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Guard Your Faith

Anti-Catholic Mob Didn't Rattle First Bishop



The first bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling, Bishop Richard Vincent Whelan, was a shining example of how we should guard our faith, just as St. Paul wrote to his friend Timothy and shared as our second reading for this 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14).

It is a bishop's duty as a successor of the Apostles to shepherd his flock, encouraging us by word and actions.

We are all called to "rekindle the gift of God that is within you" and "guard the good treasure entrusted to you with the help of the Holy Spirit, living in us," as St. Paul wrote and Whelan proved time

and time again, especially in the 1850s when an anti-Catholic mob threatened the Wheeling cathedral, a visiting Apostolic Nuncio from Rome, and the predominately Irish parishioners.

According to an article published in *The Catholic Spirit* on May 22, 1992, an anti-Catholic crusade in the 1850s known as the Know-Nothing Party, believed that the Catholic Church was a threat to America.

"They tried to make people believe that the pope was out to convert the world and take over America," the article noted, and added, "Pope Pius IV was very aware of the situation and wanted to find a solution. So, he commissioned (the papal nuncio) to visit America and obtain firsthand information."

In 1854, Bishop Richard Vincent Whelan, invited the cardinal to Wheeling, Va.

Upon learning of this local visit, the Know-Nothings passed out "handbills degrading his character, (declaring the nuncio) 'is not worthy to breathe the free air from this country.... Destroy the secret plans of the Roman missionary.... Drive this monster back to his bloody master that sends him....'"

The angry mob planned an attack the papal nuncio in the cathedral where he was to preach.

Wheeling's mayor, Sobieski Brady, would not grant police protection.

So, Bishop Whelan decided to protect the cardinal and the cathedral with all his power.

"As the mob approached the cathedral, Bishop Whelan stood alone to face them.

It is recorded that he spoke these words to them: "The first one who dare enter the grounds of the cathedral would be immediately shot.' At that the Irish Catholics, under the direction of Bishop Whelan, surrounded the cathedral armed with rifles.

"The only violence that occurred that day was when a rioter threw a stone and broke

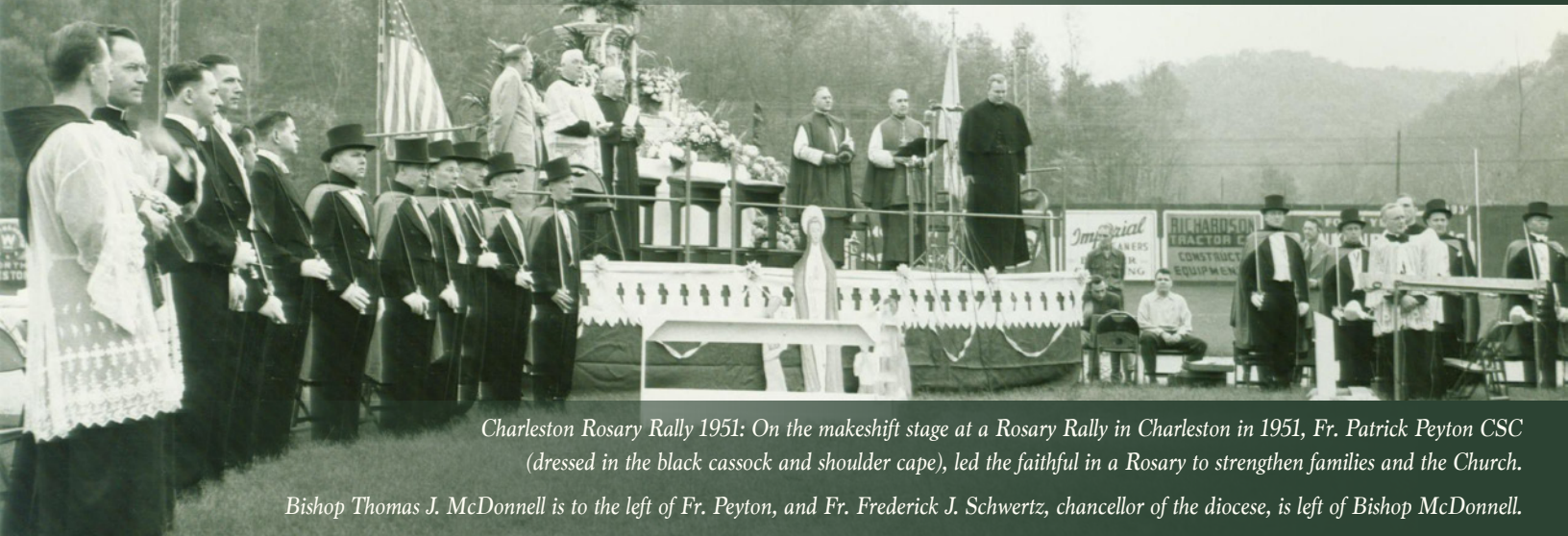
a pane of glass. Slowly, one by one, the rioters walked away," the article concluded.

So, as St. Paul reminds us - be like ole' Bishop Whelan - strong and courageous - don't hide your faith in shame or during opposition, that threatens your integrity. Don't cower to opposition or challenge.

Let your faith be fully alive and nurture it.

Rosary Rallies from 1951

Throwback in Honor of the Month of the Rosary
and Our 175th Anniversary



Charleston Rosary Rally 1951: On the makeshift stage at a Rosary Rally in Charleston in 1951, Fr. Patrick Peyton CSC (dressed in the black cassock and shoulder cape), led the faithful in a Rosary to strengthen families and the Church.

Bishop Thomas J. McDonnell is to the left of Fr. Peyton, and Fr. Frederick J. Schwertz, chancellor of the diocese, is left of Bishop McDonnell.

Bishop Thomas J. McDonnell had a deep devotion to the Rosary and like the leader of the national Family Rosary Crusade of the 1940s, Fr. Patrick Peyton CSC, McDonnell believed wholeheartedly in the Peyton's motto, "the family that prays together stays together."

The two were friends, and in the fall of 1951, Bishop McDonnell invited Fr. Peyton to tour WV on a diocesan/state-wide Rosary Rally campaign.

The photos on this page record those prayerful events attended by hundreds if not thousands of Catholics in each city.

Bishop McDonnell was described as a true missionary, an evangelist and friend to priests, laity, and non-Catholics. A "herald of the gospel... who upon the mountains and in the valleys of this world preached the glad tidings of the Prince of Peace" (as quoted in his eulogy given by friend Bishop Richard Ackerman, of Covington, Ky).

Bishop McDonnell was appointed to serve the people in the Diocese of Wheeling as coadjutor bishop in 1951 for Bishop John J. Swint. He was added to the office of the bishop to assist with Bishop Swint's duties and travel around the vast diocese.

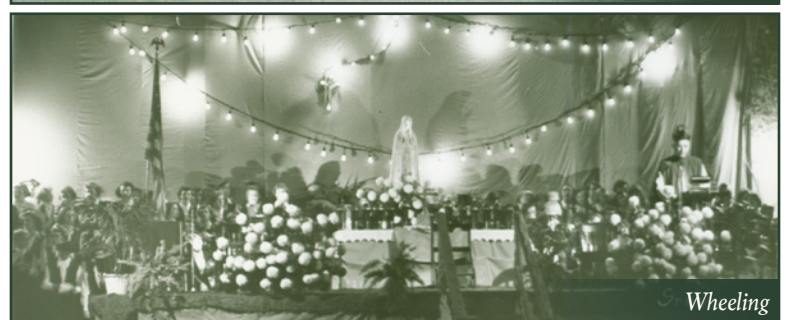
(A little Canon Law lesson (403-407), a coadjutor bishop is like an auxiliary bishop except that he has the right of succession. When the Bishop (aka the Ordinary) resigns from office or dies, the coadjutor succeeds him. All offices of bishop - ordinary, auxiliary, and coadjutor - are considered successors of the apostles entrusted with the same office and authority our Lord entrusted to them.)



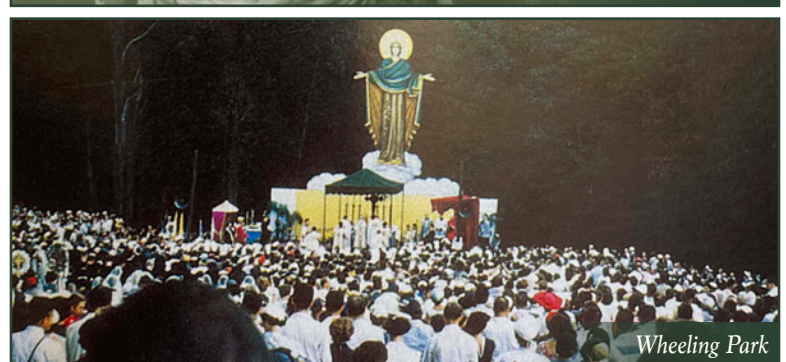
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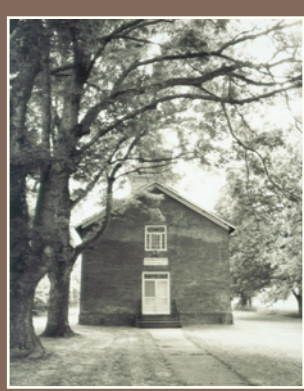
Wheeling Park

SWEET SPRINGS CHAPEL:

A MONROE COUNTY TREASURE OF FAITH AND HISTORY

Faith and history are still celebrated in Sweet Springs.

Each summer on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, faithful Catholics and visitors of Monroe County get together to honor Mary, local history, and pay tribute to the pioneering priests, religious figures, and ancestors who laid our spiritual foundation centuries ago for St. John the Evangelist Chapel in Sweet Springs, the oldest standing Catholic church in WV.



After the Mass everyone lingers to enjoy an old-fashioned ice cream social outside of the brick church that sits in a little vale shaded by tall trees that line the property.

Saint John the Evangelist Chapel was completed in the 1850s under the guidance of Fr. John Walters thanks to a generous gift from William Lewis and his wife Letitia Preston (Floyd) Lewis, daughter of Virginia's Governor John Floyd (and brother to VA's 31st Governor John B. Floyd from 1849-1852). Interesting fact, many Virginians thought of Letitia Lewis as the black sheep of the Floyd family for converting to Catholicism, a faith despised because of

British Protestant Reformation and an assumed threat to political order. However, several others in her family and friends followed her lead and also professed the Catholic faith, those included her father the former governor, her mother, her sister, and in-laws.

While the chapel was initially used for the Floyd and Lewis families, it was later used also by Irish immigrants and former slaves working in the area for the railway, wealthy Virginia families, or at the Sweet Springs Resort. Records note St. John's Chapel was established an official church in 1859.

Church sacramental books record the first baptism in 1853, an increase in the Catholic population with 174 baptisms in 1860, and proof that three soldiers were baptized in 1862 during the Civil War.

The diocese purchased the property in 1977 from the Lewis

descendants and others. The chapel was restored and then rededicated by Bishop Joseph Hodges on April 17, 1983.

FORMER PASTOR OF ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL PUBLISHED CLOUD OF WITNESSES

Father Harry Winter, O.M.I., who served in the southern region of West Virginia throughout the 1980s into 1991, published the book, *Cloud of Witnesses - The Floyd-Lewis Chronicles*. It showcases the history of the Floyd and Lewis families.

Cloud of Witnesses also highlights the family's conversion to the Catholic faith and the prominent family's influence on the Appalachian region.

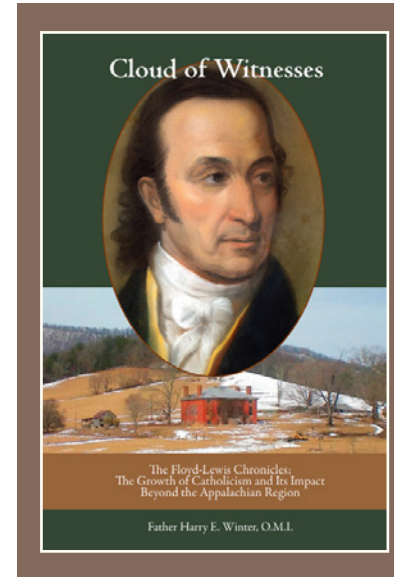
Above the doors of St. John's Chapel are the words, "One Lord, One Faith, and One Baptism." This mantra was echoed in the promise made to Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Bishop Francis Schulte in 1986 to "faithfully maintain St. John's Chapel, so that our Catholic faith may be witnessed in this Sweet Springs Valley." The promise honors their ancestors and all who made the chapel possible as their "Cloud of Witnesses."

This reference, just as the title of the book, is a compliment to Saint Paul's writing - Hebrews 12:1, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us* and persevere in running the race that lies before us...."

The great apostle is telling us that we need to have confidence as we run our race, because we are surrounded everyday by great prophets and saints who are cheering us on.

As we thank God for our cloud of witnesses include our ancestors who pioneered our Catholic communities in our home state.

Today, the chapel is part of the group of parishes in the Beckley Vicariate that includes St. Catherine of Siena in Ronceverte, St. Charles Borromeo in White Sulphur Springs, Chapel of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Williamsburg, and St. Louis King of France Chapel in Lewisburg; all under the leadership of Rev. Msgr. Kevin M. Quirk, J.C.D.



St. Peter's Ray of Hope

Strengthening Historic Church

Master carpenter Ray Smith, a member of St. James the Greater in Charles Town, is painstakingly securing the foundation, tediously inspecting trusses, and stabilizing the St. Joseph side of the sanctuary of the historic St. Peter's Church in Harpers Ferry, WV.



Master Carpenter Ray Smith takes break from his work on the historic St. Peter's Church in Harpers Ferry to pose for a photo with his eight-year-old son Ignatius. Behind them is the statue of St. Joseph, where the marble flooring below had to be removed in order to repair damage and natural aging of the structure.

As with any old structure, let alone a church built on a steep hillside, old St. Peter's has some substantial aging issues which to a layman's eye may not have been evident, but a master engineer or carpenter could visually suspect some unusual shifting of the structure. Smith was able to identify some of the structural issues by conducting an exhausting inspection that literally had him shimmying through rafters and belly crawling beneath the church.

"The (trusses) risked splitting in half, and some were rotting away from the outside wall" he said.

The result was the infamous arches

on the interior of the church were beginning to sag. This was causing the walls to start to move from the foundation.

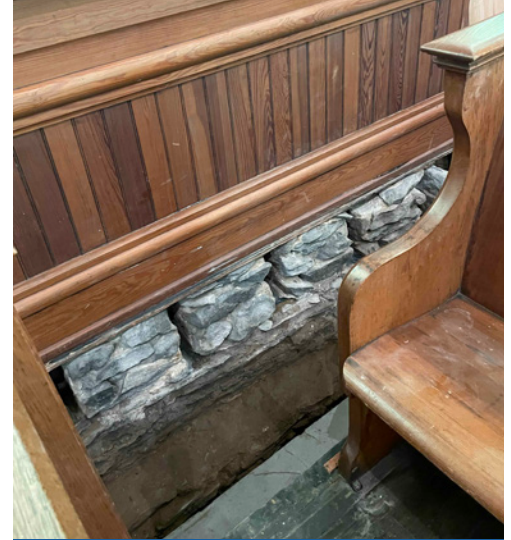
Inspections also uncovered that the marble floor beneath the St. Joseph side of the sanctuary was beginning to sink. Smith noted that in the 1970s extensive termite damage had to be repaired, but not all the damage was discovered. Water was also getting in beneath the side altar causing a small tunnel beneath the marble floor, and once removed it was obvious where daylight was making its way between the priest's sacristy and the main church.



Closeup showing daylight coming through where water made its way underneath the brick and marble of St. Peter's Church beneath the statue of St. Joseph.

With the help of volunteers and a local Trail Life group, tons of dirt had to be dug out from beneath the building. This was done by an assembly line with five-gallon buckets of dirt at a time - a necessary evil to completely expose the damage and begin the intricate repairs.

Smith has been working with a small crew to literally brush away and even vacuum the dirt from the foundation in order to reveal any necessary stabilizing.



Flooring, dirt and debris had to be removed along the original stone foundation of St. Peter's in order to inspect and make necessary repairs to the historic parish.

Smith and his wife Jamie, moved to the Eastern Panhandle after he served in the US Army. The couple have five children - Carter, 17; Elizabeth, 12; Ignatius, 8; Gabrielle, 4; and Gemma, 3.

Ignatius accompanies his father to the historic site now and then - time that is definitely treasured by Smith, who learned his carpentry skills from his father.

"The grandeur of the church is because of the (Irish and German) craftsmanship and care that went into designing, building, rebuilding, and caring for it," Smith said. "I consider it a great honor to work inside this chapel to keep alive that history."

His job, as he says, is to just strengthen and secure what was lovingly built

by faithful devout Catholics and proud local craftsman throughout the Catholic community's 200-plus year history.

Stories handed down from generation to generation place the first Catholics in Harpers Ferry around the year 1765.

In 1828, Catholic communities were formed in Harpers Ferry (St. Peter), Martinsburg (St. John later St. Joseph), and Shepherdstown (St. Agnes Church). Catholics had long been in this area of Virginia since 1795, but many had to practice their faith in secret because of the early American distain of the Catholic Church.

How was it that St. Peter's came to be built on the rocky hilltop?

The first log church built for the Harpers Ferry Catholic community was located near the banks of the Shenandoah River, but was washed away in an 1820's flood before its first official Mass.

It was Robert Harper, who ran the Ferry the town was named after, who left in his last will and testament in 1782, four acres for the establishment of a Church. The cornerstone for the original hillside church was placed on Oct. 15, 1830.

Interestingly the construction

wasn't just funded by the Catholic community. A May 5, 1830, edition of the Virginia Free Press, noted donations for the construction of the Catholic church, were also from non-Catholics - "liberal contributions have been made by persons of other denominations..."

The first priest to serve the Harpers Ferry Catholic community on record is Fr. Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin (1781). From 1828-1834, Father John Gildea led Catholics and saw the construction of the parish, while he was also pastor of St. John (St. Joseph) in Martinsburg. He was succeeded by Fr. Richard Vincent Whelan (who became the second bishop of the Diocese of Richmond, and then the first bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling in 1850).

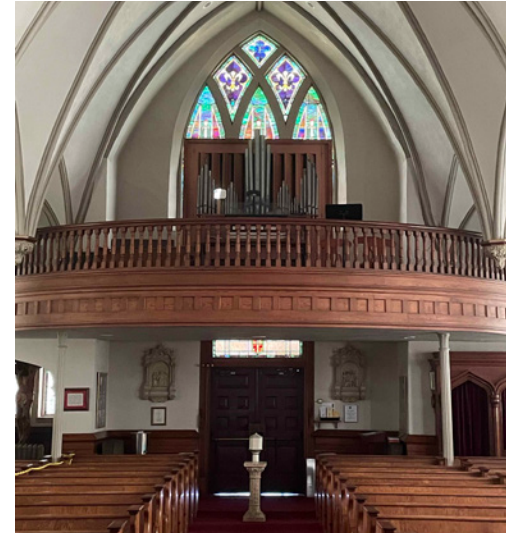
The parish was the only church that didn't suffer significant damage or attacks during the Civil War. It is said that the pastor at the time, Father Michael Costello (who served from 1857-1867) flew the British Union Jack flag over the predominately Irish parish, which designated neutrality.

It was decided to tear down, expand, and rebuild the church on the original foundation in 1896 to what it looks like today.

St. Peter's is presently a designated chapel of St. James the Greater in Charles Town. When the diocesan

boundaries changed in 1974, the parish along with all others in the Eastern Panhandle became part of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

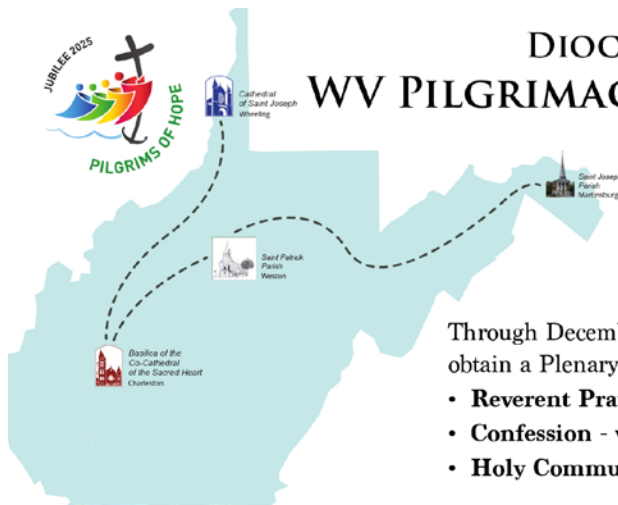
Mass is celebrated for tourists and area Catholics each Sunday at 9:30 am.



The choir loft and ornate ceilings of St. Peter's Church. The arches, trusses, and where the walls meet the foundation of the church are being inspected and secured to preserve the building.



Inside St. Peter's Church in Harpers Ferry, WV, where work is being done to prevent the sacred walls of the church to slip away from its foundation.



DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON WV PILGRIMAGE SITES FOR JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

- **Cathedral of St. Joseph** 1300 Eoff Street, Wheeling
- **Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart** 1032 Virginia Street East, Charleston
- **St. Patrick Church** 210 Center Avenue, Weston
- **St. Joseph Parish** 225 S. Queen Street, Martinsburg

Through December 28, 2025, Catholics are invited to visit any and all of these locations to obtain a Plenary Indulgence by completing:

- **Reverent Prayer** (at site): Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Liturgy of the Hours, or Mass.
- **Confession** - within 20 days before or after pilgrimage.
- **Holy Communion**
- **Pray for the Pope**

For information and updates go to: dwc.org/jubilee-year-2025

Decades of Love, Service, & Dedication Honored

On behalf of all our sisters, brothers, and Consecrated Virgins, we joyfully and gratefully congratulate the Jubilarians of 2025. Their years of faithful service, prayer, and love have been a radiant witness of God's presence among us, and today we pause to honor you.

This year, we give special recognition to:

- † **75 Years of Service:** Sister Joan Hartlaub, CSJ; Sister Mary Alice McMaster, CSJ; Sister Eva Marie Schlag, CSJ
- † **70 Years of Service:** Sister Karen Lester, SAC
- † **65 Years of Service:** Sister Barbara Kupchack, CSJ; Sister Francesca Lewis, SAC; Sister Margarite O'Brien, CSJ
- † **60 Years of Service:** Sister Molly Bauer, CSJ; Sister Rose Ann Hefner, CSJ

Your commitment, lived so generously across decades, is a true inspiration. Through your love, tender care, and steadfast devotion, you have touched countless lives and left a lasting legacy that will be remembered for generations. We are profoundly grateful for each of you, and we pray God's continued blessings upon your journey in the years ahead.

We also extend our deepest gratitude to **Mrs. Karen Muenze**, whose dedication made our annual *Sisters Appreciation Dinner* such a beautiful celebration of all who continue to serve in our Diocese. Karen lovingly gave countless hours to ensure every detail was in place: gathering information, sending invitations, preparing decorations, overseeing the food, and making sure that every guest felt seen, valued, and celebrated.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you, Karen. May the Lord bless you abundantly with good health, happiness, and joy for the generous love you have shared with us.

With gratitude and joy,

Forever in Christ.

Sr. Martha Gomez, RGS, Delegate for Consecrated Life



Karen Muenze, secretary for Sr. Martha, presents gifts to jubilarians.



OCTOBER 11TH OLIVE BRANCH PROGRAM

OFFERS HEALING, HOPE, AND A FAITHFUL WELCOME FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS

WHEELING - For those wondering where do they fit in in the Catholic Church after separation or divorce – make plans to attend The Olive Branch program, Oct. 11, at the Angelus Center on the campus of St. Michael Parish and School, Wheeling.

The Olive Branch is designed to offer information and resources to aid in achieving personal and spiritual growth while navigating the complicated and painful process of separation or divorce.

Director of Social Ministries for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Kathy Barton, has been working to kick off the program since she was hired more than two years ago. She knew from personal experience that there are so many misconceptions out there, misinformation leading people away from their faith, and complications too heavy to handle when the “happily ever after” marriage has crumbled.

She said, Olive Branch is a gentle reminder that you need not go through this journey alone and that peace and new life are promised to those who remain faithful.

This program is created to be the “olive branch” of restored faith and hope in the midst of the storm.

Olive Branch Ministry is respectfully for Catholic and non-Catholic individuals, and it is not intended to be counseling for couples. Instead, it is a faith-based program for individuals going through the pain of separation or divorce to find the love, mercy, and empathy of the Catholic faith, she said.

Barton reminds us that in “Genesis, Chapter 8, ‘the olive branch’ is a symbol of new life. As the story goes, the olive branch, which was brought to Noah by a dove, was the first real sign that the flood was subsiding and that there was indeed new life beyond the storm....This simple tangible sign renewed in Noah the faith that he needed to continue his journey of suffering and hardship with the belief, hope, and confidence that his suffering would one day pass.

“We all go through storms in our lives,” Barton said. “Sometimes these storms can be very dark, lonely and frightening. It is at this time that we need our faith to be rock solid. Yet, all too often, it is at this time that we are so exhausted and frightened that our faith turns to confusion and doubt.... However, it is with God’s guidance and only with Him that we are able to weather and navigate the storms in our lives with certainty of arriving at our intended destination.”

She said, it is the hope of everyone working behind the

scenes to create this program that those who are separated or divorced will see it as a reminder that “we are not alone and that our destination is in His hands. We need to merely stay the course and find our way back home-our way back to the Lord.”

October 11th will be a day of opportunity to find hope and healing. National speaker and bestselling author, Joelle Moray, will lead the keynote “How to find peace in this process – dealing with constant stress.”

Moray is a National Certified Counselor (NCC), “on a mission to disrupt the hustle culture” and empower others against anxiety, stress-induced illnesses, and lost relationships; and instead embrace being productive, self-caring, and an inspiration for others.

“I believe every person deserves support during life’s most difficult seasons,” Moray said about why she wanted to be involved in the Olive Branch program Oct. 11th. “When I was invited to join Olive Branch, I saw it as a meaningful opportunity to share tools that help people find steadiness and strength when life feels overwhelming. My work is about helping people recover their energy and hope, and I felt this was a beautiful space to do just that.

“Olive Branch provides a safe place where people can come as they are and be met with compassion, understanding, and practical support,” she said. “Transitions like divorce or loss can leave people feeling isolated, and Olive Branch creates community where healing can begin. This ministry reminds us that no one has to walk through these chapters alone.”

Father Carlos Melocoton, V.F., will address “What can I still do in the Church? Am I still welcome.”

He clarified that while St. Michael Parish is pleased to serve as the host for the inaugural Olive Branch Retreat it is not restricted to just St. Michael parishioners.

“All are welcome,” Fr. Melocoton said. “Anyone who is dealing with the pain of separation/divorce is encouraged to be a part of this day.”

Professional counselor, Donna L. Niggemeyer, M.Ed., LPC, of Christian Counseling Associates, will help attendees take a step back in order to confidently move forward with her, “How did we get here” talk.

“I am honored to participate in a ministry with the vision and purpose of advancing God’s kingdom,” Niggemeyer said, as she noted this is the first opportunity of what she hopes will be many for the diocese and Barton’s office as they

reach out to extend much needed support. "I look forward to participation in future planned events with the Olive Branch Ministry. . . a faith-based approach, providing a structured, supportive, loving, and faith-focused community during a challenging time."

Barton will wrap up the gathering with "What does forgiveness look like?" Additionally, she will encourage all to "Give it to HIM."

The day will conclude with the opportunity for confession and Mass.

Barton said, Olive Branch has been set up to be a diocesan wide initiative.

"Our Catholic brothers and sisters are not on this journey alone," she said. "There are many in these shoes we never planned to be in. By extending the Olive Branch we hope those who accept it find a space of peace and there find faith renewed."

The October event is free, but registration is required in order to prepare for refreshments, lunch, and materials.

For more information and to register go to: DWC.ORG and select the Olive Branch Ministry event button.

CONTACT: Director of Social Ministries, Kathy Barton (304)233-0880 ext. 289

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The Olive Branch Ministry!
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in faith and hope.

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October 11th
8:30 am -3:30 pm

St. Michael Angelus Center
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Wheeling, WV

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Keynote speaker: Joelle Moray, National Certified Counselor.

Others include:
Kathy Barton, Director of Social Ministries for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
Fr. Carlos Melocoton, V.F.
Donna Niggemeyer, M.Ed., LPC, of Christian Counseling Associates

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FINDING GRACE, EMBRACING THE GIFT OF YEARS

Reflection Days Shine Light on the Spiritual Journey of Aging

A Day of Reflection for Those in the Second Half of Life was held at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston on September 10th and at the St. Joseph Retreat Center in Wheeling on September 25th

Participants, ranging in age from their 50s to their 90s, enjoyed a day of sharing and prayer about the joys and challenges of eldering. Sessions focused on the Heresy of Aging, the Paradox of Aging, and the Spirituality of Aging.

Shirley Carter, Director of the Department of Faith Formation and Marist Brother John Byrd were the facilitators in Charleston with 21 people in attendance at the center run by Director Gerri Wright.

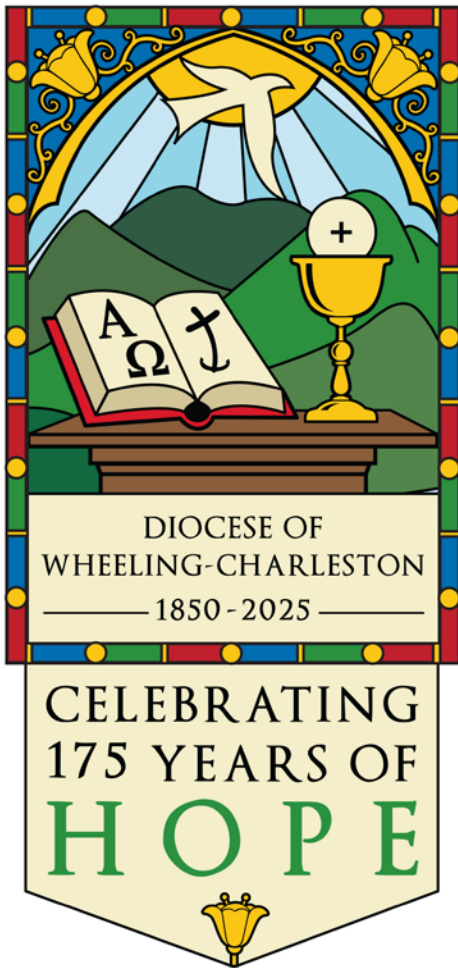
Carter and Anna Marie Troiani, Executive Director of the Retreat Center were the facilitators in Wheeling with 17 people in attendance. With support and encouragement from Bishop Mark Brennan these two events served as pilot programs for what hopefully will continue as a ministry to those in their later years.

Father in Heaven,
thank You for the gift of years.
Help us to see aging as a time of grace.
Give us patience in our struggles,
gratitude for each day,
and wisdom and confidence
to share your love joyfully with others.
May we walk in faith and hope,
trusting that our lives
rest always in Your hands.
Amen.



CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED FOR JUBILEE YEAR CONCERT

NOVEMBER 16, MORGANTOWN



FROM THE DIOCESAN MUSIC COMMISSION: This Jubilee Year of Hope and the 175th anniversary of our diocese serves as the perfect setting for the concert, "Songs of Jubilee & Hope" on Sunday, November 16, 2025 (6:00pm) at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Morgantown, WV.

WE NEED CHOIR MEMBERS and HANDBELL RINGERS for this event as we work in collaboration with the Monongalia Symphony Orchestra.

The concert is free and open to all to attend; a reception will follow the concert.

Come experience music of the Church's liturgical year by singing through the seasons with us!

Choir members and handbell ringers are welcome and encouraged to come! We are planning to have some regional choir rehearsals to review the music prior to the concert to prepare choir members appropriately for the performance.

As of this writing, the schedule for the day of November 16 is as follows:

2:00pm - Arrival and check-in at St. Francis de Sales

2:15pm - Introduction and Warm-ups with Choir Members

2:30-4:30pm - Dress Rehearsal with all choir members and the orchestra

4:45pm - Break for dinner

5:45pm - All to be in place for the start of the concert at 6pm

We ask that you please help spread the word about this wonderful opportunity throughout your music ministry. Those who plan to participate as a performer in this concert, **please RSVP to perform by Monday, October 5, 2025.**

To RSVP, please complete the online form by clicking on the link below.

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Seminarians Michael Tupta and Joe Derico are eager to celebrate the Oct. 12 Feast Day of St. Carlo Acutis in Rome after being able to attend his canonization on Sept. 7th.



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

The prophet Habakkuk cries out to God, how long must I witness this misery?

Responsorial: Psalm 95

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Saint Paul writes to Timothy - guard your faith!

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Have an active faith. Do not expect reward, work as Christ taught expecting nothing in return. For God knows our faith and actions.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL SCRIPTURE TEXT](#)

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we work together to build a world of peace and justice, compassion and gratitude, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That respect for the dignity of each human life flourish and be clearly understood as God’s gift of life, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For safety from extreme weather conditions of the season, and for the first responders who risk their own lives to try to save the lives of others, as well as those who work outside in these conditions to restore power, clear debris, and provide assistance to those devastated, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our community of faith, that we take action to be better Catholics aware of resources around us to strengthen our souls and help us bring others to Christ’s Heavenly embrace, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer



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MASS ONLINE

Saturday 6pm Masses will continue to be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph, and will be available on our website each Sunday at DWC.ORG.