

# SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

(Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston)

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MARCH 15, 2026 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## 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.

## SUNDAY READINGS P. 1036 (YEAR A)



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*Laetare  
Sunday*

*Laetare*— Latin for “rejoice”. On Laetare Sunday, the Church expresses hope and joy amid fasting and penance. The priest’s rose vestments offer a glimpse of the Easter joy to come, just before we enter the solemn days of Passiontide. It’s a spiritual “lift” to remind us that beyond the darkness of Good Friday and Holy Saturday lies the radiant truth of Easter: Christ is risen, and our hearts rejoice.

16 Monday	17 Tuesday	18 Wednesday	19 Thursday	20 Friday	21 Saturday	22 Sunday
Is 65: 17-21 Jn 4: 43-54 (244)	Ez 47L 1-9, 12 Jn 5: 1-16 (245)  St. Patrick	Is 49: 8-15 Jn 5: 17-30 (246)  St. Cyril	2 Sm 7: 4-5a, 12-14a 16 Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22  Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Wis 2: 1a, 12-22 Jn 7: 1-2, 10, 25- 30 (248)	Jer 11: 18-20 Jn 7: 40-53 (249)	Ez 37: 12-14 Rom 8: 8-11 Jn 11: 1-14 (34)

# PARISH INFORMATION

Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Lector	Extraordinary Minister(s)	Altar Servers	Rosary Leader
<b>SAT MAR 14</b>	5:00 pm	William S. White By Sherman & Vivian White	Helen Musrock	Leslie Huffman (X) Tom Liberatore(C) Midge Butler (C)	Volunteers	Helen Musrock
<b>SUN MAR 15</b>	11:00 am	Intentions of the people of the parish	Tom Williams	Paul Niedbalski(X) John Carnell(C) Bill Tabor (C)	Mighty Lopez Reed Wriston Miguel Matheus	Tom Williams
<b>MON MAR 16</b>	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>TUE MAR 17</b>	6:00 pm	Mary Jane Gertz By Susan Allspach	Pat Romanosky	Midge Butler	—	—
<b>WED MAR 18</b>	8:15 am	Patricia A. Cain By Tony Gertz	Helen Musrock	Midge Butler	—	—
<b>THU MAR 19</b>	8:00 am	Joseph Kozhukketa	School Students	Lynn Fenimore	School Students	—
<b>FRI MAR 20</b>	6:00 pm	Sick People of the Parish	Dawna Kessler	Midge Butler	—	—
<b>SAT MAR 21</b>	5:00 pm	Intentions of the people of the parish	Fred Heindl	Tom Liberatore(X) Midge Butler (C) Dave DeLuca C)	Volunteers	Pat Romanosy
<b>SUN MAR 22</b>	11:00 am	Nanette Martin BY Fred & Jean Ann Heindl	Youth Group	Midge Butler (X) Mary Sanney C) Suzanne Farley(C)	Joey Sikora Reagan Buscher Nathan Serna	Mark Muchow

**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

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**

# PASTOR'S NOTE

## FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT: THE JOY OF EASTER



This Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called *Laetare Sunday*. The word *Laetare* means “rejoice.” In the midst of our Lenten journey, the Church calls us to pause and rejoice in hope as we draw nearer to the celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection. The lighter tone of this Sunday is reflected in the rose-colored vestments worn at Mass, which symbolize that the joy of Easter is already beginning to shine through our Lenten penance.

Today’s readings speak powerfully about learning to see as God sees, and about moving from darkness into light.

In the first reading, from the First Book of Samuel, the prophet Samuel is sent to anoint a new king for Israel from among the sons of Jesse of Bethlehem. As each son passes before him, Samuel is impressed by their appearance and strength. But God teaches a vital lesson: *“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.”* The youngest son, David—overlooked by others—is the one chosen and anointed by God. He becomes a new creation, filled with the Spirit to do God’s work.

The Gospel from St. John recounts the healing of the man born blind. Jesus restores his physical sight, but the deeper message is one of spiritual vision. The man who once lived in darkness gradually comes to recognize Jesus as the Light of the world, while those who claim to see—the Pharisees—remain spiritually blind because of their pride and unbelief.

The richness of this Sunday’s readings invites us to pause and reflect on the powerful truths they reveal as we walk together through this grace-filled Lenten

season.

**God Sees the Heart:** This moment reminds us that God’s ways are not our ways. Like Samuel, we often judge by outward appearance—by success, status, or beauty—but God looks deeper. He sees the sincerity, quiet faith, and hidden goodness that others might miss. Each of us is fully known and deeply loved by God, who looks beyond appearances and sees the truth within our hearts.

**Baptism: From Darkness to Light:** The healing of the man born blind in the Gospel is closely tied to the mystery of Baptism. In the early Church, this Gospel was proclaimed as catechumens prepared to receive Baptism at the Easter Vigil. The man born blind represents all of us who were born into the blindness of sin. Through Baptism, Christ opens our eyes and brings us into His marvelous light.

For the baptized, this Gospel invites us to rediscover the gift we have received. In Baptism, we were cleansed from sin, reborn as children of God, and filled with the Holy Spirit. The light of Christ began to shine within us, calling us to see the world with the eyes of faith, hope, and love.

Baptism is not simply a ritual of the past; it is the beginning of a lifelong journey with Christ. The grace we received is meant to live and grow within us, shaping our thoughts, choices, and relationships. We are called to walk as children of the light—witnessing to Christ through faith, charity, and fidelity to the Gospel. When we live this way, the light of Christ shines not only in us but also through us.

**A Question for Lent:** Lent invites each of us to ask: *What areas of my life still remain in darkness?* Perhaps it is doubt, resentment, prejudice, or habits that keep us distant from God. Christ wants to bring His light into those places. Like the man born blind, we are invited to trust Him and allow Him to open our eyes anew.

*Laetare* Sunday assures us that even now God is at work within us—leading us toward Easter light. Amid our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice because Christ is guiding us from darkness into light, from sin into grace, from death into life. May this joyful Sunday renew our hope and strengthen our hearts as we continue our journey toward the glory of the Resurrection.

## CATECHETICAL CORNER

# CONFESSION: THE PATH TO BECOMING OUR BEST SELVES



Athletes and performers often speak of their “lean patches”—times when their form falters or their performance dips. In such moments, the wise ones take a step back. They

study their weaknesses, recognize their mistakes, and work hard to transform them into strengths. This process of honest self-assessment and renewal is not limited to the sports field; it lies at the very heart of Catholic spirituality.

From the earliest days of the Church, men and women of faith have entered what might be called **the classroom of silence**, examining themselves with humility before God. There, they have acknowledged both their strengths and shortcomings, striving to turn vice into virtue. This spiritual discipline—looking inward with honesty and acting outward with grace—is what ultimately makes life holy and transformative.

**Muster Courage to Face Ourselves:** Many people struggle to look honestly at their weaknesses. Pride, fear, or complacency keeps us from admitting when we are wrong and asking forgiveness. Yet, just as athletes become stronger by recognizing where they fall short, Christians grow by acknowledging their sins and relying on God’s grace to overcome them.

If we truly desire to become the best version of ourselves, we must cooperate with God’s work within us. The Sacrament of Reconciliation—confession—is a sacred opportunity for this transformation. It is not a human invention but a divine gift, rooted in the command of Christ to his apostles: “*Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them*” (John 20:23). In this sacrament, we encounter the very mercy of God.

**God Seeks our Sincere Conversion:** Even the most faithful believers sometimes turn away from God—through selfishness, indifference, or neglect. It is possible to attend Mass regularly and still drift spiritually. God seeks more than outward actions; He desires hearts that are humble and sincere.

As St. Paul confesses in his own struggle, “*The good that I would, I do not; and the evil that I would not, that I do*” (Romans 7:19). This tension lies within every human heart. Recognizing this struggle is not a sign of weakness

but of self-awareness—the first step toward holiness.

**Confession, Deeply Humbling Experience:** Confession is more than simply listing our sins. It is a profound encounter with God’s love that heals, strengthens, and renews. Personally, I have found this sacrament to be deeply humbling yet never humiliating. It reveals what holds me back spiritually and encourages me to persevere along the path of conversion.

**Some Christians argue that they can confess directly to God.** Of course, we can—and should—speak to God daily. But Jesus gave us a sacrament, not because God needs intermediaries, but because **we** need the tangible assurance of forgiveness. When it is “just me and God,” it becomes easy to deceive ourselves or to reshape God in our own image. In confession, we confront the truth about ourselves in the presence of Christ represented by the priest, who acts not as a judge but as a compassionate guide helping us grow into our best selves.

**Confession Heals and Renews:** Through confession, the wounds caused by sin begin to heal. Grace restores our moral balance and strengthens our desire for what is good. As we receive absolution, heaven’s floodgates open: “*By the ministry of the Church, may God grant you pardon and peace...*” These words restore the soul’s peace and bring a joy that cannot be explained but only experienced.

Sin weakens the soul just as illness weakens the body, and confession is the divine medicine. It not only cleanses us but also strengthens us to resist future temptation. It reignites our passion for excellence in the spiritual life, renewing our desire for holiness.

**Make Confession a Habit, Not a One-Time Obligation:** Confession should not be confined to Lent or moments of crisis. Just as we regularly wash our cars to keep them clean, so should we cleanse our souls frequently to keep them radiant with God’s grace. Regular confession shapes self-knowledge, humility, and compassion—virtues that make us more Christ-centered and less judgmental toward others. Even the saints, including St. John Paul II, went to confession often, not because they were grave sinners, but because they sought deeper unity with God.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is, in the end, a lifelong gift of mercy. It calls us to honesty, offers us healing, and helps us become what God created us to be—our best and holiest selves, living in the peace and joy of His love.

# NEWS AND UPDATES

## March 17th—St Patrick's Day



St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He is celebrated for bringing Christianity to the country. He is remembered for the legends that surround his life and his missionary work.

He was born in Britain in the late 4th century. At age 16

he was captured by the Irish raiders and enslaved to Ireland and worked as a shepherd for six years. After escaping captivity, he returned to Britain but felt a divine calling to return to Ireland. He is associated with using the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity, a tool that symbolized the Catholic doctrine of one God in three persons.

His feast day March 17th commemorates his death and is celebrated worldwide, particularly in Ireland. Both as a religious and cultural observance.

Several legends have developed around St. Patrick. There is the famous tale of him driving all the snakes out of Ireland. This is often interpreted as a metaphor for his efforts to eliminate pagan practices. He is also known for performing miracles.

**“May the road ahead be smooth, the skies above be clear, and may God’s gentle hand guide you every step of the way. “**

## Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary March 19



St Joseph, the spouse of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the legal father of Jesus according to Jewish law, is a model of humility and obedience to God’s will. He followed God’s instructions, given by angels in dreams, and took the pregnant Mary into his home as his wife, protected her and

Jesus at the child’s birth in Bethlehem through the family’s sojourn in Egypt, and provided for them as a carpenter.

Saint Joseph was obedient to the Father in Heaven, and that obedience deepened his union with Mary his spouse, making their marriage the ideal family for the Son of God.

On December 8, 1847, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph to be the Universal Patron and Protector of the Catholic Church.

### PRAYER

Saint Joseph, you were obedient to the will of the Father in Heaven as it was revealed to you by an angel. You took Mary as your wife and Jesus as your Son. You raised Him, protected Him, and exercised a fatherly authority over Him. Please exercise that same fatherly authority, given to you by the Father in Heaven, over my life. I entrust myself to your intercession and authority and pray that you protect me always, guiding me to your Son in Heaven. Saint Joseph, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.



# NEWS AND UPDATES

*Palm  
Sunday  
Bake Sale*

**Saturday, March 28  
before & after Mass**

**Sunday, March 29  
before & after Mass**

Delicious  
homemade baked  
goods for sale in the  
school cafeteria

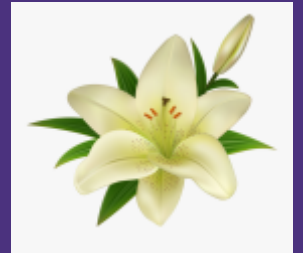
## Volunteers Needed

Father Sojan is asking for folks to sign up for the foot washing on Holy Thursday. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the back table or call the office at 304.727.3033



## EASTER FLOWERS

Donations are now being accepted for Easter Flowers. If you would like to make a donation you can either use your "EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPE" or put your donation in an envelope with how you would like your donation directed, example: in memory of, and drop it in the collection basket.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our parish will be celebrating First Holy Com-

munion shortly after Easter. If any of your children are preparing to receive this beautiful sacrament, we kindly ask that you inform the parish office at your earliest convenience. We also encourage them to begin attending the Sunday Religion classes as part of their preparation. Thank you for your cooperation and continued commitment to your children's faith formation.

MARCH 22-24, 2026

Hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 pm  
Mission at 6:30 pm

## ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH 2026 LENTEN MISSION

Featuring *Richard Deanda*

### "THIS IS MY BODY: FROM THE UPPER ROOM TO THE EMPTY TOMB"

FOLLOW JESUS FROM THE LAST SUPPER TO CALVARY TO THE EMPTY TOMB—AND DISCOVER HIS REAL PRESENCE WITH US IN THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST.



Richard C. Deanda is a Catholic speaker, apologist, and theologian with more than twenty-five years of experience presenting the faith to audiences ranging from high school students to seniors.

Richard is known for engaging and reverent presentations on the Shroud of Turin, the Passion of Jesus, and the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, often incorporating a museum-quality replica of the Shroud to help audiences connect history, Scripture, and Catholic tradition. His mission is to strengthen faith in Jesus Christ—crucified, risen, and truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

NIGHT 1 – THE SHROUD OF TURIN: A SILENT WITNESS  
AN ENGAGING PRESENTATION EXPLORING WHAT THE SHROUD REVEALS ABOUT THE SUFFERING OF JESUS AND THE REALITY OF CRUCIFIXION AND WHY IT CONTINUES TO STIR FAITH

MONDAY, MARCH 23

NIGHT 2 – THE PASSION OF JESUS: A REFLECTION ON THE WAY OF THE CROSS A GUIDED SPIRITUAL REFLECTION ON THE WAY OF THE CROSS MEANT NOT ONLY TO INFORM, BUT TO MOVE THE HEART TO PRAYER, GRATITUDE, AND TRUST.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

NIGHT 3 – THE RESURRECTION AND THE EUCHARIST: HE IS WITH US  
THE VICTORY OF THE EMPTY TOMB AND THE LIVING PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST AN INVITATION TO DEEPER DEVOTION, WORSHIP, AND MISSION.

Ascension Catholic Church  
905 Hickory Mills RD,  
Hurricane, WV 25526  
304-562-5816

# NEWS AND UPDATES

## BLESSING OF HOMES DURING LENT AND EASTER

It is a tradition in the Catholic Church for the pastor to bless the homes of parishioners. If you wish to have your home blessed, Father will be available during the Lenten and Easter seasons. Please contact the parish office and provide your mobile number and address.



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

## OLIVE BRANCH MINISTRY

Olive Branch  
Charleston  
April 25

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Mark your calendars and keep an eye on social media for more info!

This one-day retreat is designed for those in your parish who are currently going through separation/divorce. This can be a very lonely, painful and confusing time for those going through the process. Let us help you, help them get the information and resources that they need to find healing within their faith and church community.

More details to come.

If you would like to host an Olive Branch in your parish, contact Kathy Barton at [kbarton@dwc.org](mailto:kbarton@dwc.org).

## BLESSING BOX

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, peanut butter, jelly, bread, hats, scarves, gloves and soups



## Lenten and Easter Dates—Note your calendars!

Penitential Service—March 18th @ 6:00pm

Palm Sunday—March 28/29

- March 28th Mass @5:00pm

- March 29th Mass @ 11:00pm

Holy Thursday—April 2nd

- 6:00pm Washing of the feet and Adoration in the place of the Reposition of Sacred Species

Good Friday—April 3rd

- Stations of the Cross @ 5:00pm

- 6:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil—April 4th @8:00pm

Easter Sunday -April 5th @ 11:00am

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Council will meet on March 26th at 6:00pm.

All members are requested to be present.

## -Uphold them in your prayers-

David DeLuca, Jay Dlugos, Suzanne Farley, Nona Fields, Jo Fletcher, Debbie Flinner, 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 Leroose, 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

## 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	Pat Burton White
Anna Ng	Michele Sturgeon	Brandi Authur

# NEWS AND UPDATES

## Sharing our Treasure

Listed below are collections for  
March 7 & 8, 2026

Collection for Church Operation.....	\$3,006.00
School.....	194.00
Diocese.....	836.00
Votive Candles.....	98.00

Total.....\$4,134.00

**Weekly Mass Attendance**  
Sat -58 Sun -127

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS OF LENT



**1:30 PM for Children**

**6:30 PM for Parishioners**

## COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH OPERATIONS



Collections for Church Operations as of  
March 8, 2026

## LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be a Lenten Penitential Service on Wednesday, March 18th at 6pm in the Church. Fr. John Finnell, Fr. Phillip Szabo, Fr. Shaji Thomas and Fr. Sojan will be hearing confession.



FATHER HAS MADE CONFESSION AIDS FOR

THE YOUTH, TEENS AND ADULTS. THEY ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH BY THE CONFESSORIAL.

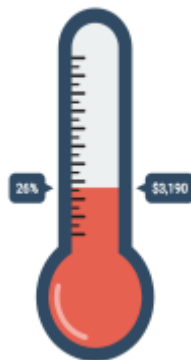
## SHARE YOUR TREASURE

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.



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

GOAL: \$12,100



## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.