

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

(Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston)

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FEBRUARY 23, 2025 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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.

*Be merciful,
just as your
Father is merciful.*

-Luke 6:36



24 Monday	25 Tuesday	26 Wednesday	27 Thursday	28 Friday	01 Saturday	02 Sunday
Sir 1:1-10 Mk 9: 14-29 (341)	Sir 2: 1-11 Mk 9:30 -37 (342)	Sir 4: 11-19 Mk 9: 38-40 (343)	Sir 5: 1-8 Mk 9: 41-50 (344) St Gregory of Narek	Sir 6: 5-17 Mk 10 1-12 (345)	Sir 17: 1-15 Mk 10: 13-16 (346)	1 Cor 15: 54-58 Lk 6: 39-45 (84)

PARISH INFORMATION

Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Lector	Extraordinary Minister(s)	Altar Servers	Rosary Leader
Feb 22	5:00 pm	Intentions of the people of the parish	Helen Musrock	Tom Liberatore (X) Leslie Huffman (C) Midge Butler (C)	Volunteers	Midge Butler
Feb 23	11:00 am	Brenda Kincaid Beatty By Tiffany Ngo	Mark Muchow	Paul Niedbalski (X) Mary Sanney (C) John Carnell (C)	Mary Pauley Rylee Fenimore Emma Vaughan	Leslie Huffman
Feb 24	—	—	—	—	—	—
Feb 25	6:00 pm	Al Romanosky	Pat Romanosky	Midge Butler	—	—
Feb 26	8:15 am	Maddox Potter By The Gruse Family	Pat Tabor	Tom Liberatore	—	—
Feb 27	8:15 am	Michael Regalla By Bill & Eva Grzywinski	School Students	Lynn Fenimore (X)	School Students	—
Feb 28	6:00 pm	Michael Regalla By Andrew Regalla & Family	Dawna Kessler	Suzanne Farley	—	—
Mar 01	5:00 pm	Bertha DeLuca By Dave & Terry DeLuca	Fred Heindl	Midge Butler (X) Suzanne Farley (C) Helen Musrock (C)	Volunteers	Pat Romanosky
Mar 02	11:00 am	Intentions of the people of the parish	Mita Larson	Shaun Lopez (X) Mark Muchow (C) Paul Niedbalski (C)	Ethan Knapp Mairin Knapp Hadley Heumann	Mary Sanney

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

Friday 5:00 pm

Confession

Saturday 4:00 pm

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

Mary Nichols
304-727-9832

St Francis of Assisi Parish And School Staff

Father Sojan Xavier, Pastor..... (304) 435-4342 / sxavier@dwc.org
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Pastoral Availability

Father Sojan is available any time of day or night for spiritual guidance. If you or a family member is sick / homebound & require Communion or Sacrament of Anointing, contact him (304-435-4342) or the parish office.

Marriage Preparation

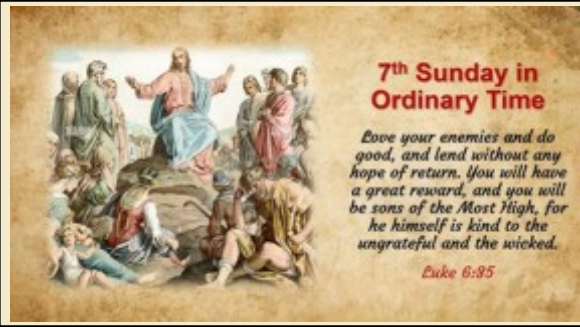
Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Francis should be practicing Catholics & are required to participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. 6 months notice is required. Contact the office to discuss date of marriage.

Order of Christian Initiation

Children ages 7-17& adults who have not been baptized or baptized but not confirmed go through a faith formation program before they are admitted to the sacraments.

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

LOVE AS GOD LOVES – A CALL TO RADICAL MERCY AND HOLINESS



First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Gospel: * Matthew 5:38-48

The preacher's Sunday sermon was, "Forgive Your Enemies." He asked, "How many have forgiven their enemies?" About half held up their hands. He then repeated the question. This time about eighty percent held up their hands. He then repeated his question a third time. The entire congregation held up their hands except one elderly lady. "Mrs. Jones," the preacher asked, "aren't you willing to forgive your enemies?" "I don't have any" she replied. "That is very unusual", the preacher said. "How old are you?" "Ninety-three." "Mrs. Jones, please come to the front and tell the congregation how a person cannot have an enemy in the world." The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle and said: "It's easy; I just outlived all those rascals!"

Today's readings invite us to reflect on the radical call to holiness and love that lies at the heart of the Christian life. In the Gospel, Jesus challenges us to go beyond the ordinary standards of justice and mercy, urging us to love as God loves – unconditionally and without limits.

In the First Reading from Leviticus, God speaks to Moses, saying, "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." This call to holiness is not merely about following rules but about imitating God's character. Specifically, we are told not to harbor hatred, seek revenge, or hold grudges. Instead, we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. This commandment, which Jesus later reaffirms, is the foundation of our moral life.

In the Gospel, Jesus takes this call to love even further. He tells us, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil." At first glance, this teaching seems counterintuitive, even impossible. How can we not resist evil? How can we turn the other cheek, give more than what is demanded, or love our enemies?

Jesus is not advocating for passivity in the face of injustice. Rather, He is calling us to break the cycle of violence and retaliation. By refusing to respond to evil with evil, we witness to a higher way of living – the way of God's kingdom. Jesus reminds us that anyone can love those who love them in return. But the mark of a true disciple is to love even those who persecute us, to pray for those who harm us, and to show kindness to those who may not deserve it.

Why? Because this is how God loves. As the Psalm reminds us, "The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion." God does not treat us as our sins deserve. Instead, He offers us forgiveness and grace, even when we fall short. We are called to imitate this divine mercy in our relationships with others.

In the *Second Reading*, St. Paul reminds us that we are temples of the Holy Spirit. Our bodies and our lives are sacred, set apart for God's purposes. When we love as God loves, we reflect His presence in the world. We become living signs of His kingdom, where love triumphs over hatred, and mercy overcomes judgment.

So, how can we live out this radical call to love?

Examine Your Heart: Are there people in your life whom you struggle to forgive? Are there grudges you've been holding onto? Bring these to prayer and ask God for the grace to let go and to love as He loves.

Practice Small Acts of Mercy: Love is often expressed in small, everyday actions. Offer a kind word to someone who annoys you. Pray for someone who has hurt you. Go out of your way to help someone in need. These small acts can transform hearts – both yours and theirs.

Trust in God's Grace: Loving as God loves is not something we can do on our own. We need His grace. Spend time in prayer, asking God to fill your heart with His love. Receive the Eucharist, the source of our strength, and let it empower you to live as a witness to His mercy.

Thus, today's Scripture readings challenge us to make three types of correct choices in life. First, we are advised to choose the "golden rule" including loving our enemies and showing sensitivity to the feelings and needs of others. Second, we need to choose unconditional, agape love instead of envy, jealousy and hatred in our relationships with others. Third, we must choose graceful and merciful forgiveness instead of harboring revenge and planning retaliation. compose it better in few words

The call to love as God loves is not easy, but it is the path to true holiness and freedom. When we love our enemies, pray for those who persecute us, and show mercy to those who wrong us, we become more like Christ. We become living signs of God's kingdom, where love reigns supreme.

May we have the courage to take up this challenge, trusting that God's grace will sustain us. And may our lives bear witness to the truth that love is the most powerful force in the world – a force that can transform hearts, heal divisions, and bring us closer to the holiness to which we are called.

2025 Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope



HOW CAN WE BE PILGRIMS OF HOPE

As we Journey through the Jubilee year of hope, it might be good for us as Catholics how can we journey as pilgrims hope. In the life of every Christian, the journey toward holiness and eternal life is akin to a pilgrimage. As Catholics, we are called not only to walk the path of faith but to do so with a sense of hope that transcends the trials and suffering we encounter. This pilgrimage of hope is rooted deeply in the Gospel, and it is through the eyes of faith that we recognize ourselves as pilgrims—travelers on a path to a better world, a world where Christ reigns as the King of Glory.

The Essence of Hope: Hope is one of the three theological virtues—along with faith and charity—given to us by God. It is a virtue that strengthens our trust in God's promises, even when our present circumstances may seem overwhelming. Hope for us Christians is not a mere wish for a better future, but rather a confident expectation grounded in the person of Jesus Christ. Through His death and Resurrection, Christ offers us the hope of eternal life.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that “Christian hope expresses itself in the desire and expectation of divine blessing and in the confidence of receiving it.” As pilgrims of hope, we are called to trust that God's promises are true, and that His grace will accompany them on the journey. It is through this lens of hope that we are able to persevere through life's difficulties.

Living as Pilgrims of Hope: A pilgrim is someone who travels to a sacred place, typically as an act of devotion. However, as Catholics, we are all pilgrims—travelers in this world, journeying towards the ultimate destination, which is eternal life with God. In this sense, every step we take is a step of faith, guided by the light of hope. Hope is what propels us forward, even when the path is difficult.

The pilgrimage is not just a physical journey to a holy site like Lourdes or the Vatican, though these sacred places hold great importance in Catholic tradition. **The true pilgrimage is internal, taking place in our hearts and minds as we navigate the challenges of daily life. It is in the simple, ordinary moments of our existence—helping a neighbor, facing illness, grieving loss, or celebrating joy—that we are called to live as pilgrims of hope.**

In our journey, we are not alone. We walk alongside the communion of saints, past and present, as well as fellow Catholics. The Church, as the mystical body of Christ, is the great pilgrim people. Through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we are nourished on our journey. The Eucharist is both a memorial of Christ's sacrifice and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. It is in the Eucharist that we are reminded that our pilgrimage has a goal: union with God.

Hope Amidst Suffering: Pilgrims of hope are not immune to suffering. In fact, suffering is an intrinsic part of the Christian pilgrimage. Christ Himself, who is our model and guide, walked the path of

suffering, and He calls His followers to take up their cross and follow Him. However, Catholic teaching reminds us that suffering is not without meaning. The Church's understanding of redemptive suffering gives Christians the hope that suffering, united with Christ's Passion, has the power to bring about healing and salvation.

In this light, suffering is not a barrier to hope, but rather an integral part of our pilgrimage. The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 5:3-4: “We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope.” Even in the darkest moments, the pilgrim of hope holds onto the belief that God can bring good out of every circumstance, and that He is always present, guiding us along the way.

Hope as a Light to Others: As pilgrims of hope, we are also called to be beacons of hope to the world. In a world often marked by despair, violence, and uncertainty, Catholics are called to be witnesses of the hope found in Christ. The Church teaches that we are meant to “become the light of the world,” just as Christ is the true Light.

Our hope is not just a private virtue, but one that overflows into acts of charity and service. Catholics are called to embody hope through love and mercy for others, especially the marginalized and the poor. By being compassionate, forgiving, and generous, we manifest the hope of the Gospel in the world. Our pilgrimage of hope should inspire others to begin their own journey toward Christ.

The Fulfilment of Hope: Eternal Life: Ultimately, our pilgrimage of hope leads to the promise of eternal life. As pilgrims, we are walking toward our true home—heaven, where God will wipe away every tear and where there will be no more pain, suffering, or death. This is the hope that sustains the Catholic pilgrim: the hope that one day we will see God face to face, and that our longing for truth, beauty, and goodness will be fully satisfied in His presence.

The Catechism affirms that “the Christian vision of hope is essentially directed toward the coming of the Kingdom of God.” This Kingdom, in which justice and peace will reign, is the fulfillment of all our deepest desires. It is in this hope that Catholics live each day, with an eye toward the promise of eternal joy and peace with God.

To sum up, to be pilgrims of hope is to live each day with the conviction that God's promises are trustworthy and that our journey is leading us to something far greater than we can imagine. As Catholics, our lives are an ongoing pilgrimage toward God's Kingdom, sustained by faith, strengthened by charity, and infused with the hope of eternal life. In the midst of this pilgrimage, we are called to be instruments of hope for others, shining the light of Christ's love in a world that desperately needs it. By walking in the footsteps of the saints, participating in the sacraments, and trusting in God's unfailing promises, we can truly become pilgrims of hope, on a journey that leads to the ultimate home—the presence of God forever in heaven.

Catechetical Corner

“FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER; AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS NOW AND FOREVER”



The phrase *“For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever”* is not part of the original prayer that Jesus taught His disciples, as it does not appear in the earliest Gospel manuscripts. However, this addition, is part of the Protestant prayer. It has profound biblical roots and echoes powerful themes of praise that are woven throughout Scripture. It serves as a fitting and meaningful conclusion to the Lord's Prayer, reflecting the eternal truth of God's sovereignty and His role as the source of all power and glory.

This acclamation draws directly from the Scriptures, particularly the Book of Revelation, where similar expressions of worship and praise are directed toward God. In Revelation 5:12, the heavenly hosts acclaim: *“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise.”* In Revelation 19:1, we hear the great multitude in heaven proclaiming: *“Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God.”* These passages emphasize God's eternal dominion and supreme authority over all creation. The inclusion of this phrase at the end of the Lord's Prayer thus acknowledges God's absolute reign and reflects the worship of heaven, where His authority is eternally praised.

While the phrase was not part of the original text of the Gospels, it resonates with the deep, timeless truths about God's sovereignty that are central to Christian faith and worship. It provides a fitting conclusion to the prayer, affirming that God's kingdom is both a present reality and a future hope. In saying *“For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever,”* we proclaim that all power and glory belong to God alone. It is a declaration of faith, recognizing that He is the King of our lives and the giver of all good things.

The origins of this acclamation can also be traced back to the Old Testament, specifically in King David's final prayer as he passed on the throne to his son Solomon. In 1 Chronicles 29:10-11, David prays to God, saying: *“Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all.”* David acknowledges God's supreme sovereignty over all creation, recognizing that everything—whether it is the success of his reign, the wealth of his kingdom, or the victories in battle—comes from God. This prayer expresses both humility and gratitude, acknowledging that God alone is the source of all blessings.

In incorporating this phrase into our prayer, we, too, affirm that all the good in our lives—our blessings, talents, and achievements—are ultimately gifts from God. The phrase *“For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever”* is not just an acknowledgment of God's past sovereignty, but also a declaration of His eternal reign. By praying this, we align our hearts with the eternal truth that God is the true King of the universe and the source of all power and glory.

This addition beautifully ties together the themes of God's sovereignty found throughout the Bible—from the Old Testament kingship of Israel to the eternal praise found in the heavenly liturgy of Revelation. It reminds us that everything we have is a gift from God, and by acknowledging His eternal reign, we submit ourselves to His divine will. Ultimately, it is an expression of humility, recognizing that we are not the authors of our own success, but are entirely dependent on God's grace and providence. Through this prayer, we echo the eternal truth that all power, glory, and dominion belong to God, both now and forever.

NEWS AND UPDATES



Saint Gregory of Narek, February 27

Gregory was born in then-Narek, Armenia (now Turkey) around 950. His father was a bishop & he was raised in a devout home. (Britannica.com)

He was ordained around the age of 25 and began writing. He is well known for his biblical commentaries, hymns, and poetry. One of his writings, his Book of Lamentations, has been translated into over 30 languages. He also worked as a theology professor during his life at the Narek monastery.

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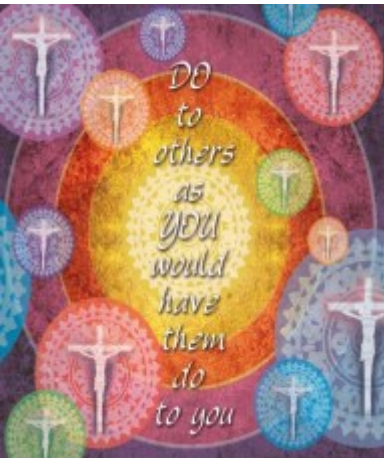
PRIESTHOOD Discernment Retreat

- Open to men 18 and older
- Pray, share meals, and meet with current WV seminarians
- Hear talks about priestly life and discernment

ST. JOHN XXIII PASTORAL CENTER
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FRIDAY MARCH 7 → SATURDAY MARCH 8

Apply today!



Altar Server training will be on Wednesday, February 26th from 2:45—3:15 in the Church



A Hope Scholarship training session was held Tuesday evening in the School Cafeteria.

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, noodles, toiletries, gloves, hats, scarves



\$15 PER PERSON
KIDS 5-11 \$5

FRIDAY MARCH 7TH
5:00PM-7:00PM

**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

FISH FRY

Dinner Includes: Fish (baked or fried), Shrimp, French Fries, Hush Puppies, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Homemade Desserts and Drinks

Homemade Desserts!

COME AND ENJOY THE BEST FISH FRY IN THE VALLEY

NEWS AND UPDATES

WORSHIP: HYMNAL/MISSALETTE

You have an opportunity to donate toward the purchase of the new, hardbound Missalettes (\$30 per book). We will place a bookplate in each Missalette that is fully sponsored by a parishioner with their name & the in memory of/in honor of that they wish. Donation envelopes available at the back of the church—please place completed envelopes in collection basket. Thank you for your tremendous response to our campaign. Our goal is \$5,000.00, to date we have raised \$4,400.00. **We're almost to goal!**



"My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work." - Jesus



Do Not Judge
And You Will
Not Be Judged

After Mass Fellowship takes place in the School Cafeteria on the First Sunday of the month. If you would like to host Fellowship, contact the Church office at 304-727-3033. March 2nd is the next Fellowship Sunday.

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DIocese OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON
Office of Youth and Young Adult Discipleship

ASCENSION
CATHOLIC CHURCH OF HURRICANE

Lenten Mission

"For the Love of God"
Presented by
Chris Padgett
March 9 - 12, 2025

9th - 11th: Refreshments at 6 PM
Event at 6:30 PM

12th: Lenten Penance Service
at 6:30 PM

Ascension Catholic Church
905 Hickory Mill Rd
Hurricane, WV 25526

-Uphold them in your prayers-

David DeLuca, Jay Dlugos, Suzanne Farley, Nona Fields, Jo Fletcher, Debbie Flinner, Liz Gadd, Barbara George, Alaina Rae Gilbert, Robin Gothard, Aubrie Hebb, Donna Hebb, Nancy Hillen, Diane Holley-Brown, Jane Howley, Max Huck, Kenny Huck, Virgil Huck, Bud Humphreys, Carmelina Kessler, Dawna Kessler, Tooter Kirk, Barbara Lambert, Larry Lerose, Madison Lopez, Susan Lopez, Nanette Martin, Sue Martin, Brent Marsteller, Mary McNeely, Joe McQuaide, Lillian Matheny, Kim McBurney, Mario Mendez, Jack Myatt, Susan Robinson, Diana Rossi, Patricia Ruddle, Scarlett (child), Lillian Schilling, Michael Scott, Peggy Shelton, Matt Sowers, Becky Vannatter Smith, Elizabeth Stonestreet, Joseph Swanson, Valerie Tabit, Pat Tabor, Colleen Ullmer, Joyce Weiskircher, Roberta VanHorn, Pat Vannatter, Robbie Vannatter, Barbara Yeager, Jack Myatt

Immediate Prayer List

Matthew Velazquez	John Carnell	Michele Sturgeon
Chad Wilbanks	Josephine Fletcher	Patty Young
Nanette Martin	Chuck Powers	Peggy Shelton
Alaina Rae Gilbert	Matt Sowers	
Rick Robinson	Dave Lucas	
Terry DeLuca	Ralph Holland	
Margaret McEvoy	Darlene Holland	
Anna Ng	Mary Sanney	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharing our Treasury

Listed below are collections for February 16 & 17 2025

Collection for Church Operation..... \$6,020.20
 School.....284.00
 Diocese.....\$5.00
 Votive Candles.....\$36.00

Total.....\$6,345.20
Weekly Mass Attendance

Sat- 58 Sun- 103 TOTAL-161

Collections for Church Operations



Collections for Church Operations as of February 16, 2025

March 5, 2025
Mass 8:15 am and 6:00 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE HELD EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT 6:30pm FOLLOWING THE 6pm MASS



LENTEN SEASON

	MARCH 5	ASH WEDNESDAY
	MARCH 9	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
	APRIL 13	PALM SUNDAY
	APRIL 17	HOLY THURSDAY
	APRIL 18	GOOD FRIDAY
	APRIL 19	HOLY SATURDAY
	APRIL 20	EASTER SUNDAY

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.