

# Faith IN WV

DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON



JULY 4, 2021

## happy 4th of july

*The following special prayer to direct our thoughts this Fourth of July is actually excerpts from six prayers shared by six different faith leaders at various presidential inaugurations.*

Dear Lord, we pray...

We look gratefully to the past and thank You that from the very foundations of America You granted our forefathers courage and wisdom, as they trusted in You. So, we ask today that You would inspire us by their example; where there has been failure, forgive us; where there has been progress, confirm; where there has been success, give us humility; and teach us to follow Your instructions more closely.... Give to all those to whom You have entrusted leadership today a desire to seek Your will and to do it.<sup>1</sup>

Help us to deal with others as equals, seeking advice as well as giving it, receiving help from them as well as lending them our aid. Teach us that the only abiding influence we can ever have in the world is the influence of a good example. We ask Thy forgiveness for those sins that marred our national character and impaired the effectiveness of our government in recent times. Help us as a people to confess our sins, not to blame our politicians alone for them. In their evil and wrongdoing, Thou dost hold before our face a mirror in which we see our own misdeed writ large.<sup>2</sup>

Give us wisdom, for we are your servants, weak and short-lived, lacking in comprehension of judgment and of laws. Indeed, though one might be perfect among mortals, if wisdom which comes from you be lacking, we count for nothing. Send her [wisdom] forth from your holy heavens, from your glorious throne dispatch her, that she may be with us and work with us, that we may grasp what is pleasing to You. For she knows and understands all things and will guide us prudently in our affairs and safeguard us by her glory.<sup>3</sup>

We remember before you the members of the armed forces. We commend them to your care. Give them courage to carry out their duties and courage to face the perils which beset them and grant them a sense of your presence in all that they do. We pray for their families. Support them and hold them in the palm of your hand while their loved ones are absent from them.<sup>4</sup>



Make us all of one heart, O God, so that together as one people we may move forward unafraid to the tasks and challenges of the inscrutable years which lie ahead.<sup>5</sup>

Pour forth, we beseech, O Lord, Thy grace into the hearts of all of us, that we may be always true to Thee and to our country, so richly endowed with all Thy blessings. Amen<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Billy Graham, *Christian Evangelist*, 1997 inaugural prayer. • <sup>2</sup> Rev. William Cannon Bishop of the United Methodist Church for Georgia, 1977 inaugural invocation. • <sup>3</sup> Cardinal Dolan prayed Solomon's Prayer in the ninth chapter of the Book of Wisdom, 2017 inaugural prayer. • <sup>4</sup> Rev. Dr. Luis León, St John's Episcopal Church, Washington D.C., 2005 inaugural invocation. • <sup>5</sup> Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, *The Temple*, Cleveland (formerly served for two years in Wheeling), 1953 inaugural prayer. • <sup>6</sup> Father Patrick O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington, 1953 inaugural invocation.

Fourth in a six-part series: Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has reestablished the Diocesan Pastoral Council originally established by Bishop Joseph H. Hodges in 1968. We bring to you a profile of the lay members of this commission. The membership is representative of all six vicariates in the state with three members per. Each series will highlight a single vicariate.

## BUEDE, BROCKETT, ABRAHAMIAN REPRESENT EASTERN PANHANDLE ON THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

WHEELING – The Martinsburg Vicariate representatives selected to serve on the reestablished Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) are ready to collaborate with Bishop Mark E. Brennan to move the Church forward to fulfill the mission of the diocese.

Paul Buede, Kathleen Brockett, and Linda Abrahamian are generously sharing their time for the greater good of the Church.

The team will work with Bishop Brennan, conferring with other vicariate representatives and religious from across the diocese. Together they will assist Bishop Brennan in outlining and developing priorities, initiatives, and plans to fulfill the mission of the Church.



Paul Buede, a 15-year member of St James the Greater in Charles Town, will serve on the DPC for three years. He is on the Pastoral Concerns Committee. Buede was baptized in the church after he was born, but his family did not attend. It wasn't until 1996, when he went

through RCIA with his now wife that he began practicing his faith and making it a priority to become involved in the church.

Over the years he has shared his love of God and the Church teaching confirmation classes 7th and 8th grade boys' Parish School of Religion (PSR) and adult vacation bible school. His wife shares this passion of evangelization. She has taught the 7th and 8th grade girls.

He is a strong believer in the Benedictine motto, *ora et labora*, which means "pray and work." This is evident in men's mission trips to Webster Springs and other service ministries he cherishes - Trail Life scouting for boys, homeschooling families group, and the St. Sebald firewood ministry.

"Caring for the treasures of the church (the poor) is very special to me and a great motivator and 'miracle grow' for faith and faithfulness," he said, praising St. James Parish ministries. "Our parish is the most active parish I have ever seen, with ample opportunities to live our faith through action, and also have our faith nurtured through spiritual experiences and events such as retreats and pilgrimages."

Buede said he began focusing his efforts outside the parish after the scandals in the greater Church and our own diocese under the previous bishop.

"I resolved that being angry and writing letters isn't enough," he said "The saving mission of the Church is worth fighting for, and the souls of our clergy, who are under attack by evil, need to be supported. We need to defend and help our good clergy, and hold accountable those who are struggling, and protect minors and seminarians all at the same time.

"My 7th grade social studies teacher, Mrs. Tamashiro, used to always say, 'If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem,'" he said. "If the laity does not take active involvement and interest in supporting the mission of the church, and how the church functions, we bear some responsibility for the mismanagement and failure. To paraphrase a much smarter person, *all it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing*. Those of us committed to the saving mission of the church need to take responsibility and become involved in constructive and charitable ways, even when we have to say or do things that are confrontational or uncomfortable."

To sum up his goal for his work with the diocese Buede said, "To be a constructive and responsible member of the council, and to ensure that I share the experiences and wisdom of those in our parish and vicariate with others in the diocese, for the purpose of supporting the mission of the church which is to save souls."



Kathy Brockett shares Buede's goal and sees great hope for the future of the church through the DPC.

"During the first two meetings of the DPC, I was very impressed with the number of young people involved and their inspiring enthusiasm," she said. "This is truly the element that will strengthen and unite the Diocese moving forward."

Brockett will be on the DPC for the remainder of 2021. She has been a member of the Annunciation of Our Lord Parish in Fort Ashby for about 40 years. She attended Catholic school for 12 years in Greentree, Pa., where she was raised.

Her parish family is an important part of her life. She has served as a PSR teacher, lector, and parish secretary for Annunciation and St. Anthony Parish in Ridgeley, prior to becoming the bookkeeper.

Representing small parishes in her vicariate is her motivation for serving on DPC.

“Parishioners love their parish family, wanting to have Bible study and other support groups, but since the same people have been carrying the load for a long time, they grow weary,” she said. “Without dynamic leadership the ‘family’ will cease to exist.”

“I was really excited when Bishop Brennan announced reviving the Diocesan Pastoral Council,” she said, adding, “Because the previous administration didn’t seem to care about the laity in the Eastern Panhandle.”

She is already seeing progress. The Lay Life and Ministry committee she serves on for the DPC has already reached out to all parishes in the diocese through a survey “distributed to all parishes through Daniel Maul in the Office of Evangelization. The goal is to present recommendations to the Bishop for supporting catechesis and evangelization throughout the Diocese which is very diverse in terms of culture and economics. It takes the directive of the pastor to make anything happen and it is hard to pastor to everyone.”

The committee is also going to conduct a youth survey to be given to campers at the DWC’s Camp Carlo this summer, and students in the Catholic schools of WV in August.



LINDA ABRAHAMIAN

Linda Abrahamian is grateful the DPC is putting emphasis on youth ministry and evangelization for all.

She is a member of her childhood parish, St. Joseph Catholic Church in Martinsburg, where she is the youth ministry leader.

“I am quite active in the church, and have been since high school, when I was one of the organists for the parish,” she said. “Through the years, at St. Joseph and other parishes, I have continued to work with various music ministry programs, been a catechist for confirmation, organized fundraisers and parish social events, have assisted with vacation bible school, taught adult religious ed classes, was on the parish school board and have served on the parish council as a member and president.”

Her work for the Church is a reflection of her beliefs.

“Our Lord has given me many blessings, so I want to praise and thank God for those gifts by using them for His work,” she said. “And the Church is a family, and in a family, everyone needs to contribute and help in whatever way they

can. One person, especially our priests, who are extremely overworked already, cannot do it all. And when you share your faith with others through teaching or music ministry, or whatever you are called to assist with, your faith grows! You receive an abundant outpouring of God’s love and joy!” Abrahamian will be on the DPC for a two-year term and is on the Pastoral Concerns committee with Buede.

“I think there are many ways that the laity can help our Diocese to evangelize and renew the faith throughout the state, and I wanted to take an active role in doing that,” she said. “It saddens me to see Catholics leave the Church, as I have members of my own family who do not practice any more. So, I am deeply committed to work of the Pastoral Concerns Committee of the Council to see what we can do for revitalization and renewal and encouraging people to come back. Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam (For the greater glory of God!)”

“How much do you love me?”

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## REMEMBERING PAULA TAYLOR CCWVA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIRMAN

By Katie Hinerman Klug, CCWVa Marketing Communications Specialist



Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) remembers the service and dedication of Paula Taylor, CCWVa Board of Directors Chairman.

Paula worked tirelessly to advance the values and mission of CCWVa.

She provided outstanding leadership and guidance, serving on the CCWVa Board of Directors since 2012, and serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors since 2017.

“I am deeply saddened by the death of our board president Paula Taylor,” said Beth Zarate, CCWVa President and Chief Executive Officer. “I was fortunate to work closely with Paula, and her passion shone through in everything she did, from her work with our board of directors to her volunteer service in her community.”

Paula was a licensed Graduate Social Worker with the West Virginia Board of Social Work, and she had a special passion for protecting children.

In a 2018 interview, Paula said, “I’m a social worker by profession, but also by heart.” This sentiment captured her dedication and passion, which were evident to those around her.

As a devoted Catholic, Paula was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Perpetual Hope Catholic Church in Stonewood, WV. She was active in her parish and in her community.

CCWVa honored Taylor with the CCWVa Salt and Light Award in 2012.

“Paula was a remarkable woman, and our agency will celebrate her extraordinary leadership, compassion and life dedicated to serving the most vulnerable West Virginians,” said Zarate

*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.*



*Paula Taylor speaks at the Catholic Charities West Virginia Gala in 2019.*



*From left: Beth Zarate, CCWVa President and CEO; Matthew Bowles, former CCWVa Board of Directors President; Paula Taylor, CCWVa Board of Directors Chairman*

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## First Reading EZEKIEL 2:2-5

As the LORD spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me: Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have revolted against me to this very day. Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you. But you shall say to them: Thus says the LORD GOD! And whether they heed or resist—for they are a rebellious house—they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

## Responsorial PSALMS 123:1-2, 2, 3-4

**R. (2cd) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

To you I lift up my eyes who are enthroned in heaven — As the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

As the eyes of a maid are on the hands of her mistress, So are our eyes on the LORD, our God, till he have pity on us.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

Have pity on us, O LORD, have pity on us for we are more than sated with contempt; our souls are more than sated with the mockery of the arrogant, with the contempt of the proud.

**R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

## Second Reading 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

Brothers and sisters:

That I, Paul, might not become too elated, because of the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan, to beat me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

## Alleluia

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel MARK 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we may be a consistent witness to the world of our faith as we fight for truth, peace, and justice in our communities and our nation, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our country on this anniversary of its independence, that it may truly live up to the values on which it was founded, establishing justice for all, promoting the general welfare, and securing liberty for generations to come, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For an end to violence in our cities, towns, and neighborhoods, that the drive for revenge and retribution may be inhibited and alternatives chosen to settle disagreements, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who travel this summer, that they may find rest and refreshment and return safely home, 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

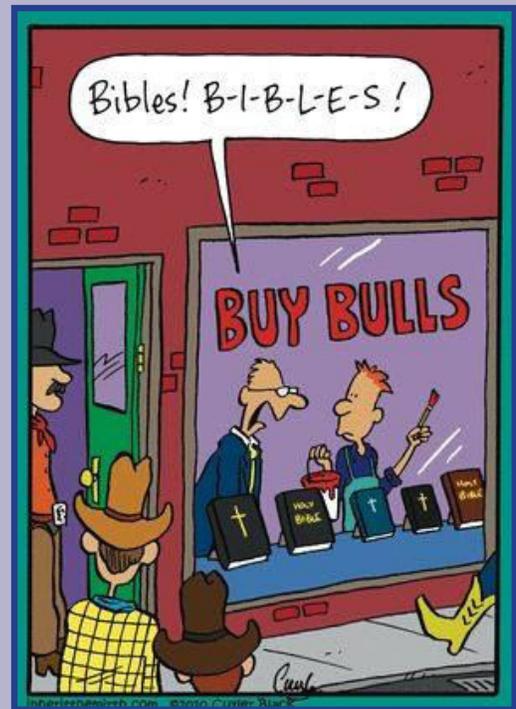
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## MASS ONLINE

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/)