

Faith IN WV

APRIL 20, 2025
DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**



**GOOD
FRIDAY**



**EASTER
SUNDAY**





THE LAST SUPPER

We Are a Eucharistic People

Just before the Last Supper, when Jesus gathered with His chosen and closest disciples for the Passover meal, he humbled himself and washed their feet, telling them to follow in his example.

He transforms the Passover meal to the one He, the Lamb of God, shares His own Body and Blood – the first Eucharist.

Today, we call to mind that within 24 hours of these moments Jesus would be turned over, tried, sentenced to death, and crucified for our Salvation.

The Last Supper is a profound moment that reveals not only great love, but also betrayal.

Before the meal, evil, greed, and darkness had taken over Judas Iscariot, who chose to do the work of the devil and betray Christ.

Jesus knew Judas' wickedness and without naming him during the washing of the feet he said, "Not all of you are clean."

The Gospel from Monday gave us a glimpse of Judas' deceitfulness, when he chastised Mary for taking a liter of perfumed oil to anoint the feet of Jesus, scowling, "Why was this oil not sold for three hundred days' wages and given to the poor?" In the Gospel, the Apostle John wrote, Judas did not care about the poor more than he cared about the money the oil would have brought in – for Judas

a thief and would steal contributions.

Palm Sunday's Gospel of Luke, also put a shadow on Judas. After declaring the new covenant in the Eucharist, Christ reveals, "the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me at table... but woe to that man...."

Saint Alphonsus Church in Wheeling, WV, features a unique stained-glass window depicting the the Last Supper.

It is a typical scene of the Passover meal transformed into the First Eucharist. Colorfully dressed apostles are all sitting, standing, or kneeling around the table. They appear to be hanging on to every word Christ is sharing.

The viewer assumes all 12 are there, but taking a closer look only 11 apostles are obvious. The 12th, Judas, is part of the image, but purposefully the artist reveals only a small part of the back of his neck and shoulder. In the top right-hand corner of the ornate window in the magnificent Church built by a predominantly German congregation, Judas, wearing a purple garment is barely seen, walking out of the room. The betrayal.

Christ Jesus, know our love as your Eucharistic people. Help us live out our Christian ministry with loving service as You taught us. AMEN!

THURSDAY EVENING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

First Reading: Exodus 12:11-8, 11-14

The first Passover meal is here – slaughter the lamb at twilight – the last meal before the rescue of the Chosen People in Egypt.

Responsorial: Psalm 116

"Our blessing-cup is a communion with the Blood of Christ."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-36

Saint Paul tells the Corinthians, Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me." He transformed the bread and wine to his Body and Blood.

Gospel: John 13:1-15

Before the Passover meal, Christ humbled himself to wash the feet of his disciples. Christ said, "I have given you a model to follow.... As I have done, so you must do."

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that every day we never grow weary of following Christ's model of serving others, especially those most in need, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That the Body and Blood of Christ may continually vitalize us as we build up the kingdom in our midst, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For world leaders, that they may commit their nations to resolving disputes justly, equitably, and peacefully, both inside and outside their borders, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That those who have dedicated their lives in service of the Lord may be renewed in mind and spirit as they serve their sisters and brothers, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

THE PASSION OF THE LORD

The Final Moment

Editor's note: The following was written by Joyce Bibey for our 2023 Diocesan Eucharistic Congresses as a way to meditate on the Ultimate Sacrifice - The Passion of the Lord for the Redemption of the World - inspired by the St. Ignatius way.

Let us put ourselves in the final scene the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Take a deep breath in and hold for three seconds.

Slowly exhale and begin rhythmic calm breaths....

We are there. Golgotha.

Making our way to the crest of the hill, we move closer to the Cross.

It's almost 3 pm.

We see the Blessed Mother collapsed in the arms of the Apostle John, and Mary Magdalene pounding the ground. Their wailing suffocates any other sound.

No words can describe their absolute helplessness, sorrow, and agony.

Our feet take us closer to the Cross.

Looking up in shame, remorse, and desperation, we fall hard to our knees.

Our hands catch us as we fall forward - fingernails clawing and scraping into the mud and fragments of rock.

As we lift our heads, gusts of wind - strong and powerful - make the pouring rain sting our faces.



The Cross by Ron Dicianni

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Lightning unnervingly silhouettes the Cross.

Thunder shakes the ground, vibrating through our veins.

Then we realize the Blood of Christ is falling down upon us.

Uncontrollably sobbing, our hearts are pounding in our ears and out of our chests.

This! We realize *this* is what Jesus did for us - for all of us.

It is our spitefulness that ripped His skin;

our lack of effort that crowned His head with thorns;

our grudges and unwillingness for forgive that weighted His Cross;

our selfish will that made him fall;

our habitual sins that nailed his hands and feet to the Cross;

and after he said, "It is finished" and

dropped his head,

it is our inflated ego and lack of empathy that thrusts a sword into His side.

Mercy is ours, because He loves us.

We adore You, oh Christ, and we praise You.

Because by your holy Cross You have redeemed the world.

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:1

He Himself was wounded for our sins.

Responsorial: Psalm 31

"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

With confidence approach the holy cross, the throne of grace!

Gospel: John 18:1-19:42

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ - to save us from our sins.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we are blessed with the strength we need to carry our crosses for Jesus suffered and died to free us from the captivity of our sins, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For government leaders on this Good Friday, that each strengthens their relationship with Christ and His ways, knowing the agony He suffered and the ultimate sacrifice He made for us all, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all those who are experiencing their own Good Friday darkness as they suffer pain of body, mind, or spirit may Christ restore their health and spirit, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our habitual and special intentions, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

HE LIVES!

Celebrate Easter Season for 50 Days

Happy Easter! He Lives! Let Him reign fully alive within us.

Let us cling to our Easter joy and Christ's call to unite, serve, and love one another; turning away from division, selfishness, and casting stones. The entire Easter Season in the Catholic Church stretches 50 days – the longest celebration outside Ordinary Time.

We are an Easter people. Let us be fully alive.

For the next 50 days that culminate at Pentecost – the birthday of the Church – let us be mindful of our words and deeds emphasized in a prayer written by the beloved St. Teresa of Avila:

*“Christ has no body now on earth, but yours,
no hands but yours,
no feet but yours.*

*Yours are the eyes through which is to look out Christ's compassion
to the world;*

Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good;

Yours are the hands with which he is to bless men now.

Amen.”



The Way, the Truth, and the Life by Catholic artist and WV native Christopher Santer. For this and more CHRISTOPHERSANTER.COM/COMMISSIONS-SACREDART

Let our good works we completed during Lent continue throughout Easter and the rest of the calendar year.

Let us remain focused on Jesus, His sacrifice, and the glorious Resurrection, and with that be a beacon of hope and joy for others.

EASTER - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen.

Responsorial: Psalm 118

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

All who are baptized, set your hearts in Heaven.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Mary, Peter, and John respond to the empty tomb.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

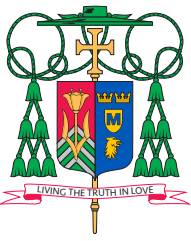
For the Church, that in proclaiming the victory of Christ over death and creating a path to eternal life, we may be a source of hope for the whole world, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For justice and peace worldwide, that the risen Lord may inspire leaders and governing bodies to build a better world where justice and peace shall reign, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all the newly baptized, especially those of our diocese, who were welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil, that they may grow in love and service of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all those who cannot be with us to celebrate the Lord's resurrection in person, and for those who will go forth from here to share the Eucharist with them, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer



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An Easter Message, 2025

My friends in Christ, when you hear continually of wars, terrorist attacks, plane crashes, earthquakes that kill thousands, tropical storms that threaten to wipe out small island nations, not to mention the breakup of marriages, the abandonment of children and their abuse, all kinds of scandals in civil society and the Church, human ideologies that divide even people of faith – do you wonder if things can ever change? The wisdom writer, Qoheleth, in the Old Testament said: *What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again. There's nothing new under the sun* [Ecclesiastes 1:9]. The French say, “The more things change, the more they remain the same.” Is there any hope for real change in human affairs or is it déjà vu all over again? Must we resign ourselves to a continual repetition of the calamitous news of the past?

Jesus Christ changes all that. He is absolutely new in the world's history as the unique union of God and man. He lived among us for thirty-three years, he preached, worked miracles, suffered and died. Then something utterly unheard-of happened: he rose bodily from the dead. It was not a resuscitation back to natural life but a true overcoming of death by the power of his divinity, a rising to a new kind of life in which he can never again suffer or die. The Son of God has shown us that there is indeed something new under the sun.

The risen Lord was seen by many people before he ascended back to his Father (read I Corinthians 15:5-8). He reigns now in heaven as the invisible Head of his Body on earth, the Church. Although invisible to our eyes, he is with us in his Word, in his Sacraments – Baptism and especially the Eucharist – in our daily prayer, in the community of believers, in those in need with whom he personally identifies and teaches us to serve. He keeps his word.

If in your life there is still bad news, the old news of sin, betrayal, hardship, suffering, disappointment, put your trust in the risen Lord Jesus. He said: *Come to me, all you who are weary and heavily burdened and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden light* [Matthew 11:28-30]. If he could rise from the dead, he can help you. Accept the yoke of discipleship more willingly and find out how good the Lord is. *No one who believes in him will be disappointed* [Romans 5:5].

We who believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior rejoice as we celebrate at Easter his triumph over sin and death. But his resurrection to new life is not merely a historical reality but an ongoing promise *to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help* [Hebrews 4:16]. Be of glad heart, my brothers and sisters! We will have to put up with the old ways of the world while we live in it but already the principle of a new and glorious life has been introduced into creation by the coming in flesh and rising in that same flesh of the Person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and God. He will sustain us in faith and love until his second coming, when all his saving work will reach its fullness.

Meanwhile, let your Easter Alleluias sound loud and clear. We have good news to share with the world: there truly is something new under the sun: God has united Himself to human beings and a man has risen from the dead, promising to share his new life with us. *In hope we were saved*, says St. Paul [Romans 8:24]. Let this hope in Christ buoy you up and lead you to glory!

Sincerely in Christ,

+Mark E. Brennan

Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston



KEEP PRAYING FOR OUR SEMINARIANS!

As the Spring Semester draws to a close in a few weeks, we celebrate the accomplishments of these men and pray for God’s love and mercy to surround them every moment of their journey, so their hearts and minds are filled with confidence, mercy, and joy!



A gracious example of that joy was certainly obvious at Mass on April 11th at St. Patrick Church’s in Weston as seminarian Joseph Derico’s candidacy to the Holy Orders was accepted. During the Mass he declared publicly his desire to be bound in Holy Orders for the service of God, the diocese, and mankind. What made it extra special? His



acceptance, declared to Bishop Mark Brennan and Vocations Director Fr. Brian Crenwelge, was in front of his pastor Fr. Douglas Ondeck, St. Patrick School Principal John Riley, faculty, students in grades K-8, family, fellow parishioners, and friends.

Derico, who is finishing his fourth year of college seminary at Pope St. John Paul II College Seminary (in

Washington, DC), is an alum of the grade school. Typically, the Rite of Candidacy happens at seminary, however, Derico upon seminary college graduation in May will be off to begin studies at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. Therefore, he and Bishop Brennan chose to have the significant celebration “at home.”

There are three significant rites for seminarians discerning and preparing for the priesthood. These steps may vary depending on the seminary. They are Candidacy, Lector, and Acolyte.

Candidacy is the formal recognition by the Church of a seminarian’s commitment to study for Holy Orders. The title of Lector gives the seminarian the privilege of “proclaiming the readings from Scripture (except for the Gospel).” The Ministry of Acolyte is the final ministry seminarians receive before ordination as a transitional deacon. The instituted acolyte is appointed to assist the deacon and serve the priest in the celebration of the liturgy.

Seminarians that are Lectors include: Timothy Kawash, Michael Tupta, and Nathan Schmidt.

Those who are Acolytes are Bryan Tedeschi, Michael Aiello, Dominic Re, and Clifton Mastran

Seminarian Jourden Travis Moger, now Deacon Travis Moger will be ordained to the priesthood on May 30th at St. Joseph Church, Martinsburg.



Send our seminarians a note of encouragement this week as they approach finals and their summer assignments.

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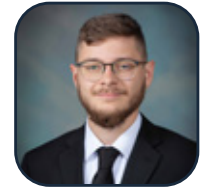
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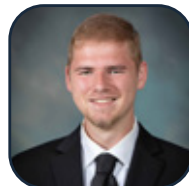
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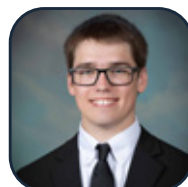
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Dr. Judy's interest and expertise in early childhood brain development was reflected in her professional work at the local, state, and national levels. She was a national speaker for the American Academy of Pediatrics on the science of early brain development and continues to serve the Governor of Ohio on the Ohio Early Childhood Advisory Council. She is currently interested in how the principles of brain health are applicable across the life span and how research is ushering in a new paradigm for all ages.

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6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Break/Book Signing
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Session 2/7 Sorrows Rosary

Saturday, July 26, 2025

8:00 a.m. - Mass
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Session 3/Procession to Mary
(Bring Flower from Home for Consecration to Mary)
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Break/Book Signing
11:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Session 4
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