



IT IS THE SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY TRINITY!

KNOW, LOVE, AND SERVE

Each time we make the sign of the cross we are blessing ourselves “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”



It is indeed the first formal prayer we were taught as children. The prayer itself is declaring God is the Trinity, and we ask and praise God with that declaration. It is our core belief. The words are simple but think about the message - the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity - God revealing Himself in Three Persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Explaining the Trinity is often a stumbling block for us. We could use the analogy used by St. Patrick with a three-leaf clover. Each leaf is different but makes up one shamrock. We could also use the candle reference that was taught as the Trinity is like a candle. When it is lit the candle is made up of three important parts in order to give light - the wax candle form, the wick, and the flame. They are three distinctive parts, but one source of light.

It is truly the central mystery of the Church.

As Pope Francis said back in 2017 addressing a general audience, the Trinity and the Sign of the Cross reminds us “we are redeemed with the Lord’s cross.”

As we make the sign of the cross and say the simple prayer, do so lovingly and slowly by touching our forehead - we know God; our heart - we love God; and the reach of our shoulders - we serve God.

God loves each one of us and the Trinity enables Him to come to us in these three roles. God the Father created you, loves you and cares for you. God the Son taught us, died for us, and forgives us. God the Holy Spirit guides us and empowers us to serve with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PARISH YEAR OF THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL INVITES THE PARISH FAMILY TO UNITE WITH CHRIST

The Gospel reading on this Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life,” may be the most recognizable in history.

As we come to the end of the Diocesan Year of the National Eucharistic Revival, let’s let that verse echo in our minds and hearts.

God loves us so much!

Christ loves us, and He is waiting for us in the Eucharist. It is in the celebration of the Blessed Sacrament we become one with Him and get to know his great love, mercy, and hope.

It is in Eucharistic Adoration, when we can sit or kneel before Jesus and talk to him, pouring our hearts out to Him.

As we come together as the Body of Christ – His Church, let us leave no doubt that we are Christians by our words, deeds, and devotions. Let us leave no doubt that we recognize, as Bishop Mark Brennan repeats, the Eucharist is Jesus Christ in Person.

On Sunday, June 11th, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ – Corpus Christi Sunday – we begin the Parish Year of the National Eucharistic Revival, when our focus concentrates on our local parish through July 17, 2024. Many of our parishes will be kicking off this special time with a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of their community or at least the grounds around the church.

Each of our parishes in the diocese, like all throughout the nation, will foster Eucharistic devotion, strengthening our lives through the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, speakers, events, and projects created within our parishes.

Our priests have or will be selecting a leader(s) for this concentration to make up a Revival Team that will follow a Revival Leader Playbook (WWW.EUCHARISTICREVIVAL.ORG/LEAD) as a resource and inspiration to brainstorm creative, effective, and practical initiatives tailored to your parish family.

There are four key invitations for the parish family to focus on:

- Reinigorating Worship – elevating minds and hearts

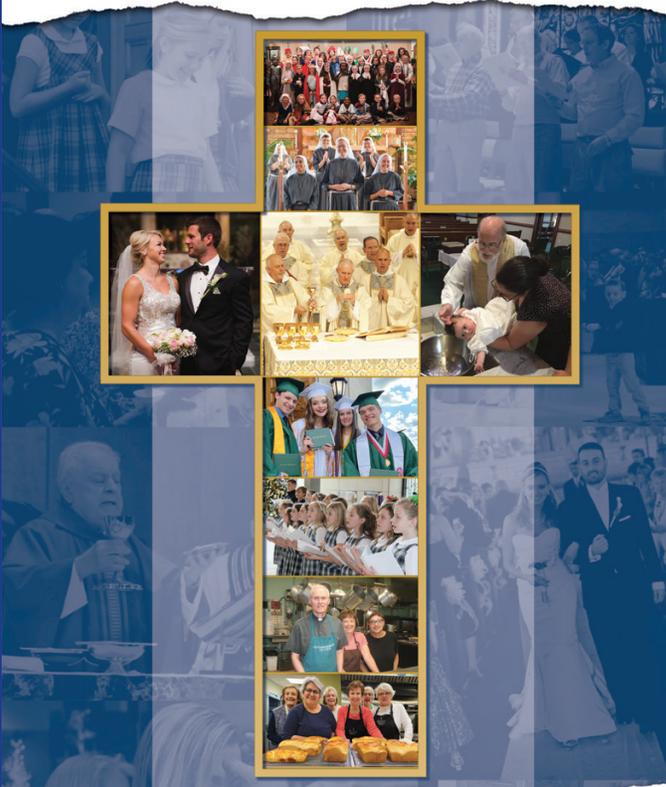
- Personal Encounter – opportunities to personally encounter Christ in the Eucharist
- Robust Faith Formation – large or small group “Jesus and the Eucharist”
- Missionary Sending – invite people back, help those in need, and embrace being the Body of Christ.

The United State Conference of Catholic Bishops and our offices at the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are eager to help each parish thrive in this mission to honor Christ’s Real Presence and the mission of the Church.

So, let us let John 3:16 resonate - spread the love of God, the understanding that God love each sinner that Christ died for us, and that those faithful to him we will be united with Him after we die. Use that inspiration to prayerfully contemplate what you would like your parish to do in this year and work together to make it happen.



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**



PARISH YEAR
JUNE 11, 2023 - JULY 17, 2024

DON'T ABANDON THE CHURCH!

KEEP THE FAITH EVEN IN THE MIDST OF FEAR

Can we heed the words of a saint from 1,300 years ago? Don't abandon the Church. Teach and defend. Trust in God. Watch over Christ's flock.

Saint Boniface, baptized Winfrid, was born in England between 672-680. He was from a well-off family and studied at a Benedictine abbey. He was very intelligent and a born leader. He became head of a school. Though he felt his mission in life was to leave behind the comforts afforded to him from not only his upbringing, but also his academic position to become a missionary for Christ.

He evangelized and served the needy in Northern Netherlands and Germany, returning to England only after being driven out of Germany because of War. When it ceased, he traveled to Rome to find out where he could help elevate the mission of God and the Church.

It was Pope Gregory II who sent him back to Germany, but not before changing Winfrid's name to Boniface, which means "a man who does good deeds."

For more than 30 years, he preached and strengthened the Catholic Church in Germany. He also was instrumental in building schools, monasteries, and convents in the country. For this the pope ordained him bishop.

He died a martyr. On June 5, 754, on the day he was to confirm a group of 50 converts, an angry mob of pagans came in and murdered him and his companions.

Saint Boniface, the apostle of the Germans, left us with words in one of his letters, meaningful today as we work to stay centered in Christ:

"The church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on course.

"The ancient fathers showed us how we should carry out this duty... they all steered Christ's ship - or rather his most dear

spouse, the Church. This they did by teaching and defending her, by their labours and sufferings, even to the shedding of blood.

"I am terrified when I think of all this. Fear and trembling came upon me, and the darkness of my sins almost covered me. I would gladly give up the task of guiding the Church, which I have accepted if I could find such an action warranted by the example of the fathers or by holy Scripture.

"Since this is the case, and since the truth can be assaulted but never defeated or falsified, with our tired mind let us turn to the words of Solomon: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own prudence. Think on him in all your ways, and he will guide your steps. In another place he says: The name of the Lord is an impregnable tower. The just man seeks refuge in it, and he will be saved.

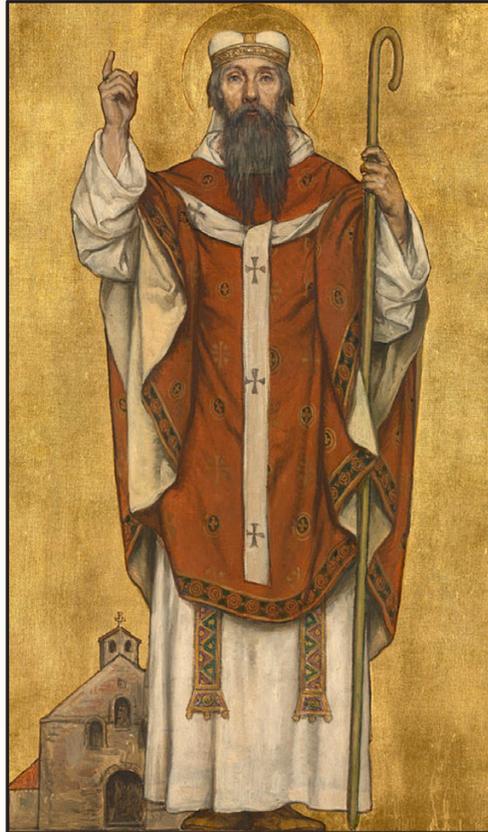
"Let us stand fast in what is right and prepare our souls for trial. Let us wait upon God's strengthening aid and say to him: O Lord, you have been our refuge in all generations.

"Let us trust in him who has placed this burden upon us. What we ourselves cannot bear let us bear with the help of Christ. For he is all-powerful, and he tells us: My yoke is easy and my burden is light.

"Let us continue the fight on the day of the Lord. The days of anguish and of tribulation have overtaken us; if God so wills, let us die for the holy laws of our fathers, so that we may deserve to obtain an eternal inheritance with them.

"Let us be neither dogs that do not bark nor silent onlookers nor paid servants who run away before the wolf. Instead let us be careful shepherds watching over Christ's flock. Let us preach the whole of God's plan to the powerful and to the humble, to rich and to poor, to men of every rank and age, as far as God gives us the strength...."

Ask St. Boniface to intercede for you on his feast day, June 5.



SERVANT OF GOD JULIA GREELEY

ANGEL OF CHARITY, PRAY FOR US.

Each one of us was created for a purpose. For Servant of God Julia Greeley that purpose was to richly bless those around her. She considered herself blessed, not by society's standards of wealth and material possessions, but of something way more valuable - having the heart to serve all like



Christ. Honor her mighty soul on June 7, the anniversary of her death by praying for her canonization.

She was called Denver's Angel of Charity and a guardian of firefighters. Greeley was born a slave in Missouri and finally freed in 1865 two years after the national Emancipation proclamation. Her birthdate is unknown, but biographers estimate it to have been between 1833-1848.

She traveled to Denver Colorado to work as a housekeeper. She knew the couple she worked for were Catholic, but the couple did not have any children. Greeley knew most Catholic families had multiple children. She was confused, so she had asked, and they told her they were not able to have children. The couple were expecting once, but lost the child before birth. Greeley confidently told them they would have a child. She said she knew it because she would pray for them. Sure enough the couple had a baby that Greeley called the "Little White Angel." In fact, the only photo that is known to exist of Greeley is her holding the child.

Although she was considered poor herself, Greeley was often seen around Denver pulling a little red wagon of things she collected to give to the poor - clothes, food, firewood, fuel. If it were useful or needed, she'd do her best to find it and deliver, but she did so at night so she would not embarrass the person or family she was helping.

Greeley would also visit Denver's 15 firehouses regularly and began the first Firefighters Prayer Union. She called it, "The League of the Sacred Heart." She would "enroll" each firefighter into the league by giving each a cloth badge, which represented the protection prayers she would offer for them. She called them the "tickets for Heaven." In her conversations with folks, they would share their personal prayer intentions with her and she said, "I'll put you in a canoe with a lot of others I pray for."

Place your prayer intentions in Julia's canoe!

If you have a special intention, put it in Julia's canoe by sharing it with the Julia Greeley Guild - a group dedicated to elevating the cause of sainthood for their sweet Angel of Charity. The members and friends will pray for the intentions in Julia's Canoe and a Mass is celebrated the first Friday of the month at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver, for all in Julia's Canoe. A member of the Guild leads a prayer for Julia's intercession and the Litany of the Sacred Heart after the Mass near Julia's tomb, which is within the Sacred Heart Chapel of the Denver cathedral. Email your urgent prayer intention to JuliasCanoe@gmail.com.

In return, the Guild asks that you notify it in writing, at Julia's Canoe, c/o Julia Greeley Guild, 1535 N. Logan St., Denver CO 80203-1913, of any favors received through Julia's intercession.

As we reflect on this little glimpse of Servant of God Julia Greeley's life, recall what Christ taught us:

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

- 1Peter 4:10-11

For more information and to support the guild go to: JULIAGREELEY.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.

A PENTECOST REFLECTION

By Beth Zarate, CCWVa President and Chief Executive Officer

My first “big girl” job was as a high school youth minister (and humbly this past month I retired from my most beloved job with Catholic Charities West Virginia).

Every Sunday evening, we would welcome over 200 teens to our teen liturgy and life night. I have many wonderful memories of this experience but my favorite weekend was always Pentecost (50 days after Easter) – the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles, causing them to speak in tongues, and by tradition our Confirmation liturgy. The church would be a sea of red, with every shade of red represented, a passion color that celebrates the Holy Spirit, along with life, health, courage, love, and religious fervor. The joy in Confirmation for me was watching teens take ownership of their faith and their gifts, ready to model saints of the church, and make a difference in the world.

A career in the Catholic Charities field has taught me the importance of encouraging staff to use their gifts and identify gifts in the people who come to our doors. We take a strength-based approach when working with people to help them focus on their gifts and use those gifts to move forward. Those who come to us for help struggle with the consequences of poverty - experiencing pain, sorrow, anguish, despair, depression, alienation and so much



more. Yet, the people we serve are incredibly resilient, creative and have learned how to survive on the most minimal resources.

A young single mother who came to us for help with food shared how she played board games every night with her children to strengthen their math and critical thinking skills. How wise to turn off the TV and engage her children in learning. Another mother, so confident and certain in her belief in a loving God, shared how she prayed over her children every night when they were sleeping.

I once talked with a neighbor who had very little but inspired me when he shared this with me: to stay warm in the winter he “played camping” with his kids and they slept together in sleeping bags. How often are we guilty of confusing low in funds with low in gifts and faith.



The book of Corinthians is among the most quoted passages of Scripture. It talks of a faith grounded and expressed in love, and proclaims Christian love as greater than any other spiritual gift we could possess. Our spiritual knowledge, without love, amounts to little. In a world filled with judgment and selfishness, the sacrificial love of Christ should manifest in us. How is Christ calling us to fully embrace our struggling neighbors?

We are many parts, but all one body... the body of Christ.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, please visit 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.*

CHRIST IS WAITING FOR YOU IN THE EUCHARIST

SHINNSTON PARISH PROJECT IS REVIVING ITS FAITHFUL

Have you ever heard someone say, “Mass is so boring, I don’t get anything from it?”

Maybe you can even admit saying that yourself.

“We take for granted that everyone knows the Blessed Sacrament is the Body and Blood of Christ,” Fr. Chris Turner of St. Ann’s in Shinnston said.

Mass is spending time with God, receiving His graces, and the celebration of the sacrament of the Eucharist. Taking that for granted or not understanding that is a big problem in the Church.

“It’s our problem,” he said.

So, Fr. Chris and the music ministry team at St. Ann’s in Shinnston has chosen to take action to teach and revive the understanding that the Eucharist is Jesus, the Bread of Life, present for us.

“When Bishop Mark Brennan announced the National Eucharistic Revival, we began to embrace the idea of putting more emphasis on the Eucharist and teaching it’s meaning,” the Harrison County priest said.

After the results of a 2019 pew study revealed that only 30 percent of Catholics acknowledge Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist, Bishop Brennan and the bishops of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, voted to launch a national revival to strengthen the Church and reach out to the 70 percent of us who are missing the encounter with Jesus through the Eucharist - the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord. The Blessed Sacrament - our holy Communion - are not symbolic we receive his Body and Blood transformed from bread and wine, so that we, the people of God, can be united with Him and each other.

One tangible way St. Ann’s is accomplishing this is through what many would consider an unsophisticated way, but has proven to be invaluable - a humble poster project. The idea came from Colleen Driscoll, parishioner and assistant music director. Liturgical Music Director Jimmy Mazzie bought the posterboards and handed them out to St. Ann’s parishioners at Mass as Fr. Chris explained the purpose was to showcase what the Eucharist means to them.

“It was so great to see the reaction,” he said. “Men, women, and children in the parish participated as an

individual or together. It’s evident when you look at the display that they have taken the mission to heart and spent a lot of time thinking about and creating their poster.”



The posters decorate the back of the Pike Street church and will stay up through July of 2024, the end of the Parish year of the National Eucharistic Revival.

Driscoll’s poster is a mosaic with the face of Jesus revealed on a cross on the Eucharist elevated above a chalice. Another parishioner drew a stairway to Heaven and wrote “Every time I receive the Holy Eucharist, I feel one step closer to Heaven!”

One of the posters “is almost an ad,” Fr. Chris said with a proud laugh, as he acknowledged the poster made showcasing Adoration and the times that their Blessed Margaret of Castello Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



St. Ann's Eucharistic Revival Project #FaithInWV



is open (Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6am to midnight).

The poster also prompts the viewer with Jesus' question to his disciples, "Could you not keep watch with me for just one hour?" (Matthew 26:40)

"One of my favorite things here at St. Ann's is the Adoration Chapel," Father said. "Our families know it's here, but we can definitely do a better job of inviting them to come in and spend time with Christ; and teach them why it's not only important to do so, but what they gain from it."

Even though he grew up in a devout Catholic family and active in his faith, he like many Catholics didn't know what Adoration was until adulthood.

"To put it simply it wasn't a thing," he said gesturing with air quotation marks. "But we should all know that its graces are endless." It is in Eucharistic Adoration we can be ourselves and, in the silence, talk to Jesus.

Father's poster features real life images, illustrating "The Eucharist in Action: Feeding the hungry, serving the poor, comforting the broken, and loving one another."

"These images show agony and depression, as well as compassion, hope, and joy in the midst of terrible surroundings," he said. "It makes you instantly feel for the people in the photos and also realize how lucky we are in this country. I want it to make us think about what we do and how we can serve as a Eucharistic people."

"We go to Mass and receive Communion to strengthen us and become one with Christ," he said. "We are guilty, and I am guilty of taking that for granted. We need to get our parish families and our own families revived."

One of his favorite saints is St. Maximilian Kolbe who said, "If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion."

"He was a smart one," Father Turner said. "If this project has made someone realize that Christ is here waiting for them in the Eucharist - then it's been successful."

Driscoll said she hopes other parishes can run with St. Ann's idea and form their own poster or art projects open to all ages within the parish as a way not just to teach and preach Eucharistic revival, but also to be an active participant an effort to awaken our thinking and our world.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

First Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Our Lord is merciful, gracious, and slow to anger. He is rich in kindness and fidelity.

Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3

"Glory and praise for ever!"

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Encourage each other and seek peace always.

Gospel: John 3:16-18

God loves you so much, he sent his Son - our redeemer!

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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

Quo Vadis Retreat

Priestfield Pastoral Center

12pm June 26th - 1pm June 29th

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