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DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON



APRIL 9, 2023



# HE LIVES!

“NOW LET THE HEAVENS BE JOYFUL,  
LET EARTH HER SONG BEGIN:  
LET THE ROUND WORLD KEEP TRIUMPH,  
AND ALL THAT IS THEREIN;  
INVISIBLE AND VISIBLE,  
THEIR NOTES LET ALL THINGS BLEND,  
FOR CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN  
OUR JOY THAT HATH NO END.”  
- SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS



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### Easter, 2023

My brothers and sisters in Christ, may God who raised Jesus from the dead bless, protect and guide you.

Easter is the great game-changer in history. Everything is relativized by Jesus' breaking the bonds of death and rising to a new life which illness and pain and death can no longer reach. All the wounds of his crucifixion, though still visible, are healed in his risen body. He has triumphed over them.

Out of the love that led him to endure the cross for our sake, the Lord shares his victory with us. Like him, we will face our share of troubles and grief but, also like him, we will triumph over them. The grace he sends us through the Holy Spirit from his risen body enables us to bear the weight of our crosses in this life until death releases us from them. Then, when the Lord returns in glory, as he promised, he will raise us up to that new life that he now enjoys in its fullness.

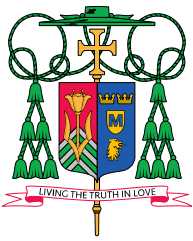
We should never despair. The Lord is near, especially when we are broken-hearted. He builds us up by giving himself to us in the Eucharist, which we must acknowledge as his true Body and Blood. He forgives our sins, especially our grave faults, in the Sacrament of Penance. He gives us spiritual companions who encourage and strengthen us. When in need, his help is only a prayer away. *Come to me, all you who are heavily burdened and I will refresh you*, Jesus said. And St. Peter, who knew well the Lord's compassion, tells us: *Cast all your cares on him because he cares for you*.

Rejoice, then, Christians and all men and women of good will! God has triumphed over sin and death through the death and resurrection of His Son. By our baptism we have been joined to the victorious Christ. We need not be afraid of what life throws at us. With the Lord at our side, we can handle it. Enjoy the beautiful Easter season and remember that the Lord, risen in glory, is with you always, until the end of the world.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Mark E. Brennan

Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston



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April 5, 2023

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston,

At a meeting of the American bishops a couple years ago, I voted for a Eucharistic Revival in our country to renew the faith of American Catholics in Christ's True Presence in the Eucharist. I did so because it is essential that we recognize the One whom we receive in Holy Communion so that we will benefit from the Sacrament and be strengthened to live our faith with integrity and joy.

We are in the first year of that Revival. As part of it, we will have three regional Eucharistic Congresses this spring: April 21-22 in Charles Town, April 28-29 in Wheeling and June 2-3 in Charleston. These events are being planned by a group of religious, lay and diocesan personnel out of love for you, the Lord and all his Church. Our desire is to rekindle in West Virginia Catholics a love for the Lord in his sacramental presence and to motivate our people to bring Christ beyond the walls of our churches to their homes, schools, workplaces and communities.

A nationally recognized speaker will illuminate for us the rich teaching of our Church on the Lord Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. This keynote address will be followed by a Q & A session and break-out sessions to encourage conversation among the participants. Times of prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and a closing Mass will help us elevate our hearts so that we may live as children of God in faith and love and bear Christ effective witness in the world.

I hope you will join me in attending one of the regional Eucharistic Congresses. It will be time well spent if we let God's Spirit intensify in us true devotion to the Lord who offered his life for ours on the cross and now offers himself to us in the Eucharist.

Details of the Eucharistic Congresses will be shared with you in the FaithInWV e-bulletin, the *Catholic Spirit*, the diocesan website, your parish priest, and Catholic school principal.

Let us all pray that these regional gatherings in honor of Christ in the Eucharist will re-invigorate us, so that we may, in St. Augustine's words, become what we eat: men and women, strengthened by God, who serve one another in love as Christ has served us.

Sincerely in Christ,

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# WEST VIRGINIA EUCHARISTIC CONGRESSES

**Christ is Present! Will you be?**  
*Come to the Table - Spring 2023*

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Eucharistic Congresses are part of the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year renewal of "the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist."

## DATE & LOCATION

**APRIL 21 - 22**  
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**APRIL 28 - 29**  
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WHEELING

**JUNE 2 - 3**  
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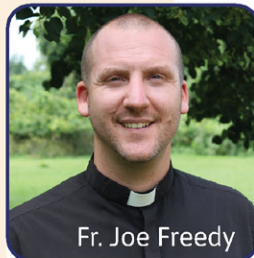
## KEYNOTE



Fr. Luke Spannagel



Fr. Timothy Anastos



Fr. Joe Freedy

## SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY EVENING

Taizé Service  
Reception

### SATURDAY

Powerful morning  
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Keynote Speaker  
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# WHEN YOUR MEAL IS INTERRUPTED: A LESSON TO BE LEARNED

By: Shirley Carter - Director of Hilltop Catholic Campus Ministry:  
West Liberty University & Bethany College

I recall many years ago as part of a class assignment, having to write a paper reflecting on the question “Is Eucharist a noun or a verb?” This will be easy, I thought as I immediately began to prepare some notes describing everything I had learned as a child about the Blessed Sacrament and the True Presence of Christ. I also fondly recalled the many experiences that confirmed what I was taught: my First Communion, Eucharistic Adoration, Forty Hours processions to name a few. The answer was obvious. Eucharist is a noun. Jesus is present in the Eucharist calling us to worship Him with reverence and humility. We hear it proclaimed at Mass. “Behold the Lamb of God.” And then we approach the altar and echo our belief with an Amen, as we hear the words, “The Body of Christ,” The Blood of Christ.” Yes, Eucharist is a noun.

But upon further reflection and research, my eyes were opened and my childlike faith was challenged to look deeper into this mystery. Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist, receiving Him sacramentally, calls us to yet another reality. As we are transformed by Christ’s presence, we are called to be transformational as well by being a Eucharistic presence to others. My kneejerk response to the assignment was now being tempered with the thought that maybe, just maybe, Eucharist is a verb. This holy and sacred sacrament, this bread for our journey calls us to go forth and become that bread for others on their journey. It calls us to serve others, to make a connection between Sunday and Monday (and every other day of the week). At the conclusion of each Mass, we receive a blessing and hear this call verbalized as we are sent forth with words such as “The Mass is ended, go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.” The very word Mass comes from the Latin word *missa* from which the English word mission is derived. And what is this mission? It is going forth from the table of the Lord and making a difference in our world as we serve those in our families, our neighborhoods, and our communities.

I’ll save you all the details but as you can well imagine, I concluded (probably obvious to many) that it is not necessary to make Eucharist an either/or concept. Eucharist is a both/and, the source and summit, an opportunity for a personal relationship with Our Lord and Savior, and a call to action. A call to be Christ to our world.

This is best illustrated at the Last Supper. To Jesus’ friends, it was another Passover meal. And although the apostles weren’t

aware of it, Christ knew what was going to happen afterward. He knew, as we now call it, that it was the “Last Supper.” He could have easily made it all about Himself, but what did He do? Before He gave them (and us) the gift of Himself, He interrupted the meal and got down on His knee to serve them by washing their feet! The King of the Universe doing something that servants did! How confusing and troubling that must have been! We read in John’s gospel. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, “Lord, are you going to wash my feet?”



Jesus replied, “You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand.” “No,” said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part with me.” “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!” (John 13:6-9) In addition to this seeming confusion, wasn’t the timing really off? He interrupted the meal...the Passover meal! But as we all know, God’s timing is perfect and this must have been the perfect time to teach all of us

what it means to be a Eucharistic people, in the breaking of the bread and the washing of the feet.

“Why did Christ interrupt the Passover meal to do this wondrous deed? Christ and the apostles had already begun the supper. When Christ returned to the table after washing their feet, He began to teach. He underlined the message. “Do you understand what I just did for you ... If I washed your feet - I who am Teacher and Lord - then you must wash each other’s feet. What I just did was to give you an example: As I have done, so you must do.” As a people who bend our knees in adoration before the Eucharistic Lord, we are sent out of the church door inspired, motivated, and driven to do what Christ has commanded. We must seek to transform our homes, our neighborhoods, and our society. As sweet as it is to worship God with our brothers and sisters at the Eucharist when we direct our gaze heavenward, we must go out the church door and direct our gaze outward to those around us.” (*On Bended Knee* pastoral letter, Bishop Anthony Bosco, 2001)

I have learned a lot since that written assignment many years ago. I don’t profess to understand all that there is to know about the most wonderful, sacred gift of the Eucharist. But I do know that I am blessed....blessed to be part of a church that professes Jesus presence in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist and blessed to be part of a church that calls each one of us to be that presence in our world. Yes, Eucharist is a noun AND Eucharist is a verb AND Eucharist is profoundly so much more!



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IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

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Note: Each session will begin at 7 pm and will be presented via Zoom.

Jan 23	The Transformative Power of the Eucharist - Bishop Mark Brennan
Feb 27	Let us be Bread - Beth Longo, CSJ Associate
March 27	The Eucharist as a noun - Bernadette McMasters Kime
April 24	Eucharist in the early church - Fr. John Di Bacco
May 22	Lord I am not worthy - Alex Nagem
June 26	The Eucharist as a verb - Deacon Paul Lim
July 31	Eucharist IS thanksgiving - Kate Marshall
August 28	Bread broken and shared - Sr. Jeanne Cmolik, CSJ
Sept. 25	Eucharistic Reflections through song - Chad Carter
Oct 30	The Road to Emmaus: Were Not Our Hearts Burning? - Fr. Walt Jagela
Nov 27	Bread for the journey - Rodica Stoicoiu, Ph.D.
Dec 11	Do this in remembrance of Me - Deacon Doug Breiding

(Series originated by Ms. Shirley Carter, B.A., M.A.A.T.)

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# COLLEGIATE HOLY WEEK PILGRIMAGE

Students from Marshall University Catholic Newman Center enjoyed a Holy Week pilgrimage to the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Campus Minister Nick Chancey and his group were met by the campus minister of West Liberty and Bethany universities Shirley Carter, and students from WLU and Wheeling University.

The group toured the cathedral and Bishop Mark Brennan welcomed them to the cathedral rectory for lunch, where they shared stories of being young Catholics in West Virginia. #FaithInWV



# EASTER

## THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter, the leader of the apostles, declares Jesus is risen and the mission of the Church begins.

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### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.” Shout for joy, God’s mercy is forever.

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### Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 (or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8)

Let the faithful keep their eyes to the heavens.

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### Gospel: John 20:1-9

Upon finding the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John did not initially comprehend Christ had risen from the dead.

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that like Christ we find strength and courage to show mercy, exemplify humble service, and love one another unconditionally, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For world leaders, that they may pursue peace and set aside pride in order to compromise for the good of God’s creation, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who all the faithful, that we rejoice in the Eucharist, and bring the source of all that is good to those who cannot celebrate in the Church with us, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all those who are grieving that the promise of eternal life breathe everlasting comfort and hope into their hearts, let us pray to the Lord. . .

*Lord hear our prayer*

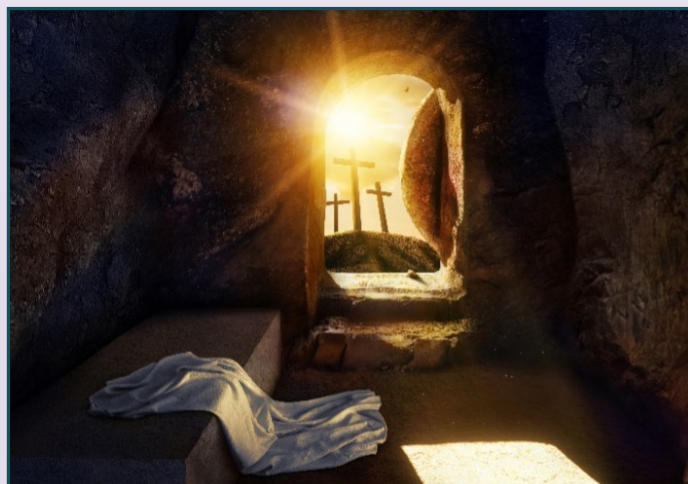


## A REFLECTION ON THE EASTER TRIDUUM

The Sacred Triduum is a recounting of the last three days of Jesus’ life on earth, the events of his Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins. It serves as a recounting of God’s plan of redemption for mankind through the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Christ’s life, death, and resurrection are the ultimate acts of charity. Catholic tradition states that charity is the greatest of the three theological virtues, which also includes faith and hope. Charity is a divinely infused virtue which lets us focus our will to cherish God above all things for his own sake and to cherish humanity for the sake of God. True charity seeks to give and to love without requiring anything in return.

Catholic Charities typifies the catechism definition of charity, that is, “the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God.” Daily, we “feed the hungry,” “clothe the naked” and “care for the basic needs of others.” We are guided by God’s love to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and to work toward lasting and meaningful change.





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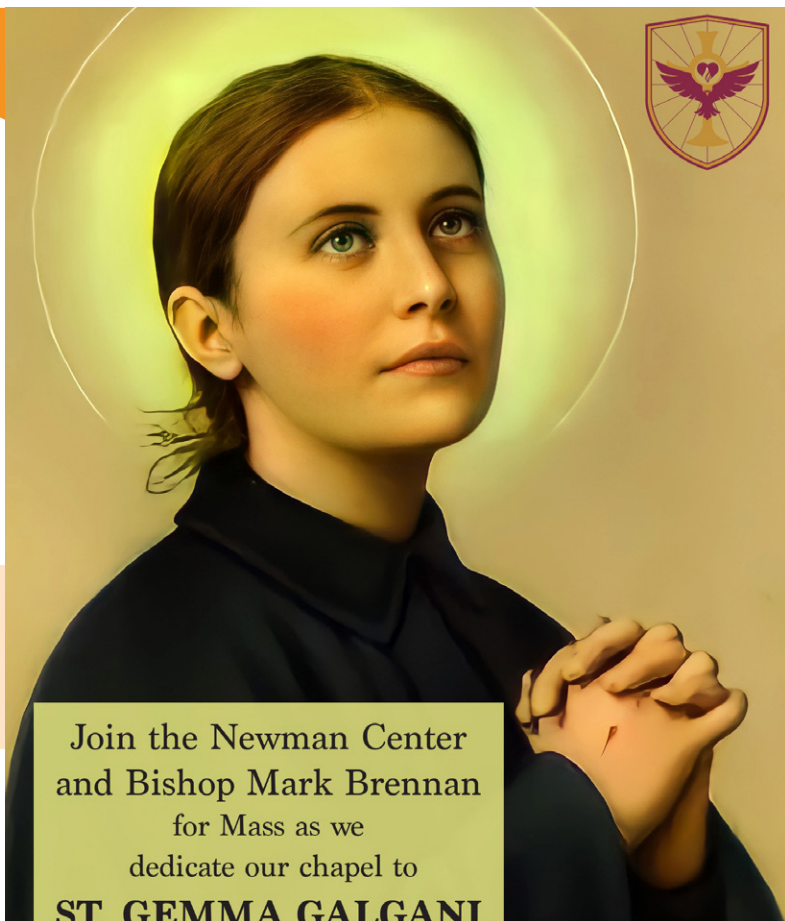
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