



EXPERIENCE THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH ST. JOSEPH

In this month we honor St. Joseph, take time to experience the Stations of the Cross with the universal patron of the Church and father of the Christ child.

Connections can be made and drawn to St. Joseph Terror of Demons and Jesus with Christ's ultimate sacrificial and redemptive act.

Father Edward Looney of the Diocese of Greenbay, prays the Stations of the Cross with St. Joseph. He invites faithful to turn to St. Joseph's intercession as we walk beside his Son. You can watch his video at: Pray the Stations with Fr. Looney on YouTube here: [YOUTU.BE/UFK500PAGUM](https://youtu.be/UFK500PAGUM) or just listen to the audio and walk the stations at your parish.

Father Looney shows how we can parallel the life of the entire Holy Family to that of the Stations of the Cross and in doing so call upon the intercession of the Guardian of the Redeemer in this traditional Lenten devotion.

As we reflect on the first station - Jesus is condemned to death - you will hear Fr. Looney related it to Simeon's message at the Presentation of the Lord.

Father Looney is referring to when Simeon blessed the Holy Family, then looked at Mary, and said to her (Luke 2:34-35), "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Looney wants us to imagine young Mary and Joseph's hearts? Being a devout Jews, they knew

exactly what Simeon was saying for it is written in Psalm 22, the Messiah's feeling of abandonment and mockery; and Isaiah 53, which the prophet proclaims the lamb led to slaughter, tortured for the sins of the people.

As you journey along the stations in this special devotion, Father Looney asks us to picture St. Joseph in his wood shop with Jesus at his feet; how St. Joseph and Mary would come to the aid of young Jesus, when He fell to make sure He was okay and tend to His wounds; and how St. Joseph protected Jesus during his infancy by fleeing to Egypt when someone wanted to put him to death.

After each station there is a reflection, calling upon St. Joseph's help for the faithful, including a cry to help us "be silent, so I may never crucify anyone by my words," and "watch over families who have experienced a recent loss; be with the widowers and comfort the bereaved."

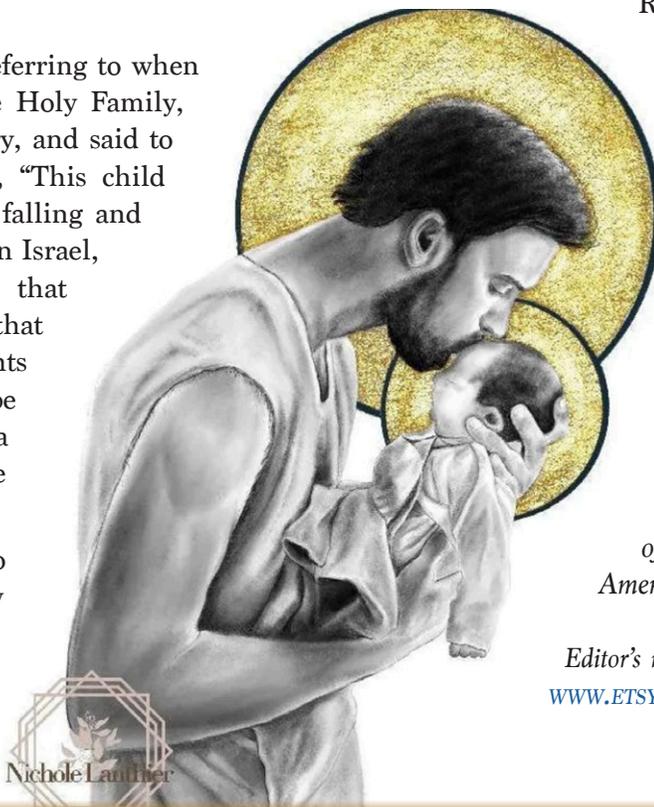
In the 14th station we concentrate on the fact that since Jesus' infancy, "His death already was foreshadowed. The kings' gift of myrrh anticipated the day of burial.

Received first by Joseph and Mary, now the body of Jesus has been anointed, and for three days Christ sanctifies the tomb for all who believe in him. Let us not forget that wherever St. Joseph might have been buried, Jesus would have visited the tomb."

The concluding prayer of the Stations of the Cross with St. Joseph with Fr. Looney:

Thank you, Jesus, for allowing me to walk these stations with you. Thank you for giving us St. Joseph as an intercessor in our time of need. As I journey my own way of the cross for the years ahead, may I always remember that I have St. Joseph whose help I can turn to, in imitation of you my dear Savior, and your Blessed Mother. Amen.

Editor's note: The art featured is by Nichole Lanthier available at [WWW.ETSY.COM/SHOP/NICHOLELANTHIER](https://www.etsy.com/shop/NicholeLanthier).





WEST VIRGINIA EUCHARISTIC CONGRESSES

REGISTER NOW for Diocesan Spring Eucharistic Congresses

The general schedule for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's three Regional Eucharistic Congresses has been released.

Catholics from across West Virginia will come together in Charles Town (April 21-22), Wheeling (April 28-29), and Charleston (June 2-3) as a family to celebrate our faith and fellowship, while focusing on the Eucharist as the source and summit of our lives; and through the Blessed Sacrament he reminds us that through all our joys and struggles He will never leave us.

Each region will feature a dynamic national speaker, engaging breakout session presenters, Adoration, inspiring prayer services, celebratory music, Blessed Carlo Acutis' Eucharistic miracles display, and more. All of these will culminate in Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark Brennan. The events are free. Registration is required. The direct link to registration is DWC.ORG/EUCHARISTIC-CONGRESSES

Keynote Speakers



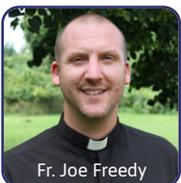
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Father Joe Freedy
Diocese of Pittsburgh

The general schedule for Friday and Saturday at all locations is:

FRIDAY EVENING:

- 7:00pm - Taizé Prayer Service
- 8:00pm - Reception

SATURDAY:

- 9:00am - Registration/Coffee and Donuts
- 10:00am - Morning Prayer Service
- Keynote Address (*immediately following prayer service*)
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Tours of the church
- Lunch - with Question/Answer session with Keynote and small table discussion
- Afternoon - Two sessions of Breakout Presentations (*by multiple speakers available*)
- Conclusion - Celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Mark E. Brennan as presider
 - 5:00pm Mass at St. James in Charles Town
 - 5:30pm Mass at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral in Charleston
 - 6:00pm Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling

For more information on the National Eucharistic Revival go to DWC.ORG/YEAR-OF-THE-EUCHARIST.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY INFO TO KNOW



While many people think of St. Patrick's Day as a day for fun loving shenanigans, green beer, donning the green, and showing off four leaf clovers on accessories for luck.

Most Catholics could win a game of actual St. Patrick trivia based on the saint. Knowing for instance that the day is actually the

Roman Catholic Feast Day for St. Patrick; the date is the day of his death; he wasn't Irish (he was from Britain or possibly Scotland – modern scholars debate which); he was kidnapped in his teens and was taken to Ireland to be a slave; he used a three leaf clover/shamrock to teach about the Trinity (three distinct parts, but one in the same like God is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit); and there is that tale about him driving snakes out of Ireland, although “snakes” was most likely a symbolic word for pagan beliefs.

Here are a couple more interesting facts to know about Ireland's patron saint:

THE BELL

According to legend, there were many St. Patrick bells. It is believed that as St. Patrick helped set up a church or Christian community before he left, he would give the leader a bell. The idea was the bell would be used to call the community to prayer.

However, one bell in particular known as the “Bell of the Will of St. Patrick” is showcased at the National Museum of Ireland. Faithful Irish believe it may have belonged to St. Patrick when he was in Armagh. The actual bell is about seven inches high and in the shape of sheep bell. It is made out of iron and coated in bronze. In ancient Ireland these bells were venerated as holy objects and therefore given to a bell keeper, who often buried the bells for safe keeping. The bell was said to have been buried with St. Patrick

but retrieved 60 years after his death. It was presented to Armagh as a precious relic. An ornate cover was made for the bell around 1100 AD (more than 600 years after St. Patrick died) at the order of the King Domhnall Ua Lochlainn (aka Donall O'Loghlin). There have been many keepers of the bell through the centuries, but it was finally bequeathed to the nation. The bell is part of a permanent exhibit in the Treasury Gallery at the National Museum of Ireland in Dublin.

THE BREASTPLATE

Legend tells us of St. Patrick's Breastplate. It is actually a prayer to shield us from evil. It is believed he wrote this prayer for divine protection in 433 AD and would have used it in his efforts to convert the Irish King Leoghaire and the pagan people of Ireland to Christianity. The lengthy prayer, also known as the Lorica Prayer, is most recognizable in its shortened version of 15 phrases:

Christ with me,

Christ before me,

Christ behind me,

Christ in me,

Christ beneath me,

Christ above me,

Christ on my right,

Christ on my left,

Christ when I lie down,

Christ when I sit down,

Christ when I arise,

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,

Christ in every eye that sees me,

Christ in every ear that hears me....

Editor's note: the art featured is by artist Jen Norton of WWW.ETSY.COM/SHOP/JENNORTONARTSTUDIO

You may be disappointed that you cannot eat meat on St. Patrick's Day this year because it falls on a Friday; but remember ST. PATRICK DIDN'T EAT MEAT ON FRIDAYS.



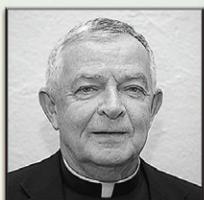
Spring Forward
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“HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT, BECAUSE THE LOVE OF GOD HAS BEEN POURED OUT INTO OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US.”

-ROMANS 5:5



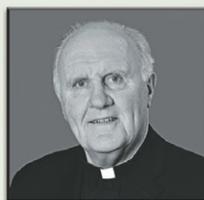
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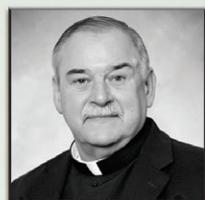
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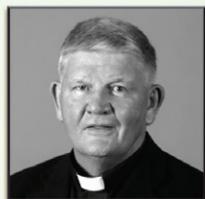
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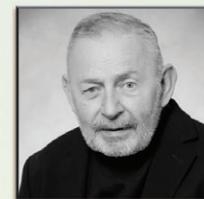
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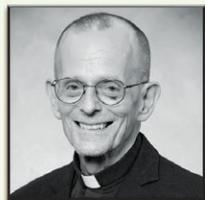
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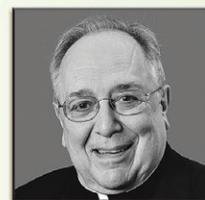
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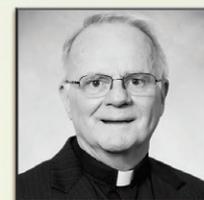
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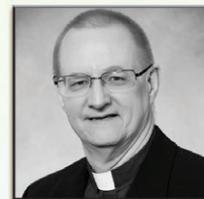
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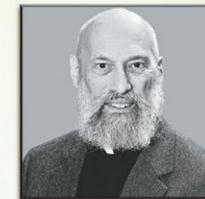
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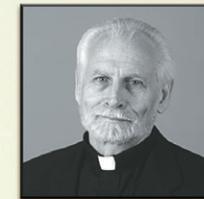
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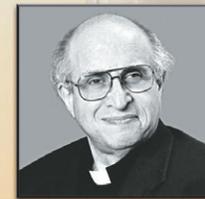
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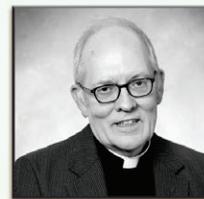
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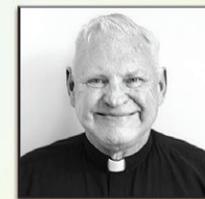
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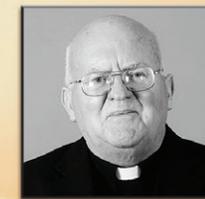
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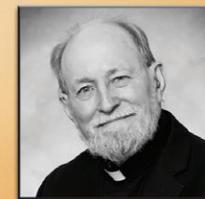
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Desperate and thirsty after fleeing Egypt, the Israelites were quarreling. Moses called upon God to help him. God said to strike a rock with the same staff he used to strike and divide the Nile and when he did water flowed from it for the people.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

We have peace with God through Christ. We have the love of God poured into our hearts through the Spirit. God proves his love and mercy for us on the cross.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Christ reveals his identity to the Samaritan woman at the well, proving that he knows about the life she chose. He shares that the water he gives to believers is the waters of eternal life.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, just as the woman at the well ran to tell others that Jesus is the true Messiah and his love and mercy is for all, let us also open our eyes to Christ before us in the Eucharist then go with the same joy sharing Christ in our words and actions, let us pray to the Lord. . .

May all leaders of the world work tirelessly to provide clean and healthy water for all people, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all those preparing for baptism, especially the catechumens and candidates in our diocese, may the love and support of their RCIA leadership be able to fulfill their spiritual thirst by their Christian example and devotion to the Church, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For strength of mind and compassion for all of us, so we may not only receive God's love poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, but in turn we share that love with all we encounter, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

COMMUNAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Parishes around the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston have shared the details of their Communal Penance Services for Lent. These services are a form of sacramental confession, combining public prayer of the faithful and individual confession.

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WEST VIRGINIA EUCHARISTIC CONGRESSES

Christ is Present! Will you be?

Come to the Table - Spring 2023

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Eucharistic Congresses are part of the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year renewal of "the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist."

DATE & LOCATION

APRIL 21 - 22
ST. JAMES CHURCH
CHARLES TOWN

KEYNOTE



Fr. Luke Spannagel

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY EVENING

Taizé Service
Reception

SATURDAY

Powerful morning prayer & procession of all the vicariates

Keynote Speaker
Q & A

Breakout Sessions
Music

Eucharistic Adoration
Mass and more

APRIL 28 - 29
CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH
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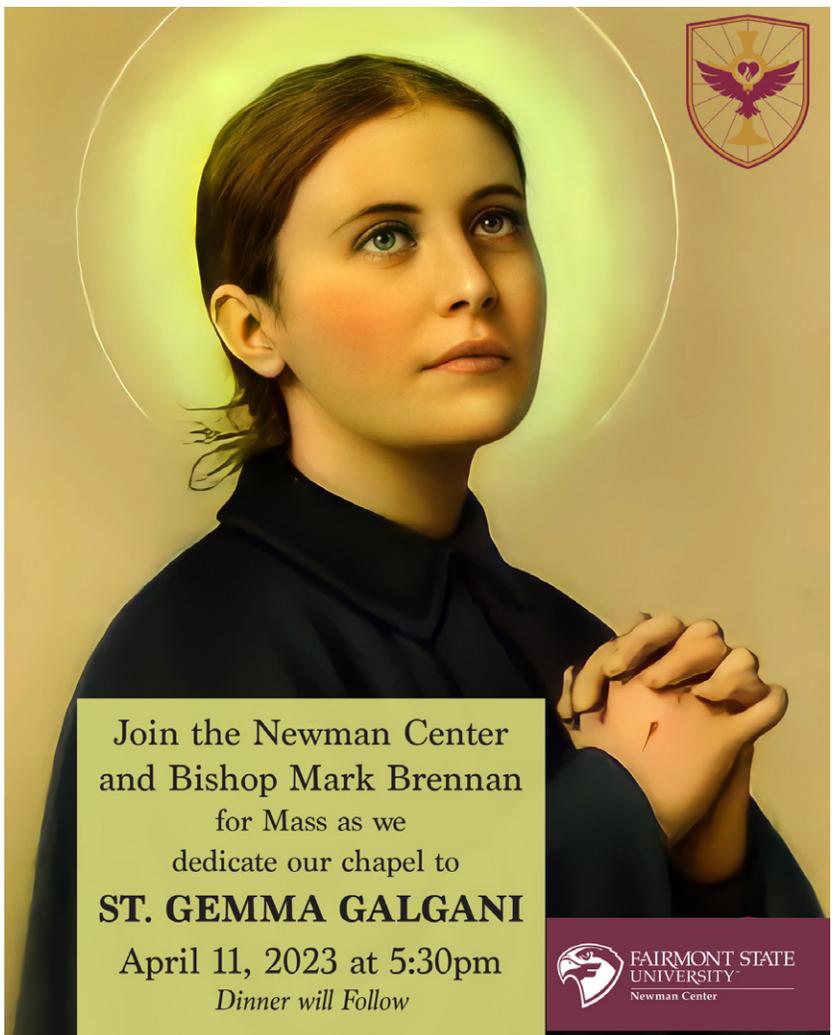
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BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL
OF THE SACRED HEART
CHARLESTON



Fr. Joe Freedy



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