



OCTOBER 4, 2020

## BISHOP BRENNAN TO BE FEATURED HOMILIST FOR NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MASS

Bishop Mark Brennan will be the homilist for the Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Mass, which will be livestreamed on [FACEBOOK](#) and [YOUTUBE](#) from the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling at 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3.



and parishioners recognize domestic abuse and respond with compassion. To learn more, please visit [WWW.CATHOLICSFORFAMILYPEACE.ORG](http://WWW.CATHOLICSFORFAMILYPEACE.ORG).

The group was founded in April 2011, as an organization to offer hope, help, and healing for domestic abuse

and violence. It is part of the National Institute for the Family, a Catholic research and development organization based in Washington, DC, and serves as a clearinghouse for effective pastoral practices of the universal Church addressing violence in the home. The group also offers training for pastoral leaders, clergy, parishes, seminaries, and organizations.

During this Covid-19 Pandemic, the Cathedral of St. Joseph is honored to host this 4th Annual National Catholic Observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) Mass. The Mass was originally scheduled to be held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

The Mass is organized by Catholics For Family Peace and the USCCB's Secretariat Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth. It has been promoted by the Cardinal Dolan Show and Busted Halo.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Pastoral Statement [When I Call for Help](#) (2002) encourages pastors to dedicate at least one weekend of October to inform people how they can recognize and respond to the signs of abuse.

CCatholics For Family Peace's goal is to inform the Catholic community on ways to promote family peace, prevent and respond to domestic abuse, provide resources, and encourage prayer for all families. The initiative provides education, resources, and research that help pastoral leaders, clergy,

If you or someone you know is experiencing any form of abuse, please know that there is hope, help, and healing. In an emergency, recommend they call 911. For information on local resources, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233; TTY: 800-787-3224.

To learn more about domestic violence and the Catholic Church's response, please visit [WWW.USCCB.ORG/TOPICS/MARRIAGE-AND-FAMILY-LIFE-MINISTRIES/DOMESTIC-VIOLENCE](http://WWW.USCCB.ORG/TOPICS/MARRIAGE-AND-FAMILY-LIFE-MINISTRIES/DOMESTIC-VIOLENCE) and or contact Dr. Sharon A. O'Brien, Director of Catholics For Family Peace at [WWW.CATHOLICSFORFAMILYPEACE.ORG](http://WWW.CATHOLICSFORFAMILYPEACE.ORG) or [CATHOLICFAMILYPEACE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CATHOLICFAMILYPEACE@GMAIL.COM).

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us and for peace in our families.



Come, Holy Spirit, Lord of Life, bless us and grant us the grace of loving our families, as Jesus calls us to do, and help us to build peace in our hearts and in our homes; grant us the grace of recognizing and responding with love when others are in need or are suffering from injustice or abuse; enlighten the minds of parents and grandparents, so that they may have patience with children and with one another in the daily challenges of family living; and bless all children and young people to withstand the temptations that lead them away from a holy and happy life.

May we become true witnesses to the love of God in the world. Amen

# EVEN IF WE DON'T DESERVE IT, WE CAN PRESERVE IT

By: Rev. That Son Nguyen, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Church, Moundsville, WV

Jean Battlo, a poet and playwright, has lived all of her life in a small town of Kimball, West Virginia. Today in her 80's, she feels most at home sitting in her garden and among her cats. Looking in the distance at the West Virginia hills, she would say to me, "We don't deserve it, because it's a gift from God." She would quote her favorite verse, "What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me" (Psalm 116:12).

In Pope Francis' Encyclical, *Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home*, he warns us that "[Mother Earth] cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her."



Pope Francis and Jean Battlo are right. We have all heard the stories of climate change over the years.

In the middle of a historic pandemic we also have extreme weather, devastating fires throughout the west coast, hurricanes and flooding in southern states. We need to take immediate action to stop the irreversible injury to our common home.

This is clearly a moral issue. Are we ready to talk?

We are all hurting this year. And the poor suffer the most. They lose their

jobs, cannot find work, cannot buy food, cannot pay rent or afford daycare. This injustice cannot go on forever.

We must stand together to care for the poor. In Pope Francis' words, "Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another."

Pope Francis warns us that we cannot go back to the old ways after this pandemic. It is time to start something new, to care for our environment, for creation, for our common home. The Holy Father says, in his Plan for Rising Again, that the pandemic is compelling us toward "uniting the entire human family in the search for sustainable and comprehensive development."

All of us need to contribute to the solution. The bishops of South Africa stated, "Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation."

What will the solution look like? Sr. Libby Deliee, a Sister of Mercy who worked for 17 years in southern West Virginia, would say to me, "Be Kind, See Kind and Act Kind."

Her favorite word was 'respect.' That is the best starting place I can think of.

Jesus teaches us, "[The kingdom of God] is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." (Mark 4:30-31)

The little loving actions each of us do, grow and grow to become the Kingdom of God. As Pope Francis puts it, "St. Therese of Lisieux invites us to practice the little

way of love, not to miss out on a kind word, a smile or any small gesture which sows peace and friendship. An integral ecology is also made up of simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness."

Let's start healing the earth! Simple daily acts change our little corner of the world, and change us, including gardening, reducing our carbon footprint, advocating to elected officials, and serving the vulnerable. Let's show each other love and respect so that we, our children and future generations, can live. Let's walk on this earth as Jesus walked: with love and with the eyes and heart of God.

## ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME *LAUDATO SI'*



According to Pope Francis, "Life is grounded in three fundamental and closely connected relationships – the relationship with God, with our neighbor, and with the earth."

His second encyclical letter – *Laudato Si: Care God's creation* – was presented in June 2015. In honor of its fifth year, he invites all Catholics and people of good will to do at least one small act to care for our common home.

We can all do better caring for creation – God gave us this world as a gift. We need to be responsible and care for it.

You can read the full context and find more resources presented by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops by [CLICKING HERE](#).



# Celebrate

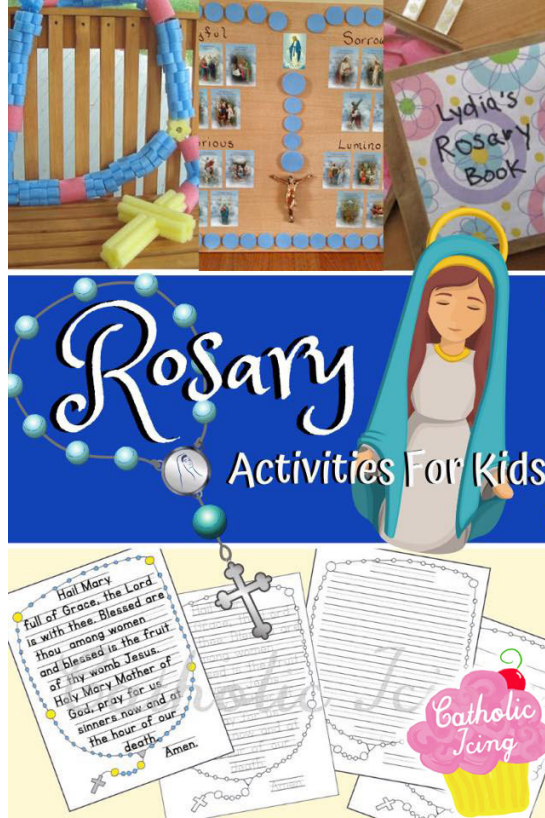
## OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY AS A FAMILY

This month of the Holy Rosary and especially on Oct. 7th, the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, embrace the special prayer and let it draw our families closer to God.

The Rosary is not only a calming rhythmic prayer, but also one that is the perfect teaching tool. Each of the mysteries are stories from the New Testament. Each decade of the Rosary is a reflection in the life of Jesus and Mary.

St. Teresa of Calcutta always carried a rosary with her, because she felt when she held them it was like holding the hand of our Blessed Mother. What a breathtaking image that is.

Learn more about the Rosary with your family through fun crafts and activities. A printable Catholic guide for teaching the Rosary can be found [HERE](#).



[CATHOLIC ICING](#) has a great variety of help when it comes to teaching kids about the rosary. On the site you can follow along on how to make a mysteries of the rosary book, a pipe cleaner rosary, a rosary board, and even how to make a starter rosary for Catholic preschool aged children.

Catholic Inspired's website has printable Rosary Prayer Sheets to help children follow along while praying the Rosary. They can be downloaded [HERE](#).

Our Lady of the Rosary, Our Lady of Victory – Pray for us!



Bishops' Chapel  
Mount Calvary Cemetery  
1685 National Road, Wheeling

All are invited to the following November services as we remember and pray for our deceased family and friends.

**Monday November 2:**  
All Souls Day Mass at 5:30pm

**Friday November 6:**  
First Friday Mass at 5:30pm

**Sunday November 15:**  
Evening Prayer for the Dead at 5:30pm

For more information call the cemetery office at 304-242-0460

Mount Calvary Cemetery is also pleased to offer candles, vases, grass marker (granite and bronze), monuments and monuments benches.

*This is subject to change if activity of COVID-19 becomes an issue of greater concern. This will be determined by State and Diocesan directives.*

**“LIFE IS A GIFT  
AND WHEN IT IS LONG IT IS A PRIVILEGE,  
FOR ONESELF AND FOR OTHERS. ALWAYS.”**

~POPE FRANCIS



**RESPECT LIFE**  
FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH



DIocese of WHEELING-CHARLESTON

# THE LATEST AND UPCOMING NEWS FROM THE CATHOLIC *Spirit*

## COMPASSIONATE CARE HELPS WALTER STAY AT HOME

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

Walter Scott loves his home in Chester, WV. For over 20 years, he has enjoyed the beautiful view from his apartment overlooking the Ohio River.

In 2015, Walter began dealing with multiple cancer diagnoses and treatments, and the activities of daily living were becoming too difficult for him. With no family nearby, and a desire to remain living at home independently, he reached out

to Catholic Charities West Virginia for help. Homemaker Jennifer Davis entered his life, and the two have developed an inseparable bond.

“At that time, I had skin cancer all over me – back, face, nose, arms, head,” Walter explained. “I don’t think I’d have gotten through it all without

her, really, to be truthful,” he commented, holding back tears.

Jennifer comes to Walter’s house for four hours a day, seven days a week.

Read the full story in the Oct. 2 issue of The Catholic Spirit.



Catholic Charities West Virginia Homemaker Jennifer Davis is pictured with Walter Scott in Chester.

For more news and information from The Catholic Spirit visit [THECATHOLICSPIRITWV.ORG](http://THECATHOLICSPIRITWV.ORG) or follow on Facebook at [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/THECATHOLICSPIRITWV](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/THECATHOLICSPIRITWV)

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

You are invited to join our new e-list to receive The Catholic Spirit by e-mail. To be added to the e-list, send an e-mail to Colleen Rowan, [CROWAN@DWC.ORG](mailto:CROWAN@DWC.ORG), with “The Catholic Spirit e-list” in the subject line. Please let us know your preference saying: “E-mail only, and remove me from print mailing list” or “I would like both print and e-mail versions.”

By joining the e-mail list, you will receive an e-mail on each issue date of The Catholic Spirit with a link to the full issue.

The Catholic Spirit will now be available under “Downloadable Spirit” at

[THECATHOLICSPIRITWV.ORG](http://THECATHOLICSPIRITWV.ORG).

## ENRICHMENT CLASS ON THE SACRAMENTS TO BE OFFERED

The Diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is offering a virtual Sacraments Course from October 18-November 21.

This five-week course will look at the history and theology of the sacraments. Beginning with a look at the Liturgy, we will then explore Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation (the sacraments of Initiation). We will then look at the sacraments of healing, that is, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick. Finally, we will examine the sacraments of communion, also known as the Sacrament of Marriage and the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

If you are a catechist, work with the RCIA, couples preparing for marriage, parents preparing to baptize their children, or are an adult interested in deepening your faith, please join

fellow Catholics from across the Diocese as we learn more about our Tradition.

This course is a hybrid model. It is composed of both weekly live two hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the University of Dayton’s Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation (VLCFF).

This course is being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of the books associated with the course. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at [JMCKEETS@DWC.ORG](mailto:JMCKEETS@DWC.ORG) with your name, address, and phone number. The last day to register is Friday, October 16th.



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## MASS READINGS FOR THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading ISAIAH 5:1-7

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes. Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

### Responsorial PSALMS 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

**R.** (Is 5:7a) **The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it. It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.

**R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit, The boar from the forest lays it waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it?

**R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

**R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name. O LORD, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.

**R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.**

### Second Reading PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11 OR 2:1-5

Brothers and sisters:

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

### Alleluia JOHN 15:16

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### Gospel MATTHEW 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:

"Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we may always welcome all people with a sincere heart and be a model of acceptance, respect, and hospitality, we pray . . .

For all those living in areas of the world where hostility, violence, terror and unrest are prevalent, that they may find ways toward reconciliation, acceptance and peace, we pray . . .

That we may foster and encourage a true and lasting respect for human life, from conception to natural death, we pray . . .

For protection from the Coronavirus, for healing for those already infected, and for an end to this terrible pandemic, we pray . . .

*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.

[EBREVIARY.COM](http://EBREVIARY.COM) [LITURGY OF THE HOURS](http://LITURGY OF THE HOURS)



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Berkeley Springs	FM	107.9
Clarksburg-Bridgeport	FM	97.5
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Grafton - Clarksburg	AM	1190
Montgomery - Beckley	FM	89.7
Purgitsville	FM	98.7
St. Marys - Parkersburg	FM	105.3
Star City - Morgantown	FM	89.7
Summersville	FM	91.3
Wheeling - Martins Ferry, OH	FM	90.7
Weirton - Steubenville	FM	97.7

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## A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR



"Our Father, who art in heaven,  
how did You know  
my name?"



"Heaven is a great big hug  
that lasts forever."

## 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/)