

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

(Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston)

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APRIL 26, 2026 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

OUR MISSION

~In the spirit of Saint Francis, we, the church family, strive to discover Christ's peace in us and in each aspect of creation by welcoming and walking hand in hand with our brothers and sisters on our faith journey~



"IF GOD CAN WORK THROUGH ME, HE CAN WORK THROUGH ANYONE." - SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

A WARM WELCOME TO SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH!

To register as a new or returning member of the Parish, please contact the parish office at 304-727-3033. The parish community will be indeed delighted to have you.

(THE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI -2026)

SUNDAY READINGS P. 1085 (YEAR A)



PRAYER FOR VOCATION

O God, Father of all Mercies,
 Provider of a bountiful Harvest,
 send Your Graces upon those
 You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;
 preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of
 you.

Open the hearts of Your children
 that they may discern Your Holy Will;
 inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves
 to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life
 guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.
 Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
 all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers
 and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord.
 Amen.

27 Monday	28 Tuesday	29 Wednesday	30 Thursday	01 Friday	02 Saturday	03 Sunday
Acts 11: 1-18 Jn 10: 11-18 (279)	Acts 11: 19-26 Jn 10: 22-20 (280)	Acts 12: 24-13:5a Jn 12: 44-50 (281)	Acts 13: 13-25 Jn 13: 16-20 (282)	Acts 13: 26-33 Jn 14:1-6 (283)	Acts 13: 44-52 Jn 14: 7-14 (284)	Acts 6: 1-7 1 Pt 2: 4-9 Jn 14: 1-12 (52)
	St. Peter, Priest & Martyr	St. Catherine of Siena	St. Pius V, Pope	St. Joseph the Worker		

PARISH INFORMATION

Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Lector	Extraordinary Minister(s)	Altar Servers	Rosary Leader
SAT APR 25	5:00 pm	Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered By Pearl Thompson	Jacque Switzer	Dave DeLuca (X) Helen Musrock(C) Leslie Huffman (C)	Volunteers	Sandy Williams
SUN APR 26	11:00 am	Intentions of the people of the parish	Youth Group	Suzanne Farley(X) John Carnell (C) Paul Niedbalski(C)	Gia Lopez Sagrada Lopez Aubree Wriston	Youth Group
MON APR 27	—	—	—	—	—	—
TUE APR 28	6:00 pm	Frances Liberatore By Larry & Libby Shrewsbury	Pat Romanosky	Midge Butler	—	—
WED APR 29	8:15 am	For Vocations	Tom Liberatore	Tom Liberatore	—	—
THU APR 30	8:00 am	End to War and Restoration of Peace	School Students	Lynn Fenimore	School Students	—
FRI MAY 01	6:00 pm	Teresa Sue	Dawna Kessler	Midge Butler	—	—
SAT MAY 02	5:00 pm	Intentions of the people of the parish	Fred Heindl	Midge Butler (X) Dave DeLuca (C) Leslie Huffman (C)	Volunteers	Midge Butler
SUN MAY 03	11:00 am	Pete Palmer By Sarah & Jack Palmer	Mita Larson	Mark Muchow (X) John Carnell (C) Mary Sanney (C)	Mighty Lopez Miguel Matheus Diondrae Johnson	Pat Romanosky

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday

Rosary: 4:30 pm
Mass: 5:00 pm

Sunday

Rosary: 10:30 am
Mass: 11:00 am

Weekdays

Tue: 6:00 pm
Wed: 8:15 am
Thurs: 8:15 am
Fri: 6:00 pm

Adoration

Fri: 5:00 pm
Friday 5:00 pm

Confession

Saturday 4:00 pm

St. Francis of Assisi Parish And School Staff

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Pastoral Availability

Father Sojan is available at any time for spiritual guidance. Additionally, if you or your family member is sick or homebound and require Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing, you may contact him at 304-435-4342 or the parish office.

Baptism-(Birth – Age 7): Parents are required to participate in a preparation program before the celebration of Baptism. Please contact the church office a few week's in advance.

Confirmation-Those who would like to be Confirmed, please register.

Marriage Preparation-Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Francis of Assisi Church are required to participate in a Marriage Preparation Program before the marriage. At least six months advance notice is required for the marriage.

Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA)-Children 7-14 years of age, and Children 15 years of age and older & Adults who have not been baptized or have been baptized and not confirmed go through a OCIA program before they are admitted to the sacraments.

Faith Formation-Faith formation programs are offered for children, youth and adult. For all programs, please contact the office for more details.

Parish Office Hours
Tues-Fri 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

For rental of church facilities (parish center, gym, cafeteria), please contact:

Mary Nichols
304-727-9832

PASTOR'S NOTE

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: A WITNESS TO VOCATION AND GRACE

FROM ALTAR SERVER TO PRIEST: A JOURNEY LED BY GOD



On April 26, 1997, I was ordained a priest in my native village—a day that fulfilled a cherished dream planted in my heart from a very young age. That dream began when, as a ten-year-old altar server, I witnessed a priestly ordination. Something stirred within me then, a quiet but powerful invitation that would unfold over the years.

Looking back on my vocation journey, I can clearly see the guiding hand of God. What seemed like ordinary moments were, in fact, part of His divine plan. I was led far from my homeland to serve in a distant land, and now, after celebrating my sacerdotal jubilee, I find myself among you, reflecting with gratitude and awe. How else can I describe this journey except as the work of the Lord who has guided and sustained me every step of the way?

The path of my vocation has not been without its challenges. There were moments of uncertainty, struggle, and even danger. Yet, in those times, I held firmly to the words of St. Paul: “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9). These words became a source of strength and reassurance. Even in my life, I experienced the strength of Christ.

At every critical juncture of my life, I remember with deep gratitude the role played by my parents and my parish community. Their exemplary faith, their deep trust in God, and their commitment to prayer and engravements formed the foundation of my vocation. They were pillars of strength who nurtured and encouraged my calling.

As a priest, I have also faced threats to my life. Yet, I always believed that I was “carved in the palm of His hand” (cf. Isaiah 49:16), and that the Lord would protect me according to His will. This unwavering trust has sustained me through all circumstances. I join the psalmist and say, “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever.” (Psalm 118:1)

Today, as the Church celebrates Good Shepherd Sunday, we are reminded of the beauty and necessity of priestly and religious vocations. It is a day dedicated to praying for vocations, asking the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard.



The Church teaches us, as St. John Paul II wrote in *Pastores Dabo Vobis*, that “the vocation of the priest is a mystery, it is the mystery of God’s unfathomable love for man.” Indeed, every priestly calling is a gift—undeserved, yet freely given for the service of God’s people. The same document reminds us that “every Christian community must be committed to fostering vocations,” emphasizing that the seed of a vocation often grows within the soil of a faithful family and a vibrant parish.

The fruitfulness of a parish is measured not only by its activities, but by the holiness of its families, the fidelity of married couples, and the generosity of young people who respond to God’s call. Sadly, in many places—including our own parish—vocations to the priesthood and religious life are few. We have seen limited response from our young people.

This is a matter that weighs deeply on my heart. Wherever I have served, it has been my daily prayer that I may witness a young man stepping forward to the altar as a priest, and young women embracing the beauty of religious life. The future of the Church—and the continuation of the Holy Eucharist—depends on holy and dedicated priests.

On this Vocation Sunday, as we listen to the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John—“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10)—we are reminded that every vocation is rooted in the formatives and companions in Christ, the Good Shepherd, who calls each by name and leads them to fullness of life. Let us renew our commitment to pray earnestly for vocations. In our family prayers, let there be a place to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as for those who have already responded to the Lord’s call and now serve Him faithfully in His vineyard. Just as the shepherd enters through the gate and calls his sheep, may our young people learn to recognize the voice of Christ and follow Him with courage and trust. Let us ask the Lord to send many laborers to our diocese, especially from our own Parish, confident that those who hear His voice and follow Him will find true and lasting fulfillment.

At the same time, let us be grateful for the priests who have dedicated their lives to the Gospel. Their sacrifices, often hidden and unrecognized, are a testament to their love for Christ and His Church. As *Pastores Dabo Vobis* reminds us, priests are called to be “living images of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd.”

May we continue to support and pray for our priests, that they may always remain faithful and become ever more like Christ—shepherds after His own heart.

CATECHETICAL CORNER

THE HEART OF CATHOLIC DEVOTINS: PRAYING WITH REPETITION AND LOVE



I have come across many people who question the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the repetitiveness of these prayers. They think it is a waste of time to repeat the same words.

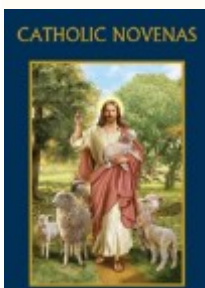
Even when devotions are taking place, some remain distracted, busy with

their own world, chatting with the person beside them or simply winding away time, uninterested and bored. Yet, as the Church has discovered and established through the inspiration of the great saints, this repetition is not empty; it carries a deep spiritual power.

What Is Devotion? In the Catholic Church, “devotions” refer to practices that help believers draw closer to God and express their faith outside the formal liturgy of the Mass. Among the most cherished are the Holy Rosary, the **Divine Mercy Chaplet**, **Novenas**, the **Stations of the Cross**, and **adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**. Each of these centers the heart on divine love, mercy, and the example of the saints, leading us deeper into the mysteries of Christ.

Many Catholics place great emphasis on devotions and particular saints. However, it must be clearly understood that devotions never replace the Mass—they are gifts that prepare the heart for the Mass and continue its grace into daily life. Through these devotions, Catholics keep prayer alive throughout the day, transforming ordinary moments into opportunities for grace.

Why the Repetition? To the outside world, reciting the same prayer repeatedly—such as the Hail Mary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet—can seem empty or mechanical. Yet repetition in prayer is not mindless; it creates a **meditative rhythm**. Just as a sports fan chants the name of their team to ignite passion and unity, or a crowd chants a player’s name to inspire and encourage, so repetitive prayer stirs the soul into spiritual focus. It “fans the flame” of the heart, drawing us deeper into God’s presence.



St. John Paul II described the Rosary as a kind of “**school of prayer**,” training the soul to contemplate the face of Christ with the heart of Mary. Pope Francis often notes that repetition helps the prayer “sink” into the soul, like drops of water slowly shaping stone—transforming thought into affection, and affection into presence. In psychological terms,

repetition quiets distractions: the lips move, but the heart deepens. Eventually, the words become background music, freeing the spirit to rest in God’s love. Far from dull, this rhythm comforts and strengthens the believer—like breathing prayer.

What Do We Gain? The saints consistently testify that devotions grant **peace, humility, and perseverance**.

The **Rosary** brings interior peace and protection from temptation.

The **Divine Mercy Chaplet** channels God’s tenderness toward the world’s suffering.

A **Novena**, prayed over nine days, builds trust in divine timing and deepens hope.

St. Padre Pio called the Rosary his “**weapon**”, not of violence but of love and spiritual defense. St. Thérèse of Lisieux found peace in childlike repetition. Popes throughout history—from Leo XIII to our present Holy Father—have praised these devotions as anchors amid life’s chaos, emphasizing that prayer is something we do, not merely **believe**.

Living Devotion in Everyday Life: How might we bring this spirit of devotion beyond the church pew? A simple practice is to arrive **30 minutes before Mass** or remain **30 minutes afterward** for quiet prayer. Use that time to pray the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, or simply rest in silent gratitude.

Have you ever noticed a Buddhist using beads? The main purposes are:

- Counting repetitions of a mantra or prayer (often 108 times, a number symbolizing the many defilements or afflictions to be purified).
- Keeping the mind focused so attention does not wander during chanting or meditation.
- Remembering the path: some Buddhists simply hold the mala as a reminder to stay mindful, compassionate, and on the path of the Buddha’s teachings.

For us, reciting prayers has an even greater purpose. What that purpose is depends on the intention: to sanctify time, to deepen attention to God, and to invite the Holy Spirit into the ordinary moments of our day. On the road, at work, or walking alone, let the lips whisper a prayer. Each repetition sanctifies time and turns solitude into communion. It may even help build patience when we are stuck in heavy traffic too.

Like athletes who stir endurance with chants, Catholics stir holiness with prayer. These devotions are not superstition; they are **spiritual exercises**. The goal is not to “get through” prayers faster, but to let them work through us slowly—transforming the heart into an echo of divine mercy.

NEWS AND UPDATES



Father had the privilege to stand along the Nuncio after the Jubilee celebration in Wheeling on Tuesday, April 21st for the 110 Anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral in Wheeling.



A GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR THE GARAGE PROJECT

Fr. Sojan would like to express his heartfelt gratitude to a generous family of our parish who, wishing to remain anonymous, privately sponsored the conversion of the old rectory office into a garage. This project, originally part of the diocesan renovation plan, has now been made possible through their quiet and selfless generosity. Their gift is a beautiful witness to stewardship and love for the parish. May the Lord, who sees in secret, abundantly bless this family with His grace, peace and every good blessing.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations, April 26, 2026



The World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to follow the Lord's call to "pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). It highlights the importance of prayer for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, and missionary service. In 2026, we mark the 63rd anniversary of this special day.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

GENERAL PARISH MEETING—April 26th, following the 11:00am Mass.

- The gathering will provide an opportunity to evaluate parish activities and share ongoing goals and projects. Refreshments will be provided.

Mother's Day Tea Party—May 9th, following the 5:00pm Mass

Mother's Day Tea Party—May 10th, following the 11:00am Mass

Father's day BBQ luncheon—June 21st, following the 11:00am Mass

Thank you to the Youth Group for hosting

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER—May 21st to thank all parish volunteers for their support and service throughout the year.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC— July 26th, Mass will be celebrated at the picnic shelter.

Bread Sharing—Wednesday, April 29th, 6:00pm—2nd grade.

First Reconciliation for Communicants—May 1st at 9:00am.

First Communion—May 3rd, 11:00am Mass.

May Crowning—May 8th at 9:00am.

Support the McDonough Scholarship

The McDonough Scholarship was established several years ago to support families in need with their children's education. Today, many parents are seeking this assistance through the school; however, the available funds are quite limited, and we are unable to help as many families as we would like.

We kindly appeal to our parish community and to the parents of the school to consider contributing to this worthy cause. We have provided envelopes on each pew marked, "Gift to McDonough Scholarship Fund" for your convenience. Gifts may be collected during the Offering, handed to an usher after Mass or made to the school office at any time.

The Church reminds us of our responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters in need. As Sacred Scripture teaches, "God loves a cheerful giver." May the Lord bless your generosity.

MAY – MONTH OF MARY



May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, a special time to honor her with love and devotion. This tradition developed in Europe, where the beauty of spring came to symbolize Mary's purity and spiritual fruitfulness, and it was strongly encouraged by the Church, especially by Pope Pius XII.

Throughout this month, Catholics deepen their faith through Marian prayers, the Rosary, hymns, and customs such as May crownings, recognizing Mary as our loving mother and model of faith. May we deepen our devotion to our Blessed Mother intentionally praying the rosary personally, in the family and in the community.

NEWS AND UPDATES



First of May is the first Friday of the month. Adoration begins at 12:00pm- 6:00pm!

Would you please sit with the Lord for a period of time? Contact Pat Tabor at 304.552.8614

NB: Please enter through the school doors.

“Could you not watch with me for one hour?” ~Matthew



Marlee Kersey

GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD



Emma Frye

Condolences to Suzanne Farley and Sharon Prather on the passing of their brother David



John and the Parks family on the passing



of Teresa Sue (Parks) Ballengee.

May the Lord grant them Eternal peace!

YOUTH GROUP—UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26th— Youth Mass and gathering follows.

May 24th- Youth Mass and gathering follows.

All youth are welcome—bring a friend and come as you are! We’d love to see you there!

Young Adult Night

Open to those in their 20s to 30s

Friday, May 8th 6:30PM

St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
St Albans, WV



Guest Speaker- Msgr Dean Borgmeyer

“What Christians Believe and What Catholics do”

Main entree provided please bring a side!

Mother's Day TEA PARTY

Sat., May 9 ☘ Sun., May 10

Please join us in honoring the mothers of our parish family. Following Mass, we invite you to the Parish Center for tea, an assortment of sweet and savory treats, refreshments and a time of fellowship.



“Since Christ Himself has said, ‘This is My Body,’ who shall dare to doubt that it is His Body?”
St. Thomas Aquinas



Reading and Math Award students. Congratulations!

NEWS AND UPDATES



One Mission One Day is one of the most exciting days for our St. Francis School and students.

Over the past two years, funds raised have supported our outdoor learning space. We have now shifted our focus to an exciting new project—a playground and play area for our students. All funds raised during the past two years have been earmarked for this and we will continue working toward this goal again this year.

Your participation is greatly appreciated and will help us meet our goal! Thank you in advance from the students at St. Francis!



St. Francis Blessing Box is located at the corner of 6th Avenue and Park Street. Your donation is a gift to someone in need.

A blue bin has been placed in the back of church to collect donated items. Items greatly needed are canned goods, tuna, canned pastas, noodles, peanut butter, jelly, bread, and soups,

WOMEN'S CLUB

The May Women's Club meeting will be held at the Eagle's Nest Restaurant on Wednesday, May 13th at noon.

All women of the parish are welcome. It is an excellent way to meet other women of the parish.

EVANGELIZATION MEETING

The Evangelization committee will meet Monday, May 4th at 9:00am at the home of Brenda Dlugos. Brenda's address is 134 Leslie Place, Scott Depot.

For more information, contact Mary Sanney at 304.932.5674.



THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

MASS INTENTIONS

Please contact the church office if you would like to have a Mass for a loved member of your family. The schedule is filling up.

If in the past you have arranged an annual Mass intention, please contact the office so we can review your intentions.

You may offer a Mass stipend of \$10.00 for a weekday Mass and \$20.00 for a weekend Mass. However, if you are unable to do so, Father will gladly offer Mass for your loved one.

If you have any meetings or important information you would like in the bulletin, please email it to: parish@stfranciswv.org by Wednesday at noon to be printed in that weeks bulletin. Thank you

-Uphold them in your prayers-

David DeLuca, Jay Dlugos, Suzanne Farley, Nona Fields, Jo Fletcher, Debbie Flinger, Liz Gadd, Barbara George, Robin Gothard, Aubrie Hebb, Donna Hebb, Nancy Hillen, Diane Holley-Brown, Jane Howley, Max Huck, Kenny Huck, Virgil Huck, Carmelina Kessler, Dawna Kessler, Tooter Kirk, Barbara Lambert, Larry Lerose, Madison Lopez, Susan Lopez, Sue Martin, Brent Marsteller, Mary McNeely, Joe McQuaide, Lillian Matheny, Kim McBurney, Mario Mendez, Susan Robinson, Diana Rossi, Patricia, Scarlett (child), Lillian Schilling, Michael Scott, Peggy Shelton, Matt Sowers, Becky Vannatter Smith, Joseph Swanson, Valerie Tabit, Pat Tabor, Colleen Ullmer, Joyce Weiskircher, Roberta Van Horn, Pat Vannatter, Robbie Vannatter, Barbara Yeager, Gordon Holbrook, Alaina Rae Gilbert, Tracy McGrath, Nico Sayre, Pearl Thompson, Ralph Holland, John Hebb III, Jan Quinlan, Kate Lichtenfels, Darlene Holland, Ty Laughery, Steve McGrath, John May, Jo Kirk

Immediate Prayer needs:

Carolyn Hanson	John Carnell	Patty Young
Rick Mullins	Josephine Fletcher	Peggy Shelton
Rick Robinson	Matt Sowers	Allison Grinstead
Terry DeLuca	Dave Lucas	Brody Fulk
Margaret McEvoy	Landen Chin	Pam Burton White
Anna Ng	Michele Sturgeon	Brandi Authur

NEWS AND UPDATES

Sharing our Treasure

Listed below are collections for
April 18 & 19, 2026

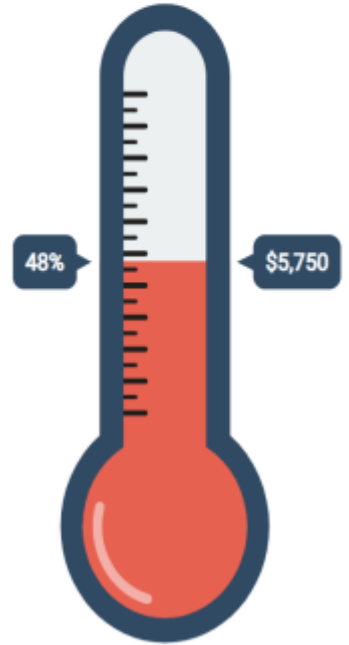
Collection for Church Operation.....	\$4,229.00
School.....	00
Diocese.....	00
Votive Candles.....	86.00
Total.....	\$4,315.00

Weekly Mass Attendance
Sat – 72 Sun – 147
Total – 219



The Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) is an opportunity for us to come together as one diocesan family to support the vital ministries and initiatives that strengthen our parishes and communities. Through your generosity, the CSA assists our parishes, shared ministries, Catholic education, and outreach efforts.

GOAL: \$12,100



Collections for Church Operations



Collections for Church Operations as of
April 12, 2026

SECOND COLLECTIONS

APRIL 26th—McDonough Scholarship

MAY 10th—School Support

MAY 24th— Catholic Relief Services

SHARE YOUR TREASURE

The Catholic Church emphasizes the importance of giving from the heart and encourages individuals to give according to their ability. Your donation, no matter how large or small, is significant to our Church. A QR code has been created for you as an option vs weekly envelopes for our parishioners and visitors.



Safe Environment Reporting Statement

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston maintains an Office of Safe Environment in accordance with the USCCB's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. **To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children:** The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing www.reportbishopabuse.org to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction and visit www.reportbishopabuse.org. **To Report to Civil Authorities:** Contact your local law enforcement; numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. **To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse,** contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families' Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. **To Report to Diocesan Authorities:** In addition to civil authorities, the diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. **To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese,** contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Sr. Martha Gomez, ext. 264. Or you may call Rev. Don Higgs, 304.685.2367, the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504, or Victims Assistance Coordinator Erin McFarland at 304.559.6742. In addition to the methods listed above for reporting sexual abuse, the Diocese also has partnered with Navex Global to offer the **EthicsPoint** platform to report other, additional concerns, such as suspected financial, professional, and personal misconduct of a priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the Diocese or any Catholic parish or school in West Virginia. The EthicsPoint platform can be accessed via www.dwc.org, under "Accountability", then "Report Misconduct" or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a third-party reporting system that reports to civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities, and the identity of the person reporting is protected.