



JUNE 12, 2022

## THE REAL PRESENCE

“Believe what Christ said at the Last Supper, ‘This is my Body. This is my Blood!’” This has been Bishop Mark Brennan’s emboldening message to the faithful during his ministry.

Next week, we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi - the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ and the beginning of the diocesan year for the National Eucharistic Revival.



## NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) outlined the mission of our three-year event as a renewal of “the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.” The revival has four significant components:

- **Year of Diocesan Revival** from June 19, 2022, to June 11, 2023 - diocesan events centered around Christ’s true presence in the Eucharist.
- **Year of Parish Revival** from June 11, 2023, to July 17, 2024 - parishes will coordinate events for deeper encounters with Christ through Adoration, Mass, and enrichment.
- **National Eucharistic Congress Event** set for July 17-21, 2024 - Catholics of all ages will gather in Indianapolis for a five-day conference to build enthusiasm among the faithful to be “eucharistic missionaries.”
- **National Year of Mission** - July 17, 2024, to Pentecost of 2025 - all Catholics are encouraged to evangelize and be a light of Christ in the world.

This revival was developed by our US bishops after the USCCB June 2021 vote to focus on Christ’s true presence in the Eucharist - the source and summit of Christian life (Catechism of the Catholic Church no. 1324).

Following last year’s vote, Bishop Mark clarified the Eucharistic revival “is a plan to revive the faith of our people in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is not merely a symbol. It is a reality of Jesus coming to us under the appearance of bread and wine - Jesus changes that into His Glorified Body and Blood.”

“The Eucharist is nothing less than Jesus Christ in person,” Bishop Brennan has repeatedly in the last year in interviews and in his letters to the faithful. “In a mysterious way that we can describe but not truly explain,



He changes bread and wine in their deepest reality into His Body and Blood, so that He can build us up from within. A genuine belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is essential to Catholic faith and to receiving the benefits of our Holy Communion.

In honor of the Revival launch, collaborative Eucharistic Processions are being planned for June 19, in each of our six vicariates (also check with your parish).

**WHEELING** - Bishop Brennan will lead a procession after the 10:30 a.m. Mass from the Cathedral of St. Joseph to St. Alphonsus Church, Wheeling. It will conclude at St. Alphonsus with a benediction and dinner (contact the cathedral or St. Als to RSVP for the dinner).

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The Wheeling Vicariate will also have a procession at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Wellsburg after the 4 p.m. Mass (June 18th).

**PARKERSBURG** - St. Francis Xavier Parish, Parkersburg will have one Mass that weekend at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Eucharistic procession. The community will gather for a celebratory meal after the procession (call the parish for reservations). St. Margaret Mary Parish, Parkersburg's procession is set for 3 p.m. on the solemnity. St. John Parish, St. Marys will have a procession at 5 p.m. A covered-dish dinner will follow. St. Vincent de Paul Parish, New Martinsville's is after 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by a picnic in Holy Name Park for all the faithful of the cluster parish/missions.

**CLARKSBURG** - Very Rev. Casey Mahone, V.F., announced there will be six Eucharistic processions: Immaculate Conception Parish, Clarksburg after the 11 a.m. Mass with benediction and refreshments to follow; Our Lady of Mercy Mission, Parsons; St. Patrick Parish, Weston, after 10:30 a.m. Mass; Immaculate Conception Parish, Fairmont will be at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 19 with a special dinner to honor the Feast and Father's Day (RSVP

to the parish office); and St. John University Parish, Morgantown's will be at the 11 a.m. Mass followed by a Father's Day brunch (contact the parish). St. Brendan Parish, Elkins and Holy Rosary Parish, Buckhannon are finalizing a joint procession (call parishes for details).

**MARTINSBURG** - Very Rev. Timothy J. Grassi, V.F., pastor of St. James the Greater Parish, Charles Town, will celebrate 11 a.m. Mass at St. James with a procession to follow from St. James to the Priory of the Annunciation, where a benediction will be held. Refreshments will follow.

**CHARLESTON** - the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston will have a procession after the noon Mass. A social will follow. Additionally, St. Joseph Parish, Huntington will have a procession after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

**BECKLEY** - there will be a procession following the 6 p.m. Saturday (June 18) Mass at Sacred Heart Parish, Bluefield. On June 19, processions will be held following the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Beckley, and after the 11 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Parish, Princeton.

## CELEBRATE FAITH AND FAMILY WITH US!



### Wednesday June 22nd

**Basilica of the Co-Cathedral  
of the Sacred Heart**  
Charleston, WV

**6:00pm - Mass**  
Bishop Brennan presiding  
Music by Mark Haas

**Speakers and Reception to Follow**

**Speakers:**  
Tim Bishop  
Nick Chancey  
Colleen Criste

### Thursday June 23rd

**St. Leo Catholic Church**  
Inwood, WV

**6:00pm - Mass**  
Fr. Alfred Obiudu presiding  
Music by Ross Semler

**Speakers and Reception to Follow**

**Speakers:**  
Joyce Bibey  
Tim Bishop  
Nick Chancey  
Tyler and Sydney Kilbane

### Friday June 24th

**St. John XXIII Pastoral Center**  
Charleston, WV

**6:00pm - Mass**  
Monsignor Samuel Sacus  
Music by Mark Haas

**Speakers and Reception to Follow**

**Speakers:**  
Tim Bishop  
Colleen Criste  
Daniel Maul

### Saturday June 25th

**St. Francis De Sales School**  
Morgantown, WV

**All Day Festival with Food, Kids  
Activities, Confession, and  
Adoration/Benediction**

**8:00pm - Mass**  
Msgr. Cincinnati presiding  
Music by Ross Semler

**Speakers:**  
Deacon Walter Calabrese  
Tim Bishop  
Colleen Criste  
Seth Johnson  
Micah Schlittenhardt

### Sunday June 26th

**Cathedral of St. Joseph**  
Wheeling, WV

**3:00pm - Mass**  
Bishop Brennan presiding  
Music by Matthew Berher

**Speakers and Reception to Follow**

**Speakers:**  
Joyce Bibey  
Nick Chancey  
Daniel Maul



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# ST. GERMAINE COUSIN CHOSE JOY AND LOVE FOR HER STORY

Her story has the outline of a fairytale – an evil stepmother, tormenting siblings, and dingy living quarters. However, St. Germaine Cousin's story is not a tale. It is real, a true heartbreaker on the surface.

Saint Germaine was born with a deformed right hand

and often sickly. Her stepmother detested the sight and thought of her, even turned her own siblings against her. Saint Germaine lived a seemingly miserable life except for one remarkable thing – she made God her best friend and knew heaven was her happily ever after.

Saint Germaine's stepmother made her live in the barn with no

considerate accommodations. To keep warm the child had to nestle in with the sheep. She did not seek pity. She turned to prayer. Saint Germaine made her own rosary, tying knots along rope. Saint Germaine became



the family's shepherdess tending to the sheep in the field every day. The young girl trusted God so much she would leave the flock and walk to daily Mass, knowing the sheep would not stray in God's care. It was even witnessed that the flooded river in her village parted for St. Germaine to cross so she wouldn't be late for Mass. Villagers looked upon her as extraordinary in God's sight, which only angered her stepmother even more.

Saint Germaine must have had legions of angels help her keep a positive and merciful mindset. The young girl had been outside with an obvious apron full of a treasure that made her happy, when her stepmother chased her down accusing her of stealing. When St. Germaine stopped, she opened her apron and in it were beautiful flowers that would not have been in bloom at that time of year. The child handed her stepmother one of the prettiest blooms saying, "Please accept this flower, Mother. God sends it to you in sign of His forgiveness."

Saint Germaine died at the age of 22.

On June 15th, we honor her on her feast day. St. Germaine Cousin, patron of victims of child abuse, pray for all children living in heartbreaking conditions. Surround them with legions of angels and the loving care of God our Father. Amen!

Read her story at: [WWW.CATHOLIC.ORG/SAINTS/SAINT.PHP?SAINT\\_ID=52](http://WWW.CATHOLIC.ORG/SAINTS/SAINT.PHP?SAINT_ID=52).

Editor's note: the photograph in this article is by Kristyn Brown founder of The Saints Project.



## The Confraternity of ST. NICHOLAS

*For the Protection of All Children*

The Confraternity of Saint Nicholas established in the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston through Bishop Mark Brennan and founder Adam Marquart is a public association of the faithful who, through prayer, fasting, and good works, are dedicated to the protection of all children from scandalization, abuse, and trafficking. The Confraternity seeks to create spiritual millstones and depths of prayer to drown those demons which inspire men and women to commit evil against children.

We must seek God's help and the intercession of His saints in order to protect our children and young people from threats to their moral and spiritual development," Bishop Brennan said.

For more information: [CONFRATERNITYOFSTNICHOLAS.ORG](http://CONFRATERNITYOFSTNICHOLAS.ORG)

# BLESSED AGUCHITA ~ MODEL OF MERCY

This week honor Blessed Sr. María Agustina “Aguchita” de Jesús Rivas López, an advocate for women and children.

She was a sister of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, the same congregation of our Sister Martha Gomez, the Director of Consecrated Life for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Sister Martha hopes we all learn from Blessed Aguchita’s elite example of faithfulness and service for the love of Christ even in the face of persecution and distrust “no matter the cost.”

June 13th is Blessed Aguchita’s birthday. Known as Sister Aguchita by her family, friends, and those she loved working with and for in Peru, she did not just serve to comfort and console, but to educate and empower the marginalized especially women and young girls. Blessed Aguchita was martyred, killed on Sept. 27, 1990, in the village square where she served by guerrillas, who despised her presence and any “outsider” in their region simply for doing charitable work, believing it was work was to humiliate the locals of the La Florida territory. She was beatified last month with a Mass



in the same plaza where she and others were shot to death.

Words of Blessed Aguchita to inspire us to love, care, and show mercy for others like Christ, even when we least feel like it:

“To love when we are loved (and) do good when everyone around us treats us the same way is no great charity, it is a pleasant courtesy; but to love and do good when we are slandered, precisely to those who slander us, this is charity.

“(Similarly)To be cheerful and courteous when our heart beats regularly, when health makes everything easy and helps the will to act well is no merit, but an expansion of the excess of strength and joy that we carry within us; (however) to appear kind, smiling, friendly, and attentive to the wishes of others when our body is consumed with sickness, making us unable to think, within in severe pain, this is virtue... worth more than life.”

You can read more in her book, a biography/autobiography: *Aguchita – Mercy and Justice*.

## NEWS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA

### PREPARING FOR A NEW LIFE



*Stephanie Harris says she is grateful for the help she received from Catholic Charities West Virginia.*

Stephanie Harris enrolled in classes at the Catholic Charities Community Center of Huntington when she was eight months pregnant and living at a recovery house. She did not have many of the items expectant parents excitedly prepare. Our team went to work to break down barriers and determine the best course of action to help Stephanie reach her goals.

We were able to help Stephanie apply for benefits and receive emergency utility assistance. We connected her with community partners, such as RESTORE/Habitat for Humanity, as well as “New Beginnings,” a Christian organization that helps new mothers with counseling, babysitting and car seats. Sacred Heart Church in Huntington provided over \$200 worth of baby items.

Following the birth of her son, CCWVa was able to connect Stephanie to an employment opportunity that allows her to work from home while caring for her new baby boy. Stephanie and her son are thriving!

Learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia by visiting [CatholicCharitiesWV.org](https://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.*



# SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

## Acts of the Proverbs 8:22-31

Since the beginning, wisdom comes from God.

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## Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 8

“O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!”

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## Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

We have God's peace through Jesus and the love of God in our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

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## Gospel: John 16:12-15

Remain in truth - all we are comes from God the Father through Christ and the Holy Spirit.

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BIBLE.USCCB.ORG/BIBLE/READINGS/061222.CFM](http://BIBLE.USCCB.ORG/BIBLE/READINGS/061222.CFM)

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, may we always acknowledge and nurture the Holy Spirit's presence in our hearts, so confidently that we let the Spirit guide us to do good works on our journey towards heaven, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our world, that we work together despite our differences for justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That we remain focused on the Holy Trinity in order to be joyful and courageous evangelists of our Catholic faith at home, at work, and in the world around us, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That all the faithful feel the Holy Trinity's unconditional love and mercy, especially those whose endurance is being tested, let us pray to the Lord. . .

*Lord hear our prayer*



## Catholics and Babies

### A Healthy Approach to Family Planning

June 25, 2022

10:00AM– 12:00 Noon | St. John Marist Hall  
1610 Webster Rd, Summersville, WV 26651

Please register on or before June 20, 2022  
by calling the Parish Office at 304.872.2554.

Lunch will be served.

*Presenters Philip and Jaimie Althage are parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Summersville, WV—they will celebrate nine years of marriage this June, and they have three children. They moved to Clay County, WV from Texas a couple of years ago, where they take care of Jaimie's grandfather and manage the family farm. They are both certified NFP promoters through the Couple to Couple League, and are passionate about sharing the message of NFP, and God's plan for Christian marriage, with other couples.*





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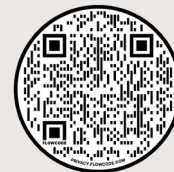


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**MASS ONLINE**

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)
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- 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/)