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Word of God Sunday Take the St. Jerome Challenge!

Saint Jerome teaches us to learn, love, and live the sacred Scriptures – the Word of God... the word of life!

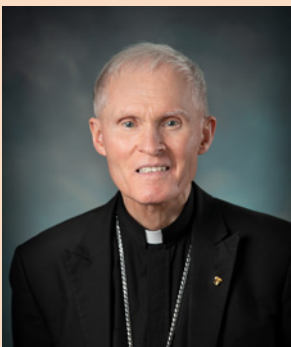
January 26th is Word of God Sunday, accentuating the importance of Sacred Scripture in our faith, prayer, and daily lives as Catholics.

While society may be telling us otherwise, our Holy Father, Bishop Mark, and pastors will remind us this weekend - *If we are too busy to pray and read the Bible, we are too busy.*

Though we may say, “But I habitually turn to God in all my needs”; and some can even boast, “I never miss Mass on Sunday”; but when was the last time you chose to turn to the pages of the Bible for daily wisdom and not just to guide us. God’s word is right before us, waiting for us to help us to live life to its fullest and to remind us who we are and that God the true author of the greatest book is with us always.

Saint Jerome taught us, “When we pray, we speak to God; and when we read Scripture, God speaks to us.”

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A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

As we affirm the value of the unborn child’s life today in Washington, Bishop Mark has published “The Gift of Life, a Gift to Cherish,” to highlight the importance of a renewed respect for human life.

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE FULL LETTER](#)

In September of 2019, on the 1600th anniversary of St. Jerome's death, Pope Francis instituted the Word of God Sunday for the Church to be celebrated on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time to remind us to pick up the bible daily, make it a holy habit, read, reread, and mediate on the Word of God – you will find grace, joy, hope, peace, and love

It was St. Jerome, who translated the Bible into Latin in the fourth century. He took on this daunting and tedious task, because he believed, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

Sure, Scripture is not always easy to understand and can be cumbersome. That is exactly when we need humble ourselves and ask the Holy Spirit to guide us with the grace to understand what He is saying to us.

Saint Jerome preached that we are all so precious to God that he assigned each one of us our very own guardian angel - a spirit that is invisible but always with us to protect and guide our soul, as well as pray for us and present our prayers to God. Let your guardian angel nudge you to open the Bible.

Start by getting to know your Bible – the introduction/the contents page – some have topical indexes to help you navigate life. Start the book of Psalms for guidance on how to pray and praise. Start by spending time with the evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and or John for their accounts of the life of Christ. Just start. There is no perfect way to start that is one size fits all here. God knows us and our individual strengths and weaknesses.

We are blessed to live in an age where we have

so many resources to help us along our resolve to read the Word of God and understand it in a way that it is much easier to live as God wants us.

Give yourself the gift of time – the gift to spend time with the Word of God.

Take St. Jerome's challenge to read the Bible, break it down, meditate on it, speak it with a joyful heart, and act on it, mirroring Christ.

Let's call upon our guardian angel to open our hearts and minds to His word in the Scriptures. Keep picking up the Bible – read it, return to it, and repeat it.

KEEP IN MIND: NOT ALL BIBLES ARE THE SAME.

It is important to note that the Catholic Bible has 73 books, while most Protestant Bibles only have 66. The seven books included in Catholic Bibles and not in most Protestant Bibles are Tobit, Judith, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Wisdom, Sirach, and Baruch. Catholic Bibles also include sections in the Books of Esther and Daniel which are not found in Protestant Bibles. These books are called the deuterocanonical books. The Catholic Church considers these books to be inspired by the Holy Spirit. They have been part of the canon of Scripture from the early centuries of the Church.

The readings you hear at Mass are from the New American Bible (NAB). Other Bible translations to English approved by the Catholic Church include the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) and New Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition (NRSVCE).

Editor's note: The painting accompanying this article is "Saint Jerome Reading" circa. 1636, by Georges de La Tour.



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2024-2025

DMI Survey Links

Our parishes in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are on a journey to grow in missionary discipleship to know, love, and serve Christ as a community.

Partnering with the Catholic Leadership Institute, the first step is assessing our parishes' greatest strengths and opportunities.

That's why the faithful is being invited in their parishes to take the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey!

Parishioners will share their perspective to help strengthen our parishes and better prepare us for the future – as we journey together striving to bring more of Christ's love into our parish community.

On Behalf of Bishop Brennan, thank you for taking part in this important evangelization project.

Reflect This Week

January 27th honor the Feast Day of St. Angela Merici, and Italian holy woman, who lived a life of love, trauma, faith, and miracles.

Born between 1470-1475 in northern Italy, St. Angela and her sister grew up on their family farm, where parents taught them about God, His creation, and the saints – St. Ursula was her favorite. By the time she was fourteen she had lost her parents and her sister, who was her best friend. She would pray for a sign that they were all in Heaven. While working in the fields she had a vision of angels and young girls approaching – one, her sister. She took that as her sign. Saint Angela continued her prayerful life always shying away from any intent of marrying. With 28 of her companions, she founded the Ursuline Sisters Congregation – with the patronage of her favorite saint St. Ursula.



It was that vision she had had years ago, she believed, was insight to God wanting her to form a religious community for women. They were dedicated to working for and empowering women. At their founding the sisters lived with their families instead of as a community and they did take the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

Men and women would seek her for spiritual direction. She died on Jan. 27, 1540. Today the Ursuline sisters are all over the world.



“The things we love tell us what we are.” - **St. Thomas Aquinas, Feast Day- Jan. 28.**

He is the patron saint of students, Catholic schools, and universities. He is described by theologians as a humble and brilliant man – a writer, teacher, and preacher of God and his Church. His writings were so influential he was named a Doctor of the Church.

He wasn't always considered intelligent. In school his peers called him a “dumb ox,” because he was so quiet. His teacher St. Albert the Great would scold the boys and confidently say that Thomas Aquinas would do great things and be very influential. He was right.

He evangelized his own family into the faith. His thinking, homilies, and writings continue to inspire millions today. St. Thomas Aquinas, pray for us. Help us to share your great love and devotion to God, seeking to enrich our souls so we too can be great students and teachers of God and the Church.

Celebrate the Feast of St. John Bosco – Jan. 31. Saint John Bosco was a living example of how we should live our faith and lead others to it - with Christian joy. He made it a priority to teach about God and share his own love of Christ with young people.

Saint John Bosco wholeheartedly believed Christian education was crucial, “if you want to have a good society and moral order.”

Born in 1815 to Italian farmers Francis and Margaret (Margherita Occhiena) Bosco, he was raised with his two brothers by his mother. His father died when St. John was only two. She instilled in them gratitude for the simplest of things, the value of hard work, and a genuine love of Christ. She would remind them that even though their father had passed away, God the Father in heaven was always watching. From the time he was nine years old



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Saint John Bosco would tell his mother he wanted to be a priest, and he would help children love Jesus and all of His creation too.

In 1841, he was ordained Father John Bosco (also called Don Bosco for “Don” was Italian for father). He did not become a parish priest but made it his mission to teach youth to get to know God, reflect on their faith, and celebrate the sacraments frequently. His pupils were often uneducated wayward boys, orphans, homeless, and even prisoners.

He was so popular at the institute he taught they had to build a larger facility and youth center, the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales - classrooms, bunk rooms, and a chapel. Through the oratory, St. John Bosco founded the Salesian Society, a religious congregation of priests and brothers. He also founded a society of women with Sr Maria Domenica Mazzarello - Daughters of Mary Help of Christians or the Salesian Sisters. They were also focused on educating and nurturing youth in a Christ-centered environment, but for girls.

In 1876, he founded the Association of Salesian Cooperators, a group for lay men and women who share in St. John Bosco’s kind and gentle spirituality. Let us all joyfully share our love of Christ and our Church as St. John Bosco’s life taught us.

A prayer to Saint John Bosco to Intercede:

Friend of the young, teacher in the ways of God, your dedication to empowering the needy inspires us still.

Help me to work for a better world, where the young are given the chance to flourish, where the poor’s dream for justice can come true, and where God’s compassion is shown to be real.

Intercede for me as I bring my needs to you and to our heavenly Mother, the Help of Christians.

Saint John Bosco, pray for us!

The feast of St. Brigid of Kildare/Ireland is celebrated Feb. 1. God’s love was clearly visible through this compassionate saint, who during and after her life inspired others to let our words and actions speak the love of Christ. She was born around the year 450, so details of her life are scarce. She is believed to have been the daughter of a pagan chieftain, and her mother was one of his slaves. Her mother raised her Catholic until she was 10. At that time, she was sent back to her father as a servant. She would sell off or give away his possessions in order to help the poor. Needless to say, when he found out he was furious and tried to sell her to another royal family. The king he presented her to was Christian and impressed with her selfless spirit, one that saw God in every living thing.



When her father was restless, inconsolable, and downright mean on his deathbed the servants, who knew and loved St. Brigid sent for her to come to calm him. Legend has it that while she was in his chambers, she had a pile of rushes/reeds on her lap. As she talked to him, she wove them into a special cross. Insistent that he know what exactly she was doing she calmly told him what the cross represented - Christ’s ultimate sacrifice, love, and mercy - and how he suffered and died for all of our sins. Her delivery of this message and the image of the cross captivated him and he willingly converted to Christianity and was baptized just before he died.

When the story spread of this seemingly impossible conversion the people in Ireland considered Brigid a holy woman and to this day St. Brigid’s Cross is a visible sign of Irish culture.



Make St. Brigid’s Cross - For step-by-step directions go to Catholic Icing:

WWW.CATHOLICICING.COM/HOW-TO-MAKE-A-ST-BRIGIDS-CROSS-WITH-KIDS/

After making the cross hang it or display it where all can see and recite this prayer:

May the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be on this Cross, on the place where it hangs, and on everyone who looks on it.

Editor’s note: the portraits of the saints featured this week are by Catholic Home Art WWW.ETSY.COM/SHOP/CATHOLICHOMEART

JANUARY 31ST CELEBRATION TO FOCUS ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPALACHIAN PASTORAL LETTER

Fifty years ago, the 25 bishops of Appalachia took a stand to be advocates for the powerless of the Appalachian region.

Together the faith leaders became a voice for beautiful hills, valleys, and people of Appalachia that were suffering and ignored. They composed a public letter in response to concerns raised by the Catholic Committee of Appalachia in 1974 regarding the economic and political inequalities that characterized the Appalachian region after committee members had traveled throughout Appalachia, listening to individuals, community groups, volunteers and church workers. The bishops then united to bring the economic and political inequalities faced by Appalachian communities to life.

The original landmark letter "This Land is Home to Me" written in 1975, was surely an answer to generations of prayers from the people of all backgrounds living in the 397 counties and 13 states (Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and all of West Virginia) that



are part of the Appalachian Mountain region. The letter is considered one of the most significant statements to emerge from the U.S. Catholic Church. It's become a model for groups all over the world that want to promote social justice. More than 200,000 copies of the pastoral letter are in circulation, and it's been translated into several languages.

On January 31, the public is invited to Wheeling University where the 1975 Appalachian letter was signed for a **50th Anniversary Celebration - Remember.... Recognize.... Rekindle - "Bring to others beyond the mountains, the promise of their vision.**

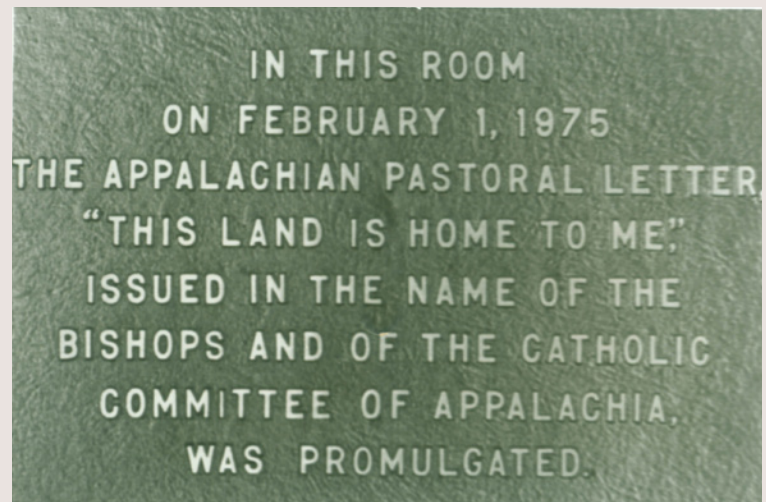
It will be an afternoon and evening of celebratory and informative presentations, Mass, fellowship dinner, Appalachian music and art, and social hour to honor the legacy of the pastoral letters and a renewed commitment to a just and sustainable future for Appalachia and its people. The day begins with registration at 2:30 pm at Swint



Hall; 3pm Opening Celebration in Troy Theater; 3:15 pm presentations; Mass at 5:15 pm in the Chapel of Mary and Joseph; and dinner at 6 pm in Swint Hall; the Festival of Appalachian Music and Art begins at 7 pm at Mt. de Chantal Conservatory; and an 8:15 pm social with refreshments to conclude the evening.

Gather and celebrate the clarion call that echoes today, one of awareness and social justice to address issues of poverty, powerlessness, and environmental concerns within the region; essentially using their platform to advocate for the people of Appalachia based on their lived experiences gathered through extensive community outreach.

Those planning on attending the events are asked to RSVP at: DWCFORMS.WUFOO.COM/FORMS/50TH-ANNIVERSARY-OF-ATHIS-LAND-IS-HOME-TO-MEA



HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE REFLECTION

Eucharist as a Sacrament of Charity

Editor's note: The following reflection was written by Seminarian Clifton Mastran for a Holy Hour for Reparation and Healing for the Anniversary of Roe v. Wade (by the USCCB).



How wonderful are your works, Lord God Almighty!!!

Amazing...wonderful...these are the words we should hold in our mind and in our hearts when we consider what we are, who we are, where we come from, and who made us. It should warm our hearts with sheer love to consider that we were hand-crafted, knit in our mother's womb, to be one-of-a-kind sons and daughters of the heavenly Father, individual persons with an unrepeatable originality and existence, destined to live forever from which we came, back into the hands of our Maker, the Lord God Almighty, our loving Father!

Yes, an all-powerful, eternal God of Love in the Holy Trinity, who out of an act of free will, decided to create each and every one of us, every human soul that ever existed or ever will, specially made to participate in the joy and dignity of even existing, called forth from nothing and never to be forgotten, to share in the limitless love of our glorious Lord.

Do we ever stop to reflect on this reality? To look within our hearts and ask the Holy Spirit to enliven

our prayer, our appreciation, and our thanksgiving for this reality that we all share in as part of the Mystical Body of Christ, Jesus our brother? Jesus, who, after we were created out of sheer love and turned away from our loving God in an irrational act of insanity, sought after each and every lost sheep who strayed, to suffer and die for us, to redeem us, and to elevate us as sons and daughters of the Father to share in the divine life of heavenly bliss? The very same Jesus we can see with us here and now as he sits with us, loving us in his Real Presence of the Most Holy Eucharist? The small, childlike presence of the Creator of the Universe, made present here and now, *right there!* (The Blessed Sacrament)

This is the reality, and it should stop us in our tracks, knock us down, and warm our hearts in a moment of sheer wonder and joy that should find its way into a child-like smile and glow in our faces that shine forth the glory and loving light of Christ, for we are little children of God, and we are fearfully, wonderfully made!

Instead, we find ourselves taking it for granted, like all the gifts we receive from God, and everything—*everything*—is a gift from God, no matter how independent we and everyone else in this lost world foolishly thinks they are. And while we take it for granted so often, think of our poor lost brothers and sisters out in the world who have forgotten this reality, living in the darkness, lost, lonely, and longing for the love of a mother that only our Lord and Maker can provide.

We have to hold this reality constantly in our hearts, allowing them to overflow with joy, wonder, and warmth, not holding it in secret but

sharing it, just as our loving God shares His existence with us and we with each other, lovingly sharing it with all of the lost sheep out in the world who do not understand or recognize what each miracle of life truly is, just how precious it is in the eyes of the Maker who took the time to fashion and knit us from the moment of conception in our mother's womb.

If they could see what we know it would melt their hearts and fill them with an overwhelming washing of love from the Holy Spirit that would bring an end to the desire of anyone who would dare harm or despise any of his little ones, and we are *all* his little ones. Humble, little children that He loves so much that He made a special angel for each of us to watch over us, love us, protect us, and lead us to our eternal rest in the Kingdom of heaven. If we could all *recognize* this *love*, *share* in this *love*, *live* this *love*, then we would truly be bringing the Kingdom of heaven to our world today until we meet our Mother Mary, all the angels and saints, and the family of the Most Holy Trinity in the next heavenly life without end.

May we always be reminded and strive to share forth the love of this reality whenever we look upon the ultimate act of love that we see and know in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Holy Mary, Mother of the Church... pray for us.



VERY REVEREND JOHN SELWIN LEDFORD, V.F., REMEMBERED

Known for his loud and proud Tennessee drawl, his quick wit, and sheriff's star, Fr. John Ledford's life and service to the diocese was celebrated Friday, January 17th at his funeral Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Wheeling.

Very Rev. John Selwin Ledford, V.F. 77, died on Jan. 10, 2025, in Glen Dale. He served the diocese since 1975, often weaving a story from his childhood days on his beloved family farm in Tennessee, into his homily and conversations.

The original social media post announcing his passing was viewed by more than 67,000 people from all over the world including Germany, United Kingdom, Philippines, Nigeria, India, Italy, Brazil, Canada, Malaysia, Mexico, among others, reflecting the relationships he built with not only his brother priests and the people he served, but also the many exchange students he hosted in West Virginia.

Among his prized possessions next to his well-used leather-bound bibles, prayer books, and statue of St. John Vianney (patron saint of priests), were countless slides of his scenic railroad travels, and a scrapbook of certificates he earned in his youth from 4-H and FFA leadership trainings, Boy Scouts of America, Junior Membership of the Hampshire Swine Registry, his Junior Jersey Breeder Award from the American Jersey Cattle Club, and his Pro-Marksman Diploma from the Junior National Rifle Association.

The Vicar Forane celebrated Mass with great conviction and boisterous emphasis in sincere praise of the Lord. Before the final hymn he would be sure to have thanked his lectors, altar servers, cantor, organist, and the faithful in attendance. Those who spent time with him knew



his love of trains, watch/clock makers, travel, farming, history, mentorship, country, and family.

He enjoyed mentoring the many young and foreign-born priests he worked with, and as Fr. Priyesh Sebastian, M.C.B.S., of St. Francis Xavier (Moundsville) noted in a tribute to him, "He made every moment a memory."

"He was like a father to me and to others," said Fr. Doney Chacko, R.C.J., of Ss James and John (McMechen & Benwood respectively). "He had great patience with us, was always teaching us, and helped us feel like family (when our own parents and family are so far away). I love him and will miss his presence."

Fr. Ledford had an endearing nickname for everyone, including "Sergeant Major" being one of his favorites, a title bestowed on his parish office manager Barb Klos. No matter the shenanigans he may have pulled to make those around him smile, Fr. Ledford never failed to include a sincere southern accentuated, "God bless" in his farewells to everyone.

As Bishop Mark Brennan remarked, Fr. Ledford was a dedicated servant to Christ, insisting on continuing to serve Christ, all of His people, and His Church many years after the pastor could have retired.

While members of his parish are mourning his loss, they are also sad they are not able to celebrate with their pastor his 50th Anniversary of the priesthood, which would have been April 19th. Folks at his visitation and vigil Thursday remarked that even Jesus couldn't wait to celebrate Sheriff Father John Selwin Ledford.

He was born August 4, 1947, in Lewisburg, Tenn., the son of the late Katherine T. (Orr) and Selwin Ledford.

Prior to becoming a priest, Fr. Ledford worked as a deputy for several counties in Tennessee in the late 1960s while attending the University of Tennessee. As a priest his reserve police and sheriff department duties were unpaid.

He was also preceded in death by his brother Lavoy Ledford.

He is survived by his sister-in-law Jamie Clayton Ledford, and nieces Karin Graser and Molly Ledford.

Services for Father Ledford began with the Reception of the Body at 2 p.m., Jan. 16, at St. Jude Church in Glen Dale, with Fr. Doney Chacko, R.C.J., presiding. A Vigil was held that evening with Very Rev. Donald X. Higgs, Associate V.E., V.F., presiding, and Very Rev. John Rice, V.G., V.F., as the homilist.

Mass of Christian Burial Jan. 17th was presided by Bishop Mark Brennan.



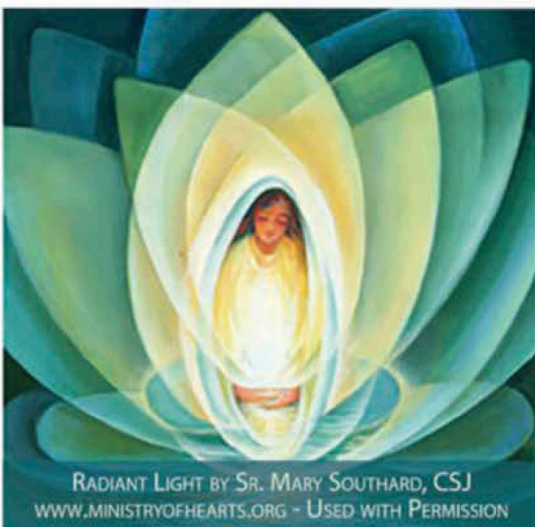
Interment will be in Tennessee where Fr. Ledford will be buried with his family on top of a hill overlooking the family homestead.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Seminarian Education Fund for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston as Fr. Ledford wished. His official obituary is available at Altmeyer Funeral Home WWW.ALTMEYERFUNERALHOMES.COM.

WOMEN'S RETREAT *ARE YOU A MARTHA OR A MARY?* *LIVING A BALANCED LIFE.*

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The Scripture story of Jesus coming to the home of Mary and Martha (and Lazarus) is well-known to us.

What is the message for us, women living in 2025? Through this Scripture passage, what is God saying to us about our lives? Is it what we often hear - or might there be several messages?

- Do I feel too busy, to rushed?
- How - really - do I balance everything today?

What really are the answers to which Jesus challenges us - and comfort us.

For more information and to register visit:
www.dwc.org/2025-Womens-Retreat

National Catholic Schools Week

JANUARY 26 – FEBRUARY 1



The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is proud to celebrate National Catholic Schools week January 26-February 1, 2025, in all 24 Catholic schools across the state. With the theme “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community” our West Virginia Catholic schools are being

recognized for their irreplaceable role in the Church’s evangelizing mission. Building on

the central goal of Catholic schools to form saints, Catholic schools teach and embrace the whole person, body, mind and spirit.

While faith is the binding element in Catholic schools, the Church reiterates that parents are the first teachers of their children. Holding this tenet, Catholic school communities expand beyond the walls of school buildings to envelop the family as an integral part of the school community. Together, teachers, administrators, staff, students, and parents fuel the light of faith by integrating culture with faith and faith with living.

Jennifer Hornyak, Superintendent of WV Catholic Schools, enjoys watching the 24 school communities shine in the public eye every year during CSW.



The school system is made up of 18 grade schools and six high schools, with 487 staff members serving more than 4,650 students. The staff to student ration is 11:1, providing more individualized attention and instruction to meet the needs of the students in order for them to excel beyond their own expectations.



Not all students attending Catholic schools in WV are Catholic. Overall, 43% are non-Catholic.

“From our youngest learners to our graduating seniors, we recognize the relationship between intellectual development

and growth as a Christian,” Hornyak said. “We provide a holistic education program that is academically rigorous and infused with Catholic faith and traditions.

“We work collaboratively with our extremely dedicated principals, teachers, and staff across the state to continue to make our schools the best that they can be – an our students the best versions of themselves,” Hornyak said “Working in partnership with parents, the primary teachers of their children, we have an important role to help each child recognize, develop, and share their God-given talents.”



Hornyak added that she is excited to see the continued growth 2025 will bring in the Catholic schools across the diocese— from enrollment to academic achievements to spiritual formation.

Hornyak said the Catholic schools in West Virginia will gather with their parishes, alumni, families, friends, and prospective families this week for Masses, open houses, and other activities to honor the mission of Catholic education, what our schools provide for our young people, and their contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

She encourages those wanting to be a part of a WV Catholic school family to contact their local school and schedule a visit.

To learn more about Catholic education in West Virginia go to: WVCATHOLICSCHOOLS.ORG.



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20/20 Vision Series for 2025

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE APPALACHIAN PASTORAL LETTERS

“THIS LAND IS HOME TO ME” (1975)
“AT HOME IN THE WEB OF LIFE” (1995)
“THE TELLING TAKES US HOME” (2015)

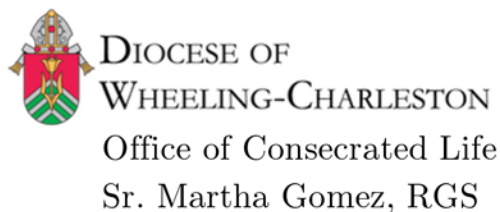
Note: Each session will begin at 7 pm and will be presented via Zoom.

January 27	OUR HOME, OUR HISTORY – Bishop Mark Brennan
February 24	THIS LAND IS HOME TO ME, PART I – Tom Breiding
March 31	THIS LAND IS HOME TO ME, PART II
April 28	THIS LAND IS HOME TO ME, PART III
May 19	AT HOME IN THE WEB OF LIFE, PART I – Beth Collins
June 23	AT HOME IN THE WEB OF LIFE, PART II
July 28	AT HOME IN THE WEB OF LIFE, PART III
August 25	THE TELLING TAKES US HOME, PART I – Rodica Stoicoiu
September 22	THE TELLING TAKES US HOME, PART II
October 27	THE TELLING TAKES US HOME, PART III
November 24	AN EVENING OF APPALACHIAN MUSIC – Tom Breiding
December 15	WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? – Bishop Mark Brennan

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

Cost for complete series: \$120.00 Or \$15.00 per session.

RSVP – Anna Marie Troiani: atroiani@csjoseph.org



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

What has been forsaken and desolate is now delightful.

Responsorial: Psalm 96

“Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

St. Paul tells the Corinthians that the Holy Spirit bestows gifts upon each of us in different ways.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Jesus transforms water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we may all discern the gifts the Holy Spirit has blessed us with, using them to serve others, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our country, as we remember Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr., that we may always work toward moral justice, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who will attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C. this week, as well as those of us who will support their efforts in prayer; may we grow in number to protect life from conception until natural death, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who are married and those preparing for marriage, that their love may be a sign of the love God has for us, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

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