación de denuncias.

#### From the Desk of Our Pastor

Dear friends and fellow pilgrims,

Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time! I thank all of you for your continued prayers for the March for Life, a greater respect for the dignity of the human person, and for an end to scourge of abortion. Also, please continue to pray for the unity of all Christians that we may one day fulfill Christ's High Priestly prayer and desire that we "may all be one" (cf. John 17). Finally, I ask for you prayers for a safe journey there and back again to Wheeling this Friday. I go with Pat Michel, Ms. Kim Roche, and one of our board members to give an update on Mary's Refuge to the Bishop and his team. Please pray that we may have a good meeting!

I also want to draw your attention to the fact that February 2 is coming up which is the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. It is also known as Candlemas because of the blessing of candles on this day. We will be blessing candles at the Noon Mass. If you would like to bring any candles you would like to have blessed that would be fine. This year, too, we will be doing something a little different in addition. We have purchased some candles that are specifically meant for February 2<sup>nd</sup> for families to have in their houses. We will be selling them in the office ahead of time. Please consider getting a box (comes with 2 candles) for your house. They remind us of the one who is the Light of the world, Jesus Christ who has conquered the darkness. Additionally, they would be used when the priest comes to make a visit to the sick, whether to give communion or even the Last Rites. In either of those moments the candles are usually employed when employs the sick call crucifix set.

May God bless you this day and every day! May Our Lady, Mother of the Redeemer, wrap her mantle of love and protection around you always! And may St. Joseph, Foster father of the Son of God, watch over you and guide you in all your ways!

#### Desde el Escritorio de nuestro Pastor

Queridos amigos y compañeros peregrinos,

¡Feliz Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario! Les agradezco a todos ustedes por sus continuas oraciones por la Marcha por la Vida, un mayor respeto por la dignidad de la persona humana y por el fin del flagelo del aborto. Además, continúe orando por la unidad de todos los cristianos para que algún día podamos cumplir la oración de Cristo, el sumo sacerdote, que "todos seamos uno" (cf. Juan 17). Finalmente, les pido oren por un viaje seguro de ida y vuelta a Wheeling este viernes. Iré con Pat Michel, la Sra. Kim Roche y uno de los miembros de nuestra junta para dar una actualización al obispo y su equipo sobre el Refugio de María. ¡Oremos para que tengamos una buena reunión!

También quiero llamar su atención sobre el hecho de que se acerca el 2 de febrero, que es la Fiesta de la Presentación de Jesús en el Templo. También se le conoce como Candelaria por la bendición de las velas en este día. Estaremos bendiciendo velas en la misa del mediodía. Si desea traer alguna vela que le gustaría bendecir, estará bien. Este año también haremos algo un poco diferente. Hemos comprado algunas velas que son específicamente para el 2 de febrero para que las familias las tengan en sus casas. Los venderemos en la oficina con anticipación. Considere obtener una caja (viene con 2 velas) para su casa. Nos recuerdan a aquel que es la Luz del mundo, Jesucristo, que ha vencido las tinieblas. Además, se usarían cuando el sacerdote viene a hacer una visita a los enfermos, ya sea para dar la comunión o incluso los últimos ritos. En cualquiera de esos momentos se suele emplear las velas en conjunto con el crucifijo.

¡Que Dios les bendiga este día y todos los días! Que Nuestra Señora, Madre del Redentor, ¡os envuelva siempre con su manto de amor y protección! y que San José, Padre adoptivo del Hijo de Dios, ¡os cuide y os guíe en todos vuestros caminos!

## Readings for the Week

#### Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,

15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22,

25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/

Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-

28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2,

3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-

4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13,

14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,

15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13

or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

#### Observances for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time;

St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;

St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the

Apostle

Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin

Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and

Doctor of the Church

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

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The spotlight this week shines on

Edward Jones

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## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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## St. Joseph Weekly Calendar

#### **SUNDAY-JANUARY 23**

8:00 AM Mass/intention People of the Parish

9:00 AM CFF—School

9:15 AM RCIA—Lowe Building

10:30 AM Mass 12:00 PM Misa

**MONDAY – JANUARY 24** 

12:00 PM Daily Mass

**TUESDAY-JANUARY 25** 

12:00 PM Daily Mass/intention in memory of

Dan Maerten

7:00 PM Small Faith-Lackey Hall

WEDNESDAY-JANUARY 26

9:00 AM K of C Bingo

12:00 PM Daily Mass/intention for the

Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Morgan W. Martin Family

7:00 PM Misa

**THURSDAY-JANUARY 27** 

12:00 PM Daily Mass

6:30 PM RCIA—Lowe Building

**FRIDAY-JANUARY 28** 

12:00 PM Daily Mass/intention for the Holy

Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY-JANUARY 29** 

3:30 PM Reconciliation

5:00 PM Mass/intention on honor of the 65th

Anniversary of Frank and Diana

Ceravalo

7:00 PM Misa

**SUNDAY-JANUARY 30** 

8:00 AM Mass/intention in memory of Kerri

**Butts Millay** 

9:00 AM CFF—School

9:15 AM RCIA—Lowe Building

10:30 AM Mass/intention for People of the

Parish

12:00 PM Misa

## St. Joseph Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary Offering for January 8 & 9, 2022

Reg. Envelopes	\$ 9,472.75
Budgetary Needs	\$ 14,288.00
Shortage	\$ - 4,815.25

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

## **Prayers Requested**

George Mark Knipe	Rick Monroe
Tyler Whitehead	Gail Fowler
Ric Dale	Julian Varela Payan
Linda Spiker	Chelsea Tarr
Peggy Hernandez	Chad Lord
Howard Knipe	Jack McElhinney
Maggie Keating	Brenda Mason
Ernie Knipe	Joe Hermosillo

Please keep the sick and homebound in your thoughts and prayers.

#### Mardi Gras Celebrations

#### Parish Mardi Gras Celebration for 2022 - Help Is Needed to Make it Happen

We are looking forward to having one of the best attended events of the year at our parish, our Mardi Gras Celebration, but help is needed to make it happen. Please contact the Parish Office, (304)267-4893, if you are willing to help or for more information. Many thanks!

#### Masses

The 10:30 am Mass and 12:00 pm Mass on Sunday will be live streamed and also recorded so that you can watch them later under our Facebook page at St. Joseph Catholic Church or You Tube.

## Saint Joseph School

#### Weis 4 School

This year, SJS is participating in the Weis 4 School Program to raise funds for educational technology and other academic needs.

All you have to do when you shop at Weis is scan a barcode that was assigned to the school to register your Weis card for the program. To have the code sent to you, please email <a href="mailto:mpartington@siswv.org">mpartington@siswv.org</a>.

#### Give the gift of a Catholic education

Saint Joseph School educates the young in the spirit of the Gospel, stressing Catholic values, inspiring academic excellence, global awareness, and service to those in need. Students experience a challenging curriculum, a faith-based community, fine arts and physical education, ideal class sizes and community outreach opportunities. Generously committed benefactors, who help families demonstrating financial needs, send their children to Saint Joseph School, to ensure that students of all economic backgrounds have access to a faith-based education.

Funding for the Adopt-a-Student Fund is totally applied to the student's tuition. No administrative overhead or additional expenses are incurred. Options to help sponsor a child include: One year's tuition: \$6,100; One month's tuition: \$610; One-time donation of any amount.

All contributions to Saint Joseph School are tax-deductible. If you would like more information, call the school at 304-267-6447 or email Principal Patrick Blanc: <a href="mailto:pblanc@sjswv.org">pblanc@sjswv.org</a>.

### **Saint Joseph School Enrollment Dates**

#### Change in enrollment dates

As the result of a directive from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, the re-enrollment and enrollment dates for Saint Joseph School have changed for the 2022-23 academic year:

Friday, Feb. 4, 2022: Re-enrollment opens for current families

Friday, Feb. 11, 2022: Applications/enrollment open for parishioners of area Catholic churches who are new to the school

Friday, Feb. 18, 2022: Applications/enrollment open for the general public

Please note that the families of current students only have from Feb. 4 to 10 to re-enroll their children before enrollment opens to new families.

If you have any questions, please email Principal Patrick Blanc at pblanc@sjswv.org.

#### **National Catholic Schools Week**

#### Saint Joseph School to celebrate National Catholic Schools Week

MARTINSBURG, W.Va. - Saint Joseph School, the only Catholic school in the Eastern Panhandle, is celebrating National Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 30 to Feb. 5.

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week has annually celebrated Catholic education in the United States. The theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service."

Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, plus activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to churches, communities and the nation. Each day is focused on celebrating an aspect of Catholic education. In order, starting with Jan. 30, they are parishes; community; students; the nation; vocations; faculty, staff and volunteers; and families.

Re-enrollment opens Friday, Feb. 4, for families who have students at SJS. Applications/enrollment open Friday, Feb. 11, for parishioners of area Catholic churches who are new to the school, and the general public may begin applying on Friday, Feb. 18.

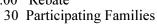
For more information about Saint Joseph School, go to <u>sjswv.org</u> or email Principal Patrick Blanc at <u>pblanc@sjswv.org</u>.

## **Gift Card Program**

#### LET'S GO, ST. JOE'S SHOP WITH SCRIP

Getting cash back for St. Joseph's Church

Totals for December 13 & 16, 2021 \$ 10,020.00 Sales \$ 102.00 Rebate





In light of recent events, SCRIP will be available for sale only in the parish office Monday-Friday. Please call the parish office at 304-267-4893, before coming to make sure the office is open. This is also a good opportunity to drop off your weekly collection envelopes.

#### Tree of Life

Create a loving and lasting memory for a friend or a loved one by donating a leaf of our TREE OF LIFE mounted on the wall as your enter the Church. We would love have your family's name on our TREE OF LIFE, as you remember your loved ones.

If you wish to place a Leaf on the TREE OF LIFE, the offering is \$500.00. Foundation Boulders, Acorns, and Mini Trees are also available. If interested in any of the above, call the Parish office at 304-267-4893.

## Mary's Refuge

Mary's Refuge is making great progress! The roof work is completed. Electrical and plumbing needs are being addressed and scheduled. The parishes have embraced us and we are so deeply appreciative. Please consider our "Adopt A Room" Campaign. There are many rooms and much opportunity for involvement. These include-nine bedrooms, the top floor living quarters for our house mother, kitchen, conference, workshop/job enter/computer center room, dining room, living room. And yes! We have our own Chapel! How blessed are we! As you can imagine, this is a big project with many parts. We need you- prayers, hands, and dollars. You can reach out to Kim Roche, at kimroche.marysrefuge@gmail.com, for how to be involved. Patrick Michel for contributions and adoption of projects of St. Joseph's Parish Office, at 304-267-4893 ext. 116 or pmichel@stjosephwv.org.

### **Baby Bottle Boomerang**

Thank you all for participating over the past several years. With your generous contributions we are getting closer to our goal.

Again for 2022 we are doing a virtual Baby Bottle Boomerang running the month of January 2022. Please place your donations in the Giant Baby Bottle at the back of the church or mail them to K of C council #1169, P.O. Box 545, Martinsburg, WV 25402 or St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 336 S. Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401. Please make checks payable to: K of C council #1169 memo Ultrasound Program.

To date we have collected \$7,964.83 (53%) towards a goal of \$15,000.00 by 2022. K of C Supreme will match the 15K for a total of \$30,000.00.

Help us share the truth with young women and teens who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy.

We have partnered with ABBACARE Pregnancy Resource Center here in Martinsburg.







#### Columbian Club Hall

Do you need a place for a party, luncheon, or family gathering?

The Columbian Club Hall,

108 West Stephen St. in Martinsburg, is the place.

Reasonable pricing and seating for 165 people.

K of C membership discount also.

Please call 304-263-5671 for information.

#### Women's Retreat

EMBRACED WITH COMPASSION... EMBRACING THE WORLD.

Please join us for our annual Women's Retreat, co-Sponsored with the DWC Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, February 25-27, 2022, at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston. Presented by Sr. Mary Dean Pfahler. The weekend will consist of presentations, quiet reflection, small group break-out sessions, media resources, and communal prayer. For more information contact Gerri Wright at 304-552-3662 or <a href="mailto:general-weekend">general-weekend</a> will group break-out sessions, media resources, and communal prayer. For more information contact Gerri Wright at 304-552-3662 or <a href="mailto:general-weekend">general-weekend</a> will group break-out sessions, media resources, and communal prayer. For more information contact Gerri Wright at 304-552-3662 or <a href="mailto:general-weekend">general-weekend</a> will group break-out sessions, media resources, and communal prayer. For more information contact Gerri Wright at 304-552-3662 or <a href="mailto:general-weekend">general-weekend</a> will group break-out sessions, media resources, and communal prayer. For more information contact Gerri Wright at 304-552-3662 or <a href="mailto:general-weekend">general-weekend</a> will group break-out sessions, media resources, and communal prayer. For more information contact Gerri Wright at 304-552-3662 or <a href="mailto:general-weekend">general-weekend</a> will general-weekend will consist of presentations, and communal prayer. For more information contact Gerri Wright at 304-552-3662 or <a href="mailto:general-weekend">general-weekend</a> will general-weekend will consist of presentations.

## **Spiritual Adoption**

"I like to listen to my Mommy's voice!"



Now your spiritually adopted baby is finished developing and is concentrating on gaining weight; she might be making her mother uncomfortable with her size. She will need a layer of fat to help her stay warm after she leaves the perfect temperature inside her mother's womb. For some weeks now she has recognized her mother's voice. In a short time, her baby will be born. Your baby's mother appreciated the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It has not been easy, but your prayers have given her the grace she needed to bring her baby to term.



## **Confraternity of St. Nicholas**

The Confraternity of Saint Nicholas is a public association of the faithful who, through prayer, fasting, and good works, are dedicated to the protection of all children from scandalization, abuse, and trafficking. Obligations are to attend daily Mass on December 6 and May 9, to say the Litany of St. Nicholas weekly, a brief daily prayer, and skip one meal every Wednesday. See the link to the statutes and required prayers of the Confraternity as well as the link to register online. Thank you.

Statutes and Prayers

https://dwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Statutes-of -the-Confraternity-of-Saint-Nicholas.pdf Online Registration

https://dwc.org/evangelization-and-catechesis/confraternity-of-st-nicholas/

#### Widows of a Knight of Columbus

"If you are a widow of a Knight of Columbus and are in need of any type of assistance (yard work, transportation, etc.) please contact Marty Coode at 304-886-3227 and the Knights will make every effort to help or refer you to someone who can."

## Adopción Espiritual

"¡Me gusta escuchar la voz de mi mami!"



Ahora su bebé adoptado espiritualmente ha terminado de desarrollarse y se está concentrando en aumentar de peso; el bebé podría estar incomodando a su madre con su tamaño. Necesitará una capa de grasa para ayudar a mantenerse caliente después de dejar la temperatura perfecta dentro del útero de su madre. Desde hace algunas semanas ha reconocido la voz de su madre. En poco tiempo, su bebé nacerá. La madre está agradecida por las oraciones que ha dicho por ella y su bebé durante todo el embarazo. No ha sido fácil, pero sus oraciones le han dado la gracia que necesitaba para llevar a su bebé a término.



## Saint Joseph School Principal Retiring

For the past three years, Saint Joseph School has been blessed to have Patrick Blanc as its principal. He led the school through several challenges, including a difficult economy, COVID-19 and distance learning, always with God as a guide.

His wife, Linda, is retiring in the near future from Jefferson Medical Center after a career spanning more than 43 years, and their sixth grandchild is expected to arrive in March. With those milestones on the horizon and a goal of cherishing as much time together with family as he can, Blanc will retire at the end of the 2021-22 school year. He had a goal of serving as a Catholic school principal, an achievement he fortunately reached at SJS.



Father Thomas Gallagher will work with the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to fill the position. We are confident that a capable, reverent and effective person will be appointed as the new principal, and Blanc plans to serve as a mentor to the new leader. He also plans to serve us as a substitute teacher. Blanc has provided solid leadership, and inspired the school's staff, students and families with his kind spirit and devout faith.

#### Catholics United for the Faith

Catholics United for the Faith is an international lay apostolate founded in 1968 whose purpose is "to unite the faithful from all walks of life in order to support, defend, and advance the efforts of the Teaching Church in accord with the teachings of the Second Vatican Council." In the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston the St John Henry Newman Chapter promotes doctrinal and spiritual formation in the Catholic faith, personal renewal, and engagement in evangelization and catechesis. Now more than ever we need to be able to articulate and defend our faith so that we can grow in holiness. For more information or to get involved, email us at <a href="mailto:cuf.dwc@gmail.com">cuf.dwc@gmail.com</a> or visit

Registration is now open for the 1st TOGETHER IN HOLINESS MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE Saturday, February 12, 2022 from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm, at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, WV Early Bird Couple: \$27.00/ Early Bird Individual: \$18.00 Lunch included/ on –site childcare (ages 2-12) Full and partial scholarships available

For more information, email the Conference Coordinator Michelle McDonald at michelle@forlifeandfamily.org.

## **Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat**

Do you desire a life of sacrifice and faithful service to God and His People? Do you desire to give yourself completely to God in a life of consecration and commitment to building up the kingdom of God here in West Virginia? Perhaps the Lord is calling you to be a Priest of Jesus Christ in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston! The annual diocesan Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat will be held on March 5-6 at the Priest Field Pastoral Center (4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430). This event is open to men 18 years and older who are simply open to reflecting on God's will for them in their lives. The weekend will consist of Holy Mass, prayer, reflections on the diocesan priesthood, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. For any men interested in attending, please sign up at wypriests.org.

#### TERCER DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

#### "EL ESPIRITU DEL SEÑOR ESTA EN MI".



"El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí. El me ha ungido para llevar buenas nuevas a los pobres, para anunciar la libertad a los cautivos, y a los ciegos que pronto van a ver, para despedir libres a los oprimidos y proclamar el año de gracia del Señor"

## Reflexiones sobre la lectura de hoy

- Este es el único Evangelio con un Prólogo (versos 1-4), donde Lucas parte con una afirmación de lo que se trata.
   También dedica los Hechos de los Apóstoles al mismo Teófilo ("Amado de Dios"), que puede representar a todos los cristianos, o que bien puede haber sido un ciudadano romano.
- Me siento en la humilde sinagoga de la villa de Nazaret, sin anticipar que estoy a punto de presenciar un punto de inflexión en la historia del mundo. Jesús, el robusto joven artesano de la localidad, vuelve a casa nuevamente, refrescado por su bautismo en el Río Jordán, donde se le había identificado como el bien amado Hijo de Dios.
- Todos nuestros ojos están fijos en él mientras enrolla el pergamino y se sienta. Un breve llamado a su identidad divina lleva a una afirmación sobre su misión para todos los tiempos. La "buena nueva" se ha propagado más y más lejos durante los últimos 2000 años. ¿Cómo la propago yo aquí y ahora?

Jesuitas Irlande-

#### San Juan Damasceno dijo:

Lo que es un libro para los que saben leer, es una imagen para los que no leen.

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