



HIS LIFE-GIVING BLOOD

The Church dedicates the month of July to the devotion of the Precious Blood of Jesus.

During this moment in the Church of the US, we have our mind, sights, and heart focused on our National Eucharistic Revival! So, make it a priority this July to seek and declare - it is the Precious Blood of Christ in the Eucharist that strengthens us to do His will, enables us to be better humans, and gives us confidence to trust God always! Believe!

At each Mass let Christ speak to you, be hyper alert when the celebrant declares the Christ's words at the Last Supper, "Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of My Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many in the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of Me." (Mt 26:26).

At His Passion, Christ poured out His blood for our salvation, because he loves each and every one of us! Passages to read in honor of the Precious Blood of Jesus:

[REVELATION CHAPTER 1](#) - he is the "Alpha and Omega" the One who freed us from sin by His Blood.

[REVELATION CHAPTER 7](#) - which includes, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

[REVELATION CHAPTER 12](#) - The Woman and the Dragon (evil) - the Blood of the Lamb conquers Satan.

[ROMANS CHAPTER 5](#) - Faith. Hope. Love. Justified by His Blood we will be saved.

[HEBREWS CHAPTER 10](#) - Have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the Blood of Jesus.



[JOHN CHAPTER 1](#) - Christ is our life. His blood washes away our sins. Don't be a hypocrite - be true to the one who is merciful.

[JOHN CHAPTER 6 \(22-59\)](#) - *The Bread of Life* Discourse- the crescendo and drop the mic moment if you will, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

Let us forever cherish and be certain without a doubt that when we receive Christ in our holy communions, we are united with God and with each other (CCC 1334, 1340)! It is life giving!

Editor's note: The image of with this article is a watercolor print by Catholic artist Monica Welch, owner of Dovetail Ink, Round Rock, Texas. [CLICK HERE](#) for her prayerful art.

RECALL BISHOP WHELAN ON THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH

Today marks the 150th anniversary of the death of Bishop Richard Vincent Whelan, the first Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. In the 24 years he served as Bishop, he oversaw the building of 42 churches, 9 schools, one orphanage and a hospital. He died confident that he had given his all to the building up of the Church in the Diocese. It is reported that his last words were, "My work is done."

Bishop Whelan was an ambitious evangelist. He was only 32, when he was named Bishop of Richmond (the diocese WV was part).

In 1849, he convinced the Church hierarchy in Baltimore to divide the Diocese of Richmond by the natural barriers of the Allegheny Mountains. On July 19, 1850, the Holy See established the Diocese of Wheeling (at that time the diocese would include all of what is now West Virginia except for the eastern panhandle, and it would also include the section of present-day western Virginia). When the diocese was being contemplated there were at least 12 chapels and four churches within the borders. The churches included St. James, Wheeling; St. Patrick, Weston; St. Mary, Wytheville; and St. John, Summersville. At Whelan's suggestion, St. James Wheeling was declared the Cathedral for the new Diocese of Wheeling.

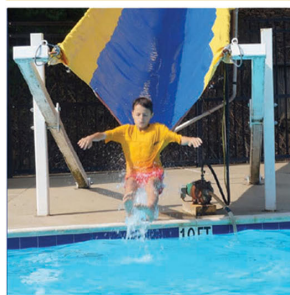
Four days later, on July 23, 1850, Blessed Pope Pius IX named Bishop Richard Whelan as the first bishop for the diocese.

Bishop Richard Whelan pleaded to Pope Blessed Pius IX in 1872, to change the Cathedral's patronage from St. James to St. Joseph. Earlier in 1868, Blessed Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph the Terror of Demons and Guardian of the Redeemer patron for the entire Church. He was certain this decree would further protect and strengthen the Church and the faithful. Bishop Whelan died at the age of 65 in 1874.

These facts were documented by Tricia Pyne in, *Faith in the Mountains: A History of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston from 1850 to the 21st Century*.



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SEEK THE PROTECTION WITHIN THE ST. BENEDICT MEDAL

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Benedict on July 11. He was born in 480 AD. We know him today as a strong, courageous, and reverent monk, who lived a life of solitude with total faith in God's protection against all evil.

His medal that dates back to 1880 is one of the most popular of all Catholic medals even respectfully worn by non-Catholics. It is said to ward off evil and Satan. The front and back of the medal hold a bit of the story of this holy soul.

The St. Benedict medal features his image on one side and his cross on the other. The image of St. Benedict includes him holding a cross and his rules, and on one side a cup and the other a raven. The story handed down reveals that an evil soul tried to poison the saint at dinner, when St. Benedict made the sign of the cross above his cup before the meal, the cup shattered instantly, and a raven swooped in and swiped the poisoned bread.

Above the cup are the words *Crux sancti patris Benedicti*, which is translated to "the cross of our holy Father Benedict." Encircling St. Benedict are the words *Eius in*

obitu nostro praesentia muniamur, which means, "May we be strengthened by his presence in the hour of our death."

On the back of the Benedictine medal, you will find the letters C S S M L - N D S M D. These letters are the initials of the words, "*Crux sacra sit mihi lux! Non draco sit mihi dux!*" In English, they translate to, "May the holy cross be my light! May the dragon never be my overlord!" The larger letters on the back of the St Benedict medal are simply the initials found above Benedict on the front of the medal CSPB. At the top of the cross is the word PAX which means peace.

Around the outer circle of the medal are the initials of each line of the Rite of Exorcism - V R S N S M V - S M Q L I V B (*Vade retro Satana! Numquam suade mihi vana! Sunt mala quae libas. Ipse venena bibas!*) Translated it means "Begone Satan! Never tempt me with your vanities! What you offer me is evil. Drink the poison yourself!"

Call upon St. Benedict to intercede for you and your loved ones, protecting from all evil.

Protection against all evil

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14TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Although they rebel and revolt, they “know that a prophet has been among them.”

Responsorial: Psalm 123

“Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy.”

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Paul shares that while we are weak, insulted, and persecuted we are strong with Christ – especially when the hardships we suffer are for the sake of Him. Rely on God!

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6a

Faith in God is critical to all healing graces we receive.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we may recognize the prophetic voices of our own time and heed the lessons they give to put our faith into practice, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our leaders, that they may work to ensure that dignity and justice are provided for all, especially for the forgotten or neglected who have no one to speak for them, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those who have been imprisoned for crimes they did not commit or have received sentences beyond what is just, especially those who have been sentenced to death, that their hope may be sustained, and that justice will eventually prevail, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That all of us, no matter how weak we regard ourselves, know the strength we have in Christ, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

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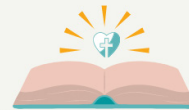
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