



MASS OF GRATITUDE SET FOR NOV. 20 TO HONOR FAITHFUL IN THE DIOCESE

Bishop Mark Brennan will celebrate Mass at 12:05 pm on Friday, Nov. 20th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph to honor the faithful in the diocese.

While we are still in the midst of a pandemic, 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.

The Eucharist is the true sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to the Father – everything we have is a gift from God.

Let us remain grateful for our God given gifts and talents and pray that we honor God by sharing those blessings with others.

Let us be mindful to help our elders and our neighbors across our Mountain State.

When we put our faith in action, it is a visual sign of our

unity to the Body of Christ. This Mass honors 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.

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 of people of gratitude and thanksgiving.

You are invited to share your prayer intentions that will be offered during the Mass by clicking [HERE](#).

For those unable to attend the Mass it will live streamed on our website [HERE](#) and on the Diocesan Facebook page [HERE](#).



Bishop Mark Brennan will celebrate a
Mass of Gratitude

November 20 • 12:05PM.

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling

Please visit dwc.org and share your own prayer intentions that will be offered during the Mass.

*If unable to attend, view live at DWC.org or
Facebook.com/DioceseofWheelingCharleston*

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY HAD A HEART OF GOLD

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 on July 7, 1207. By the time she was four her arranged marriage was being planned to Thuringia royalty. Young Elizabeth was very religious. 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 Thuringia, 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 when she was the marrying 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.

A year later, when Elizabeth 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. Her own family made arrangements to support her children. She pursued a life as a chaste widow and sought the spiritual direction of Conrad of Marburg, a

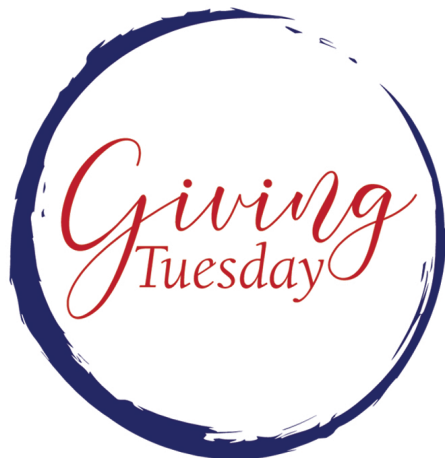
priest known for extremely strict rules, punishing her and others for any infractions. She lived only four more years before she too fell ill and died. Her saintliness was obvious to those in her community. Miracles of healing began to happen at her grave site, though these were not the first miracles surrounding her.

One of the most well-known miracles of Elizabeth happened when she was married. She had stowed several loaves of bread in her apron to take to the poor, but when she came upon a hunting party out with Ludwig, they asked her what she was hiding in her cloak, assuming she may have been stealing from the castle. However, when she opened her arms roses appeared instead of the bread. Ludwig knew God was working through his

young wife.

Her great compassion and selfless acts of love revealed another miracle. She had welcomed Helias of Eisenach, a leper, into her home. She gave the leper her room. This infuriated her mother-in-law, and she had Ludwig go clear out the room. However, when Ludwig removed the cover from the leper, he saw the crucified Christ in the bed.

She was declared a saint four years after her death.



Join us online, as we gather
together to raise funds, support our
parishes & ministries, and share our faith!

December 1, 2020
dwc.org/GivingTuesday

OUR LADY OF CHIQUINQUIRA ~ A STORY OF RESTORED BEAUTY

Her devotion to the faith and determination to lovingly clean-up an abandoned chapel for native South Americans led Dona Maria Ramos to discover a painting that was miraculously restored before her eyes.

Our Lady of Chiquinquirá is not well known in the United States, but a South American celebrates a beautiful devotion.

A 16th century artist, Alonso de Narvaez, painted a portrait of Our Blessed Mother with a Rosary at the request of a devoted local, Don Antonia de Santana, and a monk, Andres Jadraque. It was created using pigments of herbs, flowers, and soil or clay.

The Virgin Mary is holding baby Jesus and is accompanied by St. Anthony of Padua and St. Andrew the Apostle at her sides, the respective patron saints of the men who commissioned the painting.

For 15 years it was displayed in a much loved, but structurally imperfect chapel in Chiquinquirá, Colombia. The painting was ruined because of a leaky

roof and harsh sunlight. It was taken down in 1577, and carelessly stored in a back room of the building. Not long after the oratory was further neglected and turned into a place for animals and to



store and dry wheat and feed.

When Ramos, a faith-filled woman of Spain, was in the area and discovered the chapel she found it in her heart to want to clean the building. While working she came across the painting and although faded and torn was moved by the beauty of the Madonna and child.

She rehung it in the once loved chapel. She prayed daily for others to appreciate

the chapel again. Miraculously, on the morning of Dec. 26, 1586, as the sun's rays came upon the painting it began to brighten, first the image of the Virgin Mary, and then the entire painting

began to take on its original brilliant color. Ramos was amazed. Almost immediately people all over Latin America made pilgrimages to see the painting. It is recorded that miraculous cures followed, and the Church validated those claims.

In 1630 the Dominican Brothers took charge of the chapel and it was later replaced by a permanent church in 1801. The painting is in the Basilica of Our Lady of Chiquinquirá, Colombia. The Holy See granted a liturgical feast day for July 9 (commemorating the day

of canonical coronation) and Nov. 18 (proper liturgical feast for the patroness of Columbia).

Temperature changes, humidity, candle smoke from the many prayer candles, harsh lighting, and constant touching of the unprotected painting by countless eager pilgrims dulled the painting so it was placed under heavy glass in 1897.

GIVING TUESDAY - AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO GREAT THINGS

Giving Tuesday is December 1st. Join the faithful across the diocese to make a difference for your parish, catholic education, evangelization ministry, or Catholic Charities of WV on this global day of kindness and generosity.

You can show your generosity in a variety of ways during Giving Tuesday—whether it's donating funds, signing up to participate in a new ministry, volunteering, or praying, every act counts! Participate on December 1st by going to GIVINGTUESDAY.DWC.ORG.

Note 100% of your donation will go to the entity selected. For anyone who would prefer not to go online, donations can be dropped off or mailed to your parish office or placed in the collection basket. Bishop Mark Brennan has declared that all

donations on this day will be assessment free – no PHRA or Cathedraticum. It is also important to note that the diocese has not had a 2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal.

Because of COVID-19 our parishes, schools, and organizations' budgets have suffered with the sparse parish collections, cancelled fundraisers, and postponed appeals. Giving Tuesday will give them a boost.

The website will open for donations November 20th. The site will continue to accept donations through December 2nd.

Let our parishes and organizations know they can count on you on Giving Tuesday and encourage others to do the same. Remember – together we can do great things!

BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

By: Katie Hinerman Klug, Catholic Charities West Virginia Marketing Communications Specialist

West Virginia resident Amanda Cowgill had dropped out of high school and started a family at a young age. Although her family was struggling, she refused to be defined by her situation.

“At the lowest point in my life, I asked myself if I wanted to be like this for the rest of my life, and the answer was no,” said Amanda.

Amanda enrolled in Catholic Charities West Virginia’s (CCWVa) case management services.

Case management services at CCWVa empower clients and consider the needs of the person holistically. CCWVa case managers build relationships with clients, empower them, and provide support for them to reach their goals.

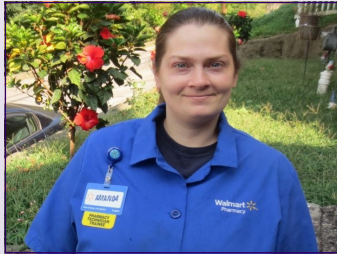
At CCWVa, case management is also a vehicle to unite all programs offered throughout the agency, providing a continuum of service and making efficient use of all available

resources. Ultimately, case managers assist clients in making lasting changes that lead to greater stability in their lives.

Amanda developed a close relationship with her CCWVa case manager, and she received the guidance, resources and support she needed to achieve her goals. Amanda earned her High School Equivalency diploma, and then went on to secure a job at her local Wal-Mart pharmacy.

Amanda’s success is inspirational, especially for her own teenagers. They are proud of their mother, and have seen how it is possible to make positive changes that can create a better future.

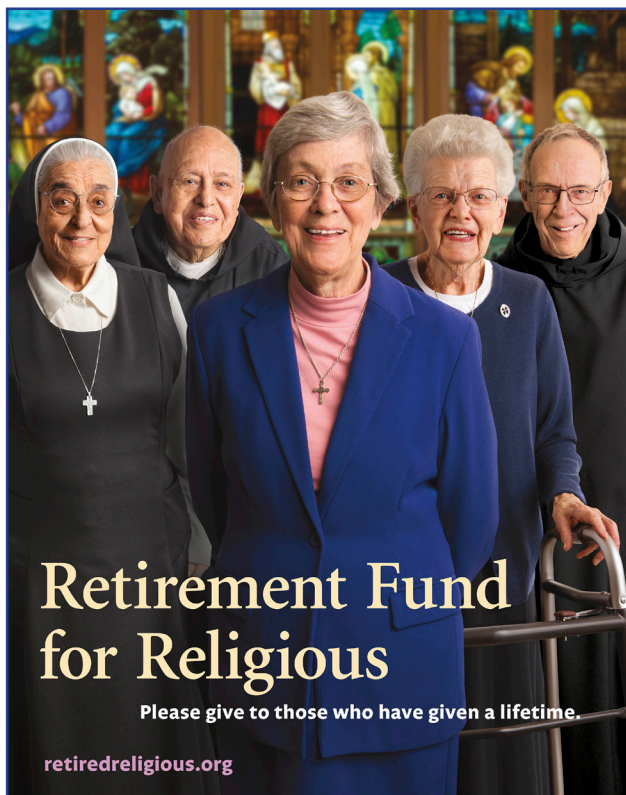
To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit CATHOLICCHARITIESWV.ORG.



Amanda Cowgill prepares for a day at work at her local Wal-Mart pharmacy in southern West Virginia

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.

HONORING OUR RETIRED RELIGIOUS



On Dec. 12-13 the nation will honor retired religious through the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) collection. While ongoing Covid-19 concerns mean that many in our parishes across the country are unable to attend Mass; and the profound economic impact the pandemic has had on our parishes has been straining; please, know any contribution no matter how great or small is accepted with heartfelt gratitude, said Sister Stephanie Still, PBVM, Executive Director of RFR.

“We hold you in our prayers, and we ask you to hold our mission for elderly religious in yours,” she said.

Your tax-deductible donation offers vital support for elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests, helping to provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious communities implement retirement strategies that promote quality eldercare and continued service to the People of God.

Please, mark this special collection on your calendar and give prayerful consideration of a donation. They can be made through the parish or online at: RETIREDRELIGIOUS.ORG/WAYS-TO-GIVE.

MASS READINGS FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading PROVERBS 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Responsorial PSALMS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. (cf. 1a) Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home;
Your children like olive plants around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Second Reading 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

Alleluia JOHN 15:4A, 5B

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MATTHEW 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away. "After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'"

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we may be worthy of the gifts for which we have been entrusted, reaching out our hands to the poor and extending our arms to the needy, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For people around the world, especially those who have been given great responsibilities, may strive to use their talents to benefit others, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who work for the underprivileged, may they be blessed in their ministry, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, for all our intentions spoken and unspoken, 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.

Liturgy of the Hours LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Pray the prayer for this day, this hour!

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A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HOW DO YOU THINK GOD FEELS WHEN YOU WASTE WHAT BELONGS TO HIM?

WHAT DID I WASTE THAT BELONGS TO GOD?

YOU.

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THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT IS NOW AVAILABLE BY E-MAIL!!

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THECATHOLICSPIRITWV.ORG.

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/)