



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS SET FOR THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT

• Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection for disaster relief to be held the weekend of August 13-14, 2022, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the series of natural disasters that have occurred in southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky, resulting in dozens of deaths and the displacement of thousands. Proceeds from this collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities as well as their partner agencies in both states.

Checks should be made out to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston with “Disaster Relief” on the memo line. Donations for this long-term disaster recovery effort can also be made throughout the month of August on the diocesan website at DWC.ORG/DISASTER-RELIEF/.

• Masses celebrated on Aug. 20-21, will include the annual special collection for the education of seminarians in the diocese. Currently there are nine seminarians in the diocese including Nathan Schmidt, Bryan Tedeschi, Donvito Cortese, Joe Derico, Timothy Kawash, John Soplinski, Michael Tupta, Dylan O’Sullivan, and Dominic Re. These gentlemen are featured in the Aug. 5th edition of The Catholic Spirit available at: THECATHOLICSPIRITWV.ORG.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

August 13-14, 2022

Your gift will support long-term disaster recovery for southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky.

Please, hold them in prayer.

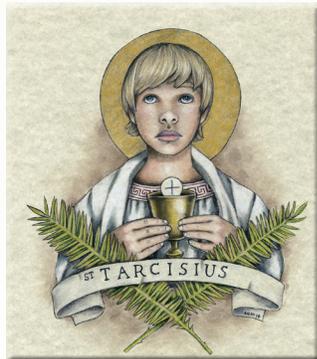


THE BOY MARTYR OF THE EUCHARIST HONOR ST. TARCISIUS, AUG. 15

The story of St. Tarcisus is the epitome of profound faith and love for the Eucharist.

He lived in the third century, a time of horrific persecution of Christians by the Roman Empire. Christians gathered in the catacombs underground on the outskirts of Rome. These secret passageways were known only to the Christians, so they could pray together and attend

Mass. Tarcisus was 12, when he begged his bishop to let him carry the most Holy Eucharist to the Christians who were imprisoned and condemned to die for their love of Christ. The bishop conceded to the child’s earnest appeal. Tarcisus wrapped the Eucharist – the treasure of Heaven – in linen and secured it close to his heart. Legend tells us that



on his way he repeated, “Oh, dear Jesus, how I love you,” he whispered. “How good you are to choose me as your little messenger. How willingly I would suffer and die for you, like these good people in prison. Perhaps one day you will let me lay down my life for you too.”

On his way, he was approached by his peers, who were pagan. They saw he was hiding something beneath his tunic. He felt their evil gaze and quietly called out to Jesus. When they heard this, they knew he was Christian. They taunted him and beat him with fists, sticks, and stones, trying to get to whatever it was he was carrying and gripping tightly to his heart.

A man came upon the brawl, and when he was told the Tarcisus was Christian

he delivered a devastating blow just before a Roman soldier ran up to the group. The soldier yelled at them for beating the child. He carried the child away.

The story varies from here – some versions say the boy died with the last blow and when the crowd rolled him over to get to the package he was carrying it had disappeared. Another account said the soldier was actually a Christian, who had seen Tarcisus in the catacombs; and before his last breath he said, “I am dying, but I have kept my God safe from them.” The boy then handed his package to the soldier and told him to take it to the Christians in the prison awaiting death.

St. Tarcisus, patron saint of First Holy Communion and altar servers, pray for us.

Editor’s note: the art accompanying this story is by Jordan Avery at: JORDANAVERYART.COM/SAINTS-AND-BLESSEDS



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Diocese Announces Tuition Assistance Expansion

Monday, August 8, 2022

WHEELING – Most Rev. Mark Brennan and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston have announced the establishment of a third phase of tuition assistance that will be available to both Catholic and non-Catholic families already attending or recently enrolled in one of our 24 Catholic schools across the state.

This one-time program expansion of up to \$450,000 is in recognition and response to the economic challenges families are facing not only in West Virginia but also in our nation. This third phase of the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAPs) is the first established by the diocese for families regardless of religion. Previously, only families belonging to a parish within the diocese were eligible to apply for TAPs which distributes nearly \$1 million annually in tuition assistance.

The application period for this third phase of TAPs for the 2022-2023 school year will be from August 15, 2022 to September 2, 2022. Applications are made online at www.factsmgt.com. If a Catholic family has previously applied for TAP for the 2022-2023 school year and not received funds, their applications are automatically submitted to Phase III. They do not need to reapply. If a family already received TAP funds for this school year via Phase I or II, they are not eligible for additional funds. Non-Catholic Families must apply—even if they previously submitted information to the system—to be eligible for consideration.

“The rapid rise in gas prices and cost of living is hitting all of us, especially our young families,” said Superintendent Mary Ann Deschaine, Ed.S. “This program further acknowledges the commitment to Catholic education in our diocese.”

In 2021, Bishop Mark Brennan released a program to give a \$250 tuition credit for each child in grades PK-12 regardless of need or religion, as a means to alleviate the financial strains caused by the pandemic. Overall, it was a \$1.2 million investment by the diocese for the Catholic school families.

For more information visit wvcatholicschools.org or contact your local Catholic school.

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CHARLES TOWN'S DEACON DAVE GALVIN WORKING TIRELESSLY TO BRING SOULS HOME

He can be defined as the Roch of his parish. Yes, R-O-C-H (pronounced Roke or Rock). Deacon Dave Galvin is much like St. Roch – who despite unforeseen challenges served others and helped souls see Christ in him. Although, if you were to make the comparison in his presence he would undoubtedly look towards the sky, laugh, and shake his head at the notion.

Galvin is seemingly tireless. He is up for anything that will make a positive difference in God's eyes, yet remains a humble soul, quickly turning a conversation away from himself to how Christ is working behind the scenes in all our lives.

During the pandemic, Galvin knew his parish family was struggling not being able to be together. He was too and with the help of a few friends was able to bring God's message of hope to his parish through Roch-umentaries – inspiring videos to help the faithful to “thrive spiritually in times of crisis.”

Galvin grew up Catholic in a remote town in Pennsylvania. The closest city was Erie about 90 miles away from the Allegheny Plateau region he called home. From an early age he knew the value of job well done and the pride you get from it. That is a trait he learned from his father, Denny, who after a tornado ravaged their hometown of Kane in 1985 literally picked up the pieces of their neighborhood with teenaged Dave Galvin in tow. The Galvin family pitched in to help neighbor after neighbor – odd jobs and roofing mostly. His mother, Perky, taught him how to be frugal – “don't spend more than you make, save, and help others. Pretty simple stuff,” he said. “I was a kid who got the free lunches and was happy to get a new set of hand-me-down clothes for school. I appreciated what we had.”

Work hard and pray hard, was an unspoken motto. The Galvins belonged to St. Callistus in Kane. That is where

Sister Mary David, a Benedictine nun, influenced young David, planting a seed that he should think big spiritually and instilling in him the idea that being successful is not about material things, but making a difference for others in the eyes of God.

Galvin went on to college and received a master's degree from John Carroll University. He became a manager of a retail store and married his sweetheart Laura VanKuyk.

When the couple had time off, the two would take road trips to visit old churches. Those adventures brought them to the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia in 1996. Dave and Laura visited St. Peter Chapel in Harpers Ferry. St. Peter's is the only

church and one of the few buildings where the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers meet that was not destroyed in the Civil War.

The Galvins fell in love with not only the rich history surrounding the grand old church perched on top of the hill in the town, but also everything within the structure that was built in 1833 by and for Irish immigrants and then rebuilt in 1896. The glorious high reaching stained glass windows, the ornate Stations of the Cross, and especially the crucifix – made to match the wounds of Christ on the Shroud of Turin.

“The crucifix is so moving and memorable,” Galvin said. “It drew us in.”

Indeed it did. He was working for Sherwin-Williams at the time. Call it coincidence or fate, but just a few months after their West Virginia trip a position opened in the company at a store that would take the couple back the valley they treasured. So, the couple picked up their life in Pennsylvania and moved to Jefferson County not knowing a soul, but certain their faith would sustain them. It proved to be a decision that led to many blessings. The couple



frequented St. Peter and became involved with St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town. They welcomed three children – two daughters, Hannah and Claire, and a son, fittingly named, Peter.

Work was going well for Galvin, and opportunities for advancement knocked on his door. While a huge increase in pay and the opportunity for their children to attend the Catholic schools in Cleveland was enticing, after the couple reflected on how their lives would change, moving up the corporate ladder was not for them. Instead Galvin entered the diaconate program for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

“The program wasn’t easy, but I had Sr. Mary David to kick my butt and save my vocation when I wanted to drop out halfway through,” he said with a huge grin.

In 2004, Galvin was ordained a deacon in the diocese and for his parish, St. James. Since that day he has taken

his vows to heart – “to serve like Jesus Christ and work tirelessly to get people to heaven,” he said. “I want to invite everyone to come into the Church – to come home to God’s Church.”

Whether it is producing his evangelizing Roch-umentary videos, mapping a parish kayaking trip, delivering the sweets to Donuts with Deacon events, or heading to Webster Springs with a men’s or youth group to repair and build houses for our less fortunate brothers and sisters, Deacon Dave Galvin is doing just what St. Roch would do be a living example of the teachings of Jesus Christ.

“I wake up every day with a prayer of thanksgiving that I am here,” he said, rattling off a long list of saints, like St. Zita, St. Vincent, St. Stephen, St. Lawrence, and others, who inspire him to stay focused and not let others down – not let God down. “I work hard to stay in God’s grace and work for Christ.”

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ~ AUGUST 15

On August 15, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when she was taken up body and soul to heaven, sharing in her son’s victory over death and resurrection.

The bible does not give us an exact account of this glorious moment. We can only imagine that perhaps at her last breath on earth she was taken into the arms of angels as the heavens opened and the most luminous light came down to kiss the earth, welcoming Mary to her eternal home in paradise with her son our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Mary is the true first disciple of Christ. We honor her for saying yes to God to be the mother of our Savior. We honor her for continuing to stay strong in faith and trusting Jesus always.

It was in 1950, when Pope Pius XII, invoking Papal Infallibility, stated, “We pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

Pope Francis said faith is the defining virtue of Mary and the Assumption is a foreshadowing of what awaits each of us.



“The Gospel also shows us the truest reason for Mary’s greatness and her blessedness: it is faith – the heart of Mary’s entire story,” he said.

Because of the Assumption, we can see life as “not a senseless wandering, but a pilgrimage which, with all of the sufferings and uncertainties, has a sure destination,” he said. The final destination is heaven, where the Father awaits us with love.

However, until that destination is reached, God has given his people a sign of consolation and hope for the journey, Pope Francis said.

Let us all be in awe of the life and faith of the Blessed Mother. May she from the gates of Heaven help us to fix our eyes on Jesus and choose greatness in all we do no matter how great or small the task.

FIRST-EVER TEENS FOR LIFE LEADERSHIP WEEKEND

WV TEENS CAN REGISTER NOW FOR THE AUG. 26-28 EVENT

West Virginians for Life will host the first-ever WV Teens for Life “Leadership for Life” Weekend in Huttonsville, August 26-28.

It will be a weekend of prayer and action for WV youth ages 14-17 in the scenic setting of Camp Carlo, 225 Catholic Conference Center, Huttonsville. Nestled between the mountains of Randolph County, this 1,400-acre property along the Tygart Valley River, is the ideal setting to focus on the beauty of creation and life.

The event will be led by WVFL Board Member. Riley Keaton, who also serves as director of Camp Carlo, a summer camping ministry in Huttonsville for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

“First of all, we’re going to have an awesome time – our swimming pool, canoeing, archery, and high ropes adventure programs will all be in full-swing for the WVFL Leadership for Life Weekend,” Keaton said. He continued, “Our real focus is on the pro-life movement. What are the best strategies for changing hearts on abortion? How can we be pro-life every day? How can we contribute our leadership to build the culture of life from womb to tomb? It’s going to be an incredible experience for any young person.”

Assisting Keaton for this inaugural WV Teens for Life event will be former WVFL office assistant Sadie Shields, who is the assistant director at the Diocesan summer youth camp.

“I can’t wait to share the beauty and purpose of the pro-life movement with young people,” Shields said.

West Virginians for Life (WVFL) is a non-profit, public-service organization. WVFL is a statewide network of county chapters and the voice for the unborn in West Virginia. The goal is the preservation of human life from conception to natural death. The primary purpose is to educate through the presentation of detailed and factual information about fetal development, abortion, alternatives to abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and related issues. WVFL works with state policy makers and legislators to promote pro-life policies and law.

“Being pro-life means affirming - in thought, word, and action - the dignity of every human life from womb to tomb,” Keaton said. “Part of that is supporting the legal protection of life - no matter how small, how sick, how inconvenient, or how angry we may be - through political action.”

That is the simple definition and explanation, Keaton said, but it is much more.

“Beyond that, being pro-life means supporting moms, babies, and organizations committed to making it easier to say YES to life in every way,” he said.

Therefore, educating and inspiring young people on the value of life, human dignity, and the critical need to support women, children, families, and the elderly is the purpose for putting so much energy into this weekend, Shields noted. It is a weekend to encourage and support teen leaders now.

Leadership for Life Weekend will focus on preparing young people of all faith backgrounds - or no faith background at all - to advocate for the dignity of life in big

ways and small, Shields added.

Saying you are pro-life is one thing; understanding what it is and being responsible enough to know that actions are greater than words is another - that’s leadership, the two concurred.

“A pro-life teen can change, and save, many lives through compassion, steadfastness, and simply being knowledgeable,” Keaton said. “Imagine the girl at school who didn’t plan on getting pregnant just yet, and who is terrified of what people may think or say about her. Someone simply offering their support and being a friend can make a world of difference for her. Who can she and her baby depend on to encourage her to go to the doctor, take up for her when people may mock her and her baby, and maybe even just smile at her when things are tough?” That is a pro-lifer.

Being empathetic to the big picture is another emphasis for the leadership for life movement, Keaton said.

“Imagine a busy, busy single mom who’s already stretched thin. She’s unexpectedly pregnant and is thinking about just how difficult it could be to make the household work with another baby. A pro-life teen tries to see things from her perspective. Sometimes, your offer to babysit regularly could be the thing that family needs to get ready for their new baby brother or sister.”

The cost for the entire weekend is \$25. Food, lodging, and program materials are all included in the fee.

For more information and to register go to: WWW.WVFORLIFE.ORG/EVENTS/



CATHOLIC SPEAKER JASON EVERT SET TO PRESENT IN WV THIS FALL

He is a best-selling author of *How to Find Your Soulmate without Losing Your Soul*, *Saint John Paul the Great*, *Theology of the Body for Teens*, and *If You Really Loved Me*; and he is coming to speak in the Mountain State.

Jason Evert is an internationally recognized Catholic speaker, frequent guest on EWTN, and he is headed to West Virginia, where he will speak in three cities -



Wheeling, Weirton, and Morgantown - in two days this Fall. This aggressive schedule of events between Sept. 26-27 is brought to the faithful in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston by St. Michael Parish with the help of St. Michael's event organizers Peggy Krall and Gretchen Wilson. He will present a two-day mini retreat at St. Michael's in the evenings of Sept. 26-27. He will also speak during the day on Sept. 27th at Central Catholic (Wheeling) and Madonna (Weirton) high schools and 7-8th graders in the Northern Panhandle Catholic schools. He will host a special late night session on the 27th St. John University Parish/Mountaineer Catholic Campus Ministry.

"During this day and age it is important for parents and teens to be well informed on the topic of the beauty of their bodies that God created and to be able to talk about difficult subject matter so that they develop a healthy love and respect," Wilson said. "Jason Evert opens the door for opportunities to help with communication between parents and teens. His focus is on healthy, holy relationships and in the process how to find your soul mate without losing your soul. We must encourage our teens to put God in their relationships and aim for helping each other obtain heaven ~ for when we die, the only thing we are taking with us is our soul."

PURIFIED, A TWO-NIGHT MINI RETREAT, ST. MICHAEL PARISH, WHEELING - SEPT. 26-27

Parents and teens from all over West Virginia and the Ohio Valley are invited to St. Michael Parish, 1225 National Road, Wheeling, for a two-night mini retreat focused on God's plan and how to seek God's help to grow in purity of heart, mind, and body.

Doors will open at 6:30 pm on Sept. 26 and the program will begin at 7 pm.; and doors open at 6 pm on Sept. 27 with the program beginning at 6:30 pm. The cost for both nights is \$20 per person. Tickets are available through the parish at 304-242-1560 or online at CHASTITY.COM/EVENTS/JASON-EVERT-PURIFIED-22/.

According to Krall, *Purified* will help strengthen families, creating bridge to topics often tough to bring up and discuss - dating, relationships, self-worth, and pressures on teens today.

"With all that is being promoted by secular society in regard to sexual morality, and which is causing great confusion in many of our youth, St. Mike's in Wheeling is inviting all adults and their teens to (our) two-night event," Krall said. "It is open to the whole diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, as well as to our Christian brothers and sisters in the Ohio Valley area."



She encourages those interested in attending to buy there tickets early, because there will be limited seating.

The event includes Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship, complimentary materials, and an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

[CLICK HERE](#) for information about Evert and *Purified*.

MADONNA HIGH SCHOOL, WEIRTON - SEPT. 27

Evert will hold an assembly based on the principles of *Purified* for students in grades 7-12 at Madonna High School beginning at 9 am.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, WHEELING - SEPT. 27

Likewise, Evert will present to students in the Wheeling area Catholic schools in grades 7-12 at Central Catholic High School at 1 pm.

DATING 101, SAINT JOHN UNIVERSITY PARISH, MORGANTOWN - SEPT. 27

Evert will lead *Dating 101* for college students and young adults hosted by St. John University Parish and Mountaineer Catholic. The event begins at 9:30 pm. Admission is free.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Prophet Jeremiah was condemned to death for sharing God's message, but Ebed-melech pleads to King Zebekiah for Jeremiah's release from the mud of the cistern, freeing him.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40

"Lord, come to my aid!"

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

St. Paul tells us to run our race with confidence knowing we have the cloud of witnesses cheering us on and taking up all our struggles and sufferings if we keep our eyes upon the prize – Jesus and eternal life in heaven.

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Jesus talks about division – following Him can result in confrontations with others even our own family and friends.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we may be strengthened by the Eucharistic to bring Christ to all people through our words and actions, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For the priests and religious in our diocese that they have the grace to stir our hearts the joy to see Jesus' real and loving presence in the Eucharist, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all those who work for and support Catholic Charities of West Virginia, they are able to bring hope to the hopeless and peace to the broken, especially those suffering from the devastation from the seasonal floodings in state, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our children starting a new school year, and all those who will inspire and nurture them, may they be confident in facing the challenges ahead, knowing they are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses cheering for them to win the race, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

NEWS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA

MATTHEW 25 BAGS HELP NEIGHBORS IN NEED



Catholic Charities West Virginia distributes "Matthew 25 Bags" for those experiencing homelessness.

To better demonstrate care and concern for the many individuals experiencing homelessness, the Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) Western Region has begun filling tote bags with personal care items and distributing the bags in Charleston, Huntington, and Parkersburg.

"What so ever you do to the least of my brothers, you do unto me." – Matthew 25

The tote bags, known as "Matthew 25 Bags," are filled with food, bottled water, personal hygiene items, socks, a blanket, and other assorted items vital for someone without a home. The CCWVa team plans to continue connecting with parishes and others sites throughout the area to continue distributing the supplies.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia and how to support your neighbors in need, please visit WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIESWV.ORG.

The Mission of Catholic Charities West Virginia: *Guided by God's love, Catholic Charities collaborates with community partners, parishes and families to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change.*

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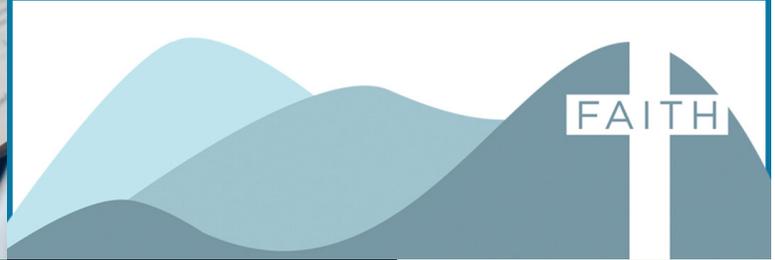


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Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

- 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)
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- 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/)