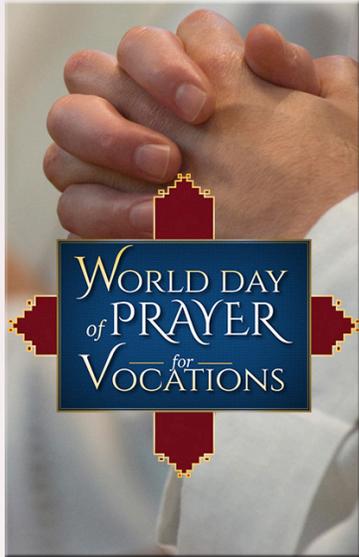




WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



God is calling young men and women to the priesthood and religious life every day. Countless prayers are offered for an increase of laborers to the Church – laborers with Christ. On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, let us be completely present as we unite our voices in prayer with the faithful from across the globe on World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

“The Lord’s call – is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch,” Pope Francis said.

St. Junipero Serra, canonized by Pope Francis on Sept. 23, 2015, is the patron saint of vocations

to Church ministry. A group of lay Catholics, men and women of all ages and backgrounds, called Serrans, are dedicated to promoting and fostering vocations. In the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston we have three formal Serra Clubs around the state: Wheeling ([CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)), Charleston ([CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)), and Clarksburg (contact Immaculate Conception Parish and the Clarksburg Vicariate (contact Very Rev. Casey Mahone, Vicar Forane at 304-622-8243 for more information).

Check out these vocation stories:

- Rev. Mr. Phillip Szabo, who will be ordained into the priesthood on May 29th, was featured in a video posted last Spring by Saint James Church in Charles Town, which highlights his ordination to the transitional diaconate. Watch it here: [HTTPS://FB.WATCH/4_OIoVy8dT/](https://fb.watch/4_OIoVy8dT/)
- Popular Ascension Media faces - Fr. Mike Schmitz, chaplain for Newman Catholic Campus Ministries at the University of Minnesota; and Fr. Josh Johnson, pastor of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in the Diocese of Baton Rouge - share their honest and sincere vocation stories through an Ascension Press video you can see at: [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/ETw5xg37QF0](https://youtu.be/ETw5xg37QF0)
- Nationally recognized Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, shared her story in a series of videos presented by Franciscan University of Steubenville. Check it out here: [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/3Gc41cn9ELA](https://youtu.be/3Gc41cn9ELA)
- Read about God’s plan for Sister Jennifer Berridge of the Congregation of St. Joseph in Wheeling, who took her first vows last summer: [HTTPS://FAITHINWV.ORG/2020/03/02/WHEELING-NOVICE-BOASTS-GODS-PLAN-IS-FAR-MORE-JOYFUL-THAN-HER-OWN/](https://faithinwv.org/2020/03/02/wheeling-novice-boasts-gods-plan-is-far-more-joyful-than-her-own/).

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

We pray for all discerning the call and include in those prayers the more than 20 men, who will be installed as candidates to the permanent diaconate on June 6th at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston.



Father you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you.

Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call.

We ask this in Jesus name

Amen.





CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF WV EXCITED FOR ONE MISSION ONE DAY

The Catholic Schools in West Virginia have more than 4,195 reasons to motivate you to make a difference on May 4th.

All 18 grade schools and six high schools will be participating in a 24-hour online state-wide giving day - *One Mission One Day to Make a Difference*.

Principals and advancement directors have been working together to coordinate creative social media ideas, fun promotions, and friendly competitions that 400-plus staff, 4,195 students, and their dedicated families are excited to promote. All the funds will be directed by the individual schools for areas they declare like tuition assistance, school improvements, special programs, or technology upgrades. Organizers in the schools are excited for this opportunity to reach family and friends from near and far online to raise funds and spread school pride.

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10).

One Mission One Day was originally created by the school advancement directors and principals of the Northern Panhandle Catholic schools in 2019. In 2020, One Mission

One Day raised more than \$234,000 with 19 schools participating. These gifts were greatly appreciated and crucial for our schools’ budgets during the stay-at-home order when all other fundraising events were cancelled.

Donors, who contribute this year will go to www.ONEMISSIONONEDAY.ORG and select which school(s) their contributions benefit. Their donations will go directly to the school or schools of their choice.

“It’s going to be an exciting day to follow on social media,” Heidi Sforza of the Stewardship and Development Office said. “So, make sure you check in on your local Catholic schools and alma mater’s Facebook pages from 12:01AM to 11:59 PM on May 4th. They’ll be tracking their progress, sharing photos, and posting video messages to you. Every contribution, no matter the dollar amount, count and do make a difference!”

Organizers from the individual schools are eager too to see which school will raise the most money and which will have the most donors, because those schools will each receive a \$500 gift from the WV Catholic Foundation.

Follow the hashtag **#OneMissionOneDay** on social media and check in on the leaderboard at OneMissionOneDay.org.



CELEBRATE GOD’S MIGHTY CREATION ON ARBOR DAY

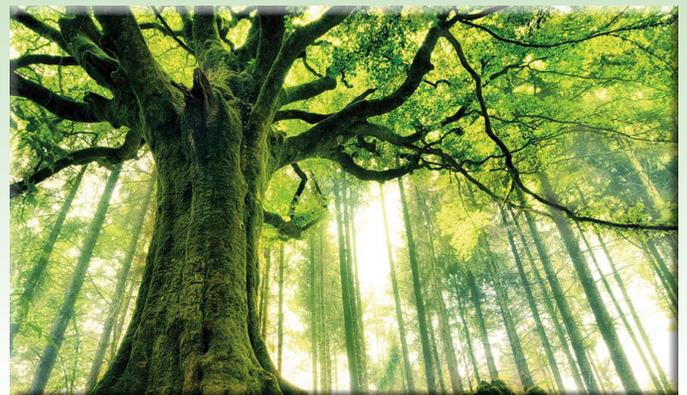
Arbor Day is May 30th. There are so many ways we can celebrate our faith and God on this day. Everywhere we look we can see the glorious creation God gifted to us.

While we are in the midst of the Church’s Joyful Year of the Family and our Year of St. Joseph, we can celebrate Arbor Day by honoring God the Creator of heaven and earth.

American Catholic poet Joyce Kilmer wrote the short and simple poem *Trees* to remind us of God’s mighty and majestic creation:

*I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is priest
Against the sweet earth’s flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But ONLY GOD CAN MAKE A TREE.*

Check out ARBORDAY.ORG for free coloring pages and games. Head to your favorite local nursery and plant a tree.



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ~ PRAY FOR US

On April 29 we celebrate the memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, Italy.

Her thoughts and teachings are captured in *The Dialogue on Saint Catherine of Siena*, which she simply called, “my book.” She left all of her writings in the hands of Blessed Raymond Capua, who published them in *The Dialogue*. He also wrote *The Life of St. Catherine of Siena*, a biography of her life based on their conversations.

He shared that from a young age she would have visions of saints, angels, and Jesus. Her first was when she was six. She was out with her little brother Stephen, when she abruptly stopped, because she became captivated by a vision of Jesus with St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. John the Evangelist. She said Jesus smiled at her and blessed her. Capua wrote, “From this moment Catherine seemed to be no longer a child; her virtues her manners, and her thoughts were superior to her age, and would have done honor to men of mature years. The first of divine love inflamed her heart and enlightened her understanding; her will strengthened, her memory developed, and her every action became conformed to the rules of the Gospel.”

She would write that God said to her, “I loved you without being loved by you, even before you existed (in fact it was love that moved me to create you in my own image and likeness)... But you must give this love to other people, loving them without being loved by them. You must love them without any concern for your own spiritual or material profit, but only for the glory and praise of my name, because I love them.”

Saint Catherine was a layperson in the Third Order Dominicans, a female group of dedicated to prayer and charity - serving the poor and sick. She became a voice for peace and order in the Church. As a spiritual director for common people, royals, and governmental leaders, popes even sought her



guidance. Blessed Capua said her words can come across as soft and gentle like a child, but also profound like a great prophet.

He wrote of her childhood, “She was loved by all who saw her.... Her neighbors and relatives would bring her to their houses in order to listen to her child-like reasonings and enjoy her infantine sweetness.” They nicknamed her “Euphrosyne,” which means joy in Greek. He goes on to write, “As soon as one conversed with her, sadness was dispelled from the heart, vexations and troubles were forgotten, and a ravishing peace took possession of the soul, so extraordinary indeed that one could only imagine it to resemble that enjoyed by the Apostles on Mount Tabor, when one exclaimed, ‘It is good for us to be here!’”

She is honored as a Doctor of the Church for contributing and strengthening the Church through her prayers and spiritual writings.



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PRAY FOR US

As we honor St. Joseph the Worker on this feast May 1st, let us remember him as a great example of how to be a dedicated, loving, and humble worker, father, and spouse.

He worked with dignity in all those roles not only to provide, but for God. He worked with our Blessed Mother to raise, nurture, and teach Jesus. He tirelessly worked to honor Mary and protect her and the Son of God, especially when they had to escape danger time and time again.

Look to St. Joseph and let him teach all of us how to work for God, family, and community. As the patron of the universal Church and our diocese, he watches over the faithful. Ask him to intercede and obtain mercy and courage for us, while defending us from all evil.



NEWS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA

FROM RETIRED CHEF TO VALUED KITCHEN VOLUNTEER

By: Katie Hinerman Klug, Marketing Communications Specialist

On Monday mornings at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center in Wheeling, you can find Barbara Gabis in the kitchen preparing meals for those in need.

When Barbara retired as a chef, she offered her talents to the staff at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center.



Barbara Gabis operates the hot meal press to package meals for individuals who are homebound.

“Barbara’s warmth and good humor are very much appreciated by the staff and volunteers in the kitchen at the Neighborhood Center,” said Mark Phillips, Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) Northern Regional Director. “Her generosity in

supporting the work of her friends in the kitchen makes a big difference as we prepare meals for neighbors and those to whom we deliver.”

According to Barbara, the kitchen is her comfort zone. She loves working in the kitchen and applying her passion for culinary arts to filling the need she sees in her community. And CCWVa Kitchen Manager Betty Simeth says Barbara is an invaluable member of the volunteer team.

In November 2020, Barbara made a \$10,000 donation to the Neighborhood Center in memory of her late husband, Dr. Joe Gabis.

“I thought the best way to honor Joe for the one year anniversary of his death was to make a donation,” said Barbara. “He was

a man of faith and an example to us all. He really believed in giving back.”

The donation was used to purchase equipment for the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center kitchen.

“I’ve worked in kitchens. I know when you have the best equipment, you work more efficiently,” said Barbara.

With this donation, CCWVa purchased hot boxes to keep prepared meals warm before serving; new shelving and kitchen racks to store food more efficiently; a new commercial grade microwave; portion control serving utensils; and numerous other items that enable kitchen staff and volunteers to work more effectively.

“Barbara is a faithful volunteer in our kitchen at the Neighborhood Center who is always willing to work hard to keep our neighbors well fed,” said Trish Whitelatch, Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center Assistant Coordinator.

“Barbara’s efforts have continued throughout the pandemic as she moved from dinner service to meal preparation for meal route participants,” said Trish. “We’re extremely grateful for her ongoing commitment to the Center and to our neighbors in need.”

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.



Barbara Gabis (left), CCWVa volunteer, meets with Mark Phillips (right), CCWVa Northern Regional Director, to discuss her donation to purchase new kitchen equipment for the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center

SAVE THE DATE MAY 4, 2021



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ APRIL 25

First Reading ACTS 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. Where is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

Responsorial PSALMS 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

R. Alleluia.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes!

R. Alleluia.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. Alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD. I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have been my savior. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his kindness endures forever.

R. Alleluia.

Second Reading 1 JOHN 3:1-2

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Alleluia JOHN 10:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel LUKE 24:35-48

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we may always look to Christ as the cornerstone of our faith, our world, and our lives as we live out the gospel he preached, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For bishops and pastors and all who shepherd the Church through the challenges and difficulties of the twenty-first century, that they may exercise good judgment and wisdom as they care for their flock, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That we may all be attentive to the voice of the Good Shepherd calling us to be shepherds of the flock through ordained or lay ministry, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those who have wandered away from the flock, for those who have been hurt, for those who cannot find a way back, that they may come to know the Good Shepherd through our outreach and compassion, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer



LET US GO *Rejoicing* TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

PSALM 122



UPDATED GUIDELINES RELEASED

Bishop Mark E. Brennan released updated guidelines for our churches and facilities.

- New Norms for Reopening Parish Facilities for Meetings and Gatherings
- Updated Liturgical Guidelines
- Music Protocols for Liturgical Celebrations

These are available online at www.dwc.org.

Liturgy of the Hours

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Pray the prayer for this day, this hour!

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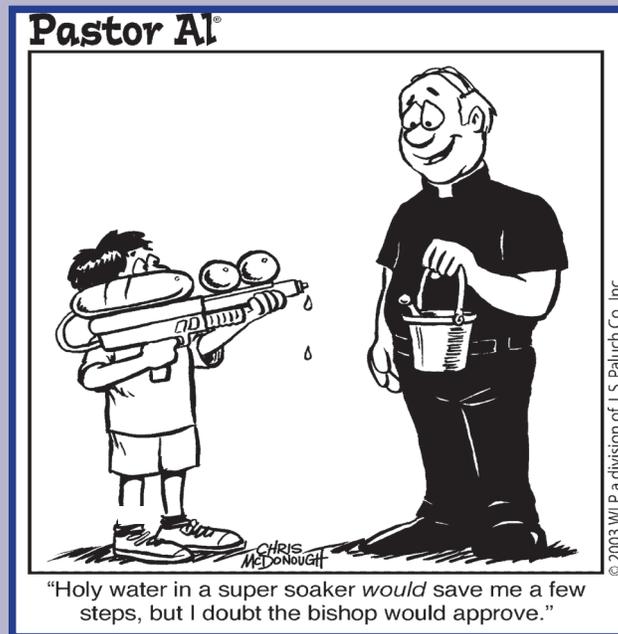
MASS ONLINE

Saturday 6pm Masses will continue to be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph, and will be available on our website each Sunday at DWC.ORG.

Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

- EWTN airs daily Mass from Our Lady of Angels Chapel, in Irondale, Alabama, at 8am, noon, and 7pm: [HTTPS://WWW.EWTN.COM/TV/WATCH-LIVE](https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live)
- St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York has daily Mass live streamed at 7am: [HTTPS://SAINTPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.ORG/LIVE](https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live)
- Catholic TV also streams its daily Mass: [HTTP://CATHOLICTV.ORG/MASSES/CATHOLICTV-MASS](http://catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass)
- Daily Mass Online at Notre Dame' Basilica of the Sacred Heart is live at 11:30 am Monday-Friday: [HTTPS://CAMPUSMINISTRY.ND.EDU/MASS-WORSHIP/BASILICA-OF-THE-SACRED-HEART/WATCH-MASS/SPECIAL-MASSSES/](https://campusministry.nd.edu/mass-worship/basilica-of-the-sacred-heart/watch-mass/special-masses/)

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