

Faith IN WV

DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON



SEPTEMBER 24, 2023



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY!



One Million ROSARIES

FOR VOCATIONS WITHIN THE
DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

Let us call upon St. Joseph to intercede for us on this Priesthood Sunday as we pray for our priests, seminarians, and those discerning the call to the priesthood in our diocese.

Head of the Holy Family, we call upon you today to bless our priests.

Let them learn the love, patience, and understanding needed to be a good father by meditating on your example.

Saint Joseph, teach them to trust and embrace God's plan for their lives, graciously accepting the physical, mental, and emotional demands it takes to be a protector of the Church that has always been in peril.

Call upon the Holy Spirit to shine light into their minds and hearts in order to see the good in the flock they shepherd.

Terror of Demons, pray for their protection from every evil trying to stop him from doing his work.

Like you the Guardian of the Redeemer, let them continue to embrace humility and selflessness in order to foster the faithful. Let them stand confident like you - in front of them to lead the way, beside them to give comfort and encouragement, and behind them to not only to witness their joy, but also to be at the ready to protect them and pick up lost souls with the unconditional love you have for Jesus, Mary, and the Church.

Saint Joseph, Light of all Patriarchs, obtain for our priests and those discerning the call to the priesthood grace, courage, zeal, and compassion.

Amen.

Pledge Now. Pay Later. #MillionRosaries4WV



Upon seeing the tally marker for the One Million Rosaries for Increased Vocations in WV slowly edging beyond 173,000, Sr. Martha Gomez said, "I'm praying for prayers!"

She said she can't say it loud enough "Pledge now, and pay later!" Wait what is she saying?

In our case we all need to make our pledges now for our future rosaries to include the intention of increased vocations in WV - so, "PLEDGE NOW AND PRAY LATER," she said. "We need our international priests, religious, and laity in WV to share it with their home countries, so our voices around the world are praying for us."



Mission Showering Blessings

It is no secret that the One Million Rosaries for Increased Vocations in WV is doing more than offering our prayers for vocations. It is a renewal of a devotion. It is even an re-introductory for those who never or rarely said the Rosary. It is giving ownership to those who want to see and support

continue...



faithful vocations in WV. Most importantly, is uniting us across the state to raise our voices young and old alike to Heaven.

Groups are gathering to make rosaries; our Catholic schools

are sharing heartwarming images of their students and staff gathering to mediate on the Rosary; and faithful are stepping up, forming rosary groups at work, in their homes, or online.

“I am encouraged at how so many people in our diocese, including in our schools, are turning to the Rosary to pray for vocations,” said Director of Vocations and Pastor of St. John’s University Parish Fr. Brian Crenwelge.

“As the vocation director, I can see the fruit of the prayers of the faithful of WV and our bishop for vocations. Other than the Mass and the Divine Office, the Rosary has been advocated as the most powerful prayer. I hope that this pledge will enable people who normally didn’t pray the Rosary regularly before to continue praying it on their own for vocations. As Pope St. Pius X once said, ‘If there were one million families praying the Rosary every day, the entire world would be saved,’” he said.

Moments of the Lord's Supper: A Sensory Experience

Join us as we explore the Lord’s Supper using our senses!

You will be taken on an unique journey allowing you to see, hear, feel, touch, taste and smell how the Lord was not only present to the disciples in that Upper Room, but shares himself with the Church every time we gather at the Eucharistic table.



Begins at 6:30 PM (offered at two locations for your convenience)

**October 4—All Saint Parish, Bridgeport, WV
October 5—Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, WV**



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PERPETUAL VOWS TAKEN BY SISTER JENNIFER BERRIDGE

Her response to God was an enthusiastic “All in,” and her beaming smile showed it.

Sister Jennifer Berridge made her Perpetual Profession of Vows on Saturday Sept. 16, at Mount St. Joseph Chapel in Wheeling.

According to Sr. Chris Schenk, CSJ, mentor of Sr. Jennifer during her formation, the newest full member of the Congregation of St. Joseph was “All in from the beginning.” Sister Chris gave the reflection after the homily at the Liturgy.

“Today, Jennifer you join a cloud of witnesses, who made a way, where there was no way,” she said speaking of her commitment to love God and serve others.

Sister Jennifer is one of 522 women and men in the US who have made their perpetual profession in US religious institutes in the last three years.

Schenk said the Gospel of Matthew 25:31-40 shared during the liturgy reflects Sr. Jennifer’s heart and is at the heart of the Sisters of St. Joseph’s charism, “Love of God and love of neighbor are one in the same.”

“The mysterious God is often painfully disguised as those who suffer,” she said, and it is Sr. Jennifer’s calling to not only be a servant through her life as a religious sister, but also her profession as a case manager for Catholic Charities of West Virginia.

The crowd was on their feet and all smiles as they cheered and celebrated Sister Jennifer as she completed her vows and signed her profession, but no one was more elated and fuller of genuine joy than Sister Jennifer herself. It was evident not only on her face, but thanks to a microphone nearby you could hear her ever so soft, genuinely happy giggle.

As she left the sanctuary to return to her seat, she hugged her mother, Kathy Doberstyn,

who through many happy tears was able to say, “I am so proud of you!”

“What a wonderful day to join us together in praise of God and in thanksgiving for a woman of our faith community our Church who wishes to dedicate herself perpetually - the rest of her life - to the service of God and neighbor,” celebrant Bishop Mark Brennan said at the beginning of the Mass. He was assisted by Deacon Paul Lim of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, who works with Sr. Jennifer at WVU Wheeling Hospital and her position at CCWV.

“Sr. Jennifer we share your joy - you have found the Pearl of Great Price and you are willing to sell everything else to buy it,” Bishop Brennan said at the conclusion of his homily, referencing the parable in Matthew 13:45-46. The Pearl of Great Price can be interpreted as our faith, our relationship with our loving God, and the discovery of the glories of the Kingdom of Heaven that gives us life, unity, and dignity. “In the words of the psalm (Psalm 16) today ‘You have found your path of life.’ May you have many more years to enjoy it, and be of service to your brothers and sisters.”

Sister Jennifer is originally from the Cleveland, Ohio area. She is the daughter of Kathy (Berridge) Doberstyn and late John Berridge. The family attended the Church of the Resurrection, in Solon, Ohio.



LIFT YOUR SPIRIT THIS WEEK

BE MINDFUL OF THESE IMPORTANT DAYS

SEPT. 25 – World Day of Immigrants and Refugees



Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries.

SEPT. 27 – Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul



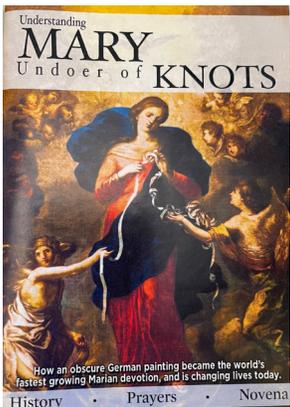
known for his service to the poorest of the poor, he also inspires us today with his advice:

“How true it is that a person must be called by God in order to be stable in any vocation whatsoever; otherwise, there is nothing but wavering and inconstancy.”

“The children of our Lord walk gladly in His ways; they have confidence in him, and so when they fall, they rise again...”

The Eucharist commits us to holiness - “Do you not feel, my brothers, do you not feel this divine fire burning in your chest, when you receive the adorable Body of Jesus Christ in communion? Understanding this helps us to “become what we are, the Body of Christ.”

SEPT. 28 – Feast Day of Mary Undoer of Knots



When we become overwhelmed with anxiety and grief, or when we feel completely tied down not knowing how to break free, we need to focus on our faith and call to our Mother Mary to help us untie the knots in our lives - marriage troubles, money problems, unemployment, illness, loneliness, loss, depression, and self-pity.

Take your devotion prayer to another level and call upon Mary,

Undoer of Knots to help turn around our doubts - the can nots, will nots, and am nots - so, we are no longer tied to negativity and have the confidence with Mary as our intercessor to keep moving forward and placing all of our trust in Jesus.

SEPT. 29 – The Feast Day of the Archangels



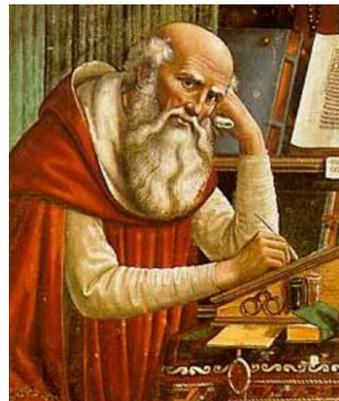
Michael who protects, Gabriel who announces, and Raphael who guides.

In honor of Michael the Archangel pray the Prayer to St. Michael (faithinwv.org/catholic-tradition/).

In honor of angel Gabriel recite the Angelus (faithinwv.org/catholic-tradition/).

In honor of Archangel Raphael read the Book of Tobit it is only 14 short chapters, but overflowing with inspirational devotion. (bible.usccb.org/bible/tobit/0).

SEPT. 30 – St. Jerome's Feast Day



St. Jerome said, “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” However, Scripture is not always easy to understand and can be cumbersome. That is exactly when we need to reflect and pray, asking God to give us the grace to understand what He is saying to us. Ask your guardian angel to help you.

Saint Jerome said we are all so precious to God that he assigned each one of us our very own guardian angel. This spirit is invisible but always with us to protect and guide our soul, as well as pray for us and present our prayers to God. Take St. Jerome's challenge and call upon our guardian angels to open our hearts and minds to His word in the Scriptures.



RUN SO AS TO WIN, LIVE SO AS TO DIE

COLUMN BY JOE DERICO

Derico is a seminarian of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston at St. John Paul II Seminary, Washington, D.C.

St. Paul says in his first epistle to the Corinthians, “Run so as to win. (9:24-27)” This great line in the Bible is probably one of the best known and by far one of the most quoted. It is a great exhortation to the cardinal virtue of fortitude, one of the hinges so to speak of our moral life. Without fortitude, it is quite difficult for us to attempt any task. It is necessarily, one aspect of life that we need to possess in order to live according to the will of the Father. Fortitude however, I believe, is one of the virtues most lacking in my generation, and undoubtedly in the ones preceding as well. We are a people who seem to no longer have the fortitude to carry on in life. So many people are afraid of commitment, or dare I say, of trying to do what it takes to maintain that commitment. Look no further than the percentage of marriages that end in a divorce, or to priestly attrition rates. We have become a people without the grit that those who lived through World War II and the great depression possessed, and we need to reclaim it or else we will be farther away from the life to which the Lord is calling us.

I believe one way that we can grow in this virtue of fortitude is to live as if we have a supernatural purpose to our lives. As if we were created for something. As if God (and the evil one) existed. In no other part of our human existence is our lack of fortitude made more manifest. We chose to live our lives as if we are God. As if we establish the rules by which we have to live, and as if we can change them at any opportunity. We have lost, so to speak, our spiritual grit. I drew a contrast of recent generations to that of those who lived through the depression. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the great author of the Sherlock Holmes Mysteries, drew the same contrast

more than 100 years ago. He said, “In those simple times there was a great wonder and mystery in life. Man walked in fear and solemnity, with Heaven very close above his head, and Hell below his very feet. God’s visible hand was everywhere, in the rainbow and the comet, in the thunder and the wind. The Devil, too, raged openly upon the earth; he skulked behind the hedgerows in the gloaming;

he laughed loudly in the night-time; he clawed the dying sinner, pounced on the unbaptized babe, and twisted the limbs of the epileptic.”

We have ceased living as if God and Satan exist, and we need to reclaim that sense of mystery that those older generations possessed. If you were attempting to get a new job, presumably a higher position, something which would enable you to better yourself, you would not be content with barely filling out the minimum requirements on the application, and providing

little information in your resumé. Rather, you would do everything that you could, to make yourself seem the most attractive person for the job. You would dress well for the interview, and tell the interviewer the best information about yourself. Why do we not treat our spiritual goals in the same way? We refuse to run the race of life so as to win that imperishable crown of glory of which St. Paul speaks, but rather, we content ourselves with the crown of perishable greenery, which will wither and fade.

We need only live our lives as if we were really trying to attain heaven, not simply providing some half-hearted effort hoping that we might be able to tell St. Peter at the heavenly gates that we tried our best (knowing of course that this is not the case). A significant part of that is discerning what Vocation the Lord is calling us to in life.

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all of us to a vocation, whether it be that of the married life, the Sacred Priesthood, or to Consecrated life. The primary goal of our lives however, is what St. John Paul II, and his successors have referred to as the universal call to holiness. This universal call, means that all of us have a primary vocation to be holy people...

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If a married couple is not living their vocation in order that their union may serve as a form of sanctification to each other and themselves, then they have totally disregarded the purpose of their vocation. The same may be said of the priestly vocation. A priest must live his life, constantly fighting the battle for holiness, of which we are all so painfully aware, but also fighting for holiness in his people. If he compromises on the “difficult” teachings of the church, or avoids speaking of them at the pulpit, then he too, has forgotten his vocation. The same properly may be said of a consecrated religious, who are called to live their call to holiness in accord with the rule which they observe, and the constitutions of their order. Any failure to do so, constitutes a failure to properly live their vocation. Let us not forget the words of the Lord in St. Matthew’s Gospel, “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.” (18: 5-7) Our secondary vocations then, that work to which God is calling us in life is designed not

only to aid us in our vocation to holiness, but also to aid others. For married people, this is most properly the children that they are called to bring forth. For priests, the souls entrusted to their care. For active religious, the souls with whom they work, and all of those that they encounter in their apostolate. For contemplative religious, the souls for whom they are bound to pray each day, often the universal church.

All of these things are important for us to remember in our lives. Many religious, pray the vows that they once made before their superior, each day, in order that they might be reminded of their mission. I believe that the same could easily be said of any vocations. Married people, renew your vows before God each day. How many marriages have ended because the married parties have forgotten that they made solemn vows before God and his church, and have failed to live them out? For priests too, renew your vows in front of the Lord in the blessed sacrament each day. Let them renew your faith and vigor for preaching the gospel that you had on that day you made them before your bishop.

Our vocation should lead us to fulfill the great commission given us in the Gospel: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. (Mt 28:19-20)” Simply put, live your life as if you have a real mission; because you do, and should you forget it, you run the risk of leading yourself, and through scandal, other souls (for priests and religious this element of the equation is especially notable), to hell. And on that judgement day, in front of our Lord, you may very well run the risk of hearing Jesus say, “Woe to you.”

“He made them the vicars of His love.”

- St. Ambrose



LIFE EXPO SET FOR OCTOBER 5 IN WHEELING!

EVENT TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS HELPING THE UNBORN TO END OF LIFE

It may be cliché but it's true - Actions are louder than words, according to Kathy Barton, director of social ministries for the diocese.

That is exactly the thinking that has gone into planning the first ever Hope Life Expo in the diocese. The event will be held from 9 am to 4:15 pm, on Oct. 5, at the St. Michael Angelus Center, 1225 National Road, Wheeling.

“What better way to support Respect Life month than to kick it off with a Life Expo? The Expo will offer a distinguished panel of speakers as well as local organizations ready to share information and resources for those who want to assist moms, children and families who need us,” Barton said. “The event is free, and lunch will be provided.”

“The plan is to mimic this Life Expo around the state thereby connecting groups and offering support throughout WV.”

The event is an opportunity for the Office of Social Ministry to help you. Who are you?

It is parish leaders, church community & outreach groups, supporters of unplanned pregnancies, social workers, and school community and counselors.

Why? It is for us all to engage and learn from groups and experts supporting the social, economic, physical, and spiritual needs of women, children, and families from prenatal to end of life.

It is a day to visit and gather information from groups who will be there to share with you, said organizer Kathy Barton, director of social ministries for the diocese.

“The task at hand can seem overwhelming,” she said. “The needs of everyone, including the unborn, are beyond the scope of anyone person or organization. However, our shared resources, knowledge, determination, and commitment to service can move mountains in one persons’ life at a time.”



Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Byron Calhoun, MD. He is a Professor and Vice-Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the College of Medicine at the West Virginia University and is also board certified in Addictions Medicine. Calhoun received his BS in 1979 as a Distinguished Graduate of the United States Air

Force Academy, graduated from the University of Iowa Medical School with an MD in 1983, completed his residency in OB/GYN at the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1987 and finished a Fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at the Oregon Health Sciences University in 1989. Dr. Calhoun has authored many peer review articles, scientific papers, and edited and published a monograph (March 2016) dealing with addictions in women's health titled Tobacco Cessation and Substance Abuse Treatment in Women's Healthcare with Springer Publications.

Additional speakers include Walking With Moms In Need, Her PLAN, Wellspring, Creighton Fertility Care™ & NaPro TECHNOLOGY, Catholic Charities West Virginia, St. Vincent de Paul Society, WV Pregnancy Centers Coalition, and Nina Lindemuth, CNRP.

Together, we can make a difference and offer HOPE and resources to those who need us most, Barton said.

Register at dwc.org/2023-life-expo

For more information, contact A.J. Emery at aemery@dwc.org or 304.233.0880, ext. 326.



October 5, 2023

9:00am - 4:15pm

St. Michael Angelus Center

1225 National Rd., Wheeling, WV 26003

Engage and learn from groups who support the social, economic, physical, and spiritual needs of women, children, and families from prenatal on.

Keynote Speaker Dr. Byron Calhoun, MD

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Catholic in Recovery

OCTOBER 17 • 6:30 P.M.

ST. MICHAEL PARISH, WHEELING

FREE EVENT

SPEAKER - SCOTT WEEMAN



Scott Weeman is a beloved son of God, a husband, and a father. He is the founder of Catholic in Recovery, a community of men and women seeking freedom from a variety of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Scott is the author of *The Twelve Steps and the Sacraments* and editor/compiler of *The Catholic in*

Recovery Workbook, both published by Ave Maria Press. He holds a master's degree in clinical counseling from Point Loma Nazarene University and is an associate marriage and family therapist. Scott and his family live in San Diego, California.

PRESENTATION

Finding Freedom from Addictions, Compulsions, & Unhealthy Attachments

The allure of addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments related to alcohol, drugs, food, lust, money, codependency, and many others seek to separate us from God, isolate us from our families, and leave us empty. While sharing personal experience, strength, and hope, Scott Weeman offers key spiritual insight rooted in Catholic faith and 12-step recovery wisdom on how to avoid these temptations and find freedom if already in the grip of addiction.

**Discover more about Catholic in Recovery and our speaker at
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For information about this event, contact the parish office at 304-242-1560



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20/20 Vision Series

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Vision 20/20 series for 2023 will focus on the Eucharist. Pope Francis has called for a worldwide Eucharistic Revival. Journey with us this year from Jan. 23-Dec. 11, as we journey with the Holy Father and his invitation to focus our vision on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist - the Source and Summit of the Church.

Note: Each session will begin at 7 pm and will be presented via Zoom.

Jan 23	The Transformative Power of the Eucharist - Bishop Mark Brennan
Feb 27	Let us be Bread - Beth Longo, CSJ Associate
March 27	The Eucharist as a noun - Bernadette McMasters Kime
April 24	Eucharist in the early church - Fr. John Di Bacco
May 22	Lord I am not worthy - Alex Nagem
June 26	The Eucharist as a verb - Deacon Paul Lim
July 31	Eucharist IS thanksgiving - Kate Marshall
August 28	Bread broken and shared - Sr. Jeanne Cmolik, CSJ
Sept. 25	Eucharistic Reflections through song - Chad Carter
Oct 30	The Road to Emmaus: Were Not Our Hearts Burning? - Fr. Walt Jagela
Nov 27	Bread for the journey - Rodica Stoicoiu, Ph.D.
Dec 11	Do this in remembrance of Me - Deacon Doug Breiding

(Series originated by Ms. Shirley Carter, B.A., M.A.A.T.)

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Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord, and turn to Him for mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103

“The Lord is near to all who call upon him.”

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24

Saint Paul declares that he dedicates his life to evangelize and bring souls closer to Christ. This lets him live his life to its fullest on earth, earning him eternal happiness in Heaven.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus teaches us through a parable that God is like a landowner, and we are the workers, who must work faithfully and not question what we consider unfair mercy and reward given to those who we deem unworthy. Instead know that God is unapologetically generous with His love and forgiveness.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we like the laborers accept our work as Christians to bring the love of Christ to all people through generous mercy and hope, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That those who feel abandoned, hurt, lost, or ignored can find Christ in us through our words, deeds, and prayers, stirring in them renewed hope and desire to receive the Eucharist – the True Presence of the Body and Blood of Christ to strengthen their soul, heart, and mind, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our priests on this Priesthood Sunday, bless their ministry, give them strength, and surround them with legions of angels as they bring souls to heaven through their servant leadership; and that we the faithful never take their vocation for granted, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For the success of our One Million Rosaries for Increased Vocations in WV campaign, as well as the Parish Year of the National Eucharistic Revival, help us be mindful of why God created us – to love, serve, and grow in faith evangelizing others in Christ’s love, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

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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.