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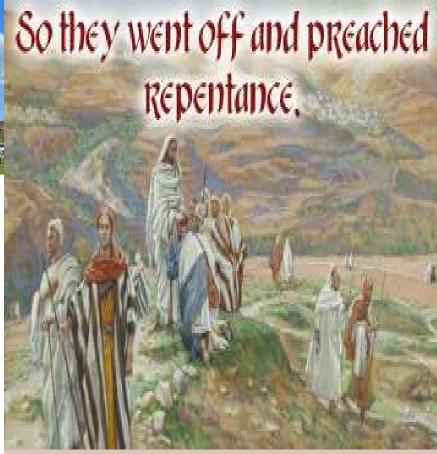
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July 14, 2024

Sacraments

Baptism

Contact Parish office or Fr. Jojan to schedule the Baptism and make arrangements for the required parent preparation session.

First Holy Communion

First Eucharist is celebrated in April/May for children who are enrolled in second grade at either Saints Peter & Paul Catholic School, or the Faith Formation Program of our Parish.

Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 4:15pm to 5:15pm, and 1/2 hour before or after weekday Mass.

Confirmation

Celebrated for students in 9th grade who have been prepared during their 8th grade year. Catholic adults who have not been confirmed should contact the Parish Office to be included in the celebration.

<u>Marriage</u> Contact Parish office or Fr. Jojan Joseph <u>6 months in</u> advance of the marriage date.

Anointing of the Sick & Visiting of the Sick/Homebound

Please notify Fr. Jojan Joseph at 304-281-0086

WELCOME TO SSPP PARISH!

NEW MEMBERS - Catholics over the age of 18 (unless they are in school) are invited to become registered members of our parish! This is a great way to practice the Catholic Faith. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards in the back of the Church.

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Sat. July 13 Vigil

5:30p.m. For Healing of Frances & Eugene Allport

req. by Booth Family

Sun. July 14 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00a.m. †Florence Bias req. by Tom Bias

10:30a.m. For Our Parish Family

Mon. July 15 No Mass

Tue. July 16

5:30p.m. †Larry Demasi reg. by Dena Turner

Wed. - Fri. July 17, 18, 19 No Mass (Eucharistic Congress)

Sat. July 20 Vigil

5:30p.m. †Billy & Georgann Burgess

reg. by Ron Sheehan

Sun. July 21 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For Our Parish Family 8:00a.m.

10:30a.m. †Joe Lopez req. by Art & Mary Gonzales

Saints Peter & Paul Parish will be celebrating all weekday Masses at 5:30p.m. until school is back in session in August 15.



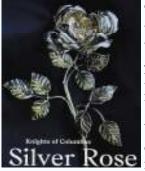
Saints Peter & Paul Parish Eucharistic will be represented at the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress by our very own

Rev. Jojan Joseph & parishioner Gabriel Covington.

Let us pray for the success of the Eucharistic Congress, for all those attending and the safe return of Rev. Jojan and Gabriel.

Lord hear our prayer.





The Silver Rose has a rich history tied to Our Lady of Guadalupe and the miraculous events surrounding Juan Diego. In 1531, Juan Diego, a humble peasant, encountered a mysterious lady while walking. She instructed him to go to the bishop and request the construction of a church on the spot where they OSE met. The bishop was skeptical, so

the lady told Juan Diego to pick flowers from a nearby hill. He found magnificent roses that had never grown in region before. When Juan Diego showed the roses to the bishop, they fell to the floor, revealing an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on his tilma (cloak). The bishop then ordered the construction of the church in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Silver Rose Program: The Knights of Columbus initiated the Silver Rose Program in 1960. The program involves traveling Silver Roses along different routes through Canada, the United States, and Mexico from March through mid-December. Pilgrimage of the Silver Rose: In a unique procession, the silver rose follows the same route that St. Juan Diego walked from his home to Tepeyac Hill. The rose is then placed at the feet of the original image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the basilica. The Knights continue to transfer a Silver Rose from the U.S. to Mexico for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, honoring Juan Diego and the miraculous roses. The Silver Rose serves as a powerful symbol of faith, devotion, and unity across North America. Our Knights will be hosting the Silver Rose icon on Friday, July 26 at 5:00p.m., Saturday, July 27 at 5:00p.m. and Sunday, July 28 at 9:15a.m. Please come & see the Silver Rose icon & attend one of the prayer services.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for July 20/21					
Altar Servers	Lectors	Hospitality Ministers	Extraordinary E.M.		
Saturday 20, 5:30p.m.					
		Rebecca Stinnett			
		Curtis Richards	Steve Morel		
Steve Morel	Randy Rosiek	Scott & Brenda Vargo	Emma Davis		
Sunday 21, 8:00a.m.	•				
			Aaron Kemlock		
Brandt & Blake Kemlock	Dan Doyle	Debbie Garvin	Dianne Murphy		
Sunday 21, 10:30a.m.		Jose Ibarra			
		Judy Conner			
Jackson Pino		Andy Wickline	Kathy Alexander		
CJ Wickline	Robert Littreal	Eddie Chornobay	Keylie Alexander		
If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute					

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Monthly VIRTUS Bulletins will be available in printed form for compliance with the DWC Safe Environment implementation. A folder containing these will be located in the back of the church as well as the parish office. For those who do not have internet access please take one and check back for next months edition. This is a requirement for employees & volunteers. Anyone wishing to read these important bulletins are welcome to take as well.

Ladies Guild Gift Card Basket

Don't forget to get your tickets! Over \$700 in gift cards. Tickets are \$3 each or 4 for \$10. The drawing will be on Sunday, August 11 at the Parish picnic. See any ladies guild member for tickets or after weekend masses.



Thank you Gemma White for the beautiful gladiolus you have blessed our parish with from your garden.

Do you want to become Catholic? Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Our first meeting will be Sunday, September 1, 2024. from 9:15a.m. -10:00a.m. in the Father Moore room. Do you know anyone interested in becoming Catholic? If a family member or friend has shown interest in our faith, please encourage them to join our OCIA program.

If you have friends or family who have questions about our faith or if you have questions about your Catholic faith, consider attending the OCIA classes.

for Friday, August 9 and Saturday, August 10. in the School Gymnasium. Collections will begin after Masses on August 3 and 4. Proceeds for the sale

O.C.I.A./ **Inquirer Information Forms** can be found in the back of the Church. Please be as thorough as possible when completing this form. Completed forms may be submitted to the Parish office.

Last Week's Attendance & Giving

July 6/7 2024

Attendance: 329

Regular Collection Combined Masses

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Weekly Offering	\$2	,855.00				
Online	\$	625.00				
School	\$	125.00				
School Maintenance	\$	150.00				
Parish Maintenance	\$	0.00				
Votives	\$	57.00				
Second Collection -	\$	0.00				
Catholic Communications						
Mass Intentions	\$	0.00				
Catholic Sharing	\$	0.00				
Give Love Live Love	\$	650.00				

Thank you for your generous support

Second Collection: July 21, 2024

Collection for the *Catholic Communication Campaign* and the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*. Learn more at www.usccb.org/ccc.

Beckley area churches, including St. Francis de Sales, have recently had cars broken into during church services, and items stolen. It would be a good idea to remove any valuables from visibility and lock all doors when you leave your car unattended. If you see anything suspicious, tell the ushers immediately.

St. Francis de Sales Rummage Sale:



for this year's Rummage Sale tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 9 and Saturday, August 10. in the School Gymnasium. Collections will begin after Masses on August 3 and 4. Proceeds for the sale will be shared by St. Francis School and Knights of Columbus from Beckley and Oak Hill. Please call the St. Francis parish office at 304-253-3695 to offer help. More information in upcoming bulletins.



GIVE LOVE ~ LIVE LOVE Campaign

4 new donations \$650.00 as of 7/8/24



The purpose of this campaign is for the repair of the school roof and a new Church portico. Our first phase goal of \$50,000 has been reached!!

Our final phase of **GIVE LOVE-LIVE LOVE** Campaign goal is \$22,203.59.

To reach our goal, we are running short of \$15,762.59

We are 326 families and if half of them donate, we will conquer our final phase.

Total donations received: 97 Total raised to date: \$61,635.41 Thank you to all who have participated in this campaign & generously donated!





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, please contact 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods. Sts. Peter & Paul Church has named Cindy Everly the Coordinator for our church's Safe Environment team.

Eucharistic Revival



Father in heaven, you have made us for yourself; our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Fulfill this longing through Jesus, the Bread of Life, whose sacramental Body we receive in the Eucharist,

so that we may witness to him who alone satisfies the hungers of the human family.

By the power of your Spirit

lead us to the heavenly table where we may feast on the vision of your glory for ever and ever, Amen.



The parish would like to extend a thank you to Becca Gilkerson who donated a set of new Cornhole boards to Sts. Peter & Paul. We can't wait to enjoy them at the parish picnic!!

Adult Bible Study

Sunday July 14th, 9:15a.m. - 10:15a.m. New Study: Gospel of John, Read Chapter 1

Altar Servers Training:

Training will be on the following Sundays: July 14, July 21, July 28 & August 4, from 9:15a.m. - 10:15a.m. For the first day of training please come with your parents. ~Andre Re

<u>New Enrollment:</u> We are accepting new students for the 2024-25 school year, and we accept the Hope Scholarship. To apply for our school, please visit www.ssppcatholic.org.

<u>Preschool:</u> We still have openings for our preschool, especially for three-year-olds. If you or someone you know is interested, they may contact the school for more information or go to <u>ssppcatholic.org</u> to apply online. The cost is \$3,475 for the school year, and payments can be made in monthly installments.

Knights News: Grand Knight: Dr. Ricky White 1-405-812-5448 Rickyd.white@gmail.com

The Pancake Breakfast had a good turnout. The Knights collected \$248 from your generous donations for the school, Thank you.

There are still some piggy banks that need turned in for the give love campaign. Please turn them in.

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the cemetery clean up.

The Knights are still looking for new members and first year is free.

Hygiene Pantry is available to anyone who needs help. Food Pantry is open to all parishioners

For more information contact Anthony Gerard at 304-673-1054.



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, August 11th, 4:00p.m.

Saints Peter & Paul Parish Picnic

SSPP Parish will be celebrating the end of summer vacation with a parish picnic!

Where: SSPP school grounds/cafeteria

Food: Potluck for side dishes, everyone bring your families favorite dish or ethnic dinner.

Ladies Guild to provide hamburgers & hotdogs, buns & drinks.

Fun & Games for all ages: There will be basketball hoops, corn hole contests, light up lawn darts, and many other games. A

lot of fun and prizes.

Kids just for you:

Face Painting

<u>PASTORAL COUNCIL</u>: Anthony Gerard (Chairperson), Herman Hundley, Dianne Murphy, John Woods, Robert Littreal, Susan Woods, Andre Re, Rob Rosiek and Marty Mrozek.

<u>FINANCE COUNCIL</u>: Jim Lively (Chairperson), Mike Malay. Denise Light, Bill Klenk, Debbie Hatcher, Scott Vargo and Elizabeth Campbell, Natasha Mucho-Seay (Ex-officio)

If you have any concerns, please let our Council know



Opening Ceremonies

The Congress will open with a major procession as we welcome all four branches of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage to their final destination and prepare for the arrival of the King.



Jesus Arrives

The procession will culminate when Jesus enters the stadium, carried by Bishop Cozzens in a massive monstrance created specifically for the Congress. The Eucharist will take center stage, and the stadium will fall silent as we adore the King on his throne.











Camp Carlo 2024





Register online at campcarlowv.org





June 30 - July 6 July 7 - July 13 July 14 - July 20 July 21- July 27





Spend time riding horses, swimming, hiking, and many more fun activities!

Make friends with other young people!





Participate in regular Mass, Adoration, and entertaining catechesis!



The Cursillo leadership group, of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, is planning a mini retreat, for all Cursillistas (individuals

who have already attended a Cursillo weekend) who are interested in gathering together, in the name of the Jesus Christ and the Cursillo Movement, in our diocese.

It will be held at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, in Charleston, on Saturday, August 17th. Free lodging will be available for those individuals and couples who come from a great distance.

It will be an all-day retreat, from morning until the late afternoon. Lunch will be provided.

The retreat will consist of prayer, presentations, discussions, and planning.

If you'd like to register for the retreat, or if you'd like more information, please contact Daniel Maul, at dmaul@dwc.org, or call 304-233-0880, ext. 376.



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Living the Year of Prayer in Preparation for Jubilee 2025

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Dunbar - Charleston	AM	1450
Eastern Panhandle - coming soon	FM	88.5
Grafton - Clarksburg	AM	1190
Montgomery - Beckley	FM	89.7
Purgitsville	FM	98.7
St. Marys - Parkersburg	FM	105.3
Star City - Morgantown	FM	89.7
Summersville	FM	91.3
Wheeling - Martins Ferry, OH	FM	90.7
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THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tircless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

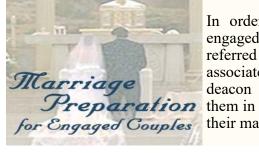
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscus



In order to register, an engaged couple must be referred by their pastor, associate pastor or deacon who is assisting them in preparation for their marriage.

Register online at Wheeling-Charleston Retreats or Go to https://dwc.org

UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 16-17, 2024 at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center

WE NEED A NEW ROOF! - WE'RE ALMOST THERE!



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We are 326 families and if half of them donate, we will conquer our final phase.

Final Phase Target is \$22,203.59

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Thank you to all who have donated!





Protecting God's Children for Adults

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When People Take Photos and Videos of Minors Without Permission

By Robert Hugh Farley, M.S.

Introduction

Keeping children and youth safe is a necessary and foundational element for any adult in ministry, and any adult entrusted with the care of children. You may find yourself in safety situations that need additional attention, such as when another adult behaving in ways that are contrary to the code of conduct, inappropriate or unsafe for the environment. All of these types of situations require your action. One example of inappropriate behavior is when adults take photos or videos of children or youth who are in their ministry or employment environments. However, this type of behavior is not limited solely to our ministerial environments—it is something we might experience apart from our ministry or employment as well.

Consider these scenarios:

A mother is with her children at a water park. She observes a man, who is sitting at the bottom of a water slide and taking photos of the sliding children. He is holding what appears to be an expensive camera with a very long lens.

A father is with his children at a zoo. He observes a well-dressed man and woman, who are standing in the petting zoo area and taking a video of the young kids who do not appear to be their own children. Their camera appears to be well-made and expensive.

A mother is picking up her children after school. She observes a man, standing outside of the school fence, taking photos of the children leaving school with what appears to be an elaborate camera and tripod setup.

In these situations:

- What are these parents' rights?
- What can they do?
- What should they do?
- How would the scenario change if it is observed by another adult, such as an employee or volunteer, who is not a parent of one of the children affected?

I was involved in identifying and subsequently arresting the offenders in all three of these real scenarios, which took place in the Chicago area. They were not arrested because they took those photos/videos. Rather, they were each arrested at a later timeframe, after an investigation that was conducted for an entirely different reason—because they were under suspicion of creating and keeping child pornography, better known as child sexual abuse materials. It was only after law enforcement executed search warrants at the residences of these child abusers that they discovered the images of the children described in the three scenarios.

Although the examples here involve adults taking photos or videos of children with elaborate cameras, keep in mind that it is even easier for adults to take covert photos and videos of children with smartphones or tablets. There are also scenarios where a caring adult, who is not the parent, may witness situations of adults taking or posting photos of the children or youth in their care.

Can random people take photos of children?

Generally, and with only a few exceptions, it is legal for strangers to photograph or film/take video of minors in

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a "public space." A public space is generally defined as being an open, indoor or outdoor area, physically accessible to all. Further, in many instances, the stranger may legally post the images online. Contrary to what many believe, parents are not required to give their consent or sign a release for this activity to occur. However, this is different from a stranger or a known person who is taking photos or filming at a Church or school. Activities occurring on a parish or school property would not necessarily be considered a "public space" depending on the nature of the activity. Employees and volunteers would be held to the organization's technology policy, which would limit the taking or posting of content.

In the United States, even though the three situations outlined above were suspicious, though technically legal (although there could have been trespassing involved, particularly regarding the scenario at the school), there are some exceptions, which vary across states. The *more* public a space or event is, the *less* a person can have a reasonable expectation of privacy, which allows another person to take and/or post imagery, unless there are specific protocols in place. In general, and in most states, it is unlawful for any person to knowingly make a video record or transmit live video of another person without that person's consent in places where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy, such as in a restroom, tanning bed, tanning salon, locker room, changing room, or hotel bedroom. Additionally, in most states, it is unlawful for any person to place, or cause to be placed, a hidden device that makes a video record or transmits a live video in these same locations, when there is the intent to make a video record or transmit live video of another person without that person's consent.

Another exception is when a person takes what is colloquially referred to as, "up-skirt" (or conversely, or "down-blouse") photos or videos. In the United States, the laws on this type of behavior again vary by state. For instance, in Illinois, it is a Class A Misdemeanor for one to record a video of a person, "for the purpose of viewing the body of or the undergarments worn by that person without their consent."

Why do child abusers take surreptitious photos of children?

Law enforcement have frequently found that child abusers maintain a "collection." The child abuser collection consists of pornography, child erotica, child sexual abuse materials (otherwise known as child pornography) and "trophies" or "souvenirs" of the sexual abuse of their victims. In order to expand their collection, child abusers will frequent child-friendly locations, such as those described in the three scenarios above, in order to create or manufacture child erotica.

Historically, when the camera phone first arrived in the United States in 2002, camera-enabled mobile devices easily allowed a child abuser to not only surreptitiously "snap" pictures of children and young people, but also made it far easier for them to transmit the images to others. More recently, abusers taking surreptitious pictures of children and young people has exploded with the invention of inexpensive, covert or "spy" cameras that are hidden in a variety of innocuous devices, such as sunglasses, pens, wrist watches, car key fobs, binoculars, etc., all of which are easily available online. The visuals can then be posted, within minutes, on hundreds of child abuser or child erotica-oriented websites.

What can be done?

What can we do if we see someone taking a child's photo without asking permission in public? Or when we see an employee or volunteer taking or posting a child's photo without following the organization's protocol? People can take photos of children in public spaces, but there can be extenuating circumstances that would need additional attention by leadership or police.

First, for public spaces, ask yourself: does the situation involve a random stranger, whose behavior and physical position at the event is suspicious? Are they hovering in a public place where children gather, such as a zoo or playground, or is the photographer known to others and/or does the photographer's presence seem logical?

In a public space, it is reasonable to question the person taking photos or videos and to ask them to stop. It is also reasonable to ask for the photos or videos to be immediately deleted. (The imagery should also be erased from the deleted folder on the device.) If the person is cooperative, deletes the images from the main folder and the "delete" folder and apologizes, that is generally less worrisome than an individual who attempts to justify their behavior by saying something such as, "I just like cute kids." In a place where there are protocols, it is always appropriate and necessary to involve the leadership or an employee. Simply share your observation, ask what they will be doing to address the situation, and follow up with documentation outlining your concerns. The organization is obligated to address problematic situations against the policy or code of

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conduct, and there may be specific requirements for any member or participant of the event/organization.

Lastly, one may always notify security or call the police when a concerning situation arises. It is not your responsibility to investigate the person, but it is your responsibility to communicate to the right place when you feel that something is wrong or concerning, or when someone seems to be behaving suspiciously. You may not know the specific history of the individual, but recall the three scenarios outlined above—where there were child sexual offenders who were photographing children in public.

Taking this a step further, while registered child sex offenders may legally be able to photograph or video children and young people in a public place, the public place selected may itself be a violation of the child sex offender registration laws, as child sex offenders are generally prohibited from being in a school, public park building, playground or a recreation area when persons under the age of 18 are present. This then could then result in the photographer or videographer being arrested for violating child sex offender laws, which is often a felony. You may not be aware of any of these items in advance, though you may be concerned about someone's behavior. Your observation here is not an investigation, but the point is that if you have a concern about someone's behavior, you should communicate it to someone who can do something about it.

Taking/Posting Photos or Videos involving a Parish or School

Employees and volunteers must follow their diocesan or organization's policy before taking or posting any photos or videos of children within your programs. This often includes only taking photos or videos within the scope of a particular program or event, and with the permission of the organization and parents of the children involved. If any adult is not following the guidelines within their organization, communicate with the person's supervisor or program leadership immediately.

If you suspect any adult is sexually exploiting a child or youth online through images or videos, contact law enforcement, or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyperTipline at https://report.cybertip.org/.

Conclusion

Child abusers are "wolves in sheep's clothing," in that they are constantly seeking the opportunity to gain access to children for nefarious reasons. Safe adults—all of us, who are charged with protecting children must continue our efforts to be aware of our surroundings, including awareness of other adults in locations when children and young people are present.

Reference

1 Illinois Statute (720 ILCS 5/26-4) (from Ch. 38, par. 26-4)

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