



## MASS OF GRATITUDE SET FOR NOV. 22 TO HONOR FAITHFUL IN THE DIOCESE

Bishop Mark Brennan will celebrate the Mass of Gratitude at 12:05 pm on Monday, Nov. 22nd at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling to honor the faithful in the diocese who are a light for our parishes, ministries, and outreach organizations through their gifts to the Catholic Sharing Appeal.

In this season of gratitude there is no better time to concentrate on all that we are thankful for in our lives. Let us all come together with a positive prayerful focus, a grateful heart, and mindset to become more spiritually healthy.

*“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”*  
- 1Thessalonians 5:16-18

Let us become people of gratitude and thanksgiving.

The Eucharist is the true sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to the Father for everything we have. Let us remain grateful for our God given gifts and talents and pray that we honor God by sharing those blessings with others.

When we put our faith in action, it is a visual sign of our unity to the Body of Christ. This Mass also honors all of those acts and should renew in us an energy to be courageous and do more to make a positive impact.

As sons and daughters of God, we can find peace through prayer, joy through giving to others, and hope when we give thanks even when it is hard to do so. God knows our struggles.

You are invited to share your prayer intentions that will be offered during the Mass by going to: [CSA.DWCMINISTRIES.ORG/PRAYER-INTENTIONS/](https://www.dwc.org/csa/prayer-intentions/)

For those unable to attend the Mass it will live streamed on our website at [DWC.ORG/CSA](https://www.dwc.org/csa) and on the Diocesan Facebook page [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/DIOCESEOFWHEELINGCHARLESTON](https://www.facebook.com/DIOCESEOFWHEELINGCHARLESTON).

Join us for the

*Mass of Gratitude*

Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling

*Livestreamed at [dwc.org/csa](https://www.dwc.org/csa)*



# NOVEMBER 30 IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO GREAT THINGS

As we begin to approach the celebration of Thanksgiving, we recall the many wonderful gifts God has given us over the past year. There is so much to be grateful for. On November 30th, we will join with faithful from across the diocese in the celebration of Giving Tuesday, a global day of kindness and generosity. You can join the celebration in a variety of ways – by signing up for a new ministry, by volunteering, by praying, or by donating funds.

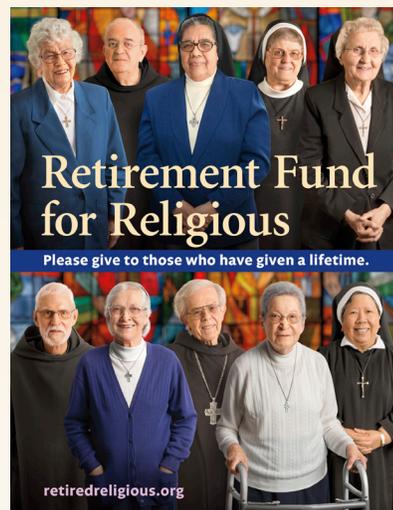
Bishop Brennan encourages the faithful to call to mind the many wonderful gifts that God has given them and to be a light for others, by showing our love and giving hope to those in need. You can enliven your parish and shine light on ministries, education, and outreach efforts by supporting the Catholic Sharing Appeal on Giving Tuesday. Last year's Giving Tuesday campaign raised more than \$1.2 million and made a huge difference for our parishes and organizations across the state. Gifts can be made securely online at [DWC.ORG/CSA](http://DWC.ORG/CSA), checks can be made payable to Catholic Sharing Appeal and mailed to: P.O. Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003; or checks made out to the CSA for Giving Tuesday can be dropped off to your parish office or collection basket.

“We all recognize how important it is to support our own parish,” Bishop Brennan said. “I encourage you to pray and consider joining me in giving your support on Giving Tuesday. Together we can build a brighter, more vibrant future.”

## RETIRED RELIGIOUS TO BE REMEMBERED IN DECEMBER COLLECTION

*DONATIONS HELP AGING SISTERS, BROTHERS,  
PRIESTS IN RELIGIOUS ORDERS*

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will hold the Retirement Fund for Religious collection Dec. 11-12. The parish-based appeal is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) in Washington, D.C. Proceeds help religious communities across the country to care for aging members.



Last year, the faithful donated \$67,050.45 to the collection, according to Sister Martha Gomez, delegate for the Office of Consecrated Life in the diocese.

“I am continually heartened by the overwhelming generosity of U.S. Catholics,” said NRRO Executive Director Sister Stephanie Still, a member of the Sisters of the Presentation of San Francisco. “Even in difficult times, they find a way to give back to those who have worked tirelessly to serve our Church and our world.”

Hundreds of U.S. religious communities face a large gap between the needs of their older members and the funds available to support them. Historically, Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—known collectively as women and men religious—served for little to no pay. As a result, many communities now lack adequate retirement savings.

At the same time, health-care expenses continue to rise, and an increasing number of older religious require specialized services. NRRO data shows that 26,330 women and men religious in the United States are older than age 70. The total cost for their care exceeds \$1 billion annually.

To help address the deficit in retirement funding among U.S. religious orders, Bishop Mark Brennan joins bishops from around the United States in supporting the fund which was initiated in 1988.

Across the country the 2020 appeal raised \$20.7 million, and funding was distributed to 321 U.S. religious communities. Visit [RETIREDRRELIGIOUS.ORG](http://RETIREDRRELIGIOUS.ORG) to learn more.

# GIVING TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 30, 2021

*Give the gift that enlivens your parish and  
shines light in the lives of Catholics across WV.*



*Together we can serve as a light for all to see!*



## SAFETY AND COMFORT FOR OUR ELDERLY NEIGHBORS

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 the HomeCare program comes in.

"John" is one of our clients. He served as an Army Corporal in the early 1950s at the end of WWII and during the Korean War. Now at 91 years old, John lives with his daughter, "Karen."

The pandemic has been hard on the father-daughter duo. At one point in 2020, Karen contracted COVID and had to quarantine. She could not help John perform his daily living routine. They called Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) for assistance.

CCWVa HomeCare program staff never stopped providing quality services throughout the pandemic. We are committed to providing uninterrupted care while following safety protocols to keep the clients, family, and staff healthy and safe.

While CCWVa in-home caregivers perform necessary tasks like cooking, bathing, light housework, and

transportation, their service amounts to much more. We offer companionship during an extremely isolating time of life.

John and his in-home caregiver have forged quite a bond in the year they've been working together. And, from Karen's perspective, she is able to continue working without worrying about her dad being alone and unsafe. We are honored to support John in his desire to age in place, in the comfort of his own home.

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](http://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.*

## ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY PRAY FOR US! HEART OF GOLD SAINT'S FEAST DAY IS NOV. 17

She was a princess by title, but a humble servant of God by choice. Saint Elizabeth of Hungary had a heart of God.

She was born in Hungary in the early 13th Century and used her dowry to establish a hospital in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, where she personally cared for the sick. Read more about this impressive saint on page two of the FaithInWV e-bulletin's Nov. 15, 2020, edition available online at: [DWC.ORG/FAITHINWV-BULLETIN/](http://DWC.ORG/FAITHINWV-BULLETIN/)

*St. Elizabeth, even though you were a princess, you spent your life caring for the poor and sick. Help me realize that God loves each and every one of us the same. Let me also be a light of hope to others and a memorable reflection of God's love. St. Elizabeth, Pray for Us!  
Amen*



# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## First Reading DANIEL 12:1-3

In those days, I Daniel, heard this word of the Lord: "At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. "But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

## Responsorial PSALMS 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

**R. (1) You are my inheritance, O Lord!**

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot. I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

**R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!**

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

**R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!**

You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.

**R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!**

## Second Reading HEBREWS 10:11-14, 18

Brothers and sisters:

Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.

## Alleluia LUKE 21:36

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Gospel MARK 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory,

and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky. "Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that our vigilance in keeping watch for the day when the Son of Man will return in glory may lead us to redouble our efforts to feed, clothe, welcome, and accompany all those in need, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our leaders, that by heeding the prophetic voices that shine brightly in the firmament, they may lead many to justice during times of darkness and tribulation, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those who have been victimized by the horrible actions or disgraceful inaction of those in authority, that they may experience healing and hope, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our loved ones who have died, that they may forever shine in the light of eternal life in the splendor of the firmament, let us pray to the Lord. . .

*Lord hear our prayer*

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



# 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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## 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](http://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/)