



May: A MONTH TO CELEBRATE MARY, OUR BLESSED MOTHER

May! What a beautiful month to honor our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of Heaven – Our Lady of Peace.

In West Virginia, the gorgeous colors of our hills and valleys come alive. Dogwoods, rhododendrons, sassafras, and sugar maples awaken. The sweet fragrance of lily of the valley, and peony fill the air.

The Church has been celebrating Mary during the month of May since the early Church. While there are beautiful formal prayers to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, this one-line, prayerful plea, recited habitually throughout the day by St. Teresa of Calcutta is beautiful and heartfelt in its simplicity: “Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.”

Mary is perfect example of true and loving discipleship. As she offered Jesus and the disciples her prayers and motherly love, she offers us the same through her intercessions.



Mary Altar

From May 1 to May 31, dedicate a small area of your home for a Mary Altar. You see these in our parishes and Catholic schools. Make one at home with your favorite items that remind you of Our Blessed Mother. Place a statue or artwork of Mary with flowers and a candle. If you have children, let them help direct what to place in this space. Showcase their drawings of Her and write down a personal prayer asking for her intercession. Keep your rosaries out this month so you can enjoy this spot as a place to say a daily rosary (for a rosary resource [CLICK HERE](#)).

Let this designated area be one that is a visible reminder of the Holy Mother of God, her importance in our lives and in the life of the Church.

“Mary is close, she can hear us, she can help us, she is close to every one of us,” Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. “In God there is room for man and God is close, and Mary, united to God, is very close; she has a heart as great as the heart of God.”

Let your Mary Altar be “a reminder of the presence of the Mother, constantly watching over her children.”

AS WE HONOR MARY IN MAY WE CELEBRATE ST. JOSEPH MAY 1

While we know May is a Marian month, May 1st honors her spouse St. Joseph, but why?

It was a significant and intentional move by the Church.

The first of May had been known as “May Day” in the mid-19th Century, honoring laborers around the World. A century later though there was a movement to rename it and change the distinction to “Communist Worker’s Day,” as a way to influence communism on society.

Venerable Pope Pius XII made the bold decision to call upon the faithful to pray to St. Joseph.

He said there is “no better protector” than the Terror of Demons, to guard the world from evil and specifically to denounce communism.

“Go to Joseph!” That is the direction of Venerable Pope Pius XII, to the faithful on May 1, 1955, when he declared the day as the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. He said the Guardian of the Redeemer will go directly to Christ with our prayers.

“We are happy to announce to you our determination to institute... the liturgical feast of St. Joseph the Worker, assigning it as the first day of May,” he said to the crowd of Italian workers he gathered on that day to make the proclamation. “Are you pleased with this our gift, beloved

workers? We are certain that you are, because the humble workman of Nazareth not only personifies before God and the Church the dignity of the man who works with his hands, but is always the provident guardian of you and your families.”

As we honor St. Joseph the Worker on this feast day, let us remember him as a great example of how to be a dedicated, loving, and humble worker, father, and spouse.

He worked with dignity in all those roles not only to provide, but for God. He worked with our Blessed Mother to raise, nurture, and teach Jesus. He tirelessly worked to honor Mary and protect her and the Son of God, especially when they had to escape danger time and time again.

Look to St. Joseph and let him teach all of us how to work for God, family, and community.

As the patron of the universal Church and our diocese, he watches over the faithful. Ask him to intercede and obtain mercy and courage for us, while defending us from all evil.

Opening prayer for the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker:

God our Father, creator and ruler of the universe, in every age you call man to develop and use his gifts for the good of others. With St. Joseph as our example and guide, help us to do the work you have asked and come to the rewards you have promised.



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May 3, 2022

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SS PHILIP AND JAMES THE LESS PRAY FOR US

The feast of Saints Philip and James on May 3 is a day to celebrate two men who chose to be followers of Christ and upon the Resurrection went out into the world to preach the gospel.

Jesus chose both men to be his apostles. Philip is mentioned in the gospel of John. He tells us Philip was from Bethsaida (the same as Andrew and Peter) and was the third man approached by Christ to "Follow me." He was also the apostle that went to Nathanael and affirmed Jesus was indeed the Messiah "We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth (John 1:43-51)."

James, who was also called "James the Less," was either younger or smaller than the other Apostle named James. His mother was close to our Blessed Mother and stood

with her at the cross. Christ appeared to James after His Resurrection. After Christ's Ascension it was James who went out to begin the Christian church community in Jerusalem. He was the author of the first Epistle and was then referred to as "James the Just." St. Paul calls him one of the pillars of our faith.

In his letter (James 5:13-20) he writes about the significance our role in the faith is by specifically addressing the power of prayer, confession, intercession, and conversion.

Both men were martyred for the faith. Even though they did not die at the same time or place the Church honors these men together, because their remains/relics were moved and buried at the Basilica of the 12 Holy Apostles in Rome, on the same day.

MAY 5TH ~ NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER *A DAY TO GROW IN FAITH AND PRAYER LIFE*

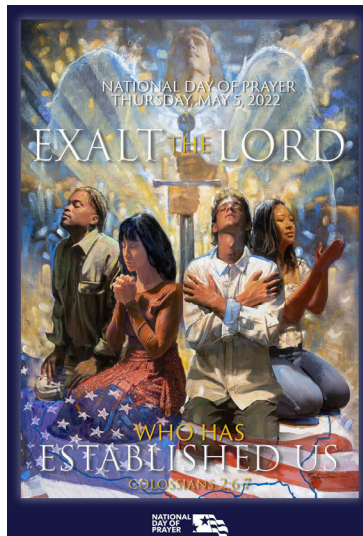
As our nation honors May 5th as a National Day of Prayer, we focus on its theme:

"Exalt the Lord who has established us!" This is based on St. Paul's teachings to the Colossians (2:6-7). The great saint tells us that just as we receive and affirm Christ, we need to be rooted in Him with reverence and gratitude.

In our Catholic faith we are blessed to not only have so many prayers we can pour our hearts and minds into, but we also have a countless army of saints we can call upon to pray with and for us.

They are like our own personal cheering section. No matter how exhausted or discouraged we are or how impossible the task or circumstance may seem, concentrate on prayer, and rely on the saints with confidence, knowing they are ready, willing, and able to intercede for us.

Take time to stop your running and pray to God, read the bible, and lean on the saints on this National Day of Prayer. "Give me a man of prayer and he will be capable of



everything. He may say with the apostle, 'I can do all things in him who strengthens me.' - St. Vincent de Paul.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that anytime, anywhere we are free to pray (CCC, 2743), because prayer and Christian life are inseparable (CCC, 2745).

In liturgical theology we reference, *lex orandi, lex credendi*, which means "the law of prayer (is) the law of belief (CCC, 1124)."

Prayer is our voice of our faith, a dialogue with God, and our developing a personal relationship with the Trinity. Prayer is how we connect.

Editor's note: the art featured on the National Day of Prayer 2022 promotions is by renowned Christian artist, Ron DiCianni, creator of 12' x 40', Resurrection Mural and Spiritual Warfare a powerful image of a father praying as his child sleeps.

Read more about DiCianni and see his paintings at: www.tapestryproductions.com/ron-dicianni/

PLAN AHEAD: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS MAY 8TH

May 8, 2022 – Good Shepherd Sunday



Sunday, MAY 8, 2022

Next week we celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations – Good Shepherd Sunday.

God is calling young men and women to the priesthood and religious life every day. Countless prayers are offered for an increase of laborers to the Church – laborers with Christ. On this

Fourth Sunday of Easter, let us be completely present as we unite our voices in prayer with the faithful from across the globe on World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

“The Lord’s call – is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch,” Pope Francis said.

Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, lay ministries, missionary life, and societies and secular institutes within the Church.

St. Junipero Serra, canonized by Pope Francis on Sept. 23, 2015, is the patron saint of vocations to Church

ministry. A group of lay Catholics, men and women of all ages and backgrounds, called Serrans, are dedicated to promoting and fostering vocations. In the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston we have three formal Serra Clubs around the state: Wheeling (click here for more info), Charleston (click here for more info), and Clarksburg (contact Immaculate Conception Parish and the Clarksburg Vicariate (contact Very Rev. Casey Mahone, Vicar Forane at 304-622-8243 for more information).

Pray for Vocations

Father you call each one
of us by name and ask us
to follow you.

Bless your church by
raising up dedicated and
generous leaders from our
families and friends who
will serve your people as Sisters, Priests,
Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers.

Inspire us as we grow to
know you, and open our hearts
to hear your call.

We ask this in
Jesus name
Amen.



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A \$300 deposit is due at time of registration.

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SUPPORTING OUR CLIENTS' GOALS

Tara enrolled in our adult education courses at our Catholic Charities Community Center of Huntington early in this year. Our adult education instructor helped her to identify and work toward her long-term career goals, gaining skills in Microsoft, QuickBooks and other programs.

Tara also spoke to our team about finding better employment in the short term. During the process of helping Tara build her resume, we learned more about her current situation. Tara began working a second job that requires a commute, and she struggled with reliable transportation.

CCWVa assisted Tara with critical car repairs, making her commute possible. Catholic Charities will continue to support Tara with the resources and educational tools necessary to make her professional dreams come true.

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.*



Tara said she is grateful to have reliable transportation to her new job, through help from Catholic Charities.

Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Adventure Camp

With Him on the Mountain

We are a Catholic youth adventure camp that ministers to youth through rock climbing, equestrian activities, archery, Adoration, overnight backpacking, outdoor Mass and more!

Register your camper at CampCarlowv.org by **June 1st** to receive our early bird rate of \$275.

June 26th – July 2nd, A “catch all week” from 3rd grade through 12th grade.

July 3rd – July 9th, Rising 6th graders to 8th graders.

July 10th – July 16th, Rising freshmen to seniors in high school.

July 17th – July 23rd, A “catch all week” from 3rd grade through 12th grade.

July 24th – July 30th, “A Camp Carlo Summer Vacation” free program for 7-12 year olds who receive support from the government or Catholic Charities.

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Peter and the apostles declare obedience to God is above any obedience to man. Christ places the Holy Spirit in those who believe, praise, and obey Him.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 30

"I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me."

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

John describes his vision of countless angels, living creatures, and the elders around the throne of God in heaven giving praise, honor, and glory forever and ever.

Gospel: John 21:1-19

The Risen Christ appears to the apostles for the third time. Christ has Peter respond three times that Jesus is Lord, and he loves Him, significant to offset the number of times the apostle denied the Lord during his Passion. He instructed him to look after and feed His sheep.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL SCRIPTURE TEXT](#)

BIBLE.USCCB.ORG/BIBLE/READINGS/050122.CFM

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church that we give praise, honor, and glory to God in all that we say and do, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those who are persecuted working for the Church and defending our faith, that the Lord may strengthen the Holy Spirit within them, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who labor for their families with humility and live their days as a grateful example of a confident disciple of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For the faithful in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, that we proclaim our love for Christ without hesitation by our actions and words in our homes, work, and community, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer



RESOURCES TO HONOR MARY THIS MONTH

The best way to celebrate Mary is to call upon her in prayer, formally with the Hail Mary, the Angelus, and the Rosary (all found at FAITHINWV.ORG). Think a little outside the box this year. We have also compiled a little list of websites to help you celebrate our Blessed Mother.

Step out in style! Sure, you can wear blue in honor of Mary, but what about donning some fun socks or a graphic tee? Maybe consider adding a hand carved Madonna statue made in our region. Have fun being creative in your Marian celebration this month.

THE CATHOLIC COMPANY

The Catholic Company is a great resource for books, home goods, jewelry, and some super styling socks! The company began after the Sept. 11, 2001 horrific events that shook the US and the world, with the thinking, "The answer to all of our world's problems is a deeper relationship with Our Lord and specifically with His Catholic Church."



WWW.CATHOLICCOMPANY.COM

CATHOLIC TO THE MAX

Find a little bit of everything from holy cards to impressive statues, art, and gifts at Catholic to the Max. The Steubenville, Ohio based store is owned by Mark and Gretchen Nelson, who opened their doors in 1994. Most everything they sell is handcrafted and made in their workshop, "focusing on the true and beautiful in our creations to help further God's Kingdom."



WWW.CATHOLICTOTHEMAX.COM

TOTALLY CATHOLIC TEES

Totally Catholic Tees, where you can snag retro t-shirts and more to honor Mary. The company is family owned. Sharing their enthusiasm for their Catholic faith, Sam and Tracy Bryant, created Totally Catholic Tees about 30 years ago dedicated to "spreading the Gospel through apparel," and it's still going strong.



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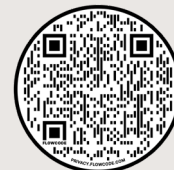
Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
**ONE MISSION
ONE DAY TO MAKE
A DIFFERENCE**

Liturgy of the Hours LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Pray the prayer for this day, this hour!

EBREVIARY.COM LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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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.

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)
- 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/)