



*Third in a six-part series: Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has reestablished the Diocesan Pastoral Council originated by Bishop Joseph H. Hodges in 1968. We bring to you a profile of the lay members of this commission. The membership is representative of all six vicariates in the state with three members per. Each series will highlight a single vicariate.*

## ARCHER, VELLOSO, DECHRISTOPHER TO SERVE FAITHFUL OF CLARKSBURG VICARIATE ON DIOCESAN COUNCIL

WHEELING – The Clarksburg representatives on the reestablished Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) look forward to assisting Bishop Mark E. Brennan as a voice for their region.

Jim Archer, of Fairmont; Charlotte Velloso, of Morgantown; and Perri DeChristopher, of Star City, not only hope to strengthen the Catholic community in West Virginia in their roles on the DPC, but also hope their leading by example encourages others to get involved in their parishes and communities.



JIM ARCHER

Archer has been a member of All Saints Parish in Bridgeport since he moved to West Virginia in 1991 from Brooklyn, NY.

“Although a cradle Catholic, when I was 21, I had a life transforming experience of the love of the Father poured into my heart by the Holy Spirit

which caused me to surrender my life to Jesus and things have never been the same since,” Archer said. “As I started to attend mid-week prayer meetings, Mass became a living sacrament and the Eucharist the foundation of an intimacy with Jesus.”

He says his spirit is “formed by the heart of God to share His heart!”

Over the last few decades, Archer has served his parish as a prayer group leader, parish council member, adult faith formation team member, and lector. On a wider stage he has been the director of The Ark and The Dove Retreat Center in Gibsonia, Pa.; and a member on the national Service Committee (NCS) for Catholic Charismatic Renewal. He is currently the development manager for the NCS and its council; and board of directors member for the Gibsonia center.

He said he is honored to be serving on the Diocesan Pastoral Council and chairing the Pastoral Concerns Committee for the next year.

“We have been hard at work to begin the process of listening to parishioners and making recommendations to the Bishop and his staff,” he said. “In a time of global crisis, the Church is being renewed and called forth to renew each other and the world. The DPC is a small part of that but non the less an essential one!”



CHARLOTTE VELLOSO

Charlotte Velloso is a parishioner at St John’s University Parish in Morgantown. She was raised Episcopalian, but her family converted to Catholicism when she was 12.

“I committed myself personally to the faith while I was an undergraduate in college,” she

said. She is very active at the Newman Center at WVU, as she is a founding member of a chapter of the Thomistic Institute at WVU and helps lead and organized the young women’s ministry. Currently she is working on starting a Catholic young professionals group in Morgantown. Being involved and strengthening the Catholic community is “vital” to Velloso.

Her Catholic identity is an integral part of who she is and how she chooses to view the world. She values being not only part of the Church of the future, but also the Church of today.

“It can be difficult to live out one’s faith in our secular culture, so through God’s grace, I would like to help build a vibrant, flourishing, and authentic Catholic community where Christ has planted me” she said.

“I believe that lay voices are valuable to our Catholic hierarchy and that lay people have an important perspective,” she said.

“Often, lay people who are involved in various parish councils or diocesan positions are middle-aged or older. Young people have a lot to share and contribute, and I don’t believe they have been heard. I hope to help fill this gap by bringing the concerns of college students to the council, to ensure that lay Catholics of all ages and stages of life are able to build up our beautiful Catholic diocese.”

Velloso considers being Catholic – part of the Church that God Himself created is the highest honor.

“Being Catholic means that I can look to the saints, Church tradition, and Church teaching to guide me,” she said. “It means that I am invited to partake in the most precious Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Mass, as He himself instructed us to do so the night before His crucifixion. It means that I can regularly participate in the sacrament of confession in order to grow in a more intimate relationship with Our Lord and to shed habits of vice. It means to belong to a Catholic tradition and heritage that is rich, ancient, and vast.

“Being Catholic means that I don’t have to figure out how to correctly interpret every passage of the Bible or every theological issue, and instead I can rely on the tradition and teachings of the Church, discussed, contemplated, and established by brilliant minds throughout the ages.

“Being Catholic means realizing that God, in His goodness, gave humanity a Church that – though filled with sinful humans who err – is complete, coherent, and consistent in Her teaching of theology and morality. Being Catholic means that I am able to embrace my vocation – to be a wife and a mother – and that I understand that my priority is to God, then to my husband, and then to my future children,” and she concluded. “Being Catholic has transformed my vision of the world, how I interact with others, and my ultimate purpose.”

Velloso will serve on the DPC for two years and sit on the Lay Life and Ministry Committee.



PERRI DECHRISTOPHER

The third Clarksburg Vicariate member on the DPC is Perri DeChristopher. She will serve for three years on the council and its Justice and Peace Committee. She sees it as a way to give back to the parish family she cherishes.

DeChristopher is proud of the fact that she has been a member of St. Mary’s in Star City her entire life. She and her husband Chuck Porter are raising their children, Sydney and Chase, in the parish. Her love for her parish family is evident in her reason to serve on the DPC.

She said her parents and the longtime members of the St.

Mary’s are great Catholic community role models. Prior to COVID restrictions, her parents continued to be active “in all things of ‘social service’ to the church (funeral dinners, special events, kitchen fund-raisers).

“This was a great example for our family,” she said, adding that her own family enjoys serving Mass as altar servers and ushers, as well as helping with religious education, whenever needed.

“Not only is service a wonderful way to help with the day-to-day activities of our church, but it is also a great way to meet and build friendships with other individuals and families within our church,” she said.

“I was encouraged to pursue participation in the Diocesan Pastoral Council by my family and friends, and particularly my mother,” DeChristopher said. “She and other senior members of our local church had become disappointed and saddened with the most recent alarming activities discovered in our Diocese. Seeing parishioners who dedicated their entire lives to supporting our church, crestfallen at the revelations disclosed, motivated me to seek any position where I can encourage transparency and laity involvement in all aspects of our church and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. I am elated at the opportunity I have been provided.”



## SHORT & SWEET SALUTATION

Just an acknowledgement that we will be scaling down the content of our FaithInWV e-bulletin for the summer.

It is our pleasure and privilege to bring the entire state, not only the worship aid with the weekend Mass readings and prayer intentions, but also feature stories about the saints, diocesan announcements, and prayer resources to keep the faithful engaged.

We are honored to receive your kind words and responses to this publication. Continue to follow us and our features on social media ([FACEBOOK.COM/DIOCEESOFWHEELINGCHARLESTON](https://www.facebook.com/dioceesofwheelingcharleston) and [TWITTER.COM/DWC1850](https://twitter.com/dwc1850)) and the [DWC.ORG](https://www.dwc.org) website and [FAITHINWV.ORG](https://www.faithinwv.org).

Let us all strengthen our FAITH IN WV, giving hope, rising above the odds, and being a blessing to others. Let us continue to find the good in all circumstances, letting others see Christ in us especially in times of uncertainty and adversity.

*God bless our Almost Heaven West Virginia.*

# THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY ~ MAY 30

## First Reading DEUTERONOMY 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people:

“Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever.”

## Responsorial PSALMS 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22

**R. (12b) Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the Lord the earth is full.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made; by the breath of his mouth all their host. For he spoke, and it was made; he commanded, and it stood forth.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

## Second Reading ROMANS 8:14-17

Brothers and sisters:

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, “Abba, Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Alleluia

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel MATTHEW 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, 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. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we may proclaim the Good News in word and action, making disciples of all nations, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For the leaders of our country, that they may lead this nation to embrace justice, kindness, and generosity for the benefit of all its people, especially those most vulnerable to injustice, intolerance, and economic exploitation, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those who have died defending our country, that they and their families may find comfort in God’s loving arms and that the sacrifice they made will never be forgotten, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all of us, having been baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity, in thanksgiving for being able to be called a child of God, one whom God has created, redeemed, and sanctified, let us pray to the Lord. . .

*Lord hear our prayer*



# LET US GO *Rejoicing* TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

PSALM 122



## UPDATED GUIDELINES RELEASED

Bishop Mark E. Brennan released updated guidelines for our churches and facilities.

- New Norms for Reopening Parish Facilities for Meetings and Gatherings
- Updated Liturgical Guidelines
- Music Protocols for Liturgical Celebrations

These are available online at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org).

*Liturgy of the Hours*

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Pray the prayer for this day, this hour!

Scan the QR code or visit the link below to view a PDF version of the Liturgy of the Hours.

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Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

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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)
- 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/)