



BE THE CHURCH

When Mass is over, let us be the Church, mirroring Christ's love and radiating the gifts of the Holy Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, self-control, faithfulness, and gentleness.

In his letter to the faithful in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston last week, Bishop Mark Brennan inspired us to evangelize this Lent. We don't need to stand on a street corner with a megaphone, just be motivated to introduce others to Christ – by our conversation, as much as our example.

“Do not let the word scare you,” he wrote. “It simply means bringing the Gospel (*evangelium* in Latin) to others. There is but one Savior of the human race, only one Person who can save us from sin and death, the twin enemies from which we cannot save ourselves (see I Timothy 2:5- 6). His name is Jesus Christ. This is truly good news, news too good to keep to ourselves. That is why the Lord himself has commanded us: *Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you* [Matthew 28:18-20].”

Don't keep God in a box that we only open when we go to Mass. We need to pray for the courage and love to introduce them to Jesus and invite them to Mass or in some cases back to Mass. It is our job to welcome them and share God's love.

“We have received the gift of faith to share it with others: parents with their children and grandchildren, catechists with those whom they teach but every one of us with others when the opportunity arises,” Bishop Brennan wrote. “Imagine standing before the Lord when you die. ‘Whom did you bring with you?’ He asks. You say, ‘Lord, I was afraid to speak of you. I didn't want to lose any friends.’ The Lord points to the wounds in His hands and feet and side and says, ‘I died and rose for them, too, and you were afraid to tell them?’ Don't bury your talent of faith. Pray for the courage to speak of Christ!”

Pope Francis is calling for community renewal for our Lenten journey in 2022.

“We will do well to reflect on Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: ‘Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (*kairós*), let us do good to all (*Gal* 6:9-10),” Pope Francis said. “Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness.”

He encourages us to also not get weary of praying, giving, and helping others.

“The Lenten season calls us to place our faith and hope in the Lord,” he said. “We need to pray because we need God. Thinking that we need nothing other than ourselves is a dangerous illusion. If the pandemic has heightened the awareness of our own personal and social fragility, may this Lent allow us to experience the consolation provided by faith in God, without whom we cannot stand firm. No one attains salvation alone, since we are all in the same boat, amid the storms of history; and certainly no one reaches salvation without God, for only the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ triumphs over the dark waters of death.

“Faith does not spare us life's burdens and tribulations, but it does allow us to face them in union with God in Christ, with the great hope that does not disappoint, whose pledge is the love that God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.”

Let Lent be our way to draw closer to God and our opportunity to invite others to join us on this journey.

MIRACLE BEHIND THE MUSIC

#FaithInWV: St. Jude organist is part of God's plan

When the late Father Leroy Beyer handed her the keys to the church the summer of 1993, she happily accepted them with a grateful heart, knowing she had a significant promise to keep.



Judy Perhacs Doyle has been playing the organ, piano, and even the accordion for St. Jude Parish in Glen Dale for nearly three decades. Many current parishioners do not know her story, but the ones who do have a deep appreciation not only to her for sharing her talents, but also to God for gracing their Eucharistic celebration with her presence. They are the parishioners who gathered in the church at 6 a.m., on July 1, 1993, for an around the clock prayer vigil for the beautiful young mother of two, who just two years prior had joined their church family. Doyle was having brain surgery that day for an aneurysm.

For the days and weeks prior, family, friends, and members of the St. Jude community pitched in to help her husband Pat and their two children Jack, who was 9 at the time, and Danny, who wasn't even three yet.

Judy had been out for a run, June 14, 1993, when she was overcome with a massive headache. She sought medical attention, but her symptoms were excused as a migraine. A few days passed and there was no relief, symptoms worsened dramatically, and on June 19 she was placed in the intensive care unit (ICU) for observation and further testing. Doctors found a blood vessel had burst in the exact center of her brain. On July 1, after a full day in surgery they successfully clamped the blood vessel.

While her family and faith community prayed for a miracle for Judy, Judy had been praying for everyone but herself.

"I prayed for Pat," she said. "We had two very young kids. Our youngest was potty training. I prayed for my family and friends. I knew they would help with my kids. I prayed for the surgeons to know what to do. I knew my surgeon was Catholic and would also be praying."

She admitted she did more than pray during those long days that led up to the surgery. She felt the presence of St. Jude her parish patron, her late father and brother, and all her loved ones in heaven, asking all to pray her family gets through this.

"I talked to God," she said. "I knew if I was to survive, I would step up and take on the responsibility of being the organist at church. I'm not really an organist though. A musician, yes, but a refine and impressive organist, I am not, nor do I pretend to be."

She knew her church had a great need for an organist. Her pastor, Fr. Beyer, whom she knew as a child at St. Paul's in Weirton, had asked her months before if she was still playing the piano and would consider playing at the Marshall County parish. He had remembered her playing at the Hancock County parish, something she did since she was 11 years old. Because of the pressing needs of her young family, and the time she knew it would take to do the job justice in her mind, she turned Fr. Beyer down.

She was a math teacher, a job she absolutely loved for 41 years.

"I enjoyed teaching, but I also loved the opportunities we would get to entertain our students," she said. "I played the accordion for special assemblies at (Wheeling Park High School), when we would gather the children for (seasonal) sing-alongs, and multicultural days. Some of my favorite memories of teaching were those days, when we put all of our worries aside and came together despite any clicks or divisions to play, sing, and listen to music."

Her love of music was fostered by her parents, Joe and Anne Perhacs, and her brother Jeffrey.



“I had taken lessons on the accordion since I was five or six, the piano at age 10, and ended up playing the organ at age 11 without any organ lessons,” she said. “Music is a gift. I taught math all those years, but when I see my old students now, they don’t bring up any of our math lessons, they recall those special gatherings with music.”

She said it is an element that unites us.

A week after her surgery, Judy was well enough to be released from the hospital. Six weeks later her doctor released her to normal activities.

“After I was out of the hospital, I remember telling Fr. Leroy, ‘I know you need an organist, so....’,” she said. Before the conversation was over, he handed her a key to the church. Late that summer she played her first 10:30 a.m. Mass.

“Here I am all these years later,” she said with a smile. “I receive so many positive comments after Mass. It doesn’t matter if I think I play well or not. I don’t play fancy, but St. Jude parish likes what I play and I’m thankful. For me it’s not a labor of love, it’s God’s plan. I need to be here.”



Judy is not the only member of the family that invests her time and talent for the church. Pat has served as usher, youth faith formation teacher (formerly CCD), and parish councilman. When her sons were at home, they were altar servers through high school and ushers afterwards.

Jack and his wife Tammy are members of St. Jude along with their children Trick (short for Patrick) and Rayna. Trick has stolen the hearts of many in the pews, as he not only helps his father and grandfather usher, but also has shared his musical talents, playing Jingle Bells for the congregation on his mini piano after Mass during the Christmas season.

Danny and his wife Kathleen attend St. Michael Parish, Wheeling, with their one-year-old daughter Charlotte. During the holidays, the extended Doyle family fill up two or three long pews to celebrate the holy day and sing-along with the congregation and of course their beautiful music minister.

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Contact Assistant Director, Sadie Shields, for more information: sshields@dwc.org or 1 (304) 476-9015





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WITH A PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

An Evening of Music and Prayer ~ **7 p.m.**
to Honor Saint Joseph at Saint John XXIII
Pastoral Center (*light reception will follow*)

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

Celebration to Close the
Diocesan Observance of the Year of Saint Joseph

Arrive and Check-In ~ **9:30 a.m.**

Prayer/Adoration/Confessions ~ **10 a.m.**

Reflections and Presentations on Saint Joseph/Tours of the Basilica ~ **11 a.m.**

Boxed Lunch ~ **12:30 p.m.**

Reflections and Presentations on Saint Joseph ~ **1:15 p.m.**

Music Program/Concert ~ **2 p.m.**

Closing Mass with Bishop Mark Brennan ~ **3 p.m.**

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NEWS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA

This Lenten Season gives us an extra opportunity to demonstrate our love for God through our care and concern for our brothers and sisters. During this time of fasting, praying, and almsgiving, Catholic Charities West Virginia staff invite you to deepen your relationship with God through our ministry. Here are a few ways to get involved:

PRAY AND REFLECT WITH NEIGHBORS NATIONWIDE

Staff and volunteers from Catholic Charities agencies throughout the country write reflections based on the daily readings for Lent. Having these short reminders delivered to your inbox each day is a powerful reminder to pray for people in need. Visit this link to sign up: bit.ly/CCUSAReflections.

VOLUNTEER AT AN OUTREACH CENTER

People come to our Outreach Centers for a variety of reasons. They might need help to pay a utility bill or make rent one month (Emergency Assistance). Some need support to feed their family, so they turn to one of our food pantries. And others want to set and achieve longer-term goals through Case Management.

Volunteers provide a safe space and a listening ear for people searching for compassion. If you want to be inspired by the resilience of your neighbors, consider spending some time helping out at an Outreach Center.

GIVE GENEROUSLY TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY THRIVE

Each one of our successful clients has a Catholic Charities West Virginia community of supporters behind him or her. Without the open hearts of donors, we could not meet the most urgent needs of our neighbors. And we could not shine a hopeful light on the path out of poverty.

Your monetary support makes a true and lasting difference in your community. And we appreciate your generosity! Visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org and click the “Donate Now” button to make a secure donation online.

These next 40 days will take us through the desert and into the proverbial land of milk and honey. And by working together as we fast, pray, and give, we will create a world where everyone has what they need to be happy, healthy, and reach their full potential. Thank you for being with us in our Mission of Love!

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.

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April 21, 2022

VIRTUAL GALA



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading DEUTERONOMY 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God. Then you shall declare before the Lord, your God, 'My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.' And having set them before the LORD, your God, you shall bow down in his presence."

Responsorial PSALMS 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

R. (cf. 15b) **Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust."

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, For to his angels he has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Upon their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the asp and the viper; you shall trample down the lion and the dragon.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he acknowledges my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and glorify him.

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading ROMANS 10:8-13

Brothers and sisters:

What does Scripture say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*—that is, the word of faith that we preach—, for, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the Scripture says, *No one who believes in him will be put to shame.* For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Verse Before the Gospel MATTHEW 4:4b

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

Gospel LUKE 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*" Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.*"

Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,

and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him in reply,

"It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*"

When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, we may help to satisfy the physical and spiritual hunger of our neighbors around the world, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For world leader, that they may work for justice for all people, especially those in the Ukraine, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those who suffer from hunger or malnutrition day in and day out, that they may know the grace of God through the efforts of those working for an equitable distribution of resources, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all of us as we face temptations great and small, that we may turn to God for support and strength, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

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- St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York has daily Mass live streamed at 7am: [HTTPS://SAINTPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.ORG/LIVE](https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live)
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