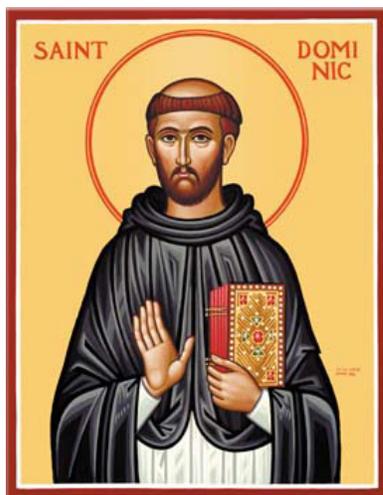




LET THE FEAST DAY OF ST DOMINIC INSPIRE PRAYER AND WISDOM



Saint Dominic de Guzman was a true disciple of Christ in word and deed. He was known for his tireless preaching, generosity, and knowledge.

He lived a solemn life, sleeping on the ground, giving up worldly possessions, and eating simple meals. He didn't choose misery. He chose purpose. He was focused on what he knew mattered most - teaching the truth about Jesus and the Church. He dedicated himself to spending many hours praying and studying, so he was best prepared to share the word of God and the Catholic faith. He did all of this, because he believed that actions are many times louder than words. He wanted to be an example of God's love and the love of God.

Saint Dominic was born in 1179 in Spain the son of Felix de Guzman and Jane of Aza. History tells us that during her pregnancy with him she had an amazing dream telling her "her child would be an eminent preacher" to be a light to the world for Christ. His parents made sure Saint Dominic was well educated in all subjects, especially his faith, understanding that his Catholic faith was not a subject to study, but a way of life.

Just as the dream foreshadowed young Dominic began his preaching about the teachings of Jesus before he was a priest. During this time in Europe there were many struggles and at the heart of most of them was religion. St. Dominic, who was opposed to warfare and bloodshed, chose to challenge the heresies with dialogue on an intellectual level. In doing so he converted many souls and brought more back to the Catholic faith.



His efforts were so inspiring throughout Europe he had a growing following of men and women who wanted to commit to prayer, study, and preaching. St. Dominic was the founder of several religious communities, including one of the largest in the Church the Order of Preachers now known as the Dominicans.

Let us today reflect how we can show others our love of God through our actions.

"May the life of Dominic de Guzman spur us all to be fervent in prayer, courageous in living out our faith and deeply in love with Jesus Christ. Through his intercession, let us ask God always to enrich the Church with authentic preachers of the Gospel," Pope Benedict XVI to a general audience in 2010. His feast day is August 8.

For the St. Dominic novena visit [PRAY MORE NOVENAS](#).

BRENNAN ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL REPORTING SYSTEM

On Monday, August 3rd, Bishop Mark Brennan announced the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has put in place a second third-party reporting system for anonymous allegations of abuse and harassment - financial, professional, and personal - by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the diocese, parish, or Catholic school in West Virginia.

This system and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' reporting system are in addition to the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment service.

The Diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate civil authorities first and foremost as well as to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by clergy, religious or lay personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888-434-6237; or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304-230-1504.

Please click [HERE](#) to read the August 3rd announcement for complete details.

FEAST OF ST. CLARE ~ AUGUST 10

Saint Clare of Assisi seemed to have it all – she had two loving parents, her family’s wealth gave her many luxuries and privileges, and she was described as refined and beautiful. However, she was not happy. Her heart ached over the fact that there were so many poor in her town and surrounding communities.

She dedicated herself to prayer. As a teenager, in 1211, she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach about Jesus caring for the poor. A year after she met St. Francis, she chose to give up her life of comfort to be a bride of the Church, commit to unceasing prayer, and care for the poor and sick. Clare’s long hair was cut off by St. Francis. Her gorgeous dress and jewels were replaced with a humble grey robe and wooden sandals.

Her father was upset at her actions and tried to have her forcibly removed from the monastery, but her resolve was so steadfast her family conceded and let

her be. She along with her sister Agnes founded a convent at the church of San Damiano in Assisi with the help of St. Francis. After her father died, St. Clare’s own mother joined their community. They would later be known as the Poor Clares, embracing poverty, penance, and prayer in cloistered life.



One of many moving stories about St. Clare happened on Christmas Eve in 1252. She was ill and unable to attend Mass at the Church of St. Francis and was overwhelmed with sadness. She chose to stop feeling sorry for herself,

knowing the simple room where she rested was much better than the crude surroundings Mary and Joseph had on that very night awaiting the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. St. Clare meditated on the Christmas Mystery. It was recorded that, “Suddenly her cell burst into light, her cell walls were shaken by the sound of a great organ and she was able to see the Church of St. Francis ablaze with candles. She watched the Celebrant ascend the Altar and participated at Mass listening to the beautiful chants. She had been unable to go to Church and God in His loving tenderness had brought Church to her.”

Today there are around 20,000 Poor Clare Sisters in more than 70 countries including the United States.

To read a more complete story of St. Clare of Assisi, click [HERE](#) for one by Fr. John O’Connor of St. Clare Parish of Rosedale, Queens, New York.

FEAST OF MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE ~ AUGUST 14



It was 1941, St. Maximilian was a prisoner in the Auschwitz death camp. He was sent there after being arrested for helping Polish refugees, including about 2,000 Jews. When a prisoner had escaped the camp, the Nazis picked 10 of the already frail men at random as retaliation. These men were to suffer in an underground cell for weeks of painful dehydration and starvation. St. Maximilian volunteered to take the place of one of the chosen who had immediately cried out in agony for his wife and children.

The soldiers accepted the Franciscan priest’s offer and threw him in with the other men. It was reported he preached to them as the long days and nights passed. After two weeks, Nazi soldiers entered the bunker and found St. Maximilian still alive. He was put to death by lethal injection. He gave the ultimate sacrifice, and often when referring to his story the bible verse John 15:13 is quoted: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down his life for his friends.”

The man he saved was, Franciszek Gajowniczek. He attended St. Maximilian’s canonization in 1982.

Many believe St. Maximilian walked every step of his life knowing his fate. He told of a story from his childhood, when he had a vision of the Immaculate Virgin Mary, offering two symbolic crowns: the

white crown of purity and the red crown of martyrdom. He accepted both.

While in seminary in Rome he founded the Militia Immaculata (Army of Mary) – an evangelization movement for souls to consecrate themselves to the Immaculate Virgin Mary with the motto of “To Jesus through Mary.”

Saint Maximilian also produced a newspaper with 230,000 readers and a monthly magazine with more than one million in circulation to promote conversion and strengthen the Catholic Church.

To learn more about his astonishing story check out the website of the [NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE](#) at Marytown.



Monday, August 3, 2020

Catholic Schools Across WV to Release Plans Today for Five Day in School Instruction

WHEELING- Throughout the last four months the Department of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has been focused on implementing the recommendations and guidelines from worldwide, federal, state, and local experts. This week based upon the extensive work that has taken place, West Virginia Catholic School families will receive their individual school reopening plans, outlining a five-day a week physically present strategy.

“Principals from all 24 Catholic schools across the state have worked closely with their local health departments, school communities and my office to develop plans to allow for the reopening of schools that meet local, state and federal guidelines,” Catholic School Superintendent Mary Ann Deschaine, Ed.S., said.

When providing information about the reopening of schools, Mrs. Deschaine also referenced the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) that “strongly” supports students returning to the school building. A recently released statement from the AAP notes, “All policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school.”

“This is completely in line with our position,” she said. “Because we are Christ-centered, every choice we make, and plans we develop are prayerfully made with our students’ success and well-being in mind. We are a strong Christian family guided by our faith. Our learning environment will always focus on the social, emotional, physical, spiritual, and mental well-being of each child.” While these are unwanted and unpredictable times, the challenges in the world today provide a great opportunity to teach huge and powerful life lessons for our children.

“What has always been our routine focus in Catholic schools—academics, responsibility, accountability, citizenship, and empathy—is now being taken to a heightened level,” she said. Last spring, schools across the Diocese displayed how well they react to a total upheaval of their academic, social, and physical plans.

“I know without a doubt that our principals, staff, and teachers performed outstanding,” she said. “Our families saw that, and our students will always remember how they continued to be challenged academically, and moreover won’t forget how they felt knowing their teachers genuinely cared about their mindset.”

As with each phase of this COVID experience, these recommendations will be subject to change with little notice. Therefore, administrative staff will continue to monitor local conditions, in consultation with the appropriate county health support systems. Any additional details or changes will be given directly to all families by the administration of their respective school. Please be advised that individual building plans may vary slightly from school to school based on regional guidance. “We will constantly be re-evaluating the health and safety measures in our buildings,” Deschaine said. “We will also be able to turn on a dime and adapt to a remote learning environment if we must. No matter what the circumstance - weather, building issue, or health/safety concern – our Catholic schools will continue to learn, lead, and succeed. We are well equipped and prepared.”

For more information about Catholic schools in West Virginia, please contact the office of Catholic Schools at 304-233-0880, or for a list of schools including contact information visit: <https://wvcatholicschools.org>.

Peace,

Mary Ann Deschaine, Ed.S.

BOTH NEWLY ORDAINED FATHER GOLNA AND DEACON SZABO ENJOY SUMMER WITH THE FAITHFUL

By: Colleen Rowan



Father Justin Golna talks with a parishioner at St. John University Parish in Morgantown.

“Being a priest for just over one month has been the greatest joy of my life,” said Father Justin Golna. The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston’s newest priest shared these words as he was preparing to begin his second assignment for the summer at St. John University Parish in Morgantown. Father Golna had just finished his first assignment, which was with the Catholic faithful of St. Joseph the Worker and Sacred Heart of Mary parishes in Weirton

and their pastor Very Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr., V.E.

Finishing his summer assignment last month, was newly ordained Deacon Phillip Szabo, who spent time with the people of St. Thomas Parish in Thomas and Our Lady of Mercy Mission in Parsons and their pastor, Father Timothy Grassi. “I already miss them, and I am looking forward to the next time that I can visit,” Deacon Szabo said.

Both Father Golna and Deacon Szabo were ordained by Bishop Mark Brennan at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling in May and June. In their summer assignments, they began their ministries and have enjoyed the time that they have spent with these communities.

See the full story in The Calling, Vocations Newsletter, in the Aug. 7 issue of The Catholic Spirit.

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FINDING HIDDEN TREASURE

By: Sister Ellen Dunn, OP

Could it be that all of us — in search of something to do during the ‘Lock down at home’ — have chosen to go through our closets and drawers to see what we no longer need or want? Have we had any true surprises in the process? Found any true treasures we had completely forgotten about? In Matthew’s Gospel, the ‘Kingdom Parables’ suggest that things hidden or buried can grab

For me it was about discovering things I had simply left in a closet or storage box and not been using or sharing. I was able to put things in a new place, give them away to be used by others or recycled if at all possible. Some things, of course, have no material value but are reminders of friends and family members and still deeply cherished. The going through things and doing the ‘sorting out’ (like the Gospel ‘catch of fish’) was a satisfying activity and left me with some space to move and groove.

One of the true blessings of this ongoing ‘retreat’ experience we are having is the ‘slowdown’ and the newly found space for some true family time, some occasional porch sitting time, and hopefully, some time to communicate with God about our lives, our loved ones, our neighbors, our country and our world -in-need.

If you haven’t already done so, don’t delay delving into some of those cupboards and bins stacked here and there to re-discover the hidden treasure in your midst!



our attention and give us renewed purpose. Uncovering something special we had forgotten can refocus our priorities and set us on a renewed path into the coming days. Any chance that happened to you?

MASS READINGS FOR THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading 1 KINGS 19:9A, 11-13A

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD— but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake— but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire— but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial PSALMS 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

R. (8) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD — for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading ROMANS 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters:

I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Alleluia PSALMS 130:5

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for his word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MATTHEW 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

PRAYER INTENTIONS

That Christians may invite all people to the love that God asks of humankind, we pray . . .

That healing and hope may be restored in Beirut, Lebanon after suffering death and destruction from the recent explosion, we pray . . .

That those who experienced destruction and loss because of the recent hurricanes and storms may know the love of God in the help given to them by others, we pray . . .

That those affected by the Coronavirus may experience healing, that the pandemic may come to an end and that a vaccine may be available soon, we pray . . .

Lord hear our prayer

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

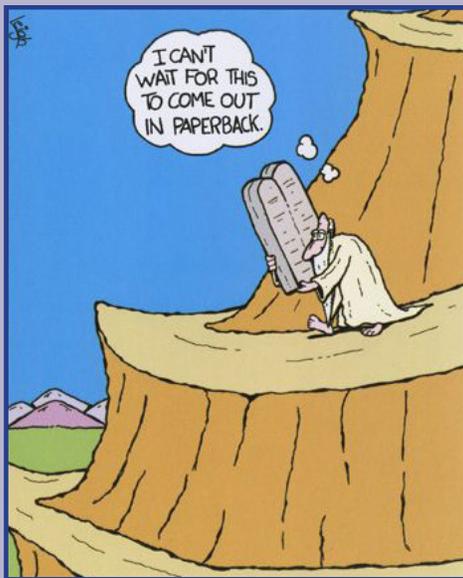
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

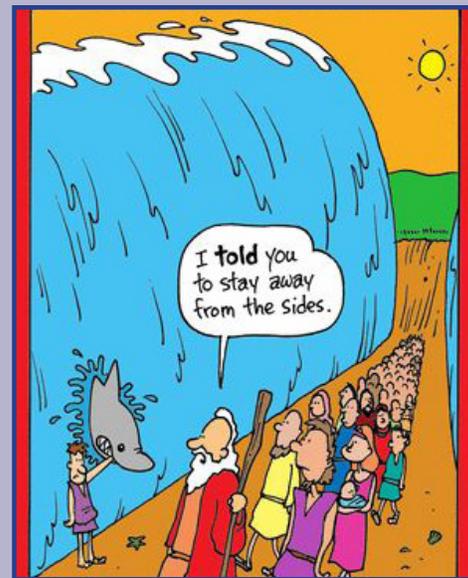
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

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When Someone Doesn't Capitalize The G In God.



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

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