



## ST. BONAVENTURE ~ FEAST DAY JULY 15

*If you learn everything except Christ, you learn nothing.*

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– St. Bonaventure



SAINT BONAVENTURE devoted his life to spread the love of Christ through his writings and sermons. His theological works about the Gospel of Luke reveal St. Bonaventure's strong devotion to St. Joseph.

The 13th Century friar wrote about St. Joseph's incredible strength, humility, and, most important, the fact that he was chosen by God to fulfill the most crucial role in the life of Jesus and the Virgin Mary.

He emphasized that St. Joseph was a mighty man of integrity, noting that Luke's gospel declares Joseph as a "righteous man." He further interprets Joseph as a descendant of David linking that lineage to the birth of Christ in Bethlehem. He notes as the Guardian of the Holy Family, it is Joseph that is the teacher of Jesus. Therefore, as guardian and protector of the Holy Family we need to revere Joseph as such.

In his sermons, St. Bonaventure, connected the gifts of the Holy Spirit to St. Joseph, defining that as head of the Holy Family it specifically took great piety, wisdom, and fortitude to guard them from evil. He would preach that after the Blessed Mother we need to look to Joseph to intercede for us for he took in God the Son as his own.

## ST. BONAVENTURE'S PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O, Lord Jesus, through You I humbly beg the merciful Father to send the Holy Spirit of grace, that He may bestow upon us His sevenfold gifts.

May He send us the gift of **WISDOM**, which will make us relish the Tree of Life that is none other than Yourself; the gift of **UNDERSTANDING**, which will enlighten us; the gift of **COUNSEL**, which will guide us in the way of righteousness; and the gift of **FORTITUDE**, which will give us the strength to vanquish the enemies of our sanctification and salvation.

May He impart to us the gift of **KNOWLEDGE**, which will enable us to discern Your teaching and distinguish good from evil; the gift of **PIETY**, which will make us enjoy true peace; and the gift of **FEAR**, which will make us shun all iniquity and avoid all danger of offending Your Majesty.

To the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit be given all glory and thanksgiving forever.

AMEN.





## NEWS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA

### HELPING VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS RECONNECT WITH THEIR COMMUNITY

By Trina Bartlett, CCWVa Eastern Regional Director; and Siobhán Bertone, CCWVa Program Assistant

In December, Catholic Charities West Virginia Martinsburg Program Assistant Siobhán Bertone received a letter in the mail from an inmate at the Eastern Regional Jail (ERJ). “Ann,” who is nearly 70, had been incarcerated for 14 months, and her release date was quickly approaching. She had no family or friends nearby, nowhere to go, no winter clothes to wear, no ID, no money, and several serious medical issues.

Siobhán requested assistance Charities’ partners through Reentry Council, and they assist the new mutual client. forms, and the partners the following week. The with an opportunity to need upon release, and to take specific pieces. applications for Medicaid a new social security card, identification.

Siobhán helped with application and applied for Ann’s behalf, something pays for on a regular basis. the medical staff at ERJ have a month’s supply of made a health care appointment for Ann. She worked with DHHR to secure Ann’s food stamps and to address issues with her Medicare.



*Ann said Catholic Charities “has been a Godsend” as she reintegrates into society after her incarceration.*

from several Catholic the Eastern Panhandle answered her call to help Everyone signed consent met with Ann, via Zoom, meeting provided Ann express what she would each partner agency agreed This included completing and Medicare, applying for and taking steps to obtain

the social security card a new birth certificate on Catholic Charities does and Siobhán also worked with to ensure that Ann would her needed medication and

The community responded to an appeal for clothes, food and other items, and Catholic Charities received numerous donations to help Ann. Catholic Charities also received Ann’s mail, as she had no other address.

Currently, Ann is staying in a hotel while the West Virginia Coalition for the Homeless finds housing that is more permanent for her. In the meantime, Siobhán continues to work with Ann to ensure that her basic needs are met.

“Catholic Charities has been a Godsend, and they’ve really helped me get on my feet and get things together,” said Ann. “Because on my own, I was going nowhere. They’ve given me direction, helped me get my food stamps, health care, insurance, medications, my check. If anyone has a chance to connect with them who needs help, please do.”

This story is about a community coming together to help one person. For our team at Catholic Charities, this work provides us with an opportunity to live the principles of Catholic Social Teaching while providing professional services to those who are so often unseen.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit [www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org](http://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.*

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading AMOS 7:12-15

Amaziah, priest of Bethel, said to Amos, "Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah! And there earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king's sanctuary and a royal temple." Amos answered Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. The LORD took me from following the flock, and said to me, Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

### 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 EPHESIANS 1:3-14 or 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise of the glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved. In him we have redemption by his blood, the forgiveness of transgressions, in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us. In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us the mystery of his will in accord with his favor that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times, to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth. In him we were also chosen, destined in accord with the purpose of the One who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will, so that we might exist for the praise of his glory, we who first hoped in Christ. In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised holy Spirit, which is the first installment of our inheritance toward redemption as God's possession, to the praise of his glory.

### Alleluia Cf. EPHEIANS 1:17-18

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

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### Gospel MARK 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, the body of Christ, that we may be faithful witnesses of the gospel in what we say and do, sharing the blessings that we have received from God with all those in need, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those discerning their life's journey, that they may be open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in their lives and respond freely and generously, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those who suffer from incurable or terminal illness, that they may be comforted by their faith and by those they love, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That we may respond with hospitality and generosity to those who come to us in need, like the Twelve hoped to encounter when they came empty-handed to people's homes, let us pray to the Lord. . .

*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.

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

PSALM 122

## UPDATED GUIDELINES RELEASED

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

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

These are available online at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org).

## *Liturgy of the Hours* LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Pray the prayer for this day, this hour!

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## MASS ONLINE

Saturday 6pm Masses will continue to be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph, and will be available on our website each Sunday at [DWC.ORG](http://DWC.ORG).

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

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