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SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



Year of Mission
Walk with One

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY!

Today is Priesthood Sunday. Sponsored and coordinated by the US Council of Serra International, it is a day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States, a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priest.

Whether a brand-new priest, a veteran pastor, or a priest beginning a new assignment we are invited to hold our priests close in prayer. As a diocese we pray that they may be constantly surrounded by legions of angels as they build up the Church.

Saint John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, said, "We are each of us like a small mirror in which God searches for His reflection.

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Meditate on the following prayer, calling to mind all the priests that are and have been in your life, and may the Holy Spirit guide your heart and mind to continue to pray for these men each and every day.



DAILY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

By St. Therese of Lisieux

O Almighty, Eternal God, look upon the Face of Your Son and for love of Him, who is the Eternal High Priest, have pity on Your priests. Remember, O most compassionate God, that they are but weak and frail human beings. Stir up in them the grace of their vocation which is in them by the imposition of the bishop's hands. Keep them close to You, lest the enemy prevail against them, so that they may never do anything in the slightest degree unworthy of their sublime vocation.

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for the lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.

But above all, I commend to you N. and all the priests dearest to me, the priest who baptized me, the priests who have absolved me from my sins, the priests at whose Masses I have assisted and who have offered me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion, the priests who have taught and instructed me or helped and encouraged me, and the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your Heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

GOD WALKS WITH HIS PEOPLE

World Day of
Migrants and
Refugees
29-IX-2024



God walks with His People

Sunday, September 29th is World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees to call attention to the challenges confronting migrants and refugees and our Church teaching to respond with compassionate acts of love.

Pope Francis selected the theme “God walks with his people.”

Bishop Mark J. Seitz of El Paso, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Migration, said “Pope Francis calls for solidarity with migrants, reminding us that their journeys mirror the biblical Exodus, with God as their guide and companion. He emphasizes that every encounter with migrants is an encounter with Christ, urging us to respond with compassion, recognizing their struggles as a reflection of our shared journey toward the Kingdom of Heaven.”

The second reading for Masses on Sept. 29th (James 5:1-6) warns us of the dangers of overlooking and dismissing those around us in our pursuit of wealth and self-satisfaction. We are instead expected to put faith into action. Imitate Jesus. Walk with His People.

This day is a reminder not to stereotype migrants and refugees or be so absorbed by what society is telling us that we dismiss those around us - the poor, the persecuted, and other vulnerable populations.

In the Gospel reading (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48), the disciples come to Jesus telling him they tried to stop someone casting out demons in Jesus’ name because he was not one of them. Jesus responds “do not prevent him... There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.”

Resist all temptation of grouping someone in any way that takes you from authentically encountering one another as persons made in the image of God. Christ died not just for a small group, but the world – for us all. Walk with His People.

Catholic Charities of West Virginia offers Refugee Resettlement & Immigration Services. The Refugee

Resettlement Program assists newcomers in becoming part of our communities, and our Immigration Services Program focuses on low-cost legal assistance to reunite families in our state.

For more information go to: WWW.CCWVA.ORG or call Call: (304) 343-1036.

Walk with His People~

The screenshot shows the website for Catholic Charities of West Virginia. The top navigation bar includes links for PROGRAMS, LOCATIONS, GET INVOLVED, ABOUT US, NEWS, GET HELP, and DONATE. The main content area features a large image of two women smiling, with the text "WEST VIRGINIA" overlaid. Below the image is a list of services including Case Management, Child & Adult Care Food Program, Child Care Resource Center, Disaster Services, Emergency Financial Assistance, Food Assistance, Hospital Transition Program, Refugee Resettlement & Immigration Services, Relatives as Parents Program, SNAP Outreach, and WV Birth to Three. The "Refugee Resettlement & Immigration Services" section includes a welcome message and a "How to Get Help" section with a phone number and an "EMAIL US" button. A "Who We Serve" section lists eligible categories of immigrants, such as refugees, asylum seekers, and victims of human trafficking. An image of three people sitting around a table is also visible.

PRAYER FROM POPE FRANCIS

*God, Almighty Father,
we are your pilgrim Church
journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven. We live in our
homeland,
but as if we were foreigners. Every foreign place is our
home,
yet every native land is foreign to us. Though we live on
earth,
our true citizenship is in heaven. Do not let us become
possessive of the portion of the world
you have given us as a temporary home. Help us to keep
walking,
together with our migrant brothers and sisters, toward the
eternal dwelling you have prepared for us. Open our eyes
and our hearts
so that every encounter with those in need becomes an
encounter with Jesus, your Son and our Lord.
Amen.*



Chant Workshop & Concert

Oct. 22-23, St. Charles Borromeo Church, White Sulphur Springs, with Dr. Rosemary Heredos

The **St. Charles Concert Series** continues this fall with Rosemary Heredos, who will present a workshop and concert on Gregorian Chant. Both the workshop on October 22 and the concert on October 23 are free and open to the public.

Soprano and scholar Dr. Rosemary Heredos is a specialist in Early Music with a particular emphasis in Gregorian chant. She holds bachelor's degrees in music and English literature from Kent State University, and a Master of Arts in Ritual Chant and Song from the University of Limerick, where she studied the Irish sean-nós style with Nóirín Ní Riain, and medieval chant and song with Catherine Sergent. Rosemary recently completed a doctorate in Historical Performance Practice from Case Western Reserve University, where she studied voice with Ellen Hargis. She regularly sings with Cantoral, an all-female chant ensemble based in Limerick, Ireland, and Trobár medieval ensemble based in Cleveland. A church musician since her youth, Rosemary has cantored at Catholic churches around the world, and is currently the Coordinator of Liturgical Music at St. Anselm Church in Chesterland, Ohio. Additionally, she teaches in the Ethnomusicology department at Kent State University. Dr. Heredos is also Lecturer in Sacred Music and Voice at St. Meinrad Archabbey, where she regularly teaches chant workshops and voice lessons.

The workshop, entitled Chant, Liturgy & Prayer, will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 from 5:30-6:30pm and 7-8pm. Anyone interested in the history of Gregorian chant and how chant expresses the liturgy is invited to attend. You can attend either or both parts of the workshop. Refreshments will be served during the break.

A concert of Chant and Traditional Irish singing will be presented on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, beginning at 7 pm. Appearing with Dr. Heredos will be Leah Trent, harpist.

Both events will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church located across from the Greenbrier Clinic at 40798 Midland Trail E in White Sulphur Springs. For more information, please call the church office at 304-536-1813.

INFLUENCERS FOR THE WEEK!

October is Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary



Each October we draw our attention to Respect Life Month and the Month of the Holy Rosary. Two important themes in the life of the Church and easily woven together.

We can honor both with the same devoted heart.

Mary, who welcomed the greatest gift of Life – Christ our Savior - invites us to the Rosary as as you pray through it reflecting on each mystery, we like she, are drawn into the gift of Scripture.

As a way to tie both Respect Life Month and Month of the Holy Rosary together consider reciting the rosary each day.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) presents Rosaries for Life focused on each of the mysteries—luminous, sorrowful, glorious, and joyful. You can access each of them at:

WWW.USCCB.ORG/PRAYER-AND-WORSHIP/PRAYERS-AND-DEVOTIONS/ROSARIES/PRO-LIFE-ROSARIES

May we all love our faith, defend our faith, and live our faith! AMEN!

Ok, Everyone, Get Out Your Bibles!

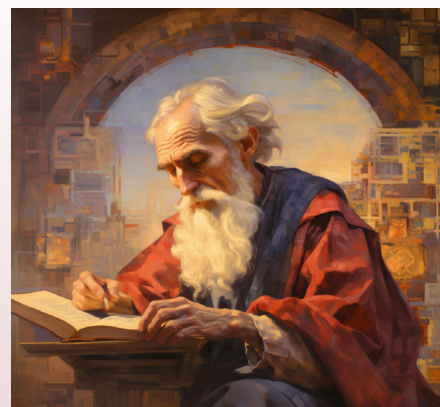
The Feast Day of St. Jerome is September 30. He is the saint who is best known for saying “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.”

He knew the struggle of understanding, and would direct those to whom he preached to call on Christ and pray, asking God to give the grace to understand what He is saying to us.

Consider it a challenge.

Saint Jerome was devoted to the Bible, he would read it, break it down, meditate on it, speak it with a joyful heart, and act on it, mirroring Christ.

Saint Jerome died in the year 419 in Bethlehem, Judea.



BE THE REASON SOMEONE SMILES!



The Feast Day of St. Therese of Lisieux is October 1. She taught us how to live a joy filled life.

It's all about attitude!

“One word or a pleasing smile is often enough to raise up a saddened and wounded soul,” she said.

You may know her as St. Thérèse the Little Flower, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, or St. Thérèse of the Holy Face. Regardless of what name you are most familiar there is a lot to learn from her 24 years on earth.

Saint Thérèse was declared the youngest Doctor of the Church in 1997 by Pope St. John Paul II. One of the highest honors of the Church, this designation recognizes her profound yet practical writings that illustrate her love of God and compliment lessons of spirituality to be a significant contribution to the faith.

She was born on Jan. 2, 1873, as Marie Francoise Thérèse Martin to Louis and Zélie

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Guerin Martin, who – it is important to note - were declared saints in 2015 by Pope Francis (the first married couple canonized together). She had eight siblings all older – four (two boys and two girls) died in infancy or early childhood. The other four – all girls – became nuns. St. Thérèse’s mother died of breast cancer at the age of 46, when the young saint was only four years old.

Saint Thérèse spoke with the utmost respect and gratitude about her parents in her writings, “The good Lord gave me a father and a mother more worthy of heaven than of earth.”

Artists often include roses in their paintings of the young saint. There are two significant references to roses by St. Thérèse in her life. As a young child she, “loved especially the (Eucharistic) processions in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. What a joy it was for me to throw flowers beneath the feet of God! Before allowing them to fall to the ground, I threw them as high as I could, and I was never so happy as when I saw my roses touch the sacred monstrance.”

It was also recorded that at the end of September outside of her room in the convent where she lay dying from tuberculosis there were rose bushes in full bloom – their flowering season had ended weeks before.

Call upon her as you prayer to intercede for you. She said, “After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good upon the earth.”

People devoted to her intercession reported roses would appear or a breeze with a strong fragrance of a bouquet of roses would fill the air like a heavenly sign from St. Thérèse.

Honor her by simplifying your look on life and uncomplicate your prayer life in a way that you seek a relationship with God, like she did.

“I (pray) like children who do not know how to read, I say very simply to God what I wish to say, without composing beautiful sentences, and He always understands me.”

Make Those Angels Proud!

The Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels is Oct. 2.

“If we could only see the joy of our guardian angels when they see us fighting our temptations!” – St. John Vianney.

It was St. Jerome (who’s feast day is Sept. 30th) who 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.

Know without a doubt guardian angels are real. Jesus tells us in Matthew 18:10 they are assigned to us, and Psalm 91:11 declares, “He commands His angels... to guard you wherever you go.”

“He will cover you with His feathers and under His wings you will find refuge...”
Psalm 91:4

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (336) assures us that they are beside us on guard and leading us to heaven.

Last week’s FaithInWV e-bulletin featured St. Padre Pio. He had a great devotion to his angel. He made it a practice to pray that his guardian angel would go before him and prepare the way. Let us share that zeal and call upon our dear angel to guide our steps and enrich our spirit.

We teach our children the lovely guardian angel prayer, but we all need to pray and petition to our guardian angel. God has given us this amazing gift to be our spiritual companion on the road of life on earth. Recognize the guardian angel in your life. Grow in faith, knowing we do not walk alone.

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen



Honor, Listen, and Rebuild

On October 4th honor St. Francis of Assisi.



To Celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi many of our parish and school families will bring their pets out for a special blessing by the priest. While this 13th Century saint is honored as the patron of animals, preaching every creature is a marvelous gift from God, his focus was also on the Holy Trinity, living simply, and fostering countless vocations as founder of the Friars Minor (Franciscans) and the religious order of sisters – the Poor Clares with St. Clare of Assisi.

God called St. Francis of Assisi to “rebuild” the Church – with actions, words, and living out the Gospel lessons.

Like St. Francis we are called by the Holy See, the National Eucharistic Revival’s Walk With One initiative, our diocese, and our parishes to build up the Church – the House of the Lord. Bishop Mark Brennan and our parish priests invite us continuously to be fully alive not only at Church, but also as we are sent out as Christ’s hands and feet in our families, communities, and organizations to do God’s work.

“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” – St. Francis of Assisi.

In 1224, two years before his death St. Francis received the stigmata – wounds of Christ. Many did not know this until after his death, but they were not surprised, because St. Francis deeply loved God and worked hard to live his life loving others like Christ. Likewise, he was willing to accept human suffering knowing Christ endured the worst.

Editor’s note: the painting of St. Francis with Infant Jesus is by Kate Capato, is a Catholic sacred art painter. Her work is available at: VISUALGRACE.ORG

Messenger of Love and Mercy

On Oct. 5th the Church honors the Feast Day of St. Faustina. She is lovingly known as the messenger of Jesus’ unending love and mercy.

Call upon St. Faustina, to intercede, when the load is too heavy.

“When I see that the burden is beyond my strength, I do not consider or analyze it or probe into it, but I run like a child to the Heart of Jesus and say only one word to Him, ‘You can do all things.’ And then I keep silent, because I know that Jesus himself will intervene in the matter, and as for me, instead of tormenting myself, I use that time to love Him” (Divine Mercy in My Soul, The Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowlaska, 1033).

She was the first saint canonized in the new millennium, and although she had only three years of formal education, has taught millions about God’s mercy through her diary and a painting she had an artist create of our Lord Jesus Christ.

When she was a young nun in the beginning of the 20th century, she had experienced several stirring visions of Jesus. In them he told her to share His message of love and mercy in an image of Him for all the world to see. With the help of her spiritual advisor, St. Faustina found artist Eugene Kazimierowski to create the original Divine Mercy painting under St. Faustina’s direction.

It is just as she saw Christ in her vision, “clothed in a white garment. One hand was raised in blessing, the other was touching the garment at the breast. From the opening of the garment at the breast there came forth two large rays, one red and the other pale; and at the bottom of the painting was the inscription: ‘Jesus, I trust in You.’”

Let us all be grateful to St. Faustina – our messenger of love and mercy - for bringing us the gift of the Divine Mercy painting and a stronger devotion to our Lord.



PACE CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 16-17

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR PACE!

The conference will be Oct. 16-17 at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston.

PACE - Pastoral Administration and Collaborative Education - is an event to offer training to staff members and volunteers of parishes and schools; in addition, it is an opportunity to build connections and foster communication, collaboration, and fellowship between the employees of the Chancery and staff/volunteers in our parishes and schools.

For this year's PACE Conference John Angotti will serve as keynote speaker and guest artist; Angotti will offer a breakout session and will be featured during our evening session of music and prayer.

Angotti was raised in Clarksburg, West Virginia. He is the third of 4 adopted children (an older brother and two sisters). John's first ability to speak without stuttering was at the age of 4 with the hymn "The Church is One Foundation". How appropriate for the mission God has planned for him thus far. An accomplished pianist, he began studying piano at the age of seven. His mother, who has been a church musician for over 50 years, motivated him to become involved with the children's choir at a very early age. "I believe it was there where I truly began to form my beliefs about God through the songs we were singing," Angotti says.

Angotti has been writing Christian music since his teen years at St. Joseph Seminary, where Angotti was considering priesthood. "After I left the seminary, it never dawned on me that God perhaps wanted me to do something else for the church, perhaps more suited for the gifts God gave me," he says jokingly. It was in the music director positions where Angotti found himself composing songs for worship and meditation. He wanted the congregation to participate in song and prayer during worship services on Sunday.

His collection of experiences as Director of Children's, Young Adults, Adults and Contemporary Music Choirs, as well as his experiences in the secular world, have prepared him for his full-time music ministry; a ministry which sends him around the world as a speaker and presenter for conferences and events. He is a graduate of West Virginia University with a Degree in Marketing; a graduate of the Naval School of Music, where he majored in Voice and minored in piano; and a graduate of Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he holds a Masters Degree in Pastoral Studies.

His witness and music have inspired and changed the lives of thousand's. He is the Director of Music and Liturgy at St Philip Catholic Church in Franklin, TN as well as a full time music missionary spreading the message of Jesus throughout the country in parishes, schools, and conferences such as the National Catholic Youth Conference, National Conference for Youth Ministers, National Pastoral Musicians Conference, Los Angeles Religious Education Conference, The East Coast Religious Education Conference, The NCCA Conference, The Hofinger Religious Education Conference in New Orleans, and the NCEA.

Please note that early discounted registration (\$85) is now open and will continue until October 2; late registration (\$105) will be available from October 3-11.

We are pleased to offer a FIRST TIME PACE ATTENDEE discount of \$70 - for those individuals who have not attended any of our PACE conferences before, please take advantage of this discounted rate when registering by October 2 (the first time attendee discount is ONLY available in the Early Registration window of September 12-October 2).

For more information and to register go to:

DWC.ORG/2024PACE/



20/20 VISION SERIES

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Join us as we journey throughout the year focusing on various Saints and their legacies, presented by those among us who live out these legacies in their lives and in their communities.

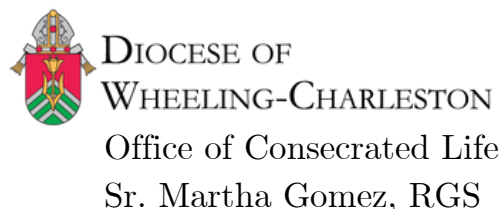
Note: Each session will begin at 7 pm and will be presented via Zoom.

January 29	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – Sr. Mary Clark, SC
February 26	St. Brigid of Kildare – Sr. Karen Kirby, CSJ
March 18	St. Joseph – Sr. Kathleen Durkin, CSJ
April 29	St. Mary Euphrasia – Sr. Martha Gomez, R.G.S.
May 20	Blessed Virgin Mary – TBD
June 24	Marcellin Champagnat – Brother John Byrd, FMS
July 29	St. Ignatius of Loyola – Lou Volpe
August 26	St. Dominic – Sr. Ellen Dunn, OP
September 30	St. Lorenzo Ruiz – Fr. Carlos Melocoton
October 28	Jesuit Martyrs – TBD
November 18	Servant of God Dorothy Day – Kate Marshall
December 16	St. Stephan – Deacon John Yaquinta

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

Cost for complete series: \$120.00 Or \$15.00 per session.

RSVP – Anna Marie Troiani: atroiani@csjoseph.org



26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Moses says the Spirit will be bestowed upon them by the Lord.

Responsorial: Psalm 19

“The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.”

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Put your faith into action. Imitate Jesus.

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45, 47-48

Christ said, “There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us.”

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we may truly be the body of Christ, focused on carrying out the mission he left to his disciples, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That we take seriously the call to help migrants and refugees, who fled their homes for whatever the reason; may we be supportive, prayerful, and nonjudgemental in order to be Christ’s hands and feet, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That we continue to pray for, encourage, and support all who are being called to the priesthood, as well as doing the same for our Bishop Mark Brennan and all our diocesan priests, who also need our compassion to fulfill their mission for the Church, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who have strengthened our faith whether through their good example or bad, may the Holy Spirit guide them on this earth to prepare them for eternal life with Christ, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

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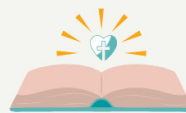
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MASS ONLINE

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.