



Weekly Email from Father Paul Wharton

March 18, 2023

Saint Joseph is the husband of Mary, the foster father of Jesus, and the Patron Saint of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. We honor and venerate saints and seek to follow their example and learn from the virtues embodied in their lives. What a contrast between Saint Joseph and the narcissism that is so much a part of society today. Too many of us seek to be “liked” and “followed” on social media. We want our opinions to be given a thumb’s up and shared. Saint Joseph led by example and allowed his actions to speak.

This remarkable man was obedient to God’s will even if it made little sense to him such as taking Mary as his wife, fleeing to Egypt with her and the child Jesus and returning to Israel when directed by an angel. Our pride and stubbornness sometimes or often gets in our way. Saint Joseph was selfless, too as he put God’s will and the needs of Mary and Jesus ahead of his own.

This saintly man lived his faith in his day to day life and allowed that faith to be seen in his actions and heard in what he said or did not say. Although his was truly THE Holy Family, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus worshipped with God’s people in the local synagogue and the Temple in Jerusalem. Won’t you please plan to join us in making Holy Week holy by coming to celebrate Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday here at Blessed Sacrament Parish?

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This Sunday’s Readings
Faith in West Virginia
This Sunday’s Bulletin

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SURVEY MONKEY QUESTIONS: Make yourself heard.

- Receiving Communion from the Cup: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VZT3SZW>

Coming soon to Blessed Sacrament

COFFEE, COCOA, & QUESTIONS Sunday March 19 at 10:15 am in Parish Hall.

On Wednesday March 22 from 6 - 8:30 pm, **CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT IN RECOVERY**: The Journey Toward Transformation will be held at Blessed Sacrament Parish.

On Sunday, March 26 at 3pm, there will be a **COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE** at Blessed Sacrament. Fr Paul, Fr. John, and a few other priests will be available for you to confess your sins and receive absolution.

COMMUNION from the CUP will be an available option beginning on Holy Thursday. Please let us know if you plan to receive the Precious Blood of Christ once it becomes possible again by taking the Survey Monkey Poll on our Website or on one of the tables in the Gathering Space.

PRAYER: The Memorare to St. Joseph

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help and sought your intercession was left unaided. Full of confidence in your power, I hasten to you, and beg your protection. Listen, O foster-father of the Redeemer, to my humble prayer, and in your goodness hear and answer me through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MYSTIC MORSEL:

To give life to someone is the greatest of all gifts.
To save a life is the next.
Who gave life to Jesus? It was Mary.
Who saved his life? It was Joseph.
Ask St. Paul who persecuted him.
Ask St. Peter who denied him.
Ask all the saints who put him to death.
But if we ask, 'Who saved his life? '
Be silent, patriarchs, be silent, prophets,
be silent, apostles, confessors, and martyrs.
Let St. Joseph speak, for this honor is his alone;
he alone is the savior of his Savior.
— Blessed William Joseph Chaminade



CARBONATED GRACE ***

Q: Why did Saint Patrick drive all the snakes out of Ireland?
A: Because he couldn't afford the train fare.
Q: Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?
A: They're always a little short.
Q: How did the leprechaun beat the Irish man to the pot of gold?
A: He took a short cut.

*** Anne Lamott calls laughter *carbonated grace*.



for the record: one of the things fr. paul gave up for lent was telling puns in church. he said nothing about the bulletin.