



PRINCESSES BY TITLE, HUMBLE SERVANTS OF GOD BY CHOICE

Honor St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Elizabeth of Hungary This Week

Saints Margaret of Scotland and Elizabeth of Hungary were real life princesses with hearts of gold. Both women lived virtuous lives of love and charity, and both worked for and among the poor, sick, and abandoned like Christ. Let us honor their kindness, bravery, and beautiful souls on their feast days, Nov. 16 and 17, respectively.



Saint Margaret was born in 1045 to devout parents, Princess Agatha of Hungary, and Prince Edward Atheling. Her family fled to Scotland for safety, where Margaret married the king of the country, Malcom III. He was described as a man who was rough round the edges when it came to temper and patience, but St. Margaret brought him closer to Christ and thus a more virtuous life. The couple had eight children and raised them in a loving Catholic home both charitable and compassionate to the people of Scotland, especially the poor.

Malcom entrusted her to guide the domestic matters of the country. She was instrumental in developing the arts and education; and promoted synodal reform to improve the Church and its people. The weeks before Easter and Christmas she would make it a priority to give money and material things to the poor and orphaned, but also rolled up her sleeves to labor for them by washing their feet, attending to them when they were sick, and serving them meals.

Saint Elizabeth was born in Hungary in 1207. By the time she was four her arranged marriage was being planned into the royal family. Young Elizabeth was very religious, and her devout faith helped her get through



many tragic events in her life. When she was six her mother was murdered. She was sent to Germany, for schooling and to be exposed to the culture of her future husband. However, in 1216, the man she was to marry died. Customary to the time, she was then betrothed to his brother Prince Ludwig (Louis) IV, who became a respected ruler and soldier.

In 1223, Elizabeth honored the arrangement of her parents and happily married into the Thuringia royal family at the customary age of 14. The couple had three children - Herman II, Sophia, and Gertrude. Gertrude was very religious like her mother. She later devoted herself to a religious life and became a nun and later an abbess, the head of her abbey.

Although she was privileged, Elizabeth chose to live a simple life and dedicated much of her time to helping the underprivileged with the support of her husband. The couple was happy and reverent to God and His teachings.

In 1226, she used her dowry to establish a hospital in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, where she personally cared for the sick. Her life took a tragic turn when she was 20 years old. Her husband died from the plague that struck their region, while out on a crusade to Jerusalem. Elizabeth fell from power and was exiled by her in-laws, who did not support in any way her charitable and pious life, as her husband did without hesitation.

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ABUNDANT HOPE IN THE HOUSE OF JOSEPH

SEMINARIANS PREPARE FOR PRIESTHOOD AT THE PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM

Editor's note: Bishop Mark Brennan and Vocations Director Fr. Brian Crenwelge traveled the Pontifical College Josephinum seminary in Columbus last week. We share this article from the Josephinum as the official Vocation Awareness Week ends with the hopes that we all continue to pray for our seminarians on their journey

The new formation year of the Pontifical College Josephinum seminary in Columbus, Ohio, gives every indication of hope for the future of the Church. Fall brought the joyous arrival of 20 new seminarians, an overall enrollment increase, and two new sending dioceses. The seminary now serves 15 (arch) dioceses and religious orders: Birmingham, Cincinnati, Columbus, Fathers of Mercy, Gaylord, Jefferson City, Joliet, Kiyinda Mityana (Uganda), Lugazi (Uganda), Oakland, Ogdensburg, Saint Thomas in the Virgin Islands, Santa Fe, Steubenville, and Wheeling Charleston.

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has two seminarians in formation at the Josephinum: Donvito Cortese and Timothy Kawash. Donvito is a first-year College seminarian; Timothy is in his first year of Pre-Theology, a program designed for men who need additional pre-requisites in order to begin the graduate Theology study required for ordination.

“This year we’ve been blessed with one of the largest entering classes in many years,” said Father Steven Beseau, Rector/President. “But it’s not just about numbers, it’s also about the quality of the men. The Josephinum has a very rigorous acceptance process; we don’t accept everyone who applies. These seminarians would not be here if they weren’t good men. They really are exceptional, and we are very blessed to have them.”

The formation of the Josephinum’s 60 seminarians is guided by ten full-time resident priest formators who themselves reflect the national character of the seminary, coming from the (arch)dioceses of Kansas City, Metuchen, Savannah, Chicago, Columbus, and Plymouth (England), as well as Institute of the Incarnate Word, the Dominican Order, and the Fathers of Mercy. Many full and part-time lay professors make possible an academic excellence for

which the Josephinum has long been known. “We have some of the finest professors in the country,” said Father Beseau. “This is seen not only in the classroom but also in the love and dedication they offer to the seminarians.”

Priestly formation consists of four dimensions – human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral – the integration of which is reflected in seminary life. The Liturgy of the Hours, Mass, Holy Hours, academic classes, opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, off-campus pastoral formation assignments, formation conferences, one-on-one meetings with advisors and spiritual directors, and many recreational activities are all part of the seminary experience.

Seminary administrators are preparing to guide the institution into the future as it adopts a new comprehensive five-year Strategic Plan, currently under final review by the Board of Trustees. Planning acknowledges the rising cost of seminary formation, reflected in the Josephinum’s highest-ever annual fundraising goal of more than \$1.8 million. “Funds are needed primarily for seminarian scholarships, to give seminarians the opportunity to discern and be formed,” said Father Beseau, “so that, if called to the priesthood, they are ready to respond as holy, generous, adaptable, and resilient priests.” Appeal gifts also will fund program adjustments required of all seminaries by the new edition of the USCCB’s *Program of Priestly Formation*.

Independent of any one diocese or religious community, the Josephinum has a 134-year history of being sustained by the generosity of benefactors. “The historic support of the Josephinum is remarkable,” said Father Beseau. “Helping to form future priests is an incredibly unique and deeply rewarding experience. It is a privilege to have so many people share in this journey.”

To learn more about the Josephinum’s mission, upcoming events, or to make a gift to support the seminarians, please visit WWW.PCJ.EDU.



PROVIDING SAFETY AND COMFORT FOR VETERANS IN THEIR HOMES

Senior citizens have unique challenges to overcome and wonderful gifts to give! Many people hope to live at home independently for as long as possible, and simply need a helping hand to do so safely. That's where our Catholic Charities HomeCare program comes in.



Catholic Charities in-home caregivers help with the tasks of daily living, including light housework

John is one of our clients. He served as Navy Corporal in the early 1950s at the end of World War II. Now at 91 years old, John lives with his daughter, Karen. While Karen works full-time, John has the help of Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) HomeCare services for his daily living routine.

John's in-home care provider, Nancy, visits him every weekday morning to help him get out of bed, get dressed and eat breakfast. Throughout the morning she helps with other necessary tasks such as bathing, meal preparation, light housework, transportation, and more.

Most importantly, Nancy provides companionship for John during an isolating time of his life.

John and Nancy have forged quite a bond; John jokes that Nancy takes on the role of daughter while Karen is at work.

Our Catholic Charities team is honored to support John in his desire to age in place, in the comfort of his own home. And we're honored to support Karen in enabling her father to live safely and comfortably at home while she is away.

We thank John and other veterans for their service. And we are honored to be here for all elderly and disabled West Virginians! If you know someone who could benefit from HomeCare services, please give us a call at (304) 905-9868. Our HomeCare program accepts Medicaid and VA Waivers, and we offer an affordable private pay option.

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

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SPECIAL COLLECTION TO SUPPORT CATHOLIC MILITARY SERVICES



Sunday, Nov. 13, is a special collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. The faithful in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston support the mission of the Archdiocese to "serve those who serve" through this collection each year the second Sunday in November.

The priests and deacons in this ministry provide pastoral care and services to Catholics serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in our US Military Academies, undergoing treatment at our 153 VA Medical Centers, working civilian jobs for the federal government beyond our borders, and the families of these populations.

It is important to note that the AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military, and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. To learn more about the AMS, go to WWW.MILARCH.ORG/NATIONALCOLLECTION/.

Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special collection to support active-duty military men and women, and their families – including those from our own parish. Please give generously.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a

Justice will prevail – God has the final say and will destroy all evildoers.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 98

“The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.”

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

In his letter to the Thessalonians, St. Paul tells us to be focused on what matters in the eyes of God. Be observant of and follow the example of Christ’s true disciples – living a life of good works that build and unite. Do not be infatuated with others’ business.

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Luke shares Christ’s lesson of hope in the worst of times. Jesus teaches us that we will all struggle, face persecution, feel betrayed, and see destruction. However, in these moments we need to cling to our faith and know we can trust God for He will give us an eternal life of joy and peace.

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BIBLE.USCCB.ORG/BIBLE/READINGS/111322.CFM](http://BIBLE.USCCB.ORG/BIBLE/READINGS/111322.CFM)

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that as a Eucharistic people we share our love of Christ through our actions and words, revealing to the world Christ is fully present in us, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our nation’s leaders and all those of authority, that the Holy Spirit enlighten their minds and hearts to act justly as Christ taught us, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all the souls in purgatory, may God have mercy on them as we pray with gratitude for the lessons they have taught us - both good and bad - that have strengthened our faith, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all those who work tirelessly to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and evangelize, bringing Christ’s love to all they encounter, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

“O JESUS, I SURRENDER MYSELF TO YOU, TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING!”

-SERVANT OF GOD FR. DON DOLINDO RUOTOLO

Overwhelmed with things out of your control? Give it all to Jesus, surrender your burdens and trust in Him.

This was the wise advice of Servant of God Fr. Don Dolindo Ruotolo, who was considered a modern prophet in his day. Remember him on the anniversary of his death, Nov. 19th. His life on earth spanned from 1882-1970. Devoted to God and the Blessed Mother, he was rarely seen without his rosary in his hand. The little friar from Naples, Italy called himself, “Mary’s little old man.”



Humble Fr. Dolindo is on the road to sainthood. He would counsel the faithful and all he humbly served by telling them they need to first go to Jesus and tell Him to take care of it. The saint, whose own name – Dolindo – is Latin for pain, suffered a great deal of turmoil in his life due to his poor health and trials within his own faith community. However, he remained faithful to God and focused on Christ, trusting in Him to deepen his faith, hope, and ministry (read more of his life story [HERE](#)).

Saint Padre Pio described Fr. Don Dolindo as a priest with heaven in his heart and paradise in his soul. He was Saint Pio’s spiritual director.

In his lifetime, Servant of God Fr. Don Dolindo Ruotolo wrote 33 volumes of commentary on the Holy Scripture, many theological and mystic writings, thousands of letters for spiritual direction, and hundreds of explanatory notes on the rosary, Annunciation, Magnificat, and holy images, many still unpublished.

One of the most famous prayers of Servant of God Fr. Don Dolindo Ruotolo is the Surrender Novena.

Each of the nine days after a reflection is recited you repeat these words, “O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!”

He said the words of that prayer and the entire Surrender Novena were given to him by Christ. He was speaking to the Servant of God and also each one of us, teaching us to have “total abandonment” of our problems. Just do as the prayer says, Fr. Don Dolindo would say.

For the complete novena go to our FaithInWV prayers for peace prayer page: FAITHINWV.ORG/FINDING-PEACE/

In 2016, song writer and performer John Andrew Schreiner produced the following audio accompaniment to the novena: [HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/FnnWEn_rPDw](https://youtu.be/FnnWEn_rPDw)



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Holy Relics Tour



Bl. Carlo Acutis



St. Manuel Garcia

November 12-27



WHY DO WE VENERATE RELICS?

(Editor's Note: this article is from The Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus/New Advent, Kevin Knight, editor. [AVAILABLE HERE.](#))

To venerate is to regard with reverential respect or with admiring deference; to honor (as an icon or a relic) with a ritual act of devotion.

As you can see above, veneration is not worship. Nor do we believe that relics contain magical powers. We do, however, believe that God's holy work is accomplished through good and holy people like our great saints. We believe that even death, as Jesus proved on the cross, cannot thwart His plans and His work continues through the saints even after their death.

Apart from countless miracles that have come to pass in association with these holy reminders over the centuries, relics also serve as our connection to our past. They are reminders that our saints are not simply names in a book or make-believe people. They were real, living and breathing people just like us who struggled with many of the same difficulties and doubts that we live with every day. But through it all they remained true to God's grace and God's love and God's work in their lives. They remind us of the reality of the Communion of the Saints.

Relics also remind us that one day too our bodies, just like Christ's, will be resurrected. This should lead us to remember to revere the beauty and complexity of God's great gift of the human body to and lead us to respect our bodies and the remains of the deceased.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

HOLY RELICS TOUR of Bl. Carlo Acutis & St. Manuel Garcia Nov. 12-27

Nov. 12:

Sacred Heart of Mary, Weirton
3:00 PM to 8:00 PM – Public Veneration

Nov. 13

8:00 AM to 12:30 PM – Sacred Heart of Mary, Weirton –
Public Veneration
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM – Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Wheeling
– Public Veneration
6:00 PM – Taizé Candlelight Service/Relics Display
Diocesan Chancery Building Atrium

Nov. 14

Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart,
Charleston
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Public Veneration
6:00 PM – Mass with Relics present

Nov. 15

Saint Joseph, Huntington
10:30am-12noon Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with
the relics present
12:00 PM - Mass with the relics present
12:30-5:30pm Eucharistic Adoration with Veneration of the
Relics
3:00 PM- Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and an hour of
Sacred Music
Exposition and Adoration from 6pm until 8pm concluding
with Benediction
Reconciliation will be available

Nov. 16

Saint Francis de Sales, Beckley
1:00-6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration with Veneration of
the Relics
5:00-6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation
6:00 p.m. Benediction
6:30 p.m. Mass with Relics present

Nov. 17

St. Margaret Mary, Parkersburg
11am-12:30pm – Public Veneration
Saint Francis Xavier, Parkersburg (times TBD)

Nov. 18

Saint Patrick School and Parish, Weston (times TBD)

Nov. 19

3-4:30 pm - Immaculate Conception - Clarksburg
(Mass at 4:30pm)

Nov. 20

8:30am to 2:00 PM St. John University Parish,
Morgantown (Relics present at all the Mass.
Public veneration in between Masses)

Nov. 21

8:30AM Mass at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Morgantown

Nov. 22

8:30AM Mass at St. Francis de Sales Parish, Morgantown

Nov. 26

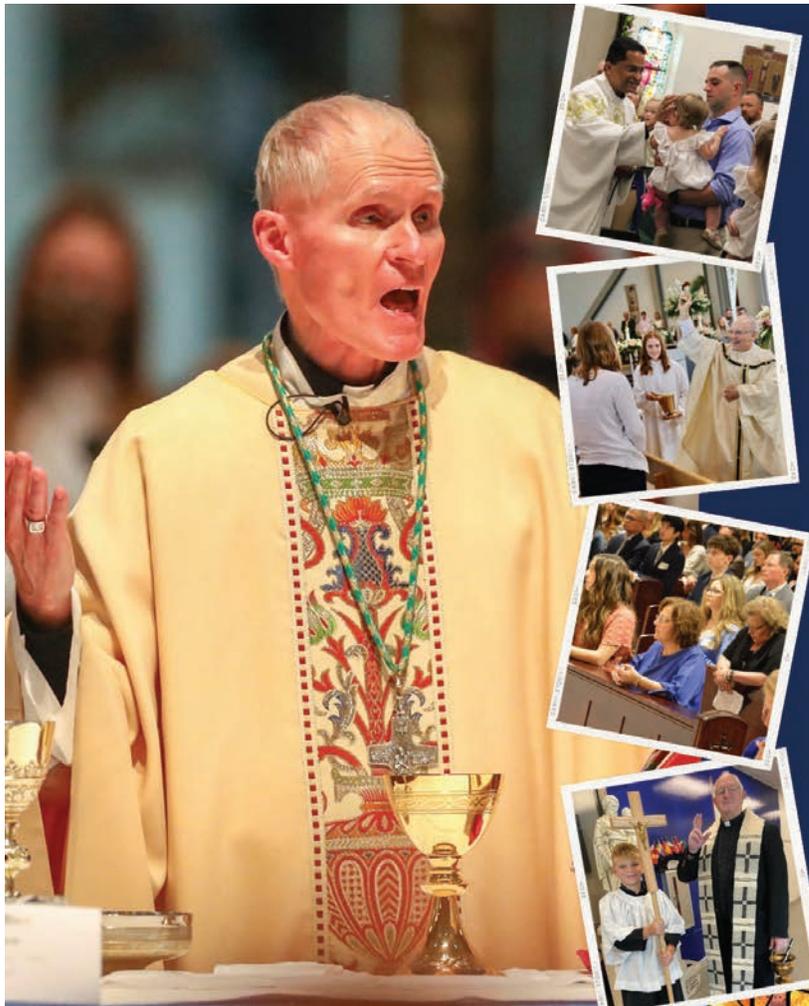
Saint Joseph, Martinsburg
8:00 AM to 8:00 PM – Public Veneration
5:00 PM – Relics present at the Mass
7:00 PM – Relics present at the Spanish Mass.

Nov. 27

Saint James, Charles Town
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM (Relics present at all Masses. Public
veneration in between Masses)

Updates and more info:

<https://dwc.org/year-of-the-eucharist/>



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